

**Minutes**  
Eau Claire County  
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement  
Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – 3:00 PM  
County Courthouse, Room 1273  
721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703

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

**Members Absent:** Zoe Roberts.

**Ex-Officio Member Present:** Nick Smiar.

**Others Present:** Corporation Counsel Sharon McIlquham, Sheriff Ron Cramer, Lieutenant Dustin Walters, Admin. Services Division Manager Katrina Ranallo, Criminal Justice Services Director Tiana Glenna, Ryan Patterson, and Eric Huse.

**Call to Order**

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

**Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice**

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

**Call of the Roll**

The Clerk called the roll. Attendance was noted above.

**Public Comment**

Brief introductions were made by all those present.

**Approve Minutes**

Supervisor McKinney moved to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2021 and March 10 2022 meetings. Approved by voice vote 3-0.

**Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Updates**

- **Dashboard Review**
  - A link to the dashboard website was included in the meeting materials. Crystal Ruzicka has been hired as the new Criminal Justice Services department data analyst. Dashboard data has been periodically updated with help from other departments and will be refreshed as Ms. Ruzicka transitions into her role.
- **Report from Supervisor Russell**
  - Supervisor Russell provided a brief overview of CJCC activities. CJCC received updates from the Evidence Based Decision Making policy team and the Juvenile Justice Collaborating Council, including presentation from the Department of Human Services Youth Services division, treatment courts, and Community Transition Center/Lutheran Social Services programs.

\*Supervisor Janssen arrived at this time.

**Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office Updates**

- **2021 Annual Jail Inspection**
  - Sheriff Cramer provided a brief explanation of the Wisconsin Department of Justice annual inspection report that were provided in the meeting materials. The Committee engaged in general discussion regarding the report.

- **Jail Population, Staffing, & COVID-19 Response**

- Sheriff Cramer provided a brief update. The State legislative session has concluded so there is no new movement regarding Protective Status. Sheriff Cramer advised that the advocacy would continue in the next session. There are currently six jail staff vacancies. COVID-19 is under control in the jail. Sheriff Cramer expressed appreciation for his staff's hard work to keep jail operations moving and keep everyone safe in the jail.

**Future Meeting Date**

The Committee did not set a future meeting date. The next meeting will occur after the County Board Organizational meeting.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office
  - Jail Population, Staffing, & COVID-19 Response
  - Training Opportunities for Staff
  - Training & Standards Legislation at State Level
  - Protective Status Legislation
  - Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program
- Procedures/Policies for the Proper Execution of Search Warrants
- Procedures/Policies for Officer Involved Critical Incidents

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Wilkie at 3:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Eric Huse*

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Committee Clerk