



## Barron County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council



Barron County Justice Center  
1420 State Hwy 25 North, Room 2700  
Barron, WI 54812

Judge James C. Babler, **Chair**  
Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald, **Vice Chair**  
Shanda Harrington, **Justice Programs Coordinator**

### Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 8, 2021 Zoom Meeting Barron, WI

**Members Present:** Judge James Babler, Sheriff Chirs Fitzgerald, Brian Wright, Sharon Millermon, Louie Okey, Stacey Frolik, Ryan Raymond, Stephannie Schmidt, Monika Audette, Kimberly Lee

**Members Absent:** Jeff French, Steven Roux, Katie Bement

**Others Present:** Ann Hay, Bob Zientara

Meeting called to order by Judge James Babler at 12:01 p.m. Public meeting notification read by Babler. Motion by Okey/Wright to approve agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Fitzgerald/Millermon to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Babler presented all data reports. Council discussed. Wright stated increase in Monday morning jail population is related to more arrests on weekends due to more outdoor activities. Fitzgerald stated increase in jail population is also due to number of inmates waiting for prison. Stated prison system is still limiting number of inmates they will accept each month. Stated Barron County is being paid to hold these inmates. Schmidt stated the number of probation holds is steady. Stated individuals currently being held are serving a short-term sanction, being revoked, or under investigation.

Babler presented Diversion Court update. Stated Diversion Court is currently being revamped. Stated Diversion Court hearings will begin again in July 2021.

Coordinator Harrington gave update on OAR Diversion Program operations. Babler stated program is savings to courts and program operations is no cost to county. Wright stated ADA Matucheski will be working with Coordinator moving forward.

Council discussed updates on COVID-19 operations. Fitzgerald stated no changes in operations in Sheriff's Department. Stated there has been no cases of COVID-19 in the jail. Schmidt stated probation continues to run with limited staff in office. Stated probation still prefers court orders individuals to call office prior to reporting to probation after sentencing. Millermon stated no changes with the Clerk of Courts. Audette stated Restorative Justice has reduced size of groups. Frolik stated staff continues to work remotely, but will slowly transition back to working in office. Raymond stated Public Defenders office continues to encourage defendants to call office prior to arraigning in-person meetings. Wright stated all District Attorney staff is now working in the office. Babler stated face masks will still be required in the Justice Center and the courtrooms. Stated the courts follow direction from the Supreme Court.



**Barron County  
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council**



---

Barron County Justice Center  
1420 State Hwy 25 North, Room 2700  
Barron, WI 54812

Judge James C. Babler, **Chair**  
Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald, **Vice Chair**  
Shanda Harrington, **Justice Programs Coordinator**

Fitzgerald stated methamphetamine cases have increased. Stated Sheriff's Department will begin more prevention programming. Frolik stated Health and Human Services is asking for extension on grants for education and programming related to methamphetamine. Frolik stated referrals for Barron County Drug and Alcohol Court have decreased. Frolik requested council members to promote referrals.

Future Agenda Items: Update for the 980 Committee from Frolik, Hay, and Schmidt.

Motion by Millermon/Schmidt to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shanda E. Harrington, Justice Programs Coordinator

**MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY  
THE CJCC AT THE NEXT MEETING.**