Agenda

Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Tuesday, August 26, 2025 – 3:00 PM
County Courthouse, Room 3312
721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703
& Virtual via Cisco WebEx

Join via WebEx Online:
Meeting Link
Meeting Number: 2531 014 9151
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1. Call to Order
2. Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice
3. Call of the Roll
4. Public Comment
5. Approve Minutes from July 22, 2025 Meeting – discussion/action pg. 2
6. Jail Booking Area Remodel Project Update – discussion
7. Digital Radio Frequency Upgrade Project Update – discussion
8. 2nd Quarter / Mid-Year Reports – discussion
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    f. Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court pg. 21
    g. Criminal Justice Services pg. 22
    h. District Attorney pg. 26
    i. Sheriff's Office pg. 28
9. Set Future Meeting Date(s) – discussion/action
    a. September 23, 2025 at 3:00 PM.
10. Set Future Agenda Item(s) – action
    a. 2026 Budget Review
    b. Sheriff's Office
        i. Jail death investigation/review
        ii. Security Services Investigator position
    c. County Code review
11. Announcements – discussion
12. Adjourn

Posted: 08/22/2025

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Minutes
Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Tuesday, July 22, 2025 – 3:00 PM
County Courthouse, Room 3312
721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703
& Virtual via Cisco Webex

Members Present: John Folstad, Brett Geboy, and Gerald Wilkie.

Others Present In Person: Supervisor Connie Russell, Sheriff Dave Riewestahl, Facilities Director Matt Theisen, Judge Emily Long, Judicial Assistant Manager Angela Marinello, Clerk of Circuit Court Cherie Norberg, Chief Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court Christie Knutson, Assistant Corporation Counsel Chauncey Ellefsen, and Eric Huse.

Others Present via Cisco Webex: Risk Manager Sonja Leenhouts.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilkie at 3:00 PM.

Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice
The Clerk confirmed the meeting was properly noticed to the public.

Call of the Roll
The Clerk called the roll. Attendance is noted above.

Public Comment
No public comment was made.

Approve Minutes from June 24, 2025 Meeting
Supervisor Folstad moved to amend the minutes to include discussion regarding budget deviations and oversight responsibility. The minutes were amended via 3-0 voice vote.
Supervisor Folstad moved to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2025 meeting, as amended. The minutes were approved as amended via 3-0 voice vote.

Sheriff's Office Updates

- Staffing
    - Sheriff Riewestahl informed the Committee that there are three correctional officers in training, three additional correctional officers will begin employment soon, and an additional correctional officer candidate is in the background stage of hiring. There are also patrol deputies completing the law enforcement academy who will hopefully being filling shifts in early 2026. A new administrative staff member begins employment on Monday.
- Booking remodel progress
    - Sheriff Riewestahl and Facilities Director Theisen informed the Committee that the project is on track for an early January re-opening of booking area. They also relayed that the project is currently within budget. As a result of the remodel project, approximately 15 inmates are currently being housed out of county.

File no. 25-26/038 – Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of $37,500 of Opioid Settlement Funds for Court Navigation Services in 2025
Sheriff Riewestahl introduced the resolution. The Committee engaged in discussion. There were questions about the requisite qualifications of person or organization filling role, if there are measurable outcomes to track, and if requests for proposals are being solicited, who will review the submissions.
Supervisor Folstad moved to approve and forward to the full board for consideration. Motion

Future Meeting Dates
The next regular meeting was scheduled for August 26, 2025 at 3:00 PM.

Future Agenda Items
- Sheriff's Office
    - Security Services Investigator position
- County Code Review
- 2nd Quarter/mid-year department reports
- Budget deviation policy
- Government Center security-single point of entry

Announcements
No announcements were made.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned by Chair Wilkie at 3:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Huse
Committee Clerk

	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	Total
Eau Claire County: (Opened)				
Family Cases	20	12	19	51
Small Claims	28	27	26	81
Other/Voluntary	0	0	0	0
Eau Claire County Total:	**48**	**39**	**45**	**132**
Other Counties: (Open)				
Buffalo County	2	1	1	4
Chippewa County	21	12	7	40
Dunn County	4	3	4	11
Pepin County	1	0	0	1
Rusk County	0	2	1	3
Price County	1	0	1	2
Other Counties Total:	**29**	**18**	**14**	**61**
ALL COUNTIES TOTAL: (Opened)	**77**	**57**	**59**	**193**

	Agreement	Agreement Reached: One or Both Didn't Sign	Temporary Agreements w/Remediation Scheduled	No Agreement	Not Mediated/ No Show	Other	Total
Eau Claire County: (Closed)							
Family Cases	8	5	3	6	13	4	39
Small Claims	46			35			81
Other/Voluntary							0
Eau Claire County Total:	**54**	**5**	**3**	**41**	**13**	**4**	**120**
Other Counties: (Closed)							
Buffalo County							0
Chippewa County	10	5	1	10	6	2	34
Dunn County	5	4	1	4	2	1	17
Pepin County	1			2			3
Rusk County	4	2		1			7
Price County				1			1
Other Counties Total:	**20**	**11**	**2**	**18**	**8**	**3**	**62**
ALL COUNTIES TOTAL: (Closed)	**74**	**16**	**5**	**59**	**21**	**7**	**182**

