



**MARATHON COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 am
Courthouse Assembly Room, (B105), Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Members	Present	Absent
Chair Suzanne O’Neill	X	
Vice Chair Kurt Gibbs		X
Lance Leonhard	X	
Matt Bootz		
Tim Buttke	X	
Scott Parks	X (designee Chad Billeb)	
Ben Bliven	(designee Todd Baeten)	
Theresa Wetzsteon	X	
Kelly Schremp	X	
Kat Yanke (Kate Drury)	X	
Cati Denfeld-Quiros	X	
Vicki Tylka	X	
Jill Meschke		X
Jane Graham Jennings	X (designee Ashley Bores)	
Kenneth Grams		
Yauo Yang	X	
Daniel Tyler		X
Liberty Heidmann		

Also present: Judge Greg Grau, Ruth Heinzl, Sid Brubacher.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair O’Neill at 8:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment (not to exceed 15 minutes)

Public Comment was provided by Stacy Morache.

3. Approval of the Minutes

**MOTION BY BUTTKE; SECOND BY SCHREMP TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 20, 2022, CJCC MEETING MINUTES.
MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Operational functions required by bylaws - None

5. Operational Issues

A. Process for Failure to Appear for Judicial Assistant Pretrial Conferences?

Discussion:

Judge O’Neill explains proposed follow up upon a failure to appear at a pretrial conference, noting that the Judicial Assistant will:

1. Place the case on the Intake calendar for the following day at 2:45 pm for a “call case.”
2. Send an email to the pretrial supervision program that day to give the case manager the opportunity to attempt to reach out to the defendants that failed to appear.
3. Set a next date for the case, which will then be addressed as follows:
 - If Defendant appears at IA, the judge will address the FTA and give the new date to the defendant.
 - If Defendant does not appear, the judge will issue a Bench Warrant, likely forfeit the bond, and give the future court date, which would be used to address the bond forfeiture or a judicial pretrial (if bond wasn’t forfeited). That future court date will be used to consider forfeiting bond.

Members discuss the process and offer general support. DA Wetzsteon expresses that she believes that the process is not problematic from a Marsy’s law perspective.

Judge O'Neill references that the Case Processing Committee also reviewed the idea of a standard criminal case scheduling order, but not moved forward

Action:

MOTION BY LEONHARD, SECOND BY SCHREMP, THAT THE CJCC FORMALLY SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL DESCRIBED ABOVE IN ALL MARATHON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURTS. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow up:

CJCC to revisit the effectiveness of this process in 6 months; Judge O'Neill to report action to judges

- B. Health and Human Services Committee request for CJCC discussion on The Marijuana Possession Ordinance Revision

Discussion:

District Attorney Wetzsteon provides a background on data in the packet. HHS Chair Buttke requests to have the data presented to the data to the HHS in connection with the CCJC recommendation.

Request by Drury to review data based on race. DA's office expresses intent to examine efficacy of reviewing data based on race, as there are some concerns gives the small number of cases at issue.

Several members express sentiment that there are other serious issues within the community that have been taking significant resources, including but not limited to, increased use/presence of methamphetamine and heroin in our community.

Action:

MOTION BY SCHREMP, SECOND BY BORES, TO NOT RECOMMEND MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE AS PROPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow: Information to be provided to HHS Committee

6. Policy Issues for Discussion and Potential Council Action

- A. Truancy Presentation – Jon Tomski

Discussion:

Judge O'Neill explains that the school personnel could not attend today. She further provides that a workgroup has been evaluating best practices relative to truancy court and the intent is to have it up and operating for summer school. Item to be discussed at a future meeting.

7. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports - None

8. Adjournment

MOTION BY BUTTKE; SECOND BY DENFELD-QUIROS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:46 A.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Next meeting May 19, 2022