

MINUTES CRIMINAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2026
TIME: 12:00 PM
PLACE: Courthouse – County Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: See attached sign-in sheet

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk

1. Judge Jerabek called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.
2. Motion by Pliml/Barnett to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
3. There was no public comment.
4. Criminal Justice Coordinator Ksionek gave a yearly overview of Drug Court in 2025. They are on year 5 of a 5 year grant for this program (TAD Grant) and will be reapplying for another 5-year grant later this year. He also reviewed current jail programming including the Medication Assisted Treatment currently being done as well as different programming from various entities. He commented on how the new jail is much more conducive to this type of programming. He discussed the pilot diversion program being implemented and how it is based off of the Portage County model and the statistics they shared on its benefits.
5. Clerk of Courts Stimac reminded law enforcement to send written not-guilty pleas to the District Attorney immediately and not wait any extra days.
6. Coordinated Response Specialist DeFabbio reviewed the deflection program in Wood County and while it is a newer program in Wisconsin, many states have embraced diversion programs for over 10 years. She reviewed the various criteria used in determining participation in the program, nobody can be in the program without the victim of the crime being supportive of that participation.
7. Under agency roundtable, Sheriff Becker stated that AB968, a bill regulating cryptocurrency kiosks did finally pass the senate last night after appearing to have stalled out earlier in the day. It has also passed the Assembly and now just needs the Governor's signature to enact it. He, and members of his department, made numerous trips to Madison to testify on its behalf.
8. Motion by Pliml/Stimac to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 12:55 PM

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

**Criminal Justice Task Force
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NAME	REPRESENTING
Dillon Kionell	Criminal Justice
Bill Cleland	WCB #15
Jonathan Barnett	DA.
Cherith DeFabbric	WCSO
Greg Terakle	Cir Court.
Lance Pume	WCB
Ashley Normington	Health
Shawn Becker	WCSO
Kim Stimac	Clerk of Court
James Bennett	WSPD