

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Mr. Thomas Ausman, Chair

The Judiciary Committee meeting was held in the Board Room at the Law Enforcement Center on April 6, 2023 at 4:00 PM. Members present were Thomas Ausman and Joan Padilla. Others present were Martin Koster, Jason McDearmon, James Fagerman, Sue Costello, Joel Horn and Amy Robbins.

1. Mr. Ausman called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM. There was no public comment.
2. The February & March 2023 claims and the budget status report were reviewed. A motion was made by Padilla to approve the claims. Koster seconded the motion. All voted ayes. Motion carried.
3. Court Services
 - a. Jason McDearmon reviewed the monthly report (See #47). Mr. McDearmon stated Drug Court started in 2013 and it is a three year process. Each person must qualify for the program and there are five phases to the process which ends by a meeting with the judge to discuss results/phases.
4. Public Defender
 - a. James Fagerman advised his secretary is sick and there would not be a report this month except he did report there are 58 new clients and 35 have closed out. Mr. Fagerman also informed the Committee his plans to move cases forward as the new Public Defender.
5. Circuit Clerk
 - a. Sue Costello presented her monthly report (See #48-49). In March 45.7% was received from some kind of “e” file for the month. There were no jury trials. Collections were \$17,275.46 for March.
 - b. Mrs. Costello reviewed various budgetary statistics for the Committee.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Padilla, second by Koster, to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 pm.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – May 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM in County Board Room

MOTION: To place on file the Judiciary Committee’s meeting report, February and March claim reports and related informational items, as presented.