

Minutes
Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Thursday, October 03, 2019 – 4:00 PM
Courthouse – Room 1273

Members Present: Sue Miller, Gerald Wilkie, Sandra McKinney, and Stella Pagonis

Others Present: Lt. Dave Riewestahl, Danielle Powers, Chief Jerry Staniszewski, Captain Dan Bresina, Judge Emily Long, Susan Schaffer, Natalie Wood

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sue Miller at 4:00 PM.

Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice

The Acting Clerk confirmed this meeting was properly noticed to the public.

Public Comment

Supervisor Pagonis requested that everyone take the county survey, read out loud to spouse, and report back as it seems confusing.

Approve Minutes from September 05, 2019 Meeting

Supervisor McKinney moved to approve the minutes from the September 05, 2019 meeting. The minutes were adopted as published in the meeting materials via 4-0 voice vote.

CJCC Dashboard Update

A link to the dashboard website was included in the meeting materials. The data is completely refreshed monthly on the website with additional data being added periodically. The committee reviewed the information.

Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office

Danielle Powers reviewed the County Administrator's recommendations for Sheriff's Office 2020 budget. She addressed changes in payroll and benefits. Captain Bresina explained that all employees are required to have hearing tests as recommended by Human Resources and money can be found in the Human Resources budget. Any devices for hearing loss are picked up by employee insurance.

Lt. Dave Riewestahl made comments regarding the jail population. In the last 30 days no one has been housed out of county.

Weekend Court/Night Court

This topic came about again because the County has recently been sending inmates to be housed in other counties. It was noted that other states have weekend and night courts. The committee had previously looked at this topic decades ago. Clerk of Court Sue Schaffer stated that a couple of other counties hold night court one night a month, specifically for child support. She stated it would be unlikely that there could be multiple kinds of cases heard. She also noted that in counties that did have the staffing to hold weekend and night court, no one utilized and generally, taxpayers don't seem to like it. Issues with holding weekend or night court including staffing issues were discussed. It was noted that the expenses would be large as we would need bailiffs, a clerk, a judge, a court reporter, security, etc. Weekend/night court is always a concept but staffing and costs are always issues.

Future Meeting Date

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 07, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

Future Agenda Items

- Sheriff's Office
 - Protective Status Legislation
 - ECCJ Population Update
 - Courthouse Security and Screening Process
- Resolution Relating to Gun Violence
- Community Transition Center Staff & Program Introduction

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Miller at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Natalie Wood

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Acting Committee Clerk