

Jury Trial & Courthouse Operational Plan Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Minutes

1. Call to order.
Judge Brantmeier called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. Roll call.
Judge Brantmeier, Donna Haugom, Monica Hall, Sarah Rogge, Ben Wehmeier, Amber Rumpf, Whitney DeVoe, Samroz, Jennifer Weber, Michael Neimon and Cindy Hamre Incha.
3. Certification of compliance with the open meetings law.
Wehmeier confirmed that the meeting is in compliance with open meetings law.
4. Review and approve minutes from January 6, 2021 meeting.
Motion by Hamre Incha/Hall to approve the minutes from January 6, 2021.
Motion passed.
5. Public comment.
None
6. Capacity issues in courtrooms / hearing rooms.
Branch 1 allows for 26 participants. Branch 3 will be used as the overflow courtroom. Hall asked for specifics on what technology would be used for jury trials. No action taken.
7. Public access to court proceedings / open court / YouTube / broadcasting.
Brantmeier suggested using Branch 3 for public access. Hall wants to confirm that using branch 3 is sufficient and does not interfere with constitutional rights. No action taken.
8. Alternate sites / maximizing use / pandemic deficit.
Samroz said that he verified numbers that were received from DHS. He feels that the trend will continue to move downward. If the variant becomes a concern, he will let Ben know. Phase 1B is tentatively scheduled for March 1st, but there are approximately 3,500 people over the age of 65 on the list to get vaccinated and the vaccine supply is low. Client contact staff may be included in the next phase.

Brantmeier talked about the status of court hearings. Wehmeier said that we should preplan for using the alternate sites, so we are prepared if needed. Staff will look at the Highway Department as a possible alternate site.
9. Future meeting dates (Zoom):

March 3, 2021	11:00 a.m.
April 7, 2021	11:00 a.m.
10. Future agenda items.
 - a. Jury Trials
11. Adjourn.