

Decatur County JRAC

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 6, 2024

Time: 12:00

Place: Court Services Conference Room

Members Present: Judge Matthew Bailey, Nathan Harter IV, Abigail Harry, Jennifer Sturges, Sheriff Bill Meyerrose, Gracie Maxwell, Jeremiah McAdams, Chief Mike McNealy, Bill Metz,

Members Not Present: Judge Tim Day, Brian Wenning, Matthew Hoeing,

Meeting was called to order by Abigail Harry at 12:29 pm.

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

Gracie Maxwell gave a brief update on the juvenile grant. The "Why Try" program completed the school year with 26 students between the ages of 12 and 17. She advised that there were 18 referrals for this program that came through the schools, 6 were on an informal adjustment, and 2 were post adjudications. Due to the success and continued presence in the schools they are working to get a classroom style program. They are scheduled to present to the Rotary in June. The summer "Lifecraft" program currently has 10 participants and is working to show them some of the available opportunities to them after school.

There was no old business to discuss. However, Abby did let everyone know that the Senate Bill 9 report would be emailed to them when available.

The first order of business was the approval of applications to send before the commissioners for the opioid grand funds. There is an update on the monies originally approved for Hickory and the potential reallocation of those funds to Indiana Treatment Centers. Abby stated that they had made several requests to Hickory in order to be able to move forward and there has been zero response from them and none of the requested information has been provided. Moving forward with that information Indiana Treatment Centers has applied for grand funds that would allow for them take over the space currently occupied by Hickory. They have already provided the appropriate paperwork. This would have to be finalized if approval of funds is granted. They have also provided for additional services than what Hickory is currently providing.

Jennifer Sturges made a motion to approve the full grant request from ITC, seconded by Judge Matthew Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

The second request for grand funds was for \$26,940 from the Decatur County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Bill Meyerrose presented literature regarding an application that would allow for a phone application that would see greater transparency and information provided to the general public. This

would include but not limited to traffic information, sex offender registry information, and CIT information. The money requested would cover 3 years and then would be funded through the commissary fund.

Chief Mike McNealy motioned to approve the full grant request from the Decatur County Sheriff's Department and was seconded by Bill Metz. The motion carried unanimously with the exception of Sheriff Bill Meyerrose abstaining from the vote.

The Allforone Ministries request for \$40,000 that was tabled at the previous meeting was revisited. The board members had some additional questions regarding program specifics and what/if there was a difference between what they were doing and what the Why Try program or even the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program was working towards.

Nathan Harter IV made a motion to allow the current grant process to include call-back for additional information, and was seconded by Judge Matthew Bailey. The motion was carried unanimously.

Nathan Harter IV made an additional motion for Allforone Ministries to be invited to present information to the board with a time limit of not more than 10 minutes. This motion was seconded by Chief Mike McNealy and carried unanimously.

With questions ranging from program specifics to sustainability, Abby suggested that she would work on a list of relevant questions to be sent to board members for approval/additions and then forwarded to Allforone Ministries.

Jennifer Sturges briefly discussed grant money available to match the opioid grant funds of up to \$150,000 for those that accept Recovery Works Funds. She believes the deadline is June 30, and apologized for not having much additional information, but had just been made aware of this opportunity until yesterday.

Having not additional business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Nathan Harter IV and seconded by Jennifer Sturges. Motion carried unanimously.

Reviewed by:



Matt Hoeing
Secretary/Treasurer