

Decatur County Community Corrections JRAC

Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/9/2025

Time: 12:00

Place: Court Services Conference Room

Members Present: Judge Tim Day, Nathan Harter IV, Matt Hoeing, Abigail (Abby) Harry, Jennifer Sturges, Sheriff Bill Meyerrose, Jeramiah McAdams, Assistant Chief Derek Fasnacht (Representing Chief Mike McNealy)

Members not present: Brian Wenning, Bill Metz, Judge Matthew Bailey

Meeting was called to order by Judge Timothy Day at 12:05 pm.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jennifer Sturges, seconded by Nathan Harter IV. There were no questions or discussions. Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Day reminded everyone in attendance that commissioners had voted to give the discretion of the distribution of the opioid funds to the JRAC board. There has been \$60,000 earmarked for Hickory Recovery to continue their treatment program through 2025 with a MOU provided. \$135,000 of the funds had been earmarked for the Wellness Court Program.

There was no old business to discuss.

The first item of new business was in regard to technical assistance offered to counties through the state to help with what is expected of the JRAC Board. A zoom meeting was set up with the state and included Judge Day and Abigail Harry. Judge Day stated that he was a bit disappointed about the lack of clarity and specific answers that he had hoped for. Abby stated that she agreed with Judge Day, but also got the impression that once the SIM Mapping was needed before a clear path forward for the board could be determined.

There was a brief discussion about the Juvenile Grant and the intended use of those funds. Half of Gracie Maxwell's salary would be paid by the grant and remaining funds would be used to create programs, provide training for Gracie to be able to facilitate those programs, and any other supplies needed. Gracie's official start date is January 13, 2025. This grant is valid until October of 2026 at which time a re-evaluation will be done to either re-apply if that is an option or to have found alternative options in the interim.

The "live" application for the opioid funds is completed and ready to be presented to the public. Abby thanked those that gave suggestions for application questions. There was a brief discussion about where to post the application. This discussion led to the county website being the most logical, but having the link able to be posted through The Community Foundation page as well.

Abby stated that perhaps a press release through local news and radio outlets, to let those interested know where to find the application, would be beneficial.

Abby attached a copy of the most recent Senate Bill 9 report that provided participant numbers and finance information as well as all other information regarding completions, closures due to violations, and all other relevant information.

Matt and Abby informed the board that a new monitoring company had been procured for the Community Corrections department. Geostasis is an emerging company with a growing clientele due to their uncuttable monitoring equipment. This new monitor has the potential to be an asset to other departments with the electronic set up and it's use of all available satellites. The use of all available satellites will decrease the gaps in coverage previous monitoring companies have had. Matt and Abby stated that they will be able to provide a demonstration of the new equipment at the next meeting and are excited to be able to start using it and work with other entities that may find a beneficial use for this equipment as well.

Jennifer gave a brief update that the Broadway Speranza House had received their level three certification and DMHA approval. This now allows participants to utilize Recovery Works. She also stated that Liz Owens (LCSW) had been hired to assist with programming.

Nathan Harter IV presented an idea/question for Doug Brown regarding utilization of part of the opioid funds for wellness court participants as a type of short-term rental assistance. Suggesting that those chosen would be done so through the wellness court administrators.

Abby addressed Sherriff Meyerrose and Assistant Chief Fasnacht about an updated training with GPD, Court Services, and the Sheriff's department to update about any pertinent information regarding conditions and juveniles. Abby stated she will send out a follow up email to confirm date and training availability.

The 2025 JRAC meeting schedule is as follows: 1/9/2025, 4/10/2025, 7/10/2025, and 10/9/2025

With no other business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Matt Hoeing and seconded by Abby Harry. Motion was unanimously carried and meeting was adjourned at 12:32 pm.

Reviewed by:


Matt Hoeing
Secretary/Treasurer