	Classes Offered	Attendees	2024 Comparison
2025 Parenting Class			
April	2	22	27
May	3	36	23
June	1	13	36
2nd Quarter Total:	**6**	**71**	**86**

TRY MEDIATION, INC.
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
June 2025

	Total		
	Actual	Budget	Over Budget
Revenue			
In-kind Rent/County	250.00	250.00	0.00
Revenue			
County - Revenue			
County - Buffalo	306.92	306.92	0.00
County - Chippewa	2,259.25	2,259.25	0.00
County - Dunn	1,528.00	1,528.00	0.00
County - Eau Claire	11,993.75	11,932.50	61.25
County - Pepin	0.00	0.00	0.00
County - Rusk	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total County - Revenue	**$16,087.92**	**$16,026.67**	**$61.25**
Interest Income	34.07	25.00	9.07
Mediation Fees			
Mediation Fees - Buffalo	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mediation Fees - Chippewa	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Mediation Fees - Dunn	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Mediation Fees - Eau Claire	150.00	458.00	-308.00
Mediation Fees - Pepin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mediation Fees - Rusk	0.00	125.00	-125.00
Mediation Fees - Other Counties	200.00	0.00	200.00
Total Mediation Fees	**$350.00**	**$1,083.00**	**($733.00)**
Parent Education	1,090.00	1,583.00	-493.00
Total Revenue	**$17,561.99**	**$18,717.67**	**($1,155.68)**
Total Revenue	**$17,811.99**	**$18,967.67**	**($1,155.68)**
Gross Profit	**$17,811.99**	**$18,967.67**	**($1,155.68)**
Expenditures			
Advertising/Public Information	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Service Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Client Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Credit Card Fees	275.40	225.00	50.40
Equipment and Furniture Expense	141.69	150.00	-8.31
In-Kind Rent Expense-E.C.	250.00	250.00	0.00
Insurance - Liability	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance - Worker's Comp.	133.00	0.00	133.00
Mediator Training	821.88	1,853.75	-1,031.87
Membership Dues & Fees	2,690.40	200.00	2,490.40
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Expense	108.00	92.00	16.00
Employee Benefits			
SEP retirement	488.70	1,213.30	-724.60

	Total		
	Actual	Budget	Over Budget
Total Employee Benefits	**$488.70**	**$1,213.30**	**($724.60)**
Payroll Taxes			
FICA - Employer's Share	774.01	835.83	-61.82
Medicare Tax - Employer's Share	181.01	195.48	-14.47
State Unemployment	11.01	10.00	1.01
Total Payroll Taxes	**$966.03**	**$1,041.31**	**($75.28)**
Salaries & Wages			
Assistant's Compensation	3,309.92	3,309.92	0.00
Director's Compensation	4,427.14	4,000.00	427.14
Salaries - Buffalo	0.00	0.00	0.00
Salaries - Chippewa	1,240.00	1,461.54	-221.54
Salaries - Dunn	360.00	538.46	-178.46
Salaries - Eau Claire	2,966.70	4,125.00	-1,158.30
Salaries - Pepin	100.00	0.00	100.00
Salaries - Rusk	80.00	0.00	80.00
Salaries - Small Claims	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Salaries & Wages	**$12,483.76**	**$13,434.92**	**($951.16)**
Total Payroll Expense	**$14,046.49**	**$15,781.53**	**($1,735.04)**
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printed Material	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recognition	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone	301.35	131.67	169.68
Total Expenditures	**$18,660.21**	**$18,591.95**	**$68.26**
Net Operating Revenue	**($848.22)**	**$375.72**	**($1,223.94)**
Net Revenue	**($848.22)**	**$375.72**	**($1,223.94)**

