

Minutes
Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Wednesday, August 25, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Cisco Webex

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

Others Present: Criminal Justice Systems Coordinator Dan Bresina, Criminal Justice Director Tiana Glenna, Human Resources Director Jessica Rubin, Captain Dave Riewestahl, Sheriff Ron Cramer, Admin. Division Manager Danielle Powers, Captain Joel Brettingen, Captain Cory Schalinske, Lieutenant Travis Holbrook, 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

No public comment was made.

Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

- Supervisor McKinney moved to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2021; July 28, 2021; and July 29, 2021 meetings. The minutes were adopted as published in the meeting materials via 4-0 voice vote.

Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Dashboard Update

- **Dashboard Review**
 - 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 did not specifically review the dashboard.
- **Report from Supervisor Russell**
 - The Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) met on August 18, 2021. The CJCC reviewed the CJCC department budget and had a presentation from Criminal Justice Systems Coordinator Dan Bresina about the Cross System Mental Health/Substance Use Disorders Review Study.

*Supervisor Janssen arrived at this time.

- **Cross System Mental Health/Substance Use Disorders Review Study by Dan Bresina**
 - Criminal Justice Director Tiana Glenna noted that the report provided in the meeting materials is a working document that may have additional changes made as it is presented to subsequent stakeholders.
 - Criminal Justice Systems Coordinator Dan Bresina lead the Committee through the report. Emphasis was placed on the System Gaps section beginning on page five of the report.
 - The Committee engaged in general discussion.

Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office Updates

- **Jail Population, Staffing, & COVID-19 Response**
 - Captain Dave Riewestahl provided an update. Jail population and bookings are rising. As a result, strict self-imposed COVID-19 protocols are becoming more difficult to adhere to.

- A third recruitment process for Correctional Officers was just completed. A fourth recruitment process will begin shortly. The number of applicants for correctional officer positions continues to decrease. Captain Riewestahl noted that this is not a unique problem to Eau Claire County.
- COVID-19 data is still posted on the County website. Approximately 36% of the jail population is fully vaccinated. The City-County Health Department and Sheriff's Office will be holding another vaccination event next week. Jail staff have identified two areas for which American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds could be requested for: (1) 4th jail pod development & jail booking area remodel and (2) premium pay—in the form of one-time bonus—for staff as essential workers.

Future Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled committee meeting is Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 3:00 PM.

Future Agenda Items

- Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office
 - Jail Population, Staffing, & COVID-19 Response
 - Audio/Visual Recording Equipment
 - Training Opportunities for Staff
 - Training & Standards Legislation at State Level
 - Protective Status Legislation
 - West Central Drug Task Force Position Request
- Procedures/Policies for the Proper Execution of Search Warrants
- Procedures/Policies for Officer Involved Critical Incidents
- C.C. We Adapt Presentation
- County Recruitment Process Presentation

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Huse

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Committee Clerk