

MINUTES

Members Present

Mr. Hess, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Turner, Ms. Munday, Ms. Andrade, Ms. Armer-Irps, Ms. Rittmanic-Emme, Mr. Scanlon, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

Members Absent

Mr. Long, Mr. Tholen

In Attendance

- **Board Members**
- **Department Heads**

Theresa Goudie, Bob Gessner, Mike Downey, Anita Speckman, Ed Pentuic, Judge Cunnington, Jim Rowe, John Coghlan

Media

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chairman, Mr. Hess at 7:30 a.m.

Public Comment

None

Mr. Hess welcomed everyone to the first Criminal Justice committee with the new board.

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Mr. Ekhoﬀ made a motion to approve and Mr. Hunter seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Judicial – Chief Judge Thomas Cunnington

Judge Cunnington was present and gave the committee a basement project update. Judge added that Marlow Jones was moved to Family and Veterans Court and also updated the new committee on the court software with Tyler Technologies. Discussions were held.

Circuit Clerk’s Office - Sandi Cianci

- **Monthly Report**

Ms. Cianci was at conference and unable to attend.

Mr. Fairfield made a motion to approve the report, and Ms. Munday seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

State's Attorney's Office – Jim Rowe

Jim Rowe was present to review the report.

- **Grand Jury Report**
- **Grand Jury Statistics Report**

Mr. Fairfield made a motion to combine and approve the reports and Mr. Ekhoﬀ seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mr. Rowe commented on the projects that his office has been working on and the success of those programs. Mr. Rowe continued to explain to the committee about his Community Division and what they have been working on.

Mr. Rowe stated that they will be utilizing the old VAC building next door and will be making some changes to the building in order to make that work. There is tuckpointing that needs to be done.

Public Defender's Office – Ed Pentuic

- **Monthly Report**

Mr. Pentuic reviewed the report with the committee.

Mr. Fairfield made a motion to approve, and Mr. Hunter seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Probation – Tom Latham

- **Monthly Report**

Mr. Carrico made a motion to approve, and Mr. Ekhoﬀ seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mr. Latham thanked everyone for a successful drug court event and there was \$15,000 raised.

Sheriff/EMA Department – Mike Downey

Sheriff Downey was present to review the reports with the committee.

- **Monthly Report**

Mr. Scanlon made a motion to approve, and Ms. Rittmanic-Emme seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote

- **Brief end of year stats (Full Report to follow)**

Sheriff Downey reviewed some stats with the committee. Discussions were held.

- **FOIA Information (Sheriff's Office)**

Sheriff stated that his office has handled 376 FOIA requests in 2022 and thanked Becky Powell for the hard work to process those requests.

- **Medical Billing Savings**

Sheriff Downey stated that there was a savings of \$191,000 in 2022 and a total savings of \$624,000 since 2018 from the person in his office that reviews medical claims and billing.

- **Animal Control Update**

Sheriff provided a brief update to the committee on Animal Control.

Sheriff spoke about staffing and said they are currently 15 correctional officers short and fully staffed with deputies at 52.

Sheriff stated that the full year end report will be ready in February or March.

Coroner's Office – Bob Gessner

- **Monthly Reports**
- **Monthly Receipts of Money**

Mr. Gessner was present and reviewed the reports with the committee.

Mr. Carrico made a motion to combine and approve, and Ms. Rittmanic-Emme seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mr. Gessner stated that they will have a year end report to present to the committee next month.

Discussions were held.

Old Business/New Business

None

12. Adjournment

Mr. Ekhoﬀ made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 a.m., and Ms. Munday seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Roger Hess, Committee Chairman

Kelly Bylak, Executive Coordinator

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zdc7Jw4JJ7M&list=PLuh0leyRukQQgEddfr6cFcLGHK699BK3E>