TRY MEDIATION, INC.
Profit & Loss
June 2025/2nd Quarter

	Total	
	June 2025	Jan. - June 2025
Revenue		
In-kind Rent/County	250.00	1,500.00
Revenue		
County - Revenue		
County - Buffalo	306.92	1,841.52
County - Chippewa	2,259.25	13,555.50
County - Dunn	1,528.00	9,168.00
County - Eau Claire	11,993.75	71,962.50
County - Pepin	0.00	1,234.50
County - Rusk	0.00	3,006.00
Total County - Revenue	**$16,087.92**	**$100,768.02**
Interest Income	34.07	200.47
Mediation Fees		
Mediation Fees - Buffalo	0.00	75.00
Mediation Fees - Chippewa	0.00	1,285.00
Mediation Fees - Dunn	0.00	450.00
Mediation Fees - Eau Claire	150.00	2,350.00
Mediation Fees - Pepin	0.00	0.00
Mediation Fees - Rusk	0.00	75.00
Mediation Fees - Other Counties	200.00	200.00
Total Mediation Fees	**$350.00**	**$4,435.00**
Parent Education	1,090.00	8,880.00
Total Revenue	**$17,561.99**	**$114,283.49**
Total Revenue	**$17,811.99**	**$115,783.49**
Gross Profit	**$17,811.99**	**$115,783.49**
Expenditures		
Advertising/Public Information	0.00	0.00
Bank Service Fee	0.00	0.00
Client Refunds	0.00	0.00
Credit Card Fees	275.40	1,426.06
Equipment and Furniture Expense	141.69	859.30
In-Kind Rent Expense-E.C.	250.00	1,500.00
Insurance - Liability	0.00	439.00
Insurance - Worker's Comp.	133.00	541.00
Mediator Training	821.88	1,671.88
Membership Dues & Fees	2,690.40	5,125.38
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	55.45
Payroll Expense	108.00	594.00
Employee Benefits		
SEP retirement	488.70	5,320.21

	Total	
	June 2025	Jan. - June 2025
Total Employee Benefits	**$488.70**	**$5,320.21**
Payroll Taxes		
FICA - Employer's Share	774.01	5,359.87
Medicare Tax - Employer's Share	181.01	1,253.52
State Unemployment	11.01	94.72
Total Payroll Taxes	**$966.03**	**$6,708.11**
Salaries & Wages		
Assistant's Compensation	3,309.92	21,514.48
Director's Compensation	4,427.14	29,838.67
Salaries - Buffalo	0.00	480.00
Salaries - Chippewa	1,240.00	9,360.00
Salaries - Dunn	360.00	3,440.00
Salaries - Eau Claire	2,966.70	20,125.98
Salaries - Pepin	100.00	340.00
Salaries - Rusk	80.00	600.00
Salaries - Small Claims	0.00	750.00
Total Salaries & Wages	**$12,483.76**	**$86,449.13**
Total Payroll Expense	**$14,046.49**	**$99,071.45**
Postage	0.00	219.00
Printed Material	0.00	0.00
Professional Fees	0.00	640.00
Recognition	0.00	0.00
Supplies	0.00	801.44
Telephone	301.35	1,088.12
Total Expenditures	**$18,660.21**	**$113,438.08**
Net Operating Revenue	**($848.22)**	**$2,345.41**
Net Revenue	**($848.22)**	**$2,345.41**

TRY MEDIATION, INC.
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2025

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Cash - Savings	64,888.61
Cash in Bank - Checking	50,777.14
Petty Cash	105.00
Total Bank Accounts	**$ 115,770.75**
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	8,188.34
Total Accounts Receivable	**$ 8,188.34**
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	-15.00
Total Other Current Assets	**-$ 15.00**
Total Current Assets	**$ 123,944.09**
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	-13,755.26
Furniture	688.49
Office Equipment	13,066.77
Total Fixed Assets	**$ 0.00**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 123,944.09**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Account Payables	286.95
Payroll Liabilities	
Employer Contribution to 403(b)	2,340.45
Federal Taxes (941/944)	2,586.98
WI Income Tax	466.86
WI SUI Employer	45.78
Total Payroll Liabilities	**$ 5,440.07**
Total Other Current Liabilities	**$ 5,440.07**
Total Current Liabilities	**$ 5,727.02**
Total Liabilities	**$ 5,727.02**
Equity	
Retained Earnings	115,871.66
Net Revenue	2,345.41
Total Equity	**$ 118,217.07**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**$ 123,944.09**

Dunn/Eau Claire County
Medical Examiner
615 Stokke Parkway, Suite G300
Menomonie, WI 54751
(715) 556-2197

Marcie Rosas, Medical Examiner

2025 – 2nd Quarter Review

2025 Second Quarter Review – Dunn & Eau Claire County

Dunn County

- **Total Deaths Reported:** 64 (April: 28, May: 18, June: 18)
- **Manner of Deaths:**
  - Suicide: 1
  - Motor Vehicle Accident: 1
  - Drug Overdose: 2
- **Certified Death Certificates:** 23
- **Cremation Permits Signed:** 52
- **Budget Status:** Approximately **57% of annual budget remaining** as of end of Q2

Eau Claire County

- **Total Deaths Reported:** 298 (April: 103, May: 82, June: 113)
- **Manner of Deaths:**
  - Suicides: 5
  - Overdose: 1 (plus 2 pending)
  - Motor Vehicle Death: 1
  - Drowning: 1
- **Investigations:**
  - 24 with Eau Claire Police Department (ECPD)
  - 16 with Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office (ECCSO)

