

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes, a regular meeting of the Brown County **Criminal Justice Coordinating Board** was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 in Branch III at the Brown County Courthouse, 100 South Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Members Present: Chair Judge Tammy Jo Hock
Citizen Rep. Robert Srenaski
Interim GB Police Chief James Runge
Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest
Human Services Committee Chair Joan Brusky
Jail Captain Heidi Michel
Health & Human Services Director Erik Pritzl

District Attorney David Lasee
County Executive Troy Streckenbach
Probation and Parole Rep. Aaron Sabel
Public Safety Committee Chair Keith Deneys
County Executive Troy Streckenbach
Citizen Rep. Christopher Zahn

Others Present: Board of Supervisors Chair Pat Buckley
CJS Supervisor Laura Hettman
Other interested parties

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Note: This meeting was scheduled to be held in the Karen Dorau Memorial Conference Room at the Brown County Law Enforcement Center, however the number of attendees exceeded the safe capacity of the room and therefore the meeting was moved to the Branch III courtroom in the Brown County Courthouse. A sign with this information was placed on the door of the original meeting location.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judge Tammy Jo Hock at 12:08 pm.

2. Approve/modify Agenda.

Motion made by Keith Deneys, seconded by John Vander Leest to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approve/modify minutes of June 1, 2021.

Motion made by Pat Buckley, seconded by David Lasee to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Jail population numbers (Sheriff).

Jail Captain Heidi Michel informed that as of this morning the jail was at 90% capacity with 8 inmates shipped out to Oconto County. There are 106 on the EMP program and 111 inmates are being housed at the work release center.

Michel continued that everyone at the work release center are quarantined inmates due to new arrests and going to the courthouse for court. Everyone stays on a 14-day quarantine and are tested after 5 days to see if they can be moved to general population to make room for more quarantine inmates. One of the stipulations when they send someone out to other counties is that they cannot be quarantined inmates so they pull from the general population.

Motion made by Pat Buckley, seconded by John Vander Leest to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Efficiency Report (DA Lasee).

District Attorney David Lasee informed he has not had an opportunity to do much with this for several reasons. He mentioned the length of time it is taking to get appointments through the Public Defender's Office as one of the barriers to efficiency. Another issue they are having is a backlog in getting discovery materials out due to the length of time it takes to do the redacting. The DA's office has added a position to the budget for 2022 to do the redacting which should hopefully help move things along more quickly. He mentioned doing redactions is not currently assigned to a specific staff member and with the passing of Marsy's Law, the redaction process has become more time consuming. Judge Hock noted that the backlog of discovery is also having an impact in the courtroom.

Lasee continued that there are still system issues that can be addressed in terms of efficiencies. For example, today's lockup list after the long weekend was very large and he would like to find a more effective way to enter people into the system. Law enforcement struggles to get the reports to the DA's office in a timely manner when there are so many and then DA staff has to scramble to make charging decisions. It is a very inefficient way to start the process and everyone is forced to make significant decisions whether or not to issue a case in a very short timeframe. Lasee has looked at what other counties are doing and said some have a process similar to Brown County and others do bond review hearings without filing complaints and then bring the complaints up at a later date. He continued that there is likely a number of people on the lockup list that did not necessarily need to be arrested. Lasee has talked with law enforcement about citing people and then giving them a date certain to appear in court which would allow the DA's office a little more time to make charging decisions.

Human Services Committee Chair Joan Brusky questioned the discovery process Lasee talked about. Lasee explained the DA's office has an obligation to provide all evidence to defense counsel in a timely manner before trial. There is a substantial delay in getting the discovery materials out, in part due to the passing of Marsy's Law. Lasee explained that the delays are due to the very time-consuming redaction process.

Regarding the issue of getting people in the jail to court following long weekends, Board Chair Pat Buckley asked if it would be possible to have staff come in on a rotating basis over the weekends to charge things out and then work with the Court Commissioners to process those people. Lasee responded that although something like that would be possible, it would require a number of staff outside the DA's office as well. He continued that Milwaukee does something similar to what Buckley described but they are allocated Sunday pay for it. Buckley questioned if this would save from having to ship people out. Michel responded that they do not ship anyone out until after they have made their initial court appearance. Buckley would like to explore this a little further. Lasee said this may be one potential solution to relieve some of the pressure and he will look further into this.

Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest said there is typically a very large lock up list following long weekends - sometimes upwards of 50 people. Judge Hock feels if we are going to look at this further, a good place to try this would be on a holiday weekend. It may be more palatable to staff who would have to come in to only have to do so on longer weekends instead of regularly. It was noted that a Court Commissioner still needs to review the probable cause affidavits to hold people on the weekends.

6. Nominations to fill Secretary position.

Judge Hock informed a secretary would only have to take minutes in the event staff from the County Clerk's office is unavailable for a meeting. Vander Leest informed he would be able to do this.

Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest was nominated to fill secretary position.

Motion made by Troy Streckenbach, seconded by Bob Srenaski to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot electing John Vander Leest as Secretary. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Report of Mark Vanden Hoogen re: Criminal Justice Services & TAD Grant.

CJS Supervisor Laura Hettman reported on behalf of Mark Vanden Hoogen. She talked about the re-entry position at the jail and said there is a new person in that position who is doing a great job and has a great vision for the position. She has been working hard to develop relationships with community resources to develop transitional and re-entry plans for inmates and there has been a lot of positive feedback from the inmates and the community.

Hettman continued that they have started violation hearings again at the Commissioner level as of July 26 for individuals who have failed to contact CJS after they have been ordered to do so as a condition of bond. Current CJS safety rates are at 83.6% and the appearance rate is at 90.3%. There are currently 42 participants in the diversion program and 662 people in the report center program. Treatment courts and pilot programs are currently serving 95 people.

CJS is currently in the process of working on the application for the TAD grant which is due by September 23. This is a competitive grant and the allocation is the same as previous years. There will be an additional \$2.5 million that can be applied for in 2023 and Hettman noted Vanden Hoogen would like a letter of support from the CJCJ to include with the grant application.

Motion made by Keith Deneys, seconded by Pat Buckley for Judge Hock to provide a letter of support for the TAD grant on behalf of the CJCJ. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Future Agenda Items, if any.

Health and Human Services Director Erik Pritzl suggested an item regarding what is happening with youth justice services be added to the agenda. He informed there have been a number of changes in this area that were proposed in the Governor's budget but were not advanced by the legislature. There are a number of broad, big changes that counties were not ready for and Pritzl said this may come back up with separate legislation in the fall and if that happens, he feels it should be discussed here.

Buckley would like to see an update regarding the issues with the State Public Defender's Office and he would like staff from that office to report to this board on a regular basis. He also circled back to the earlier discussion regarding having staff come in and charge cases on long weekends. He would like to be proactive on this. Lasee said he can try to put something in place, but he would need to start by working through this with Human Resources. Deneys noted that the Public Safety Committee is meeting later tonight and asked Lasee to report on this during that meeting.

9. Other such matters as authorized by law.

The date of the next meeting was discussed and November 9 at noon was selected. Judge Hock will determine if the meeting will be held in person or via Zoom and include that information on the agenda.

10. Adjourn.

Motion made by John Vander Leest, seconded by Pat Buckley to adjourn at 12:42 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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