

RUSK COUNTY SPECIAL PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: June 10, 2024

TIME: 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: Rusk County Law Enforcement Center – Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Circuit Court

1. Increase in Bailiff Wages

Human Resources

1. July 1, 2024 General Employee Wage Increases

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At any time, a quorum of another County Committee or of the County Board may be present at the meeting to observe the proceedings, but no action will be taken except by those Committee Members for the stated Committee meeting and only on noticed agenda items.

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Agenda prepared by C. Meyer, County Clerk under the direction of Chairman Zimmer.
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Subject: Bailiff wages
Date: Thursday, May 23, 2024 11:53:16 AM
Attachments: [wage study 2023.xlsx](#)

Good morning everyone,

As we discussed at the April meeting, enclosed please find bailiff wage comparisons for bailiffs in our District 10.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting on June 5 but Judge Barna plans to attend. Judge currently has a meeting scheduled until 3:30 p.m. but will attend asap.

The bailiff is the person assigned by the Court the important task to supervise and escort jurors. Each one of our bailiffs are required to take an online half day training. We are fortunate to currently have four bailiffs, three of which are retired law enforcement officers.

We have been informed that a couple of the bailiffs may step down if the wage is not increased, and also one of our bailiffs was recruited by Sawyer County (their hourly rate is \$21.12) making his availability limited in Rusk County. It is important to note that each bailiff is assigned a month. They are informed of the jury trial dates and hold those dates open on their calendars to bailiff. We ask a lot of their time as often the jury trials settle and at times just a few days before the scheduled trial date.

Based upon the comparisons, the knowledge required, and the expectations of a bailiff, the Court is requesting the bailiff wages be increased to at least \$18.00 an hour plus mileage.

I would like to add as a side note, if we are unable to retain or recruit bailiffs, we would need to have a sheriff's deputy bailiff which would be at the sheriff's deputy's wages (possibly on OT) plus benefits. We are hoping we do not have to go that avenue.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Lori Gorsegner
Clerk of Circuit Court/Juvenile Clerk

BAILIFF WAGE COMPARISON				
DISTRICT 10				
		2023		
County		Wages		Comments
Barron		\$19.77		
Bayfield		\$14.82		
Burnett		\$13.00		
Chippewa		\$13.58-\$17.71		2 hour minimum if trial is canceled/resolved or rescheduled
Dunn		\$18.00		
Eau Claire		\$18.00		2 hour minimum if trial cancels
Iron		\$20.00		
Rusk		\$12.50		plus mileage and 2 hour minimum if reports for trial and it settles or is rescheduled
Sawyer		\$21.12		
St. Croix		\$15.60		
Washburn		\$18.00		
<i>BAILIFF HOURS FOR 2022 AND 2023</i>				
Rusk County Bailiff Hours in 2023:			75	
Bailiffs' current hourly wage			<u>\$12.50</u>	
Total Bailiff wages in 2023			\$937.50	
Rusk County Bailiff Hours in 2022			28.75	
Bailiffs' hourly wage			<u>\$12.50</u>	
Total Bailiff wages in 2022			359.36	