



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, January 16, 2025 – 12:00 PM
Barron County Justice Center
EOC
Barron, WI

Members Present: Judge James Babler, Chris Fitzgerald, Sharon Millermon, Louie Okey, Craig Turcott, Jeff French, Brian Wright, Emily Nelson, Steven Roux, Tim Evenson, Jerry Apfel, Bob Vogel

Members Absent: Stacey Frolik, Lauren Keenen

Others Present: Karla Broten, Judge Maureen Boyle, Bob Zientara

Meeting called to order by Judge James Babler at 11:59 a.m. Public meeting notification read by Babler. Motion Okey/Roux to approve agenda moving #6 to top.

Babler presented Barron County Family Recovery Court short video. Council discussed. Babler presented number of children in out-of-home placement in Barron County from 2018 to present date. Council discussed. Stated participation in Family Recovery Court is voluntary. Stated court is held every two weeks. Stated there is a team staffing and in court face-to-face time with each participant. Council discussed.

Karla Broten, Youth and Families Program Manager with Barron County DHHS, presented process of enrollment in Family Recovery Court. Stated potential participants are introduced to program and presented with video at meetings with social worker. Council discussed.

Motion Millermon/Evenson to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Fitzgerald presented all data reports. Coordinator explained new breakdown for probation holds on jail data reports. Council discussed.

Coordinator presented 2025 TAD Grant update. Stated Barron County received \$150,000 from state, and \$50,000 required match from Barron County. Stated some restrictions with incentives being funded by the state this year. Stated treatment team is working on alternatives. Turcott asked if grant funds trainings. Coordinator stated grant covers trainings at no additional expense to Barron County.



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Judge Maureen Boyle presented Competency Proceedings in Barron County. Discussed effects on courts and jail. Stated a subcommittee would be ideal. Motion Okey/French to create subcommittee to review current competency proceedings. Motion carried. Council discussed potential CJCC members to participate. Coordinator will arrange.

Fitzgerald stated a report will be released soon addressing methamphetamine updates in Barron County.

Future agenda items: Competency Subcommittee Update

Unanimous to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned 12:51 p.m.

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

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