

MINUTES
CJCC MEETING
February 16, 2023
Meeting held via Zoom and In Person

Present were: Karie Kennedy, Judge Barna, Judge Stewart, Chelsea Korzenieski, Melissa Buesgen, Dave Willingham, Sheriff Wallace, Ellen Anderson, Elizabeth Pierce, Jeremy Jacobs, Rich Gauger, Ashley Heath, Mark Schmitt, George Murray, Kevin Julien, Rich Green, Gary Shilts

The meeting was called to order by Judge Barna with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:33 a.m.

A motion to approve prior month minutes was made by Dave Willingham. Second by George Murray. Carried unanimously.

Drug Court Coordinator Wage Rate: Ellen did some research with other counties and found that the Rusk County Drug Court position is paid very low. Judge Barna mentioned how the financial portion of the Drug Court position was removed and how other counties have other programs within the position. Judge Barna stated that the grant was submitted with the lower wage and if the increase is accepted the county will need to pay the difference. Judge Stewart would like the members of CJCC to give their input in the wage rate for the Drug Court position and would like the county to pick up difference if accepted. Rich Gauger feels the turnover of the position is a major problem and increasing the wage might help. Lizzy questioned if the position should be under DHHS. Next month's meeting members will discuss where the position should be placed. Motion made by Jeremy to send the request to Finance to recommend the wage increase, second by Sheriff, carried unanimously.

Jail Bed Cost: Karie will email information to this committee.

Update on new jail: Sheriff explained they are getting RFQ's and RFB's for architect and construction management. At this time the county hasn't paid anything.

CJCC as Oversight: Judge Barna would like CJCC to be the oversight committee for Drug Court and youth programs. Jeremy questioned if CJCC can be the oversight. He will send Karie information that he has, and it will be emailed to CJCC members.

Time of CJCC meetings: Members discussed changing the time of the meetings and feel it's best to leave the meeting at 7:30 am. Members also discussed the location and would like it to remain in the LEC, but they would like the meeting to be the 4th Thursday of the month. Motion made by Sheriff, second by Jeremy Jacobs, carried unanimously. The next meeting will be March 23, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. in the LEC.

Meeting adjourned – 8:27 AM.