

LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE OR BOARD: JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020
MEETING PLACE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
COUNTY BOARD ROOM 1700
212 6TH STREET N, LA CROSSE WI 54601
TIME/PURPOSE OF MEETING: 4:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment*
3. Approve Committee Minutes of September 8, 2020
4. Consent Agenda (informational):
 - a. CJMC – September 16, 2020
5. Conference/Meeting Report
6. Continuation of 2019 Justice Support Services Report/Justice Sanctions – Mandy Bisek
7. Jail Medical Services Overview – Kari Salter
8. 2021 Budget
9. Next Committee Meeting: November 3, 2020
10. Items for Future Agendas
11. Adjourn

NEWS MEDIA

La Crosse Tribune
Other Media

OTHERS

Emails:

Jim Speropulos
Bev Heebisch
Bryan Jostad
Maureen Freedland

DEPARTMENTS/STAFF

County Board Chair
County Administrator
County Clerk

Facilities

Emails:

Pam Radtke
Elizabeth Wright
Jeff Wolf
Tim Gruenke
Brian Hitchcock
Kevin Rindy
Tim Candahl
Lisa Stablier

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Margaret Larson, Chair
Noelle Weber Strauss
Vicki Burke
Jack Pogreba
Dawn Wacek

***PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Committee may receive information from the public, but the Committee reserves the right to limit the time that the public may comment and the degree to which members of the public may participate in the meeting.

MEMBERS: If unable to attend, call the County Clerk's Office at 785-9581.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you need accommodations to attend this meeting, please call 785-9581 as soon as possible.

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DATE POSTED: October 1, 2020

JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 8, 2020
County Board Room 1700
4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chair Margaret Larson, Vicki Burke, Noelle Weber-Strauss, Jack Pogreba, Dawn Wacek
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	None
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
OTHERS PRESENT	Steve O'Malley, Mandy Bisek, Sheriff Jeff Wolf, Shawn Mahoney, Alice Sorenson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Margaret Larson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2020

MOTION by Burke/Weber-Strauss to approve the Committee Minutes of August 11, 2020.
Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

a. **CJMC – AUGUST 19, 2020**

MOTION by Burke/Wacek to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF JAIL MEDICAL SERVICES

Sheriff Jeff Wolf shared an update on the jail medical services. There have been no changes from what has been done in the past. There is still a 14-day quarantine for inmates coming into the jail. Nursing staff are doing a lot of follow-up with inmates coming in concerning previous testing that they have received on whether they were negative or positive for COVID. There is on-site testing in the jail if it is required. As of today, there has been only one positive test from an employee in the jail. Jail population is at 90. There is a new jail physician from Gundersen who is working out well.

DIVE RESCUE REPORT

Shawn Mahoney, Unit Leader of Dive Team, gave an update on the La Crosse Dive Rescue Unit. The La Crosse Dive Unit is a volunteer unit under the auspices of the Sheriff's Department which has 22 active volunteer members and is the county's water rescue and recovery unit. They have mutual aid agreements with Vernon, Winona and Houston Counties. They perform searches and recoveries in Monroe, Trempealeau, Jackson, Pepin, Adams, Allamakee and Winneshiek Counties. Two members are certified K9 Handlers. The update included:

- 215 hours have been spent on training using the 360 Sonar, scuba training boat operation, equipment maintenance and pool scuba skills. The hours include the K9 teams.
- Member certifications are basic scuba, advanced scuba, ice diving, scuba equipment specialist, swift water rescue, ice rescue, swift water instruction, and ice rescue instruction.
- The K9 members are certified in land and water human remains detection and human tracking.

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- So far in 2020, the unit has responded to 9 pages, recovered vehicle, river rescues and law enforcement assists, Goose Island rescue, and multiple disabled boat assist calls.
- In late 2017 the unit was donated a building at 317 Kertzman Place from the County through tax foreclosure. The team has spent more than 500 hours and \$65,588.69 on repairs and upgrades.
- The budget consists of \$7,700.00 from the Sheriff Department in addition to fund raising.
- Captain Siegel was assigned to oversee the Dive Unit. Captain Siegel and Deputy Patty Stoughtenger have been writing grants and getting the Dive Unit into the ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Team) system. This is updated equipment similar to Milwaukee, Green Bay, Wausau and Superior Dive Units with the possibility to be called out for aid to any dive need.

