

# Minutes – CJC

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MEETING	
1 PM	COUNTY BOARD ROOM
<b>Meeting</b>	Chairman - JUDGE EATON
<b>Attendees</b>	David Beeksma , Randy Spangle, Mark Perrine, Kathy Beeksma, Anne Whiting, Kent Tenney, Dana Wszalek, Matt Mackenzie Robert Eaton, Amy O’Donahue, Kelly McKnight, Brenda Spurlock, Joe Corbine, Kent Rudeen, Scott Holmen, Nancy Thyberg, Beverly Sidlo-Tolliver, Terry Schemenauer <b>Excused:</b> Madelaine Karwoski, Midge Montano, Terri Perry, Joanne Kulick, Tony Corbine

## **Minutes:**

Last month’s minutes were reviewed with no changes recommended. Make sure you are on the email list to receive copies of the minutes and upcoming agenda.

## **New members introduced:**

Joe Corbine

## **Old Business**

**By Laws:** a discussion about the by-laws and some additions and deletions occurred. One question, do we invite Mellen and LaPointe Police Departments to participate? It was decided that we would invite Mellen and LaPointe PD, State Patrol, DNR and GLIFWIC.

There was a discussion about voting tribal members. Joe Corbine felt that because there were so many Corbine’s on the CJC that he would not vote. It was decided that it was not the name but the position that determined voting members. Joe is one of the Tribal Court Judges, and therefore, should be a voting member representing Tribal Court.

Article IV, Section C, Quorum for voting. There was a motion that a simple majority of voting membership would constitute a quorum. Matt made the motion and Kathy Beeksma seconded it. All in agreement.

If there are more than 9 people in attendance at the meeting (voting or non-voting) then this would constitute a quorum. The meeting could then go forward. The number nine was used to define half of the voting membership. This number will change with the addition of Mellen, LaPointe PD, and the Bad River representative from Human Services.

Discussion under Section B, Executive Committee to change the language to read, “A county board member as designated by the County Board Chair”.

A motion was made by Matt M. to send by-laws finalization to the next meeting, seconded by Kelly McKnight. All were in favor of this motion.

Addition to open meeting publication added to end of by-laws.

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## **Jail Population**

Discussion about current jail population. Numbers have gone down from last month's numbers. Some percentage's went up, e.g. probation/parole percent. However, it was noted that their numbers have also decreased even though their percentage went up. Last month the number of hold days were 736. This month there were 658 hold days.

The sentenced population decreased from 655 to 395. Total numbers – October 1776 jail bed days; November 1456 jail bed days; a decrease in 320 bed days.

Dana Wzsalek, Corrections Field Supervisor, suggested that she would give the Criminal Justice Coordinator a probation hold report before the monthly meeting. This report would more accurately reflect Probation and Parole jail bed days.

Kathy Beeksma, UW Extension, is researching data from previous studies completed by UW system regarding trends of incarceration involving, race, gender, age, etc.

## **New Business**

Short term and long term goals were briefly mentioned. Establishing a grant program, writing, researching.

- Program development and sustainability
- Kent has added the Criminal Justice Committee to the County's web site. Minutes and upcoming agenda's will be posted.
- Having a suggestion box was an idea. Route all suggestions to Terry for dispersal.

## **Committee Reports**

By-Laws committee addressed in earlier part of the meeting.

Joint and Several Committee has not met

There is a Securities and Facility committee in place in the county. There was a suggestion calling them together with the following agencies represented. Judge, Sheriff, County Board, District Attorney, Criminal Justice Coordinator. The purpose is to look at courthouse security.

## **Grant Updates**

TAD grant dollars were increased by OJA. Both Ashland and Bayfield County now have enough dollars to hire a full time certified law enforcement officer in each county. Position descriptions are being developed and the budget is being finalized.

Plum Creek had called and requested more information regarding the grant that was written to provide programming in the jail.