

LWV Observer Corps Report March 2022

***Denotes things to watch for in the future.**

Two Rivers City Council Meeting Observer Summary- Sue Matczynski

3-7-2022

Highlights:

- There was no public comment regarding an ordinance to amend the Code regarding Single and Double-Family Residence Districts to include the Conservation Subdivision, which was inadvertently deleted during the 2020 codification process. The Council adopted the ordinance.
- There was no public comment regarding a conditional use permit for a drive-through window service window at the Two Rivers Senior Center. The Council approved the permit.
- A council member was contacted by citizens questioning why their streets were not salted. It was explained that major roads, bus routes and intersections are salted.
- A new Police Lieutenant was sworn in, and the new Water Utility Director and City Electrician/Electrical Inspector were introduced.
- Central Park West 365 Committee Representatives were introduced. The City Manager shared the project has raised over half of its \$800,000 goal. Sponsors include Two Rivers Rotary (ice skating ribbon); Formrite Company (water feature); Bank First (pavilion patio area) and the Schmitt family (band shelter/stage). Former Green Bay mayor Jim Schmitt shared he and members of his extended family are donating \$100,000 to honor the Two Rivers-based Schmitt Brothers barber shop quartet which won many awards and toured extensively in previous decades.
- A Robert W. Baird representative provided a presentation on financing for 2022 City Capital Projects. The Council adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance and establishing parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$2,305,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes.
- The City Manager shared the following:
 - The winter parking ban, which ends on March 15th, has only needed to be enforced six days thus far.
 - There will be two additional City Council candidate forums. The March 10th forum, sponsored by the Two Rivers Business Association, will be recorded and live-streamed on the City's website and Facebook. The March 20th forum, sponsored by the Manitowoc County Constitutional Caucus, will be held at the Lighthouse Inn.
 - Absentee ballots for the April 5th Spring Election can be requested on-line at www.myvote.gov, the City Clerk's Office or by mail with an acceptable photo ID.
 - 2022 Energy Industry and General Education \$500 scholarships will be accepted by the Two Rivers Water & Light Department until April 1st.
- The City Council:

- Authorized the City Manager to sign a pre-annexation agreement with an individual who lives along the City's water and sewer line to the Two Rivers Industrial Park, allowing the individual to access these utilities for an inflation-adjusted assessment.
- Awarded the contract for reconstruction of 17th Street to Jossart Brothers, Inc. of DePere.
- Awarded the contract for water and sewer lateral replacement in 50 scattered locations to Essential Sewer and Water of Manitowoc.
- Adopted a resolution adjusting the Water Utility Property Tax Equivalent Payment.
- Approved the updated Personnel Policy and directed the City Clerk to distribute the policy to employees.
- Approved the new non-union full-time and part-time pay scales with implementation effective the next pay period. Prior to Act 10 there were over 90 pay grades established by union contracts; these have been reduced to 30 pay grades.

Meeting time: 1 hour and 20 minutes

Two Rivers City Council Meeting

3-21-2022

Highlights:

- There was no public comment during the hearing regarding a proposed zoning code ordinance change to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the Construction of a Multi-Family Residential Development at 3000 Forest Avenue. The Council adopted the ordinance.
- Representatives from the Two Rivers Business Association presented a \$10,000 check as a donation to the Central Park West project.
- Representatives from the Two Rivers School District presented on the recently completed Facility Assessment and noted the results from a community input survey were being compiled. The presentation focused upon recommended changes to LB Clarke Middle School which would result in an additional \$49 taxes on a \$100,000 home.
- The City Manager shared the following:
 - The sale of the former Paragon property to Trivers, LLC has been finalized.
 - Construction has started on two new homes in the city-owned Sandy Bay Highlands subdivision with two other homes in the planning stage. This will add to the city's property tax base.
 - The City's winter parking ban ended on March 15th, with the ban implemented only 6 of the 103 eligible days due to limited snowfall.
 - Heather Ihlenfeldt has accepted the position of Senior Center Supervisor.
 - The Central Park West 365 Project has raised \$450,000 toward its \$800,000 goal.
 - In-person absentee voting for the April 5th Spring Election will take place March 22nd through April 1st at City Hall.
 - The Two Rivers Police Department will receive \$31,719 in law enforcement grants announced by Governor Evers. This money can be used for training, recruitment bonuses, technology and community policing.

