

JRAC meeting minutes

Location: Wells Circuit Court Jury Room, Wells County Courthouse

Date: May 21, 2025

Time: 11:30 AM

Attendees: Greg Werich, Probation, Chair,
Judge Andrew Antrim, Wells Superior Court, Vice Chair
Judge Kenton Kiracofe, Wells Circuit Court, Secretary
Jinny Broderick, Park Center
Scott Holliday, Wells County Sheriff
Blake Poindexter, Director of Wells County Community Corrections
Curt Jack, Ossian Police Department
Colin Andrews, Prosecuting Attorney
Kyle Randall, Bluffton Police Department

Agenda items

1. Minutes were presented

Jinny Broderick noted an error in the spelling of her name. Judge Antrim made a motion to accept as amended. Seconded by Scott Holliday. Minutes were passed unanimously.

2. Quarterly Electronic Monitoring Report

Director Poindexter has completed the quarterly report of electronic monitoring which was submitted through INCite. A copy of the report was distributed prior to the meeting to the committee. Scott Holliday made a motion to accept as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jinny Broderick. Report was passed unanimously.

3. Annual Report

Greg Werich advised the annual report was submitted. No questions were presented. Judge Kiracofe made motion to approve, seconded by Colin Andrews. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Juvenile Services

Judge Kiracofe discussed the efforts to address truancy in the local school districts. The efforts have progressed past the individual students and now were focused on families. The prosecutor's office has initiated prosecutions of several families for neglect. Judge Antrim mentioned that he is aware of 14 these cases that had been filed in his court.

5. Mental Health

In the previous meeting, Jenny Broaderick advised that her agency had been providing services to inmates at the Wells County Jail. Since that time, Broaderick advised they had scaled back the number of available appointments because the service had not be utilized by the inmates.

6. Old Business

Justice Counts previously presented to the members of the committee regarding their program. Werich advised that due to Federal funding cuts, the project had been postponed until further notice. He noted that all Wells County agencies were willing to participate.

7. New Business

Werich discussed whether a website should be considered for the local JRAC.

Discussion was had regarding the lack of local public defenders. Currently, no lawyer in Wells County practices criminal law.

Werich discussed the possible availability of Opioid Settlement Funds. Blake Poindexter advised that Wells County had currently received the fourth year of funding from a ten year payment schedule. Werich would be providing additional information on this issue in the future.

Judge Kiracofe discussed a recent presentation he had from representatives from Grace & Mercy and Hannah's House. Both facilities are for women and their children in need of transitional housing and rehabilitation.

No other new business was discussed, and the meeting was concluded.

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