

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Mr. Thomas Ausman, Chair

The Judiciary Committee meeting was held in the Board Room at the Law Enforcement Center on June 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Members present were Thomas Ausman, Barry Cox, Joan Padilla and Chad Weaver. Others present were Jason McDearmon, James Fagerman, Sue Costello, Joel Horn, and Amy Robbins.

1. Mr. Ausman called the meeting to order. There was no public comment.
2. The May 2023 claims and the budget status report were reviewed. A motion was made by Padilla, seconded by Weaver to approve the claims as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.
3. Court Services
 - a. Jason McDearmon reviewed the monthly report (See #39).
 - b. Mr. McDearmon stated the new secretary started May 22. Today, drug court graduated two and then added two new participants to the program. The AIOC Annual plan will be due in August so Mr. McDearmon is working on its completion. A group of Court Service employees reviewed the policy & procedure manual and they will be making the necessary changes.
4. Public Defender
 - a. James Fagerman presented the monthly report. The number of cases decreased slightly for May and there were 48 plea agreements.

Category	March	April	May
Number of defendants on first of month	759	772	779
Number of new appointments	64	59	56*
Number of defendants taken by private counsel	6	1	2
Number of defendant resolved	45	51	56
Number of defendants at end of month	772	779	777
Plea agreements	35	42	48
Felony		19	23
Misdemeanors		23	26
Jury trials	0	0	1
Bench trials	0	1 not guilty	0
Felony	0	0	0
Misdemeanors	0	1	0

Sentence hearings	0	0	2
Felony	0	0	0
Misdemeanors	0	0	2
Dismissed cases	6	8	6
Juvenile appearance in court	116	115	126

May - Current Cases: Felony: 543, Felony Violations: 86, Misd/Traffic: 377,
Misd/Traffic Violations: 34 = 1040 cases

*9 current clients picked up new cases.

- b. Request to forward salary request to Wage & Salary Committee - Mr. Fagerman explained to the Committee again why he is requesting a higher salary for one of the new Assistant Public Defenders. After discussion, a motion was made by Padilla, seconded by Weaver, to forward to the Wage & Salary Committee the request moving the newly hired public defender assistant up two steps. Mr. Cox voted nay with all others voting aye. Motion carried.

5. Circuit Clerk

- a. Sue Costello presented her monthly report (See #40-41). Mrs. Costello stated there was one jury trial and the total collections for May was \$17,126.30. Mrs. Costello also updated the Committee on the child support collection statistics.

6. Mr. Horn questioned if anyone needs further training concerning the iPads/OnBoard.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Padilla, to adjourn at 6:40 pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

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