

Minutes
Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Wednesday, May 04, 2022 – 4:00 PM
County Courthouse, Room 1273
721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Members Present: Brett Geboy, Allen Myren, Stella Pagonis, Connie Russell, and Gerald Wilkie.

Others Present: Clerk of Court Susan Schaffer, Captain Dave Riewestahl, District Attorney Peter Rindal, and Eric Huse.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson *pro tempore* Wilkie at 4:00 PM.

Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice

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

Public Comment

Brief introductions were made by all those present.

Election of Committee Officers

Chairperson *pro tempore* Wilkie opened nominations for Committee Chairperson. Supervisor Pagonis nominated Supervisor Wilkie, seconded by Supervisor Geboy. After three calls for additional nominations by Chairperson *pro tempore* Wilkie, Supervisor Pagonis moved to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot. Approved via 5-0 voice vote. Supervisor Wilkie was elected Committee Chairperson.

Chairperson Wilkie opened nominations for Committee Vice-chairperson. Supervisor Myren nominated Supervisor Pagonis. After three calls for additional nominations, Chairperson closed nominations. Supervisor Russell moved to cast a unanimous ballot. Approved via 5-0 voice vote. Supervisor Pagonis was elected Committee Vice-chairperson

Appointment of Committee Clerk

Chairperson Wilkie, with consent of the Committee, appointed Eric Huse as Committee Clerk.

Appointment of Committee Representative to Criminal Justice Collaborating Council

Chairperson Wilkie, with consent of the Committee, appointed Vice-chairperson Pagonis to the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council as the Committee representative.

Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2022 Meeting

Supervisor Russell moved to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2022 meeting, noting a scrivener's error in the "Jail Population, Staffing, & COVID-19 Response" section. The minutes were approved as corrected via 5-0 voice vote.

Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Report from Supervisor Russell

Supervisor Russell and Vice-chairperson Pagonis provided a brief overview of the CJCC. Supervisor Russell then reported on the April 20, 2022 CJCC meeting:

- Kelly Mahoney was appointed to CJCC as the lived experience member.
- The new data analyst, Crystal Ruzicka, is beginning to explore and collect data related to 17 year old offenders.
- The City/County Health Department and Court Ordered Community Service Program gave presentations and the CJCC heard brief updates from the Juvenile Justice Collaborating Council (JJCC), the Evidence Based Decision Making (EBDM) Policy Team, and Treatment Courts. It was noted that Treatment Courts have seen a decrease in participation numbers due to the COVID-19 pandemic but they are taking action to increase referrals.

Department Introductions and Presentations

- **Clerk of Court**
 - Clerk of Court Susan Schaffer introduced her department, providing an overview of their role and responsibilities. The Committee engaged in general discussion.
- **Circuit Court**
 - Clerk of Court Susan Schaffer provided an overview of the Circuit Court and their role and functions. The Committee engaged in general discussion.
- **District Attorney**
 - District Attorney Peter Rindal introduced his department and provided an overview of their role and responsibilities. The Committee engaged in general discussion.

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be on May 18, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

Regular meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 3:00 PM.

November and December meetings will be scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday at 3:00 PM.

Future Agenda Items

- Department introductions and presentations
 - Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court
 - Criminal Justice Services
 - Sheriff's Office
 - TRY Mediation
- Sheriff's Office
 - Jail population, staffing, & COVID-19 response
 - Update on DHS Investigation
- District Attorney's Office
 - American Rescue Plan fund proposal
 - Marsy's Law overview
- 1st quarter department fiscal update
- Policies/procedures for proper execution of search warrants

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Wilkie at 6:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Eric Huse
Committee Clerk