- The DNR has issued a permit to allow grooming of the “new” beach (south of Neshotah Beach to the north pier).
- \$20,000 has been approved for the Army Corps of Engineers to assess federal interest in a Design Deficiency study of the Two Rivers harbor.
- The City Council:
 - Approved temporary Class “B” Retailers Licenses for Heart-A-Rama for the periods of April 28-30, 2022 and May 5-7, 2022.
 - Scheduled April 4th public hearings for a zoning change (from business to residence) for 2910 Lincoln Avenue, and to amend the side yard requirements in residential zoning districts.
 - Tabled a motion on the TID 15 cash grant and developer’s performance agreement for 3000 Forest Avenue to the March 28th City Council work session.
 - Authorized the City Manager to execute the design services contract with Parkitecture + Planning for the Central Park West 365 Project.
 - Adopted an ordinance to amend the Municipal Code regarding Entitled Applicants for Registration Fees and Entitled Vendors from Special Vehicles Regarding Direct Sellers (related to vendors near Neshotah Beach).
 - Discussed a proposed ordinance related to non-vehicular travel, such as E-bikes, motorized gas-powered bikes and various types of scooters. This ordinance was prompted by the recognition of city staff and citizens of a gap in regulation and enforcement of issues related to these new means of transport.
 - Discussed amending the municipal ordinance entitled “License, Permit and Other Fees Established” associated with direct sellers, taxi and taxi driver fees.

Meeting time: 1 hour and 44 minutes

**Two Rivers School District Meeting
Observer Summary- Mary Wallace**

3-14-2022

Highlights: **No Meeting, Spring Break**

**Two Rivers School District Meeting
3-28-2022**

Highlights:

- Students talked about their recent trip to Europe focused on the Holocaust. Another group of students talked about the Hope Squad, which is a peer suicide prevention group. According to a youth risk assessment, 24% of the students have at least thought about suicide.

- Lakeland University has given 3 scholarships to Esports students for the coming year.
- TRHS was picked by DPI for a Civil Rights Audit which requires lots of forms and interviews.
- The candidates for the new Director of Teaching and Learning position have been narrowed down to 2 candidates.
- L B Clarke staff gave an update on the math curriculum pilot.
- 95 high school students participated in winter sports.
- The Community Survey didn't get as big of a response as was hoped for, but the majority of those who did respond would be in favor of a referendum.

**Manitowoc Public School District Meeting
Observer Summary- Linda Gratz**

3-8-2022

Highlights:

- All public input had to be virtual due to the fact that the meeting was virtual because the board felt it was unsafe and disruptive to meet in person. One person called in to the public input session Tony Vlastelica, who is running for the school board. He voiced his concern that the district needs clear and measurable targets regarding test scores and staff retention similar to the Elm Grove School District. He also went on record opposing the virtual meeting format.
- Board members Kathy Willis and Collin Braunel had questions regarding the transfer of the baseball field across from Rubick Field to the school district from the city of Manitowoc. They were reassured that more information will be coming before the board needs to act on the transfer.
- Student behaviors update was given by Mark Holzman and Kathy Willis. Questions were asked concerning what procedures are in place in case a behavior escalates and is out of control. The Superintendent stated that there are walkie/talkies that some teachers have that help them communicate with support people. Each building will make sure that there are clear procedures in place. All staff had the de-escalation training in January and will be continuing to work through scenarios to support that training. There is a presentation being held on Friday March 11th for about 25 staff members from all levels to hear about a new behavioral plan to address student behaviors called Safe and Civil Schools. This program works to reduce suspensions and support teachers to improve outcomes. This is just an informational presentation; the district hasn't committed to using it. Kathy said the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Behaviors had a presentation from Lisa Quistorf, retired Two Rivers Superintendent regarding Kids at Hope. The

