



**Approach: December 2, 2010 CVC Meeting (Community)
11/24/10**

Part #1: Criminal Justice and Public Safety (4:35pm-6:00pm)

PANEL DISCUSSION (30 MINUTES)

A panel of experts has been assembled to help inform the committee's discussion on the topic of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Participants include:

- Rise Hanneburg, Johnson County Criminal Justice Coordinator (Overview of the Justice System)
- Frank Denning, Johnson County Sheriff
- Betsy Gillespie, Director, Johnson County Department of Corrections
- Ellen Hansen, Chief of Police, City of Lenexa (Local law enforcement perspective)

Each panelist will be asked to respond to the following questions as it relates to their particular area of expertise:

- What are the biggest challenges Johnson County faces in the next 10 to 20 years with regard to criminal justice and public safety?
- What is your vision for criminal justice and public safety in Johnson County in the next 10 to 20 years?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (30 MINUTES)

Following the panel's presentation, committee members will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panel to help further inform their subsequent discussion.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION (30 MINUTES)

The consultants will facilitate a discussion with the committee that will serve as the foundation for a preliminary vision for Criminal Justice and Public Safety in Johnson County. Key objectives for the committee's discussion are as follows:

- Identify common values among the group that will serve as the foundation for a preliminary vision; and
- Identify areas of potential disconnect among the group that may warrant further consideration of options as the visioning process moves forward.

To help focus the committee discussion, some key questions for the committee as well as a summary of information and ideas generated specific to the topics at hand is provided on the following page, for the committee to consider prior to the meeting and as they listen to the panelist's presentation and discussion.

Vision Topic #1: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Following is list of targeted questions for the committee to consider as they deliberate over this broader question as the foundation for a preliminary vision: ***What type of criminal justice and public safety system should Johnson County strive for over the next 10 to 20 years?*** The questions below were derived from the committee's discussions to date and from community input received as part of the Online Community Workshop in August. They are intended as a starting point for discussion as a way to confirm the group's interest and general agreement (or lack thereof) on the discrete elements or guiding principles that will ultimately comprise the vision.

Criminal Justice and Public Safety –Charting our Vision

Question to consider: What steps should Johnson County take to help balance increasing demand for public safety services with resource constraints?

What we've heard so far:

- Explore opportunities to increase efficiencies
- Explore further collaboration between county and local law enforcement agencies to better utilize limited staff resource and reduce areas of overlap
- Balance demand for public safety with resource limitations
- Public safety identified as #4 priority by CVC during initial issue identification exercise
- Other?

Question to consider: What steps should be taken to increase the effectiveness of Johnson County's criminal justice system?

What we've heard so far:

- Reduce the number of youth serving time for minor offenses and require parents and guardians to pay fines for
- Require criminals to "pay back" or "pay for" services
- Other?

Part #2: Education (6:05pm-7:25pm)

A panel of experts has been assembled to help inform the committee's discussion on the topic of Education. Participants include:

Presenting Panel:

- Introduction: Ron Wimmer, Ed.D., Superintendent, Unified School District #232
- Tom Trigg, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, Blue Valley Schools
- Dana Grove, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, Johnson County Community College
- Robert Clark, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor, KU Edwards Campus

Resource Panel:

- Gene Johnson, Ed.D., Superintendent, Shawnee Mission School District
- Bill Gilhaus, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, Gardner-Edgerton Unified School District 231



- Marlin Berry, Ph.D., Superintendent, Olathe School District
- Bart Goering, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, Spring Hill
- Ron Wimmer, Ed.D., Superintendent, Unified School District #232

Presenting panelists will be asked to respond to the following questions as it relates to their particular area of expertise:

- What can Johnson County do to help support quality education in the future?
- What is your organization’s vision for education in the future?

Following a brief introduction by Dr. Wimmer, Dr. Trig will be presenting the coordinated viewpoint of the six superintendents on education in Johnson County. Members of the resource panel will be available to answer the committee’s questions during the Q & A period.

Education—Charting our Vision

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Question to consider: What can Johnson County do to help support quality education in the future?

What we’ve heard so far:

- Need to maintain our quality of education as it is one of the reasons many people move to Johnson County
- Excellent schools have fueled the county’s economic growth—maintaining that excellence should be a priority for all levels of government
- Coordinate with cities and school districts on planning and zoning for future schools
- Maintaining a high quality public education identified as #3 priority by CVC during initial issues exercise
- Other?

Question to consider: How can the school districts, municipalities, County, and other educational institutions most efficiently prepare for and fund education?

- Declining state investment in education puts strains on local communities and introduces greater risk of inequities
- Municipalities and the county should support the school districts in their efforts to gain more local control over their taxing and budgeting
- Other?