UPDATE ON EPS MUTUAL AID

Sheriff Jeff Wolf updated on the Emergency Police Services (EPS) in light of the recent issues in Madison and Kenosha. EPS is a mechanism among all law enforcement agencies in the state to provide emergency services in the event of a natural disaster, riot, uprising, protesting, etc. In the agenda packet there is a contact list of the Wisconsin Emergency Police Services Mutual Aid Area Directors and Alternates along with a map of Emergency Police Services Mutual Aid areas. Sheriff Wolf explained how the process works and who ultimately has responsibility for the response. The EPS process was established in the 1950's and this year is the first time that there have been three requests ongoing at the same time in the state (Green Bay, Madison and Kenosha).

JUSTICE SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE

Mandy Bisek, Justice Support Services Manager, presented the 2019 Annual Report details to the committee. Statistics were highlighted in the following areas:

- La Crosse Area Family Collaborative
- System of Care
- Youth Justice
- Western Regional Adolescent Services
- Adult Justice Support Services



2019 JSS Annual
Report - Judiciary &

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: October 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Wacek/Pogreba to adjourn at 5:29 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tim Gruenke, Scott Horne, Toya Reynolds, Tom Jacobs, Margaret Larson, Angel Lee, Jason Witt, Jean Young, Jeff Wolf, Jayne Rifenberg, Monica Kruse, Araysa Simpson, Sutha Verrasamy, Lisa Kruse, Troy Harcey, Joella Striebel, Robert Abraham, Keonte Turner, Andrew Alvaro Rasmussen
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Charles Ashbeck, Kim Cable
OTHERS PRESENT:	Mandy Bisek, Mike Tighe (WKBT), Jim Verse, Jane Klekamp, Jenna Theler, Chiara Packard, Brad Williams, Linda Xiong, Judge Levine, Megan DeVore, Kate Holinka

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tim Gruenke called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 19, 2020 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

MOTION by M. Kruse/Jacobs to approve the August 19, 2020 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. **Motion carried unanimously;** Ashbeck and Cable excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

WELCOME TO NEW CITIZEN MEMBERS & INTRODUCTIONS

- Introduction of all current committee members
- Introduction of 4 new members: Toya Reynolds, Angel Lee, Andrew Rasmussen, and Keonte Turner

AGENCY UPDATES

- a. **Sheriff/Jail** – jail population consistently in 80's, pushing 100 on some days. Trend lately, appears quite a few probation hold requests coming through. Suspicion that violations beginning to catch up. Sheriff Wolf would like some feedback on this piece and perhaps re-evaluate the current emergency order with Judges. DOC, Jean Young & Jenna Theler, responds – requests are surrounding clients in which there have been 6 months of non-compliance and exhausted all other options. DOC open to further discussion with the jail on criteria for utilizing jail if needed.
- b. **Public Defender** – Araysa Simpson shared Eisenberg award recognizes a person that has a substantial impact on State Public Defender clients was awarded to UWL's Jail Literacy Program. Araysa will share link with Mandy to disperse to Council. Mike Kiefer, jail program supervisor, provided a positive statement for the program.
- c. **Corrections** – Broad highlights of Criminal Justice reform as it impacts Community Corrections, shared by Jean Young. One big area looking at Evidence-Based Responses to Violations (EBRB) is being reviewed. If someone is being revoked and has less than 1 year will not be sent to prison. Categories have changed, if no new charges have been filed equates to a low-level violation. This can be over-ridden if there are facts that would allow. Changing who they hold and why, failing an alternative to revocation is no longer considered a revocable violation. Needs to be an established pattern
- d. of violations before decision to take into custody. Really focused on how to not put people in jail. Another is if a client is addicted, and that is the sole violation, then

response will be treatment, not custody. Push for the right treatment in every community. Agents have all been involved in Town Hall Meetings, which will roll out to communities. Jean has asked that La Crosse be one of those communities, in which we could hear from Secretary Carr on these issues. These are just some highlights, many more updates to come, and are not yet finalized yet.

Araysa Simpson had a question on earned release programs, but Jean was unable to respond in detail as this is not her area of oversight. She hopes to be briefed on these changes.

- e. **Human Services** – Jason Witt made everyone aware of the Rebuilding for Learning Summit that is coming up. Past Summits have focused on trauma informed practices. This year's summit will be virtual the morning of September 28th, which is also, Good Neighbors Day, Dana Winters, of Fred Rogers Institute is keynote speaker. After keynote, breakout sessions will take place that focus on how individuals and organizations can take action to make a more equitable community. Deadline for registration for workgroups is September 21st.
- f. **DA** – no updates
- g. **Judges** – on track to resume jury trials in January. County board has approved video conferencing equipment for all courtrooms, including Family Court Commissioner. Looking at air purification equipment to purchase through a federal grant – likely to be installed in December.
In regard to Sheriff's comments, specific to drug court, have found that they have incarcerated participants more in the last couple months due to absconding, committing new crimes, or lack of engagement. Have attempted to intervene using other means, and jail as last resort.
- h. **County Board** – Jen Rombalski provided Covid-19 update in switching from Compass to Collaborative approach. Resolution on sustainability passed, point is to reduce energy consumption and to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. Passed resolution approving video conferencing equipment for \$250,000 authorized. Hoping to recoup through federal Roads to Recovery funding. Passed resolution for positions and purchases for JAG Pretrial Pilot Site project in the amount of \$106,000. At tomorrow night's County Board meeting will be official appointment of 4 new members of CJMC introduced today.