committee is looking at student behaviors, boundaries, and holding students accountable for their actions. The committee will have a written report for the Superintendent and the Board soon. Collin stated that minutes of the meetings would be useful. Dave said he has notes from the meetings that he can send to Laurie for distribution. Meredith Sauer asked if the district will have a plan in place for the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, and the answer was yes.

- Great things are happening in the district with the Student Art Show at the Rahr West Museum and 8th graders visiting LTC to learn more about career planning Mark stated
- There was a long discussion over whether or not to support the motion to return to in-person meetings (Braunel/Soeldner). Nickels did not want to be boxed in by the decision to meet in person and wouldn't support the amended version to have in person with some people needing to call in comments. The motion failed and it looks like meetings will remain virtual for a while.
- They were going to go into closed session, but decided not to. They will set up a future meeting to handle the concern in the near future.

Next meeting will be held on February 22nd at noon.

Manitowoc Public School District Meeting

3-22-22

Highlights:

- Personnel Committee: The committee is recommending keeping the traditional calendar for the 22-23 school year based on community input. There is a lot of concern regarding dual licensing with the middle school teachers. They feel like they are being pushed to do something that they don't want to do and their concerns aren't being listened to. There seems to be an atmosphere of distrust and confusion.
- Superintendent report: The report focused mostly on the behavioral issues and what they are planning to deal with the issues. The district is continuing to provide training for staff on how to support students, and engage students in learning. There are verbal intervention support meetings at the school level and small group training taking place. 20 staff and 2 school board members attended a presentation on Safe and Civil Schools. They are looking to identify what behaviors are being exhibited and when so they can develop strategies and responses. They are looking to have a k-12 plan in place for the 2022-23 school year.
- The board voted to accept the donation of a \$7,000 swing for Franklin Elementary School.
- The Ad Hoc Committee report on Student Behaviors was given to the Board with a brief discussion following. Collin Braunel asked if there is going to be a plan with goals and a timeline. The Superintendent stated that the goals were to reduce suspensions, increase attendance, and increase the amount of instructional time. There was nothing mentioned regarding making schools safer.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 12th, after the election.

**Manitowoc County Board Meeting
Observer Summary- JoEllen Gramling**

3-15-2022

Highlights:

REPORTS OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS, OFFICERS, AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer and Chairperson Brey presented the following proclamations:

- Honoring the Valders Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams on a successful 2021 season.
- Honoring Daniel Newberg for years of service on Manitowoc County Expo-Ice Center Board.
- Proclaiming the Month of April Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month
- In Honor of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
- To Supervisor Bob Cavanaugh in recognition of his 10 years of service to the County Board.
- To Supervisor David Dyzak in recognition of his 8 years of service to the County Board.
- To Supervisor Ricky Henrickson in recognition of his 22 years of service to the County Board.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Maura Yost, Town of Centerville, advocated for a half cent county-wide sales tax.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE:

Chairperson Brey presented the following appointments from County Executive Ziegelbauer:

- Josh Stradal to the Joint Dispatch Board to fill a vacancy expiring April 2022.
- Daniel Hartwig to the Joint Dispatch Board for a two-year term expiring April 2024.
- Dave Murack, (Alternate), Eric Isselmann, and Paul Tittl to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a two-year term expiring April 2024.
- Shirley Fessler, Deanna Genske, and Birgit Kelly to the Transportation Coordinating Committee for a three-year term expiring 2025.

All appointments were approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Board of Health: Supervisor Metzger reported that the Board is still looking for a doctor to serve on the Board. Covid cases, hospitalizations and deaths continue to decline in the county.

- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Supervisor Falkowski reported that there are currently 11 active participants in the drug court and 4 in review for admission. The Court is presented as a model state-wide. Mention was made of the upcoming LWV event concerning the mental health court.
- Expo-Ice Center Board: Supervisor Sitkiewitz gave a brief report regarding plans for the county fair.
- Finance Committee: Supervisor Hansen reported that the Committee held a public hearing regarding Community Development Block Grant funds which are being used to build handicapped accessible pavilions and piers in county parks; the facilities should be completed by August. Also discussed at the public hearing was a study concerning housing needs in the county. More housing will be needed by the elderly population as well as for family housing. It is expected that these needs will be filled by private developers, therefore the County Board need not be concerned.

Supervisor Hansen also reported that \$1,271,501 left from the 2021 budget will be transferred to other areas including vehicle purchases. Also, \$850,000 of the funds will be spent to remodel the basement of the courthouse into a courtroom to accommodate a new judge who has been approved by the state. \$331,000 of the funds will be transferred back to the General Fund. Resolution 2021/2022-60 Authorizing Fund Balance Designations, Carry-Over, Transfers, and Re-Appropriation of Specified Funds from 2021 to 2022 was approved unanimously.

- Highway Committee: Supervisor Behnke reported regarding specs for driveway access onto county highways, also updated the Board on ongoing construction projects.
- Human Service Board: Supervisor Henrickson informed the Board that the Human Service Board did not meet because they did not have a quorum, and did not address the resolution designating Human Services Department the Elder Abuse Reporting Agency. Accordingly, no action was taken by the Board on the resolution at this time.
- Public Safety Committee: Supervisor Nickels reported that the dispatch center is now fully staffed. Emergency Management has built an emergency response trailer and acquired an emergency pet shelter trailer. ARPA funds are being used to acquire a new mobile command trailer to replace the one in current use which was acquired in 1994.
- Public Works Committee: Supervisor Gerroll reported that recycling has dipped some from historic highs. The Committee accepted bids from Schaus Mechanical and Baycomm for various capital projects.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

This County Board Meeting is available for viewing at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sk2wa3qt_10

**Manitowoc Common Council Meeting
Observer Summary- Christine Aguilar**

Manitowoc Common Council

3-21-2022

Highlights:

Call to order by Mayor Justin Nickels at 6:30 PM, all present.

Presentations:

- City Clerk administers Oath of Office and badge pinning of Captain of Patrol John Musial.
- City Clerk administers Oath of Office and badge pinning of Patrol Lieutenant Jason Delsman.
- City Clerk administers Oath of Office and badge pinning of Patrol Lieutenant Nathan Barnes.
- Eagles Club presented a grant for \$1,000 to Manitowoc Fire Department accepted by Joe Skinner.
- Proclamation declaring the week of April 10th - April 16th, 2022 as National Public Safety Tele-communicators Week was accepted by Scott DeGroot from the Joint Dispatch Center.

Public Hearings:

- Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing any and all interested parties regarding the amendment to the City of Manitowoc Comprehensive Plan: to revise the Map of Future Land Use for property generally located south of Viebahn and W. Viebahn Streets and being east and west of Hecker Road. This is 90 acres purchased from the County to be used for an industrial park. No input.
- Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing any and all interested parties in the matter of a proposed change in zone from R-1 Residential-Agricultural to I-1 Light Industrial for property generally located south of Viebahn and W. Viebahn Street and being east and west of Hecker Road. No input.
- Public Hearing for the purposed of hearing any and all interested parties in the matter of proposed changes to Chapter 15: amend section 15.310(3) related to mini-warehouses; amend section 15.370(2) related to site plan letter of credits and performance agreements. No input.

Public Input: No input.

Appointments: None.

Consent Agenda: No removals, agenda approved.