- **Postmortem Exams:**
    - 6 Autopsies (Ramsey County)
    - 16 Toxicology Analyses
- **Certified Death Certificates:** 60
- **Cremation Permits Signed:** 264
- **Budget Status:** Approximately **60% of annual budget remaining** as of end of Q2

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY ME RECAP 2025

								ACCIDENTAL													
	MALE	FEMALE	TOT DEATHS	NATURAL	SUICIDE	HOMICIDE	UNDETERMINED	FALL	MVA	OD	DROWNING	INFANT	OTHER	REFERRAL	INVESTIGATION	CREMATION	BURIAL	Autopsy	UNCLAIMED BODY	ECPD	ECSO
JAN	54	55	109	95	2	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	6	22	86	17	3	1	10	4
FEB	63	49	112	104	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	25	99	12	2	0	10	10
MAR	55	59	114	107	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	19	92	21	5	0	5	9
APR	58	45	103	94	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	20	92	11	3	1	9	6
MAY	40	42	82	73	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	70	11	1	0	7	5
JUN	60	53	113	106	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	19	102	11	2	1	8	5
JUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
AUG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
SEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
OCT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
NOV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
DEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	**330**	**303**	**633**	**579**	**11**	**1**	**0**	**18**	**5**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**9**	**123**	**541**	**83**	**16**	**3**	**49**	**39**

Medical Examiner Eau Claire County: Financials Jan - Jun 2025

Acct Type	Total 2024 Actuals	Total 2025 Budget	YTD 2025 Actual	Total 2025 Projected
Revenue: Interdepartmental	501,419	601,503	212,010	543,155
Total Revenue	**501,419**	**601,503**	**212,010**	**543,155**
Expense: S&F	360,611	451,042	180,850	387,355
Expense: Operating	113,881	138,221	51,685	143,560
Total Expenses	**474,492**	**589,263**	**232,535**	**530,915**
Net	**26,927**	**12,240**	**(20,525)**	**12,240**

EAU CLAIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
COST ESTIMATE FOR 2025

	2025 BUDGET (ADOPTED)	2025 PROJECTION
SALARIES & FRINGES	2,678,784.00	2,590,547.59
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	466,060.00	467,954.74
OTHER RENTAL - TIME ACCESS FEES	7,440.00	7,440.00
BUILDING RENT * *	25,000.00	24,844.20
UTILITIES	37,500.00	20,744.27
FIXED CHARGES	5,200.00	5,200.00
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	15,100.00	15,083.14
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	3,235,084.00	3,131,813.94
Less:		
OUTSIDE AGENCY SHARE OF SPILLMAN	21,029.00	$ 21,029.00
COMM CENTER GRANT		
COUNTRY JAM REIMB		$ 1,846.76
MARATHON REIMB		$ 270.87
PREPARED LIVE SOFTWARE**	$ 120,000.00	$ 90,420.00
NET OPERATING COSTS	3,094,055.00	3,018,247.31
COUNTY SHARE (70%)	2,165,838.50	2,112,773.12
AMORTIZED CAPITAL COSTS - SCHEDULE "A"	0	0
COMM CENTER MDC	0	0
Subtotal	2,165,838.50	2,112,773.12
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - SCHEDULE "B"	**33,075**	**29,848**
PREPARED LIVE SOFTWARE**	**84,000**	**63,294**
TOTAL ANNUAL COUNTY AMOUNT DUE	2,282,913.50	2,205,915.61

*Monthly payment will only be for operating. City will bill County at the end of the 2025 for actual expenses spent in the CIP budget. This has been agreed upon by both parties.
**Prepared Live Software will be billed with the CIP expenses.

Schedule B

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
2 chairs		$ 3,500.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,500.00
PODs1-6			$ 35,000.00		
Backup Center			$ 10,500.00		
POD printer replacements			$ 10,500.00		
Comm Center Mgr laptop			$ 3,500.00		
Supervisor laptops			$ 8,500.00		$ 2,900.00
Training Computer			$ 3,500.00		
Furniture/Desk Replacement					$ 200,000.00
Backup Center Workstations	$ 126,407.00				
Training Laptops (2)					$ 4,500.00
	$ 126,407.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 75,000.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 210,900.00
City Contribution	$ 3,792.21	$ 1,050.00	$ 22,500.00	$ 1,050.00	$ 63,270.00
County Contribution	$ 8,848.49	$ 2,450.00	$ 52,500.00	$ 2,450.00	$ 147,630.00
Grant Funds	$ 113,766.30				
Total Project Costs	$ 126,407.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 75,000.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 210,900.00

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Backup Communication Center	$ 30,000.00		$ -	$ 30,000.00	
City Contribution	$ 9,000.00		$ -	$ 9,000.00	
County Contribution	$ 21,000.00		$ -	$ 21,000.00	
Total County Contribution	$ 29,848.49	$ 2,450.00	$ 52,500.00	$ 23,450.00	$ 147,630.00

