

JUSTICE, YOUTH & EXTENSION COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023
RUSK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, COUNTY BOARD ROOM, LEC

PRESENT: Committee members present: Terry DuSell, Lois Goode, Jonathon Unterschuetz, Tom Cudo and John Kalepp. Rusk County staff present: Charmaine Riddle. Appearances by: Crystal Cleveland, Paralegal, DA; Rich Gauger, RRYP Coordinator; Lori Baltrusis, Area 2 District Director; Chelsea Korzenieski; Drug Court Coordinator; Jon Runstrom, LCD Engineering Technician; Mary Big Mountain, 4H & Community Youth Development Educator; Jessica Wiles, Fair Chair; Sheriff Wallace, Rusk County Sheriff; and Fair Board Members Darrel Doughty and Tammy Loomis. Public: Erin Webster; Dick and Tammy Moore, Ladysmith Lions.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to Order by Chair, Terry DuSell at 4:00 pm.

MINUTES: *Motion to approve February 1, 2023 minutes by John K with second by Lois G. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dick Moore expressed concern with carry-ins at fair and alcohol allowed throughout the fairgrounds.

1. DRUG COURT REPORT

- A. MONTHLY REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: Chelsea reported there are 5 active participants and accepted 2 more in January, 1 graduated and 2 more applied but were not eligible. Passed out WI Treatment Standard Booklets from a recent training.
- B. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL PROCEDURES MANUAL REGARDING PURCHASES: Chapter 9 of the Rusk County Financial Procedures Manual was reviewed and states that equipment over \$1000 no matter the funding source must have Property Committee approval.

2. RUSK RESTORATIVE YOUTH PROGRAMS

- A. MONTHLY REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: Rich reported that he no longer has a back log of cases. He recently has 7 active Teen Court respondents and recently got 3 more on the panel. Escape the Vape will be on 3/28. Also has 4 active Traffic, 1 pending for Prime 4 Life and none for MRT. He took a Prime 4 Life training and there is more focus on THC. Saturdays and has 1 MRT case which should be completed within 2 weeks. Requesting Out of County Travel for February 10 in Eau Claire for a mandatory Drug Court Training which Chelsea will be attending too. *Motion by John K with second by Lois G to approve out of county travel.*

3. DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPORT

- A. MONTHLY REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: Crystal reported that they are down to 1 prosecutor now and the ADA position was posted last week. As of 2/1/23 there were 81 cases under review with 29 referrals received in January. 3 CHIPS cases were filed in 2023.

4. CIRCUIT COURT REPORT

- A. MONTHLY REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: No report

5. TRAIL'S END CAMP BUSINESS

- A. CARETAKER/MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT: No report.

6. EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS:

- A. EXTENSION REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: Mary reported on County Government Day and Goosechase, 4H Project Discovery global virtual event, new 4H calendar, still having SOAR sessions. Received a grant for \$7,500 to take Rusk County youth to the Air Adventure in Oshkosh on July 25. It will be a day trip. Lori said that Kathy is working on securing a new location for the Community Garden.

7. FAIR BUSINESS

- A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT: The 2022 financial report was included in the packet. Jessica reported that their last meeting was on the 8th and they are organizing a UTV fundraiser ride, purchasing inflatables, continuing to plan the fair and set the schedule, moved a few shows around and working on superintendents and have a new horse superintendent.
- B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS: Contract for Always Available Seating for 4 sets of portable bleachers for \$6,200, Midwest Farmers Horse Pulling for \$900 for 8/10 and Greg Pronschinske for sled for Truck & Tractor Pull on 7/14 for \$1550. *Motion by John K with second by Tom C to approve contracts. Motion carried.*
- C. RENTAL OF INFLATABLES: Fair received a request to use the inflatables. Discussed possibility of renting them out and possible issues doing so. Sending back to Fair Board.
- D. FAIR INTERN HIRE: Brittney will be leaving at the end of the season and Fair Board is requesting intern. Terry said it's an open position and can be refilled but to touch base with Administrative Coordinator.

8. FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS

- A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT: No report.
- B. NEW BARN AND EXISTING BARN IMPROVEMENTS: Jon gave a presentation for new building to replace the East Wing of the round barn including costs and new layouts including concreting half of the Multi-Purpose barn and concrete for wings of round barn. All 3 projects are out on bids with the bid opening on March 10th. *Motion to forward improvements to Property by John K with second by Tom C. Motion carried.*
- C. FAIRGROUNDS USAGE AGREEMENTS: Requests for All American Circus on 6/4 and 4H Green & White Day on 9/17. Charmaine stated that there's not been issues with the Circus and in the past the security deposit was waived. *Motion to approve both agreements and waive the security deposit for the Circus by Jon U with second by John K. Motion carried.*
 - a. RUSK COUNTY FAIR REQUEST FOR ALCOHOL EXEMPTION: Jess presented plan by Fair Board to sell alcohol at the fair. Sale times will be for Horse Pull on Thursday from 5 to 9 pm or whenever it is over, Friday and Saturday at Rodeo in Grandstands from 5-9 pm or whenever it is over, Bidder's Dinner on Saturday from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at North end of fairgrounds in a tent, and Sunday at Mud Bog in fenced in area from 11:30 am to 4 pm or until done and Lawnmower Races from 1:30 to 4 pm or until done. Will have all licensed servers, will partner with other groups to sell the beer and then give a stipend for a percentage of profits. Will card and band anyone that wishes to purchase alcohol 21 and over. Servers will have the right to refuse service. There will be no alcohol allowed in buildings, Inflatables fenced in area, Ed Tent or at any youth shows. There is no intent to let people walk around the grounds with alcohol. Any alcohol that is purchased cannot leave the fenced in area. Sheriff was contacted and stated it would not be a hardship on his Department as his staff are already at the fair throughout the day and night and everything will be in a fenced area. Signage will be up in fenced in area that no alcohol can be beyond certain points. Will announce rules over sound systems. Beer will be stored and sold in a locked booth under the Grandstand and will have a mobile cart or UTV for sales for the Mud Bog & Lawnmower Races. This request is for a Class B malted beverage license and would like a 1-year exemption to try. *Motion by John K with second by Tom C to allow alcohol exemption for 1 year with in designated times. Motion carried with 1 opposed.*
- D. REVIEW OF FAIRGROUNDS QUIET TIMES IN ORDINANCE AND RULES: Charmaine presented current quiet times listed in ordinance and policies and the quiet times the City has. Could grant exemptions rather than change ordinance and policies. *Motion by Lois G with second by Tom C to not change quiet times but rather approve exemptions on a case by case basis. Motion carried.* Will bring list of those requesting exemptions to next meeting.
- E. REVIEW OF FAIRGROUNDS CONTRACTS: *Motion by John K with second by Jon U to table until next meeting. Motion carried.*

9. BILL REPORTS: *Motion to approve the bill report by Jon U with second by Lois G. Motion carried.*

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: April 5 at 4 pm in the Law Enforcement Center.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to adjourn by Jon U with second by Lois G. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.