

JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT COMMITTEE
Village of Eagle, Town of Eagle, Town of Mukwonago,
Village of North Prairie
130 N Harrison Street, North Prairie
Committee Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2021

The meeting was called to order by John Heintz Taylor at 6:30 pm in the Village Board Room in the Village of North Prairie.

Present: Janis Suhm (Town of Eagle), Gail Yerke (Town of Mukwonago), Rich Spurrell (Village of Eagle) and John Heintz Taylor (Village of North Prairie).

Others Present: Jim Slawny, Village of Vernon and Village of NP Clerk R. Bagley

Absent: Judge Mark Powers.

Motion by R. Spurrell, seconded by G. Yerke, to approve the June 24, 2021 Joint Municipal Court meeting minutes, as written. Motion carried.

Reconsideration of revised JMC Agreement after additional legal review changes.

Chair J. H. Taylor provided a revised Joint Municipal Court Agreement with additional changes as recommended by Attorney J. Macy during the Town of Mukwonago Town Board meeting. Two Wis. Statute numbers were modified in paragraph #5 regarding Forfeitures which did match the current statutes.

The next recommended change was in the Joint Municipal Court Expenses section. It read **“The minimum contribution of each Member Municipality shall not be less than one percent of the combined total annual court expense for the period commencing from July 1 of the preceding year through June 30 of the current year.** Several members of the Court Committee did not agree with the phrase “annual total court expense from July 1 of the preceding year through June 30 of the current year” as R. Spurrell mentioned that it will create confusion if combining two years.

After discussion, the sentence was changed to a new paragraph which should read: **The minimum contribution of each Member Municipality shall not be less than one percent of the combined annual total court expense for the period commencing from January 1 through December 31 of the upcoming year.** Everyone agreed. The final numbering was cleaned up so that 9 was the last item. Trustee J. H. Taylor would like the Joint Municipal Court added to the top of the signature page so that all of the signatures could be applied back to the JMC Agreement.

Motion by R. Spurrell, seconded by G. Yerke, to approve the Agreement based on the revisions for the Operation of the Joint Municipal Court for the Town of Eagle, the Village of Eagle, the Town of Mukwonago, the Village of North Prairie and the Village of Vernon pursuant to WIS. STAT. §§ 66.0301 and 755.01(4), as corrected above and change the Agreement accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

Outstanding JMC Ordinances of participating municipalities to be provided to the chief judge of the judicial administrative district.

As of today, the Town of Mukwonago has the only outstanding Ordinance which has not been approved. As soon as approved, the Court will receive the signed Ordinance. The JMC Agreement will be approved by North Prairie first, and will send the signature page to the next community for approval.

Schedule next meeting.

The 2022 Court budget meeting will be scheduled on **Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** G. Yerke suggested adding an item to the August agenda regarding the cost of a Court audit for the 2022 budget year.

Motion by R. Spurrell, seconded by J. Suhm, to adjourn at 6:54 pm. Motion carried.

John Heintz Taylor
Village of North Prairie Trustee