

Minutes
Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Wednesday, July 22, 2020 – 3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Cisco Webex

Members Present: Melissa Janssen, Sandra McKinney, Zoe Roberts, Connie Russell, and Gerald Wilkie.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Nick Smiar

Others Present: Jean Gay, Tiana Glenna, Travis Quella, Joel Brettingen, Dave Riewestahl, Danielle Powers, Gary King, Angela Braaten, Aimee Drivas, and Eric Huse.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wilkie at 3:00 PM.

Call of the Roll

The Clerk called the roll. Attendance was noted above.

Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice

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

Public Comment

Chairperson Wilkie, on behalf of the Committee, recognized David Carlson's military service.

Approve Minutes from June 24, 2020 Meeting

Supervisor McKinney moved to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2020 meeting. The minutes were adopted as published in the meeting materials via 5-0 voice vote.

Criminal Justice Collaborating Council 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 with Tiana Glenna.

2nd Quarter Fiscal Updates and 5% Budget Cut Due to COVID-19 & DHS Overages

• **Clerk of Courts/Circuit Court**

- Clerk of Court Susan Schaffer presented the 2nd quarter update. Since the start of COVID-19, there have been no jury trials. The Court is looking to resume jury trials in early/mid-August. Fines & Forfeitures revenues are down because there has not been any traffic court since COVID-19. Revenues from the State aren't dispersed until July. Collections with State Debt Collection (SDC) are up since SDC resumed operations. Schaffer advised the 2021 budget submission with 5% cut is based upon assumption SDC will continue collections and Court operations will go back to 2019 levels.

• **Criminal Justice Collaborating Council**

- Criminal Justice Director Tiana Glenna presented the 2nd quarter update. Likely under budget in expenses for Recovery Action Plan Program (RAPP) due to COVID-19 as treatment facilities are not accepting participants currently. The Committee asked general questions about the Department.

• **District Attorney**

- District Attorney Gary King and Office Manager Eric Huse presented the 2nd quarter update. Case filings are consistent with previous years. Though there has been a decrease in program fees, grant funds and State aid is stable. Likely will see a surplus at the end of the year.

- **Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court**
 - Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court Jean Gay presented the 2nd quarter update. Revenues for filing fees, Guardian ad Litem, and Medical invoices are up. Recent changes to State law will cause changes in filings for guardianships. Financially, the department is right on pace for the end of the year.
- **Sheriff's Office**
 - Captain Joel Brettingen presented the 2nd quarter update. Payroll expenses are down for the year, specifically overtime as COVID-19 has reduced some operations. Trainings have been cancelled so there are also savings there. There has also been a decrease in revenues as there are no Huber inmates so there are no Huber revenues.
- **TRY Mediation**
 - Director Travis Quella presented the 2nd quarter update. Mediations and other programming is ramping up again. Under budget through the 2nd quarter and projecting an end of year surplus.

Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office Updates

- **Jail Population, Staffing, & COVID-19 Response**
 - Lieutenant Riewestahl provided an update. A document showing COVID-19 related data in the Eau Claire County Jail was provided in the meeting materials. There is one correctional officer vacancy that is in the process of being filled.
- **High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Grant Update**
 - Sheriff Cramer provided an update on HIDTA. An email document was provided in the meeting materials. There is an upcoming meeting for HIDTA stakeholders where additional framework will be set. Overall, there will be no significant changes to the West Central Drug Task Force as a result of the HIDTA funding.
- **Statistics, Data, & Information**
 - Minority Incidents vs. General Population
 - Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT), Restraint Practices, Policies, & Historical Usage
 - Sheriff Cramer spoke on the above topics. The Committee had a question regarding search warrants, specifically No Knock Search Warrants. Cramer advised Standards and Policies are available from State. Supervisor Roberts' comments of the policy were included in the meeting materials and reviewed by the Committee and Sheriff's Office. A recommendation was made for the Sheriff's Office to seek out trainings and materials for best practices.

Future Meeting Date

The next scheduled meeting is a joint meeting with the Committee on Finance and Budget on Wednesday, August 26 22, 2020 at 3:00 PM.

The Committee is also scheduled to hold a second joint meeting with the Committee on Finance and Budget on Wednesday, September 02, 2020 at 3:00 PM.

Future Agenda Items

- Sentence Modifications & COVID-19
- Department Budget Review
- Inmate Voting in Eau Claire County Jail

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Wilkie at 5:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Huse

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Committee Clerk