2025 Mid-Year Report | Circuit Court

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Category	2022	2023	2024	2025 Mid-Year
Use of State Certified Interpreters – Benchmark is 70%	60%	87%	82%	**98%**
Number of languages requested	14	13	14	**8**
Total hours interpretation YTD	126.1	153.5	239.4	**49.0**
Cost for Interpreters:	$26,606	$33,222	$53,495	**$11,246**
Number of case appearances via remote *(Does not include hybrid hearings)*	5,516	5,475	5,365	**3,074**
Number of cases opened	17,385	17,646	19,634	**8,152**
Number of felony cases opened	1,384	1,314	1,303	**567**
Number of jury trials held	27	35	16	**9**
Number of jury trial days	52	75	31	**13**
Number of court trials held	146	115	136	**80**
Cost for Court Appointed Attorneys (CAAs) – Annual	$137,760	$209,802	$219,098	
Mid-year	$47,407	$50,939	$46,349	**$47,952**
Cost for medical expenditures – Annual	$172,769	$211,585	$210,822	
Mid-year	$61,702	$86,599	$96,063	**$101,743**

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Providing mandated services: Court-Appointed Attorneys, Appointment of Guardians Ad Litem, Interpreter Assignments, Transcription Services, Court-Ordered Medical Evaluations
- Facilitating three separate Treatment Courts: In addition to two current Treatment Courts, finalizing plan for Family Recovery Treatment Court, expected to start 07/01/25
- Reporting financial and performance updates to Administration, Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee, and Finance
- Maintaining full staff and fostering a professional, supportive environment with opportunities to expand knowledge and subsequently the ability to best serve our community
- Learning and processing the Circuit Court budget while also empowering staff with tools to better analyze and understand the financial impact of procedural inefficiencies
- Continuing evaluation and establishment of procedures with a focus on work efficiency and preparedness for future succession

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

- State public defender appointments continue to be an issue statewide.
- Continuations of hearings – for a multitude of reasons – prolongs the resolution of cases, and consequently Court calendars are filling up quickly.
- Quarter 4 expenditures continue "balloon" due to late submissions of invoices.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES (GREEN / AMBER / RED)

- Committees
    - Criminal Justice Collaborating Council, Security & Facilities Committee, Criminal Court Review Committee
- Collaboration and Retention Initiatives
    - Young Lawyers Group, Continuing Legal Education opportunities, various social gatherings

GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Continue to work with Rusk County to close remaining cases
- Continue to evaluate ways maximize use of interpreter time
- Continue reviewing and creating procedures to assist with work efficiency and future succession planning

2025 Mid Year| Clerk of Court

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

OUTPUTS	Q2 2025	YTD 2025	2022	2023	2024
Total Collections through regular payments:	$1,030,451	$2,052,525	$3,668,257	$3,383,613	$3,853,482
Additional Collection Detail:					
Debt turned over to State Debt Collection program (SDC):	$627,573	$1,379,224	$1,671,821	$248,0154	$4,343,750
Debt Collected from SDC:	$304,775	$553,513	$1,436,240	$866,122	$834,433
Collected from Tax Intercept	$47,153	$102,346	$88,307	$61,553	$108,519
Collected from Interest	$51,259	$81,954	$204,837	$142,553	$131,011
Number of Court hearings clerked:	7,455	13,819	25,733	25,126	26,497
Number of Traffic hearings clerked (*including defaults):	462	883	*5,001	1,673	1,714
Number of Traffic/Ordinance Cases handled by Clerk (*including defaults)	3,255	6,137	*7,660	*10,810	*12,415
Number of docketed events:	67,012	133,065	251,488	252,509	270,538
Number of documents added (*includes system generated documents):	44,662	89,526	164,854	162,112	168,895
Number of cases opened:	5,257	9,966	17,771	17,853	20,239

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Increased gross collections by $23,405 compared to the first six months of 2024.
- Processed 191 Court appointed attorney invoices and 91 Guardian ad Litem attorney invoices for payment and recoupment.
- Assured ongoing access to the courts by providing assistance to the legal community and unrepresented parties.
- Staffing
    - Wages and benefits under budget by $158,414 for the first six months of 2025.
    - Continued training of Deputy Operations Manager and Civil/Family Team Supervisor.

- Ongoing training of two newly promoted Deputy Court Clerks whose positions were elevated through the 2025 budget.
- Transferred an experienced clerk back to the Civil Team to provide stability and support to the team and to leadership.
- On-boarded 2 Deputy Court Clerks who were external recruitments and successfully recruited someone for our one remaining open position who will start in July.

