



**Chatham County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Abstract**

Item Number:
Meeting Date: 12/03/2007

Part A

Subject: Appointment of members of the Adult Advisory Committee/Criminal Justice Partnership Board and Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Action Requested: Appoint members of these two boards, as proposed

- Attachments:**
1. Orange-Chatham Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (proposed)
 2. Adult Advisory Committee/Criminal Justice Partnership Board (proposed)

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Date

County Manager Review:

Charlie Horne, County Manager

Date

This abstract requires review by:

- County Attorney** _____
Date Reviewed
- Finance Officer** _____
Date Reviewed
- Budget Officer** _____
Date Reviewed

Part B



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Introduction & Background:

As a part of structured sentencing (a measure to alleviate overcrowding in the state prison system and ensure adequate punishment for criminal offenders), in 1994 the state made available funds to counties for community-based sanctions and services for adult offenders. The legislation establishing the funding required an oversight committee made up of county and judicial officials. Because Orange and Chatham share a judicial district, many people would have had to serve on two committees. To streamline the process, the counties chose to partner and formed the Orange-Chatham Justice Partnership.

In 1999, the state made significant changes in its requirements for expenditure of juvenile justice funds and mandated a similar oversight committee. Chatham and Orange decided to combine all of these committees under the governance of the Orange Chatham Leadership Council. The Leadership Council appointed advisory subcommittees to make recommendations on expenditure of funds for adults (Adult Advisory Committee) and juveniles (Juvenile Crime Prevention Council).

This arrangement was judged by the advisory committees as ineffective. The advisory committees expend much effort monitoring the funded programs, requesting proposals for the upcoming year, hearing presentations from agencies, and developing funding recommendations. These recommendations were presented to the members of the Leadership Council who did not have the same background. Much discussion and time was required to bring Leadership Council members up to speed. This past year, the advisory committees asked the Leadership Council to delegate its authority for funding decisions to each respective advisory committee. In June, members of the Leadership Council voted unanimously to approve this request.

Discussion & Analysis:

The legislation governing both sources of funds requires that the boards making decisions about funding be appointed by county commissioners. County commissioners retain the authority to change the recommendations of the committees.

Staff recommends that the committees be appointed as listed on the attachment.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Motion to approve the appointment of committee members as attached.