



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Case Processing Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Team Members Present:

Michael Neimon (Co-Chair) Sue Opper (Co-Chair) David Herring
Monica Paz Neil Dussault

Team Members Absent:

Jessica Klein Hon. Paul Bugenhagen

Others Present:

Rebecca Luczaj Janelle McClain Steven Hughes
Julie Valadez

Co-Chair Opper called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

Approve Minutes from January 27, 2022 Meeting

Motion: Paz moved, Neimon second, to approve the Case Processing Committee minutes of January 27, 2022.
Motion carried without a negative vote.

Discuss and Consider Committee Membership Change

Motion: Paz moved, Dussault second, to replace Paul Crawford with Steven Hughes, Assistant State Public Defender. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Herring arrived at 7:39 a.m.

Discuss Pretrial Conferencing Outcomes and Schedule for August through December 2022

Paz distributed and reviewed documents titled, "Pretrial Program Summary," as well as the 2022 Pretrial Conferencing schedule and assignments.

Herring stated that he is seeing defendants who want to enter pleas at their initial appearances. Paz stated that in those cases, the defendant could be added to the next pretrial conferencing date, regardless of whether the date is full or not.

Update on Criminal Case Backlog

Paz shared the following statistics:

Case Type	March 2020	January 2021	March 2022
CF – Felony	1,294	2,017	1,736
CM – Misdemeanor	1,415	2,109	1,455
CT – Crim. Traffic	686	1,042	464
Total Criminal	3,395	5,168	3,655

Of the 1,513 decrease in criminal cases between January 2021 and March 2022, 815 cases (53.8%) were resolved through pretrial conferencing.

Discuss Changing Committee Meeting Schedule to Every Other Month

Motion: Paz moved, Neimon second, to change the CJCC Case Processing Committee meeting schedule to every other month. The next meeting will be held in June. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Announcements

Neimon stated that during construction, alternative space is being looked at for pretrial conferencing. Opper stated that these hearings may need to be held in the new courtroom tower during remodeling of the existing courthouse.

Hughes will follow-up with the State Public Defender's (SPD) Office to determine if their eligibility evaluations, which have been held virtually since the pandemic, can return to in-person for the Tuesday/Thursday initial appearances.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Construction updates will be added as a standing agenda item

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Hughes moved, Herring second, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.