

JRAC meeting minutes

Location: Wells Circuit Court Jury Room, Wells County Courthouse

Date: February 17, 2026

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
Karen Thompson, Wells County Jail
Madison Hake, Director of Wells County Community Corrections
Kurt Jack, Ossian Police Department

Not Present: Vicki Andrews, Wells County Council
Kyle Randal, Bluffton Police Department (Excused)
Michael Vanover, Wells County Commissioner
Colin Andrews, Wells County Prosecutor

Agenda items

1. Minutes were presented

Minutes of August 20, 2025 were presented. Judge Kiracofe made a motion to accept. Seconded by Judge Antrim. Minutes were passed unanimously.

2. Quarterly Electronic Monitoring Report

Madison Hake advised the JRAC quarterly report was submitted. No questions were presented.

3. Justice Counts

Greg Werich presented Eric Grommon, Ph.D., Associate Professor at School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University - Indianapolis. Professor Grommon is a teaching Criminal Justice Capstone class for Master's level students. The class will analysis data collected from Wells County in a manner similar to the Justice Counts initiative that the committee previously agreed to submitted. As previously discussed, Justice Counts has been discontinued indefinitely. It is the hope of Professor Grommon that some of the data collected will be analyzed and able to be presented after April, 2026. There was as consensus among the members to support the initiative.

4. Juvenile Services

Judge Kiracofe discussed the continuing efforts to address truancy in the local school districts. He advised schools have observed a decline in truancy as the result of the efforts of the initiative between the schools, probation department, court and prosecutor's office. Judge Kiracofe also discussed that he and probation are continuing to evaluate the Juvenile System Mapping results and are considering the next steps.

5. Community Supervision Committee

Judge Kiracofe, chair of the committee, had nothing to report.

6. Mental Health

Sheriff Holiday discussed efforts to improve access for inmates to probation officer, Valorie Runyon. Runyon has been facilitating treatment programs for inmates. Overall the number of inmates currently at the Wells County Jail is lower than normal thus there fewer inmates to participate in the programs. This makes ongoing programing difficult. Sheriff Holiday's goal is to make Runyon the "gatekeeper" to services for inmates. Judge Antrim advised he is releasing inmates to Hannah's House, Avenues, and other treatment programs.

7. Sequential Intercept Map Project

Previously a county wide sequential intercept mapping project was tabled. Greg Werich would like to keep the matter tabled at this time until the Juvenile Sequential Intercept project is completed or further along.

8. Old Business

None presented.

9. New Business

Board Elections: Sheriff Holiday moved to nominate the following: Greg Werich as Chairman, Judge Antrim as Vice-Chairman, and Judge Kiracofe as Secretary. No further nominations were made and Judge Kiracofe moved to close nominations, which was unanimously approved.

Judge Antrim discussed there is not a public defender representative on the committee and after discussion moved to nominate local attorney Andrew Carnall to the board. Sheriff Holiday seconded the motion and the same was unanimously approved.

No other new business was discussed. Judge Antrim motioned to conclude the meeting, which was seconded by Sheriff Holiday and unanimously passed. The meeting was concluded at 11:56 AM. Next meeting is May 19, 2026 at 11:30 AM in the Wells Circuit Court Jury Room.

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