

**JUSTICE, YOUTH & EXTENSION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

**PRESENT:** Committee members present: Lyle Lieffring, Al Rathsack, Tim Miller and Terry DuSell. Extension Rusk County staff present: Charmaine Riddle, Breanne Meyer and Rich Gauger. Appearances by: Judge Anderson, Circuit Court Judge; Holly Parker, Drug Court Coordinator; Ron Freeman, Jr Fair Chair; Judy Srp, Jr Fair Secretary; Lenore Krajewski and Joe Baye from Trails End Board of Trustees; Lori Baltrusis, Area 2 District Director; and Andy Albarado, Administrative Coordinator.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Andy Albarado, Administrative Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR:** Andy opened nominations for Chair. Tim nominated Lyle. Nominations were called for 3 times. *Motion by Al with second by Tim to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Lyle. Motion carried.*

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR:** Lyle opened nominations for Vice-Chair. Al nominated Terry. Nominations were called for 3 times. *Motion by Al with second by Tim to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Terry. Motion carried.*

**ELECT COUNTY REP FOR TRAIL'S END CAMP & JR FAIR BOARD:** *Motion by Al with second by Lyle to elect Tim to the Trail's End Board and Terry to the Jr Fair Board. Motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by Terry with second by Lyle to approve. Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

**CIRCUIT COURT REPORT:** Judge Anderson reported that COVID-19 has overwhelmingly effected Court and they are doing court appearances by Zoom. They are operating under orders of Supreme Court to not have any Jury trials to end of May. There is a process to get people back into Court and they will reopen in stages. Working with Lori to determine how many masks they will need. Currently there are limited personal appearances. There is a large homicide trial in June that will be presided over by Judy Bittney. It will be a large jury trial with an approximate cost of \$25,000 to County. There will be a stand by attorney, expert witnesses and an EMT will screen jurors. Public has to have access and they are planning to have video screening in the other court room.

**DRUG COURT REPORT:** Holly reported there are 6 active Drug Court participants and 4 are in after care. She is developing a plan for hair follicle collection in the near future and has asked Tom Hall for some masks.

**JUNIOR FAIR BUSINESS:**

- A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT:** Ron reported there was a meeting on May 3. Due to the uncertainty with COVID-19, the board reached out to Lenora with Big Hat Rodeo and she said the majority of rodeos have canceled. She was willing to carry our \$10,000 deposit over to 2021. The fair board decided to

postpone the rodeo and will receive a new agreement for 2021. Board will reach out to all sponsors to see if they would like a refund, move their donation to the fair or rodeo in 2021. Board anticipates continuing with the fair. Have a few applicants for Fairest of the Fair.

- B. 2020 RUSK COUNTY JR FAIR AUGUST 6-9:** Judy has been attending State WI Association of Fairs weekly Zoom meetings and said several fairs that were in mid-July have canceled. She spoke with the Public Health Director a few weeks ago but was told that it is still too early to decide. Will need County and Public Health behind us in order to still have a fair. May have to have a virtual fair or exhibitor only fair but will continue planning until we are told we can't. Livestock show will look a bit different but they still have their processors willing to block off time for fair exhibitors whether we have a fair or not. Fair Association told us that we would still get State Aid whether we have a fair or not.
- C. JR FAIR CONTRACT APPROVAL:** Contract for Justmann Band for Saturday, August 8. Due to COVID situation they are not requesting a deposit and there won't be a cancellation fee. They are seeking additional sponsorships. *Motion by Al with second by Terry to approve contract. Motion carried.*

#### **TRAILS END CAMP BUSINESS:**

- A. TRUSTEE REPORT:** Lenore said the Trustees have not met and was wondering if they could meet at camp. Breanne stated Lenore can't attend any physical meetings as a 4H rep. Would need special approval by the Dean. Lenore will work with Lori to see if that is possible.
- B. MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT:** Charmaine showed a slideshow of before and after pics of the new roofs at Trail's End. Water is not on yet. The floors are getting finished on the 26<sup>th</sup> if they are warm enough. Many groups have dropped out and most of the 2020 usage will be private groups. Andy, John, Tom, Kristen and Charmaine will get together to determine needs to open and maintain camp for the 2020 season. Andy reported that rental usually covers operating expenses but will lose revenue this year. Maintaining camp will also require more time this summer. There are administrative rules with licensing but no other rules at this time. Have 5 weddings and several reunions this summer between July and October. *Motion by Al with second by Terry to let private parties rent as planned. Amended motion by Tim with second by Lyle to have person in charge sign a waiver of notification. Amended motion died with 2 ayes and 2 nays. Original motion carried.*

#### **FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS**

- A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT:** Charmaine reported that water is not on yet and gave an update on usage of grounds. Lock was replaced on North end of Senior/Youth center as there has been some unknown usage by groups. Wanted to secure building for COVID testing.
- B. USAGE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:** None
- C. FAIRGROUNDS PREMISES CONTRACTS 2020-2023:** Charmaine updated contracts with new Committee name and new dates. Will send revised contracts to groups and invite them to the next meeting to discuss.

**EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS:** Lori went over introductory letter regarding Extension's mission and overview of State-wide programming. Extension agents are telecommuting through June and will each have to take 3-4 furlough days. Food Wise is working on a Community Garden at Connections and is still waiting to see about schools in the fall.

- A. 4-H PROGRAM COORDINATOR & COMMUNITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR REPORT:** Breanne stated camp is canceled and Leaders Council has postponed Green & White Day indefinitely. Will not be hiring an intern this summer. There are plans to make the 2 raised gardens by the Maintenance

garage. One will be a salsa garden with produce donated by the Spooner Ag Research station and the other a flower garden where 4Hr's could show the flowers as projects at the fair.

a. **YOUTH COUNTY BOARD REPS:** Breanne stated there will be 2 seats for youth on the County Board. They were hoping for one male and one female but received 3 female applicants. Committee will do the selection and Andy, Breanne and Rich will provide training. Charmaine will draft an Ad Hoc agenda for Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> after our Committee meeting. Tim and Terry are willing to be on selection Committee along with Andy and Breanne. Interviews will be done over Zoom.

B. **RRYP COORDINATOR UPDATE:** Rich reported that his programming has been greatly affected by COVID-19. He has not held Teen Court or Traffic Court. Has 7 Teen Court respondents in limbo and can only do one at a time. Has 2 active Traffic Court. Has 10 that needs VIP but was debating on postponing it until after July 4<sup>th</sup> as the library is currently not booking any groups at this time. Breanne recommended Rich contact other counties and the WI Teen Court Association to see how they are handling their caseload and maybe see if it could be moved to online. Also recommended contacting Community Counseling to see if their participants could get an extension until next quarter. Rich recently completed MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy) training which is a program aimed at stopping reoffenders and to change their mindset going forward. DA would like to incorporate this into Drug Court.

a. **MISSION STATEMENT:** Will review next month.

b. **POLICY & PROCEDURES:** Will review next month.

C. **OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL:** Breanne would like to go to Spooner to pick up the peppers and tomatoes on Tuesday. *Motion to approve travel by Terry with second by Al. Motion carried.*

**CURRENT YEAR BUDGET REVIEW:** Charmaine went over current totals for 2020 for the Extension budgets. Only change to 2019 was the Jr Fair received their State Aid.

**REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS:** *Motion by Al with second by Lyle to approve the bill reports for April and May. Motion carried.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Discussed when to have next meeting. Will try and do the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8 am and then the court related people can join the meeting after Drug Court. Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 3 at 8:00 am in the Law Enforcement Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Al. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.