- *The Brief* – monthly publication sent to court partners regarding changes, procedures, and information related to the court system.
- Legislative –
  - Attended the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Legislative Day in Madison in February and met individually with 5 area legislators to encourage them to support an increase in the State Court Support Grant to Counties in the 2025-2027 budget.
  - Proposed a Resolution which passed Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee and the full County Board to Governor Evers and area Legislators requesting their support for an increase in the State Court Support Grant. Over 50 counties passed similar resolutions.
  - The state budget passed in early July includes an additional $10 million in State Court Grant funding to be distributed to counties each year for the next two years. The Director of State Courts office will determine the allocation of these additional funds in the coming months.
- Organized an Appellate Court presentation by Judge Lisa Stark for court staff and court partners in March.
- Organized a tour of the Courts for Senator Jeff Smith in April to raise awareness of local concerns.

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

- Ongoing training of staff in the office, both new staff and staff in new positions.
- Staff retention remains a challenge, however, we hope to be fully staffed in July.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Continue working with the State Debt Collection program to maintain revenues for both the Clerk of Court and Circuit Court budgets.
- Ongoing collaboration with many court partners on a daily basis
- Work with Court Operations on legal and procedural questions; as well as CCAP for hardware and software needs
- Ongoing collaboration with Child Support Agency (CSA) as we look to expand services for which reimbursement is sought relative to IV-D case work completed by staff. Also, per our Cooperative Agreement, we continue to provide CSA with weekly reports regarding restraining orders.
- Collaborate with IS for connectivity between state and county computer systems.
- Develop strategies to improve staff retention utilizing training opportunities, and offering some flexibility for appointments.
- Potential request to state legislature for an increase in fees that are 100% county retained and have not been increased in over 30 years. These are outlined in the 2024 Clerk of Court Q4 Report.

GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Onboard and begin training the new staff member on the Fiscal/Jury team while minimizing any impact on collections and submissions to the State Debt Collection program.
- Continue to train deputy clerks hired in 2024 and 2025.
- Continue to train the new Deputy Operations Manager and the Civil/Family Division Supervisor in their respective roles.
- Collaborate with the District Attorney's office to streamline procedure changes with a focus on increasing efficiency within the criminal court system.
- Explore additional avenues to increase collections and/or decrease expenditures.
- Implement Critical Incident Stress Debriefing for Jurors in collaboration with the Department of Human Services staff to provide timely and effective support for our jurors.

Legislative Update

From the Clerk of Circuit Court

In June, Senate Bill 333 was introduced to increase certain filing and other fees collected by our office and other county offices—many unchanged for over 30 years. This legislation has been discussed for a couple years and was previously mentioned to this committee by my predecessor Susan. If passed as written, it could generate $70,000+ in additional annual revenue for our office and the Circuit Court, based on past revenue trends. The bill would take effect on the first day of the seventh month after publication.

2025 Mid-Year | Register in Probate Office/Clerk of Juvenile Court Office

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES (YTD)

Fees Collected	Fees collected by Probate office: $26,034.20 of $38,000.00 budgeted (69%) Fees collected and deposited in the Circuit Court Budget: $87,579.01
Number of Annual Accounts and Reports Filed and Verified for Guardianships	1,311
Number of Hearings Clerked	802
Number of Events Docketed	19,519

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Reviewing scanned physical files for destruction
- Back-scanning probate files

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

- Potential physical relocation of the office
- Securing guardian ad litems (GALs) and court-appointed attorneys for guardianship and juvenile-type cases

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES (GREEN / AMBER / RED)

Strategic Priority: Quality and Meaningful Relationships

Strategic Initiative: Enhance employment engagement and resilience

Action Items: Working from home (county staff) and offering a flexible schedule where possible; Perform wage classification and matrix review

Status: Green

- Day-to-day accommodations made to allow staff to flex their hours as workloads permit

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Strategic Priority:

Strategic Initiative: Enhance equity and access in service delivery and representation in governance

Action Item: Use technology to provide flexible hours and services outside of normal venue's offices

Status: Green

- Fees owed may be paid online outside of normal business hours

GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Attend 2025 WJCCA Conference

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2025 MID-YEAR| CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

SELECTED PERFORMANCE METRICS

CJS/CJCC		2025
ADP: Annual daily population average for ECC Jail		271
Jail LOS: Length of jail stay	**0-24 hours**	526 (32.79%)
	1-2 days	201 (12.53%)
	2-10 days	454 (28.30%)
	10-20 days	73 (4.55%)
	More than 20 days	350 (21.82%)
Pretrial Holds in Jail: Percent of average daily jail population held for pretrial unpaid cash bonds.	**Misdemeanor**	11.1%
	Felony	19.45%
Program Referrals: Number of referrals for ECC deflection/diversion programs	**Deflection**	77
	Diversion	*
	OWI	*
	STAR	11
	Treatment Court	70
	DAGP	*
Competency Cases*: Percent of total court cases where competency is involved and the outcome percentages.	**% of total cases**	1.5%
	Found Competent	16 (34.78%)
	Found Not Competent	30 (65.22%)
***Public Defender Appointment Rate*:** Percent of total public defender requests where a public defender has been successfully appointed.		98.87%

