



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, March 21, 2024 – 12:00 PM
Barron County Justice Center
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Barron, WI

Members Present: Judge James Babler, Brian Wright, Louie Okey, Craig Turcott, Jeff French, Steven Roux, Stephannie Schmidt, Emily Nelson, Sharon Millermon, Tim Evenson

Members Absent: Chris Fitzgerald, Stacey Frolik, Kimberly Lee

Others Present: Judge Maureen Boyle, Ann Hay, Jason Hagen, Allie Musolf

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

Babler presented all data reports. Council discussed. Evenson gave jail update. Council discussed. Schmidt explains probation holds/revocation. Nelson explains legal representation conflicts/shortage in Barron County and statewide. Council discussed.

Judge Boyle gave Drug and Alcohol Court update. Currently has waitlist and 14-16 participants at this time. Treatment Team now includes a Recovery Coach. Stated court session is open to public, encouraged others to attend. Hay updated council on 2024 TAD Grant. Stated Barron County was awarded \$200,000 total (\$150,000 state, \$50,000 match) Stated funds are used for additional treatment, conferences and trainings. Stated grant allows Barron County to continue to use best practices while providing treatment to participants. Boyle stated conference attendance has already led to positive improvements for participants.

Babler gave update on Branch 2 Judge. Stated one individual is currently running. Stated Barron County could have Branch 2 vacancy filled by June 2024.

Hagen gave methamphetamine update. State caseload remains even. Evenson stated use of electronic monitoring slightly raised. Explained use of electronic monitoring.

Future agenda items: Barron County Jail Demographic and Wisconsin state comparison. Mental Health Workgroup update.

Motion Millermon/French to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shanda E. Harrington, Barron County Justice Programs Coordinator

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