

**JUSTICE, YOUTH & EXTENSION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

**PRESENT:** Committee members present: Lyle Lieffring, Sarah Rands, Al Rathsack, Tim Miller, Josh Unterscheutz and Terry DuSell. Rusk County staff present: CeCe Rudnicki, Charmaine Riddle and Rich Gauger. Appearances by: Steve Anderson, Judge; Lori Gorseger, Clerk of Circuit Court; Annette Barna, District Attorney; Holly Parker; Drug Court Coordinator, Connie Meyer; County Clerk; and Lori Baltrusis, Area 2 District Director.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Lyle Lieffring, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by Al with second by Terry to approve the February 3 minutes. Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**TRAILS END CAMP BUSINESS:**

- A. TRUSTEE REPORT:** Charmaine reported on the last Trustee meeting and on meeting to create ordinance for Trail's End.
- B. CARETAKER/MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT:** CeCe gave a recap of the snowshoe hike and projects she is currently working on.

**JUNIOR FAIR BUSINESS:**

- A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT:** No report.
- B. JR FAIR CONTRACTS:** Terry will check on status of contract.

**FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS**

- A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT:** No new activity.
- B. FAIRGROUNDS USAGE AGREEMENTS:** Requests for Horse Project Clinic Nights that will be on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights from 6 pm to 9 pm from May 1 through October 2; Rusk County Jr Fair Truck & Tractor Pull on July 16 from 8 am to 12 am; and Rusk County Jr Fair from August 11 through 15 with setup August 7 through 10. *Motion to approve agreements by Tim with second by Terry. Motion carried.*

**JUSTICE, YOUTH & EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS:**

- A. 4-H PROGRAM COORDINATOR & COMMUNITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR REPORT:** Lori gave recap for Breanne and was available for any questions.
- B. WEXA DUES:** Lori explained what WEXA was and will get more information for the Committee. Charmaine wanted approval to pay dues since Lyle was virtually attending the meetings. *Motion by Tim with second by Terry to approve 2021 WEXA dues. Motion carried.*
- C. RRYF COORDINATOR UPDATE:** Rich reported that there is a drop in Teen Court cases and he hasn't had any traffic cases in several months. All respondents completed their sanctions. Prim for Life is scheduled for March 30 & 31<sup>st</sup>. Has another MRT client. Stated in Extension publication it stated referrals were down by 50% due to COVID.

- D. CURRENT YEAR BUDGET REVIEW:** Charmaine went over end of year budgets. Will now wait until May to begin reviewing 2021 budgets.
- E. OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL:** None

**DRUG COURT REPORT:** Holly has 3 current participants and will have 1 new one next week and has 1 inactive. Program is utilizing kiosk, drug sweat patches and portable PBT's.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPORT:** Annette said she has 96 cases under review and had 47 referrals last month. Traffic is way down due to COVID.

**CIRCUIT COURT REPORT:** Lori reported that revenue is up due to tax intercepts. Will report on case filings on a quarterly basis. Judge reported that they are maintaining all virtual appearances which will be the new normal. Jury trials in person are still a constitutional requirement. Reported on problems with Polycom system. There are no upgrades to current system and it is no longer supported. Reported on bandwidth issues especially with DA. *Motion by Lyle with second by Tim to forward bandwidth issues and replacement of Polycom to Property. Motion carried.*

**BILL REPORT:** *Motion to approve by Al with second by Terry. Motion carried.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 7 at 8 am in Law Enforcement Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Terry. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.