PRETRIAL	2025
Appearance Rate: The percentage of supervised defendants who make all scheduled court appearances.	72.34% 34 of 47

Concurrence Rate: The ratio of defendants whose supervision level or detention status corresponds with their assessed risk of pretrial misconduct.	97.87% 46 of 47
Safety Rate: The percentage of supervised defendants who are not charged with a new offense during the pretrial stage.	53.19% 25 of 47
Percent ordered to Pretrial Monitoring from the courts:	2.73%
Number of PSA completed:	694
Number ordered Pretrial	19

COMMUNITY SERVICE	2025
Defendants Referred: Number of defendants referred for community service	42
Defendants Completed/Discharged: Number of defendants who completed or were discharged from community service	32
$ Collected: Revenue from the Community Service program	$1,800.00

DAGP-STAR OUTCOME	2025
Defendants Referred: Number of defendants referred for STAR	11
Defendants Completed/Discharged: Number of defendants who completed or were discharged from STAR	3successful
Expenses for STAR treatment	$0

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- **Deflection:**(four dept. collaboration)
  - CJS wrote for and received a 3-year, $275,310 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice for Deflection. The funding covers one full-time case manager and training for 10 key stakeholders.
- **County Opioid Taskforce Funding**
  - Approved the hiring of a court navigator using county opioid funding, which will support two part time contracted positions.
- **CJCC Strategic Planning**
  - A four-session strategic planning workshop for the CJCC was held, facilitated by Garret Zastoupil from UW Extension. Three priority areas were identified, and action plans are being developed.
    - Strategic Issue 1: Improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Eau Claire County treatment court and diversion programs through a systematic review and strategic redesign, thereby optimizing outcomes for participants and the judicial system.
    - Strategic Goal 2: Enhance outcomes for individuals in Eau Claire County encountering Wisconsin Statutes Chapters 51, 52, 54, and 55 through collaborative, informed, and proactive interventions that prioritize their recovery, stability, and connection to appropriate resources

        - Strategic Goal 3: To improve our Eau Claire County's effectiveness in preventing justice system involvement and facilitating desistence through the strategic implementation of evidence-based early intervention practices
    - The CJCC sponsored county-wide training on Evidence-Based Practice, facilitated by the Carey Group in June 2025.
- **Data Analysis:**
    - The Intelligence Analyst completed the following projects: Court Dashboard, Executive Dashboard, Community Service Dashboard, PSA Dashboard (needed to be redone after new case management system was implemented), case management merge, jail holds study, completed case reviews for the OFR Committee, completed graduate level courses in Python and Statistics, and successfully recertified for PL-300.
    - The Data Specialist completed the following projects: OWI Dashboard, STAR Dashboard, Diversion Dashboard and updated infographics, Familiar Faces Length of Stay jail project, Jail property project, continued refinement and analysis of the Deflection and OFR Dashboards, and earned PL-300 certification.

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS (FUTURE IMACTS)

- System wide education on Evidence based practices.
- Funding from the State for Opioid Deflection program was approved.
- Implementation and review on the use of Peer Specialists within Deflection, and Pretrial.
- Establish and implement Court Navigator program.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES (GREEN / AMBER / RED)

GOAL 3: Eau Claire County will achieve sustainable growth through strengthened partnerships

Strategy 3 – Collaborative efforts

Continue to work with At the Roots, Law Enforcement, DHS and CJS in the implementation of deflection

Continue to work with multiple departments on data collection and reporting

Jail CCI program integration to assist with harm reduction and referral to services

Peer Support Services at pretrial monitoring and upon release

Peer Support Services at Deflection

Continue to work with the District Attorney's Office on Diversion, DAGP-Star, and OWI services to bolster referrals and services provided

Court Navigators in the courthouse – process of approvals

Actively working with the DA's office, Courts and DHS on TAP funding

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Red = Action item progress is not being made / off-track / not expected to be complete

GOALS FOR 6 months

- Collaborative hiring for new deflection case manager
- Re-launch the deflection program
- Continued partnership with the Sheriff's Department and Human Services to secure ongoing funding for the Opioid Law Enforcement Deflection Program (data/contract peers/MOUD).
- Continue dashboard transparency and update public facing dashboards for ADA compliance.
- Continuing system education on use and need of early intervention

OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY
PETER J. RINDAL, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

2025 QUARTER 2 REPORT

To skillfully and fairly seek truth and justice, protect and support victims and the community, and hold offenders accountable.

