

COURT EN BANC MINUTES
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 – 5:00PM
In Person & via Webex Video Conference
Ceremonial Courtroom – Boone County Courthouse

Judges Present: Judges Brouck Jacobs, Jeff Harris, Kevin Crane, Josh Devine, Kimberly Shaw, Carol England, Sue Crane, Tracy Gonzalez, Leslie Schneider, Stephanie Morrell, and Commissioners Sara Miller and Casey Clevenger.

Others Present: Court Administrator Cindy Garrett, Boone Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore, Adult Court Services Supervisor Brandon Walker, Court Marshal Cody Oseth, Jury Supervisor Rachel Allen, Court Reporter Jenni Bosh, and Deputy Court Administrator Derek Hux.

1. Call to Order / Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Judge Brouck Jacobs at 5:00PM.

2. Introduction of Guests

There were no guests.

3. Approval of July 27, 2021 Minutes

Judge Leslie Schneider moved to accept the July 27, 2021, minutes. Seconded by Judge Kimberly Shaw. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Local Court Rule 9.6D

Court Administrator, Cindy Garrett, reported receiving multiple calls regarding a YouTube video of Boone County marshals arresting an individual for trespassing after that individual refused to stop video recording at the Boone County courthouse. Page 4 of the Court en Banc packet listed the current Local Court Rule 9.6. Pages 5-6 listed the Supreme Court Operating Rule 16.02. Discussion was had about the differences between LCR and COR, as well as how staff has interpreted LCR to mean that recording is not allowed anywhere in the courthouse without prior specific approval by a judge. It was suggested the CEB consider amending LCR to say that recording should not be allowed once going through the security station. Judge Carol England raised concern about someone being able to record the security station. It was decided that judges who wanted to contribute would propose changes to the language of the current LCR for discussion at the next CEB.

5. **Six Month Municipal Alcohol/Drug Related Traffic Report**
Court Administrator, Cindy Garrett, described that Page 6 of the Court en Banc packet listed the Municipal Court semi-annual report for January through June, 2021, on intoxication-related offenses. Ms. Garrett described the only differences from the prior six months was that Centralia did not file any alcohol/drug related traffic offenses and Hallsville filed 2 cases. This report was provided for judges review.
6. **Jury Questionnaire**
Jury Supervisor, Rachel Allen, spoke about how the questionnaire sent to potential jurors is inconsistent when someone requests a physical copy compared to completing it online. In the Court en Banc packet, page 8 is the current questionnaire and pages 9 & 10 contained the proposed updates. Ms. Allen also raised the issue of removing the option to obtain a PDF of the physical questionnaire from the 13th Circuit website. Judge Tracy Gonzales moved to accept the proposed updates and grant authorization to remove. Seconded by Judge Kimberly Shaw. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Equity & Inclusion Award**
Deputy Court Administrator, Derek Hux, spoke about recent attendance at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals conference where Boone County Treatment Court received the 2021 NADCP Equity & Inclusion Award. Mr. Hux described the public praises given to Boone County, Judicial Circuit 13, and Commissioner Casey Clevenger.
8. **Video Proceedings Proposed Rule**
Judge Jeff Harris spoke about the proposed Video Proceedings Rule approved by the technology committee on pages 11 & 12 of the Court en Banc packet. Judge Harris described how the wording was intentionally chosen to allow for judicial discretion and autonomy between divisions, as well as setting forth specific guidelines for attorneys and litigants who appear by video. Judge Kevin Crane moved to accept the proposed rule. Seconded by Judge Kimberly Shaw. Motion passed unanimously.
9. **Other**
Court Administrator, Cindy Garrett, described an update from Captain German regarding Webex at the Boone County Jail. According to the update, the jail anticipates the room remodel being completed by the end of August, however, there are significant back orders of the necessary electronic equipment which will cause further delays. Judge Brouck Jacobs described how the Circuit Judges' docket schedules would change once the Webex

update is completed, and that there is no reason to make those docket changes until everything at the jail is up and running successfully.

10. Comments from the Public

No comments from the public.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2021, at 5:00PM.

Judge Kimberly Shaw moved to adjourn. Seconded by Judge Stephanie Morrell. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:23PM.

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