Committee of the Whole:

- **Approved** Report of Special Event Committee recommending approval for the following events subject to Council action: Easter Sun Rise Service on 4/17/2022 (Waiver of noise ordinance from 6 am to 7 am); Garden Faire Extraordinaire on 6/11/2022 (Closure of S 11th & S 12h Streets between Washington & Marshall Streets); Book & a Movie on 6/24, 7/29 & 8/26/2022 (Waiver of noise ordinance until 11:30 p.m.).

Finance Committee:

- **Adopted** Resolution to carry forward to 2022 budget various appropriations budgeted in 2021.
- **Approved** Scope of Engagement relative to the Proposed Issuance of \$3,518,000 City of Manitowoc Note Anticipation Note.
- **Approved** Citizen Request for Wheel Tax Reimbursement. This a unique situation involving a three-wheel auto-cycle which is not taxable because of the wording of the local ordinance. \$40 was refunded.

Personnel Committee:

- **Adopted** Resolution to approve a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Training Policy.
- **Adopted** Resolution to approve a Seasonal police Department Assistant Job Description and Fill Position.
- **Adopted** Resolution to approve Employee Policy Manual Revisions - March 2022.
- **Approved** Memorandum of Understanding with Transit Teamsters regarding Payday.

Public Infrastructure Committee:

- **Approved** Potential Land Swap of Camp Vits and Woodland Dunes. This improves access to Camp Vits.
- **Authorized** Memorandum of Understanding with Zoo Society for the purpose of making improvements.
- **Approved** Request to award Alternate #1 at a cost of \$893,647.93 with a completion date of 6/22/2022 for River Point Development, Phase 1, WS-21-15.
- **Adopted** Resolution Authorizing a Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) Grant Application.

Public Safety Committee:

- **Adopted** Ordinance to amend section 18.040 of the MMC regulating outdoor lighting.
- **Adopted** Ordinance to amend section 10.390 of the MMC regulation parking (changes for two-way street conversion).
- **Adopted** Ordinance to amend Chapter 10 of the MMC regulating traffic (changes for two-way street conversion).
- **Adopted** Ordinance to amend section 10.170, 10.210, 10.230, 10.410, 10.490, 10.730 and 10.850 of the MMC regulating traffic flow and parking within the River Point District.

Plan Commission:

- **Adopted** Ordinance to amend the City of Manitowoc Comprehensive Plan for the future land use of Hecker Rd. and Viebahn St. property.
- **Adopted** Ordinance to amend sections 15.310 and 15.370 regulating Mini-Warehouses.
- **Adopted** Ordinance to rezone property located at 435 N 8th Street from B-1 Office-Residential District to B-4 Central Business District.
- **Adopted** Ordinance to rezone property generally located south of Viebahn and W. Viebahn Streets, and east and west of Hecker Road from R-1 Residential -Agricultural District to I-1 Light Industrial District.
- **Approved** to enter into Agreement with Vandewalle & Associates for update to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS: Early voting starts March 22, 2022 and voting is on April 5, 2022.

ADJOURN: At 7:04 pm.

For further information click on <https://manitowoc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to see the Common Council Meeting Details, Agenda, Video, and the Minutes when completed.

**Manitowoc County Human Services Board Monthly Meeting
Observer Summary- Suzanne Zipperer**

3-24-2022

Highlights:

NOTE: My apologies that I missed this meeting. I have gleaned the following report from the minutes of the meeting as issued by the administrative assistant.

EDUCATION TOPIC: Family Find Initiative, Relative Placements, and Permanency – Lane Kinzel, CFS Supervisor and Sean Michels, Child Protective Services Intake Worker.