CJMC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES AS THEY RELATE TO THE CHARGE OF EACH COMMITTEE:

a. School Resource Officers

i. Charge: Collect information on how SRO's are currently utilized throughout all county school districts, as well as research around the effectiveness of SRO's in schools in order for CJMC to make recommendations / establish a position on the use of SRO's

- Lisa Kruse provided the following update: Group met last week. They are starting to collect information and draft a report for the Council based on the charge, which will include:
 - o History of SRO's nationally & locally
 - o Information on how SRO's are used in districts outside of La Crosse
 - o Review sentiments locally through the La Crosse School District's efforts
 - o Summarize research
 - o Summarize how alternatives to SRO's have been achieved in other areasThe group feels it important to bring information, not recommendations to the CJMC, so that the larger group can create recommendations collectively. The group does not have a timeline for when this information will be complete.

Troy Harcey provides an update to the Council on La Crosse School District's status on this topic. Monday night 9/14/20, the school board hosted a community forum, in which 23 community members presented their perspectives on the topic. Another forum is forthcoming in October. When date/time is set will share with CJMC. Troy also made the council aware of the School District's website: www.LaCrosseSchools.org – SRO tab – which outlines information and the charge to the Superintendent of Schools. Also contains all compiled sentiments/emails collected by the community, as well as, information on Fund 80, which is where funding for SRO's come from and initial questions by school board. The School Board has a deadline of November 16th to complete this charge.

Rob Abraham also updates the group with information shared with the sub-committee by Officer Gilliam in which Chief Kudron recommends changes to the current SRO program. This will be included in the report write ups on how SRO programs are utilized across districts.

b. Police Training

i. Charge: Review current training requirements of local police departments, determine potential training gaps as it relates to implicit bias, and make recommendations around findings

Tim Gruenke provided updates to the group in Chief Ashbeck's absence. They have collected information from county jurisdictions regarding current training curriculums used. They have also spoken with 3 community members about how they feel about the police in the community. May do more in the future. They have also completed a survey of officers on what they felt about the training they received and what they feel is needed. Chief Ashbeck will be scheduling the next meeting. The group is still planning to pilot the "Human Rights Policing" training through UWL – which will be starting next week and is a 4-week online program. Hope to give ideas and feedback on if this is a viable option.

c. Citizen Advisory Board

i. Charge: City and County coordination around establishing of a Citizen Advisory Board for system oversight, with focus on (but not limited to) board scope, structure, and authority

Joella provided an update on this committee. New members have joined subcommittee – including Andrew Rasmussen (new CJMC member). Working on answering such questions as: What makes for a successful citizen advisory board? What does the committee want to see in citizen advisory board?

A Town Hall listening session is planned so community members can speak to this topic. Scheduled for October 6th at noon and 6 pm so more people can access the opportunity. Also hoping to live stream. After the subcommittee receives this input they will put out a survey to the community that can be done online to determine what they'd like to see in an advisory board, but also what they already know about the process.

New police & fire commissioner, Dr. Nese Nasif of UWL will be helping with research along the way.

General question posed: Are subcommittee meeting minutes recorded to review? Tim responds, formal minutes are not being taken as they are ad hoc committees.

ASK: could notes / updates be shared prior to the meeting for review by board members prior to the meeting to be able to better respond. When subcommittees come to conclusions for CJMC consideration, reports will be sent out prior to the meeting for council review.

New citizen members were invited to be a part of any of the subcommittees if they so choose.

RETREAT PLANNING

Typically the CJMC meets in November for a retreat to review what to focus on in the next year. Need to consider a few things:

- Do we want to meet virtually or in person with precautions? After discussion on all possibilities it was determined to conduct the retreat virtually to ensure all can safely participate given the number of Covid-19 cases in the community at present.
- Would ½ day be enough or should we look at full day? After discussion it was decided to focus on a ½ day retreat given the virtual platform.
- Mandy will send out doodle poll for available dates in November to citizen members first to decide on a date.

MISC/INFORMATIONAL

Keonte Turner debriefed the meeting for the group as staying on task today and recommends a debrief of similar nature for future meetings.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- October subcommittee update

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Chair Gruenke adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

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Recorded by Mandy Bisek