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

		2022	2023	2024	2025
Criminal Cases Filed (YTD)	**Felony:**	728	685	636	711
	Misdemeanor:	551	529	620	474
	Criminal Traffic:	235	242	234	210
	Total:	**1,514**	**1,456**	**1,490**	**1,395**

		2022	2023	2024	2025
Jury Trials (YTD)	**Number:**	10	14	8	4
	Result in Conviction:	7	9	5	3
	Conviction Rate:	**70%**	**64%**	**63%**	**75%**

		2022	2023	2024	2025
Victim Witness Services (YTD)	**Total Case Parties Served**	1,242	1,060	843	906
	Number of Initial Contact Letters Sent	1,082	956	771	784
	Number of Follow Up Contacts:	380	179	129	81

SUMMARY, ISSUES ON THE HORIZON, AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

- **Staffing and Onboarding**
  - The final Assistant District Attorney position was filled in Q2, briefly bringing the office to full staffing for the first time since mid-2023. Unfortunately, this stability was short-lived, as two staff members (one legal analyst and one prosecutor) resigned during the quarter and another prosecutor announced their retirement, putting the office back into active recruitment. Onboarding and training remain a top priority to ensure new employees can integrate effectively and manage complex caseloads. Back2Basics core competency training sessions are scheduled for Q3 and Q4 to further support professional development and consistency across the office.
- **State Budget and Pending Legislation**
  - The State Biennial Budget process continued into Q2, with outcomes becoming clearer. While proposals to add Assistant District Attorney positions statewide remain under consideration, the prospect of increased funding for Victim Witness Services now appears unlikely.
  - Several bills tracked in Q1—including SB 153 (TAD expansion), AB 33 (depictions of nudity), and SB 147 (remote interpreters)—remain under legislative consideration. We continue to engage with legislators and statewide associations to remain informed and provide input where appropriate.
- **Employee Performance Evaluations**
  - In Q2, supervisors conducted performance evaluations for all staff. These evaluations provided an opportunity to recognize strong contributions, identify areas for professional growth, and reinforce the office's core expectations. The process also allowed for meaningful conversations about workload balance, career development, and the impact of recent staffing changes. Feedback gathered through evaluations will inform ongoing training priorities and support strategies in the second half of 2025.

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- **Remote Work Culture**
    - Q2 marked the first full quarter of remote work operations under department-specific policies. Informal feedback has been largely positive, with increased flexibility supporting morale and continuity. The leadership team is reviewing schedules and workflow to identify any needed policy adjustments or communication improvements.
- **Five-Year Anniversary of Marsy's Law**
    - Q2 marked the five-year anniversary of the enactment of Marsy's Law in Wisconsin. This milestone provided an opportunity to reflect on the significant progress made in strengthening and enforcing victims' constitutional rights. The anniversary was also a reminder of the ongoing work required to ensure victims are supported, informed, and meaningfully involved throughout the criminal justice process. The office continues to prioritize the integration of Marsy's Law into daily practice, reinforcing our commitment to safeguarding victims' voices and access to justice.

GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- DA Office strategic planning and mission, vision, values work sessions
- Back2Basics core competency training

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2025 QUARTER 2 | SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Measures	2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Patrol Cases Handled	7,258	1,012	3,185			
Patrol Arrests	1,274	171	361			
Number of Jail Bookings	2,995	707	1,604			
Number of Unique Individuals	1,904	615	1,189			

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Staffing Levels	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Correctional Officers					
Started	1	1			
Resigned	1	3			
Retired	0	0			
Promoted	4	0			
Vacant	4	4			
Patrol Deputies					
Started	0	4			
Resigned	0	0			
Retired	0	0			
Promoted	0	0			
Vacant	5	1			

- Booking remodel started in June
- Jail has high ADP started shipping inmates to Chippewa and Dunn County Jails
- Main jail laundry it back to 100% operational (dryer fire in Q1)

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

- Seeing a large number of incoming record requests (body cameras and squad cameras)
    - Numerous hours spent reviewing a single incident
    - Understaffed (currently only one person) based on the size of our office
- Staffing - CO and Deputy positions
- Jail booking remodel
- Huber Center operations
- Equipping 2025 fleet vehicles
- Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies - Year 3 funding announcement
- FCC Rule change on inmate communications rates (rule changed again – 6/30/25)
    - Waiver decision will be in effect until 4/1/2027

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES (GREEN / AMBER / RED)

Strategic Priority A – A Healthy, Safe Community

- Individualize mental health services to vulnerable populations.

	Deflection Program – operational and being utilized
	DHS Social Worker/Case Manager in jail hours reduced
	Patrol Co-Responder (DHS Employee), 50% less hours with ECSO

Strategic Priority B – Quality and Meaningful Relationships

- Enhance employment engagement and resilience.

	Continue to work with HR on recruitment and hiring timetable
	Direct supervisors 1:1 with all employees
	Squad car change replacement and equipment switchover

Key

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GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- 2026 budget planning
- Continue jail booking remodel process
- Continue to focus on retention and hiring
- Fleet changeover