

MINUTES
CJCC MEETING
August 18, 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

Present were: Karie Kennedy, Judge Barna, Judge Stewart, Dave Willingham, Mark Schmitt, Rich Gauger, Rich Green, Jeremy Jacobs, Chelsea Korzenieski, Brad Cody.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeremy Jacobs with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:39 a.m.

A motion to approve prior month minutes was made by Judge Stewart. Second by Rich Gauger. Carried unanimously.

Letter of Support for Drug Court: Chelsea Korzenieski introduced herself as the new Drug Court Coordinator and informed everyone of her background as a recovery coach. Judge Barna and Chelsea are expecting a new application for the TAD grant this year, and the deadline for the pre-application process is this Friday, with the actual grant being due in October. The letter of support will be on the agenda for next month for approval. Chelsea added that there are currently 5 participants in Drug Court with two new pending applications at this time.

Evaluators of Drug Court: They will be here August 30th and have received data from the core system. The evaluation will be completed by the end of this year. Jeremy questions how they will be paid for the evaluation. Judge Barna responded that she's hoping there will be money at the end of the year from the grant and the County Board may cover some of the cost. Judge Stewart questions if the data has been updated at this time. Judge Barna added that it's updated through June and Chelsea is working on July right now.

Update on DNA Samples: There wasn't much discussion on this topic. Judge Barna added there is a flag system that is used in other counties when someone needs to give a sample. She will be talking to George about getting this system in Rusk Co.

OWI Surcharge Allocations: Jeremy gave an overview of this subject and stated there will be more to come in the future.

Opioid Settlement Funds: Jeremy will be attending a meeting in Lacrosse and will report back next month.

CJCC Coordinator Options: No discussion at this time. Jeremy just added how it would be to have one on board.

Committee Reports: Jeremy is hoping to start up the truancy plan with all area schools this year. He will be talking with Rich Green, Ashley and Law Enforcement on this subject moving forward, and he's hoping to get a plan together very soon. He feels a meeting needs to be held with all area schools to get the ball rolling again.

General conversation: Judge Barna stated some of the things she learned in the past two weeks while meeting with other judges in the 10th district. She will be meeting with Judicare on possibly getting a mediator for small claims and civil cases. There is also a Pre-Trial Release pilot program she's looking into as well. This will allow someone to check in on offenders who are out on bond to make sure they are still in the area. The program could assist with drug testing. Judge Barna will talk with Nancy about getting grant funding for this program. Judge Stewart stated some counties do this program with their own funding. Some of the CJCC members question who is doing the drug testing now and feel it's the jail's responsibility. Judge Stewart would like the Sheriff and George to explain at the next meeting why they aren't doing the testing at the meeting next month. Karie will add this to the agenda for next month.

Jeremy introduced the new principal of the Bruce School District, Brad Cody. He also congratulates Judge Barna on her new roll as the Rusk County Circuit Court Judge.

Motion to adjourn made by Jeremy Jacobs - 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karie Kennedy