

JUSTICE, YOUTH & EXTENSION COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021
3RD FLOOR – SMALL FINANCE CONFERENCE ROOM – SUITE L337

PRESENT: Committee members present: Lyle Lieftring, Al Rathsack, Megan van Doorn and Terry DuSell. Rusk County staff present: Charmaine Riddle. Appearances by: Lori Baltrusis, Area 2 District Director; Rich Gauger, RRYC Coordinator; Jessica Wiles, Jr Fair Chair; Annette Barna, DA; Emily Nelson, Asst. DA; Lori Gorseger, Clerk of Court.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to Order by Chair, Lyle Lieftring at 8 am.

MINUTES: *Motion to approve November 3, 2021 minutes by Al with second by Terry. Motion carried.*

TRAIL'S END CAMP BUSINESS

- A. TRUSTEE REPORT: No report.
- B. CARETAKER/MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT: Charmaine reported that Property approved use of ARPA funds for nature trail so it needs to be completed by 2024. Working on getting supplies and tools for other camp projects. Calendar is getting full for 2022. Andy is letting his Economic Development Intern help out at camp during winter break and next summer.

JR FAIR BUSINESS

- A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT: Jessica reported on last meeting. Going ahead with 2-day rodeo, will have Horse Pull on Thursday night so rodeo stock will come in later that evening and still working on a Sunday event. Will have rodeo contract for next month's approval. Discussed increasing payouts in order to get more participants and possible addition of Bread-a-way Roping.
- B. APPROVAL OF NEW FAIR BOARD MEMBER: *Motion to approve Cassie Barron as a new fair board member by Terry with second by Lyle. Motion carried.*
- C. APPROVAL OF BYLAW CHANGES: Fair board is requesting changing amount of board members from 7-11 to 7-13. *Motion to approve change of 7-13 board members by Al with second by Terry. Motion carried.*

JUSTICE, YOUTH & EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS:

- A. EXTENSION REPORT: Lori stated 4th quarter report will be presented next month. Charmaine reported that current number are 207 approved with an additional 12 pending for background check.
- B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN RUSK COUNTY & BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UW SYSTEM: Lori reported that cost of agent is \$43,600 with a \$10,000 discount for a total of \$33,600. A few years ago, it was changed from a percentage between County & State to a flat fee. *Motion by Terry with second by Al to approve the contract. Motion carried.*
- C. RRYC COORDINATOR REPORT: Rich reported that the number of respondents is increasing. Current respondents are all working on or completing their sanctions. All respondents for underage alcohol have completed their sanctions. Meeting with Ladysmith School again to create a Teen Court at their school. 26 kids came to the initial meeting. VIP is tonight, no truancy, has last WI Teen Court Association seminar last week. He is now a certified Prime 4 Life facilitator.
- D. OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: None

FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS

- A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT: Charmaine reported for Andy that the Jaycees are not receptive of selling their building at this time and Property wanted a more formal assessment of grandstand so Larry Gotham will be taking another look at it and writing up a more formal assessment including maintenance recommendations. Terry reported that right before the fair he noticed large pot holes in area surrounding Senior/Youth building and was given permission by Andy to get some winter mix from Highway to patch them. Terry is giving a materials list to Andy today to redo the extension off of the round barn. Andy may possibly have it done in April with assistance by the Highway crew.

- B. FAIRGROUNDS USAGE AGREEMENTS: Both weddings next September are checking out on Sunday so there is an additional day of use. Requesting to waive fee for checkout to be similar to that of TEC if they are out by Noon. Buchholz wedding is requesting use of S/Y building for changing. Jr Fair staff are in the wedding so they can open building and make sure everything is cleaned up. *Motion by Terry with second by Al to waive the fee for Sunday. Motion carried.*
- C. REVIEW AND AMEND FAIRGROUNDS AND CAMPING POLICIES: Charmaine went through fairgrounds policies and camping policies and cleaned them up so they are consistent with the revised map and revised ordinance. On policies made changes to preferences, user fees and security deposit. On rules added “see Maintenance staff for location of approved fire pit locations”. On camping registration updated electric amperage, added animal trailers must be parked in designated areas per the event holder, added trailers used as camping units will be assessed the same rate as a camp site, and updated alcohol and ATV language to be the same as the ordinance. Want to change the fairgrounds map to add some sites closer to the 50 amps and remove some north of the Multi-purpose building that don’t get used. *Motion by Terry with second by Lyle to approved the changes. Motion carried.*

CIRCUIT COURT REPORT

- A. MONTHLY REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: Lori reported that they hired Lisa Strop part-time. State debt collection is down but still ahead of last year. At next meeting will need to set salary for next 4 years and then bring it to Personnel. In January there will be a 3-week jury trial. There will be a lot of jurors so may move trial to a location where everyone can be in the same room. Will know more after the pre-trial conference next Monday.

DRUG COURT REPORT

- A. MONTHLY REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: Annette reported that they just found out they received the grant but did not receive the additional funding that was requested for the program review. She had met with the County and they put funds aside in case it was not included in the grant. Hired Patti LeMay as the new Drug Court Coordinator. She will be starting out part-time.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPORT

- A. MONTHLY REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: Annette reported that her cases under review is 13 which includes cases Law Enforcement send up for review but is not recommended charged. 43 referrals received in October. Juvenile cases are climbing. Introduced Emily Nelson as the new Assistant DA who came from the Public Defender’s office. 3-week homicide trial set for January and AV homicide trial the end of February. Scheduling trials into April. Didn’t received a lot of applicants for Paralegal position even after extending it 3 weeks. Currently have Clara working 29 hours a week. She used to work in the DA’s office.

BILL REPORTS: *Motion to approve the bill report by Terry with second by Al. Motion carried.*

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting is January 5th at 8 am in the LEC.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Al with second by Lyle. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 am.