

Minutes
Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Wednesday, January 24, 2024 – 4:00 PM
County Courthouse, Room 3312
721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703
& Virtual via Cisco WebEx

Members Present: Allen Myren and Connie Russell.

Members Present via Cisco WebEx: Stella Pagonis and Gerald Wilkie.

Members Not Present: Brett Geboy.

Others Present In Person: Criminal Justice Services Director Tiana Glenna, Data Analyst Crystal Ruzicka, Human Resources Director Angela Eckman, and Eric Huse

Others Present via Cisco WebEx: Sheriff Dave Riewestahl, Administrative Services Division Manager Katrina Ranallo, Captain Travis Holbrook, Captain Cory Schalinske, Assistant to the County Administrator Samantha Kraegenbrink, and Risk Manager Sonja Leenhouts.

Call to Order

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

Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice

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

Call of the Roll

The Clerk called the roll. Attendance is noted above.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2023 Meeting

Chairperson Wilkie, with consent from the Committee, corrected the vote tally for Resolution 23-24/061 to 3-1. Supervisor Russell moved to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023 meeting as corrected. The minutes were adopted as published in the meeting materials via 4-0 voice vote.

Criminal Justice Services Dashboards

Criminal Justice Services Director Tiana Glenna and Data Analyst Crystal Ruzicka presented the data dashboards which were linked in the meeting agenda. The Committee engaged in general discussion.

Report on Criminal Justice Collaborating Council from Supervisor Russell

Supervisor Russell reported the data dashboard presented at this meeting were also presented at the most recent Criminal Justice Collaborating Council meeting. The Criminal Justice Collaborating Council also discussed funding a crime prevention board .

Sheriff's Office Updates

- **Jail population**
 - The Committee reviewed the jail population data dashboard.
- **Recruitment, retention, and other staffing challenges**
 - Sheriff Riewestahl reported there are no correctional officer vacancies. They are now recruiting for the newly created corporal positions. They are also currently recruiting for a patrol deputy position.

- **Asset forfeiture presentation follow-up**
 - Captain Cory Schalinske reported that following the asset forfeiture presentation to the County Board, he met with the District Attorney's Office and members of the West Central Drug Task Force to review policies and practices. He also confirmed with the Wisconsin Department of Administration that the mandated reports from previous years were submitted and are posted on the proper website.
- **Department of Corrections jail inspection report**
 - The inspection report was included in the meeting materials. Sheriff Riewestahl noted the report did not indicate any issues and commended the jail staff for the positive inspection report.

Future Meeting Dates

The next regular meeting of the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement was scheduled for February 28, 2024 at 4:00PM

Future Agenda Items

- Sheriff's Office
 - Recruitment, retention, and other staffing challenges
 - Jail death investigation/review
- Crime Prevention Board

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Wilkie at 4:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Eric Huse
Committee Clerk