- This is a federal initiative focusing on relatives as the desired placement for children in need of out-of-home care.
- Manitowoc County currently has about 50% of children in care placed with relatives. This is above the state average.
- “Relative” is defined as anyone with a relationship through blood, marriage, or adoption to the 4th degree. Relative placement is desirable because it is less traumatic to the child. Relative connections are important. (Note from observer: The Indian Child Welfare Act regulates the placement of children who are tribal members. The placement choice is the tribal community. Currently there is a case in the US Supreme Court challenging this law stating it discriminates against non-Native American foster parents.)
- Various databases and search tools are used to locate relatives. Interviews with known relatives are also used. This can sometimes take time.
- Relatives taking placement of a child must first be screened for safety of the home and the ability to care for the child.

Elder Abuse Program

The Board voted to make the Human Services Department the Elder Abuse Reporting Agency for the county. Human Services will receive \$33,000 per year for elderly people in crisis. It is used on an emergency basis for items to keep a person in their home.

Placement of children with high level of need

The state overall has difficulties placing children with high level of behavioral needs. Last year 250 children were placed in facilities out-of-state. This is not good for maintaining family connections. A new approach for locating facilities is being tried statewide to reduce the amount of time county case managers spend trying to locate residential placement. This is called a Central Resources Connection.

The Clinical Services area was expecting an increase in a grant but did not receive it so they have an overage so far. We have just heard that they will be getting a 27% increase in that area. Mental Health Inpatient is down a little in February

Staffing updates

Progress is being made in filling open staff positions. An offer for 1 CCS Facilitator, and will have 3 openings left for CCS Facilitators. There are openings for 1 CSP Case Manager and 1 Management Support/Back-up Receptionist.

March was National Social Workers Month.

As part of social work month, the State was accepting nominations for a Caring for Kids Award. The Department nominated Nancy Randolph for her years of work with children. She is a great leader and a successful grant writer. She serves on many boards and committees and has spent many hours over 20 years helping to develop a Boys & Girls Club in Manitowoc, which just recently opened and is being very well received. She was not selected for an award but Manitowoc County's Caring for Kids champion.

Board News

- Rick Henrickson was presented with a certificate in recognition of his 16 years of service on the Human Services Board.
- Bob Cavanaugh was recognized for 10 years of dedication and Jack Nasep for 6 years.

Manitowoc County CJCC (Criminal Justice Coordinating Council) Executive Committee Meeting

Observer Summary- Nancy Slattery

2-21-2022

Highlights:

Zoom/Call In 12:20PM – 12:33 PM

Members attending: District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre, Supervisor James Falkowski and Jennifer Zick. Members excused: Judge Mark Rohrer, Attorney Ann Larson. Others in attendance: Don Sweet, Pat Koppa and Nancy Slattery.

Don Sweet reported

- hired a Case manager beginning in May after shadowing 2 court appearances.

- sent out a draft of a referral sheet, to be on the county web site and available to all departments and got one response and looking for more.
- will be meeting with Pastor Matt Sauer of Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry regarding a warming shelter at the First Presbyterian location and felt maybe it might be a place drug court alumni could be of service.

DA Jaci LaBre reported on the work group (WG) discussion 2/15 she attended with, Lynn Zigmunt, Joy Brixius, Jeremy Kronforst, Pat Koppa, Ann Larson. Possible items mentioned at that WG discussion were those pertaining to the point of arrest and setting of bail. Expectation is that a presentation will be offered to the full council at an upcoming meeting by Ann L. James Falkowski spoke of his concern that if any items are brought to the full council, the underlying reasons for that must be known to all and not unavailable due to the workgroup functioning process without public notice/meeting/minutes. Jaci did not have any further info on the state CJCC meetings upcoming or ways our membership could take an opportunity to participate.

Stacey Ledvina's last presentation on the Juvenile Justice program was May 5, 2021

March 2 is next CJCC meeting and March 21 is next EX CJCC meeting

Note from Observer: Ms. LaBre did not mention that Nancy Slattery also attended that Work group meeting on 2/15/2022

3-21-2022 CJCC Executive Committee Meeting

Highlights:

12:15 p.m. Zoom/Phone 12:17 - 12:32 p.m.

