

**Minutes
Trempealeau County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
June 29, 2010**

Members present: Ernie Vold, Doug Winters, Mark Smick, Wally Geske, Dave Suchla, Judge Damon, Jill Clark, District Attorney Jeri Marsolek, Sheriff Richard Anderson, Chief Deputy Brian Puent, Jail Administrator Tonya Niederkorn, Director of Health and Human Services Jeff McIntyre, Victim/Witness Coordinator Deb Garson, Probation and Parole Theresa Anderson and Cherise Nielsen.

Also Present: Patrick Bell, Bill Nemer and Angie Sylla.

The meeting was called to order by Marsolek at 1:04 p.m. stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion by Vold and seconded by Geske to accept the agenda as posted. Motion carried 15-0.

Marsolek questioned if there were any changes to the previous meeting minutes. Hearing none, motion by Clark and seconded by Niederkorn to approve the minutes of May 25, 2010 as submitted. Motion carried 15-0.

Appointment of Citizen Member

Pat Malone is attempting to make contact with Chuck Forester but has not been successful in making contact at this time. Malone should continue to attempt contact with Chuck Forester and the committee will citizen members further at the next meeting. Suchla advised he feels the more citizen members the better.

Motion by Suchla and seconded by Geske to appoint Dr. Duane Sackett as a citizen member for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Motion carried 15-0.

Discussion of Presentation by Jane Klekamp at County Board Meeting

The committee discussed and reviewed the presentation made by Jane Klekamp, Manager of Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions for La Crosse County. A copy of the presentation given by Klekamp will be attached to these minutes.

Justice Sanctions Work Group Presentation

McIntyre presented the CJCC committee with information discussed by the Justice Sanctions Work Group at their first meeting.

Questions that were raised during the first work group meeting included the following:

1. What is the work group purpose, goals, objectives, perceived outcomes and what is the timeline for making a recommendation to CJCC?
2. What are we doing now and is it working?
3. What are our current costs savings with reference to jail bed days saved?
4. Who is doing what and does the data support continuance of the current programs?
5. Are the programs working?

After an on-going evaluation of our current programs and observation, visitation and discussion of external county programs, the work group will make recommendations to the CJCC as to the implementation of an alternative to incarceration program that will help the community to feel safer, reduce recidivism, and change offender behavior.

A copy of this presentation will be attached to the minutes.

Sheriff Anderson did advise the CJCC that he has requested Chief Deputy Puent complete a grant application through the Office of Justice Assistance for an Offender Re-Entry and Alternative to Incarceration Coordinator position.

Municipal Court

Article VII of the Constitution says municipal courts can be created if authorized by the legislature. Sec. 755.01 Stats created a municipal court in every Wisconsin city, village, and town. The court only becomes operational when the local (city, town, village) board adopts an ordinance/by-law providing for the election of a judge and establishing a budget for the court.

Arcadia is the only municipal court in Trempealeau County.

A municipal court decides cases within its jurisdiction. This generally means ordinance violations that occur within the municipality's boundaries. That's why a majority of municipal court cases are traffic violations.

Population Trends

The committee was provided with graphs depicting total average daily population – yearly comparison, yearly bookings and booking by type. A copy of the graphs provided to the committee will be attached to the minutes.

Set Next Meeting Date/Time

The next Trempealeau County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Tremple Room.

Marsolek adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Rebecca Suchla
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Office/Fiscal Manager