



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 Jodi Kummet, **Vice-Chair**
Shanda Harrington, **Justice Programs Coordinator**

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 12:00 PM
Barron County Justice Center
EOC
Barron, WI

Members Present: Judge James Babler, Jodi Kummet, Sharon Millermon, Jeff French, Brian Wright, Tim Evenson, Bob Vogel, Gary Schleiss, Craig Turcott, Steven Roux, Karla Potts-Schufelt, Lauren Keenen

Members Absent: Louie Okey, Emily Nelson

Others Present: Judge Samuel Lawton, Lizzy Steffen, Dave Armstrong, Jordanne Myszkas-Schilling, Bob Zeintara

Meeting called to order by Judge James Babler at 12:00 p.m. Public notification read by Babler. Motion Roux/French to approve agenda. Motion carried. Motion Millermon/Evenson to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Babler introduced Gary Schleiss. Babler recommended the appointment of Schleiss as Methamphetamine Recovery Community Representative. Motion Evenson/Vogel to approve nomination. Motion carried.

Babler presented CJCC reports. Babler addressed jail average daily population and number of probation holds in jail. Turcott asked about age demographic in jail population. Babler explained growing number of older inmates is consistent with older defendants involved in meth use and other drug related convictions.

Steffen/Keenen presented recent probation statistics. Provided handout. Explained probation misdemeanor and felony numbers and transferred clients in and out of Barron County, Explained revocation status and discharge numbers in Barron County. Council discussed.

Dave Armstrong presented information on current housing status in Barron County. Explained costs related to purchasing homes in Barron County. Discussed alternative housing options for residents. Discussed possible properties and projects to provide additional housing options in the future. Explained situational homelessness and generational homelessness. Discussed housing needs for residents with criminal convictions or substance use disorders.



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Council discussed current methamphetamine challenges in Barron County. Wright stated quantities and dealings are up. Stated there is also an influx in cocaine in Barron County. Babler stated District Attorney Office is still understaffed. Wright stated there is an attorney shortage statewide.

Myszka-Schilling from Embrace provided handout with information on current Domestic Abuse surcharges. Stated the surcharge is through the Department of Children and Family Services.

Future agenda items: None.

Motion French/Turcott to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm.

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

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