Attending Members: Judge Mark Rohrer, District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre, Supervisor James Falkowski, Attorney Ann Larson, and Jennifer Zick. **Others in:** Don Sweet, Pat Koppa and Nancy Slattery

Supervisor James Falkowski reminded all that the Jan 24 minutes needed to be approved.
Don Sweet

- gave an update regarding Drug Court as he is working to get more individuals into the court.
- Assistant case Manager beginning May 9. Lots of data entry necessary with all the info of why individuals denied participation into court though willing.

The last WI CJCC meeting was a zoom one on March 9. Attorney LaBre was on for only a portion of that meeting and had no pertinent info to share. All state CJCC Zoom meeting dates will be added to these minutes in the future.

Attorney Larson reported on the pretrial services discussion group

- will have another meeting to decide how to proceed. So far have discussed only setting goals and selecting a mission and what can do going forward and present to the full Council.
- Jennifer Zick volunteered to reach out to Winnebago County where she had worked previously to find out what they had as pre-trial services.

Judge Rohrer then asked Ms. Slattery to provide the details of the 3/24 presentation on the LWV mental health court report at City Hall.

Next meetings CJCC **June 1, 2022;** CJCC Executive Committee – **April 18, 2022.**

**Manitowoc County CJCC (Criminal Justice Coordinating Council) Meeting
Observer Summary- Nancy Slattery**

3-2-22

Highlights:

The meeting was (in person at Technology Building) 4:49 to 5:09 PM

Attending members J Falkowski, L Fure (designee), Chief Granger, Capt. Kronforst (designee), District Attorney LaBre (Vice-Chair), Attorney Larson, Cindy Oswald, Judge Rohrer (Chair), J Zick, County Executive Ziegelbauer and Clerk of Court Zigmunt. **Members Excused/Absent:** Patricia Dodge, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Phil Hoff, Chief Brian Kohlmeier. **Others:** Maj. Joy Brixius, P Koppa, Don Sweet, Nancy Slattery.

Judge Rohrer introduced Chief Granger, newest member, who then introduced himself.

Don Sweet, Treatment Court and Diversion Coordinator, reported

- Ms. Brixius and Mr. Jerry Mutchie have left the Drug court team but still available for advice.
- He will make a presentation on the WI Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program that is used to fund services here to other county's drug court teams.
- Reviewing the phases in the program with possible changes.
- Current eleven participants with 4 applicants considered for admission now.
- Explained the CCS program. Because of the supervision of Human Services, especially by Lori Fure, the reimbursement process is smooth and each individual has unique services as needed and allows people to get back into the public and get re-integrated into employment.

Pre-trial Services Committee did not give a report.

CJCC members were encouraged to sign into the state CJCC by zoom when available. March 9 is the next available meeting.

Judge Rohrer asked the LWV member present about the Mental Health (MH) Court study that CJCC members had all received a copy. N Slattery told him the date and that the presenter is the editor and that their experience with the issue of mental illness was local and pertinent to our needs here in the county.

- Judge Rohrer and Ann Larson both spoke of the need to not do any harm to and MH Court participants. If services were not available here and the 'team' was not fully trained and many necessary programs and professionals were lacking, it would not be a success here.

- Ann Larson indicated that families with their children were currently the highest need of the county and maybe, a family court was needed.
- Pat Koppa asked a question also re the assessment of the individuals to be assigned to a MH court. Training must be good for that assessor, also, to not make it worse by choosing the wrong court for the individuals.

Because of a calendar conflict with a conference that the drug court team is attending, **the next CJCC meeting will be on 6/1 at 4:45 PM. The EX CJCC will next meet by zoom on March 21 @12:15 PM**

Note after the fact from observer - I was unable to get into the zoom meeting of the WI CJCC that was mentioned above. I emailed Judge Rohrer and Ann Larson while trying and hoped they had better luck. Ms. Larson responded later that she was in court and unable to even try. Did not hear back from Judge Rohrer whether he was able to attend.