



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh called the meeting to order at 12:27 PM.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight, & Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh. *Quorum established.*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **November 8, 2021 Judicial Committee Minutes**
- **December 14, 2021 Judicial Committee Minutes**

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the presented Judicial Committee Minutes subject to minor edits. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sheriffs Meeting Meal Invoice

Roger White Owl states they will have a meeting with the surrounding County Sheriffs. The meeting is to occur on February 3 at 1:00 PM at the Interpretive Center. Would like to request financial assistance to feed people for the meeting. Need an allocation for a lunch to occur. Amount requesting is \$1,000 from the general fund.

Motion: Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight moved to forward to TBC with a recommendation not to exceed \$5,000. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

V. PROGRAM UPDATES:

A. Public Safety Division of Drug Enforcement - Gerald "Chip" White Jr., Chief
Report submitted for the record. Report included a summary of recent investigations and arrests. He has been tracking the Overdoses on Fort Berthold. In 2001, drug overdoses dropped considerably. Overdoses mainly happen during disbursements. There is an up-rise in meth, more so than pills. Devil Lake Tribe is setting up their own Drug Task force and will copy what MHA has in place. Councilwoman Monica Mayer states in 2020 there were 154 and 2021 there were 72 overdoses. Chip states the pills are getting too expensive and meth is on the rise. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked about staff, is there need for more staff? Chip states they are pretty much fully staffed. They need to put their names on their organizational chart and the



Budget looks good. Councilwoman Monica Mayer commended Chip on doing a good job in North Segment.

B. TAT Law Enforcement – Marty Foote, Interim Chief of Police

Report submitted for the record. Had a search for a missing person, House fire, High speed police chase. There were 12 hits on the high school lockers. Hit on 5 vehicles in the parking lot, those students were suspended from school. Assisted in a standoff, the suspect was apprehended. 496 work orders in 2021. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight asked if they have an Officer in Mandaree, yes there is one there, and are looking for another Officer for Mandaree. She states, they don't see him in the community, Marty states he works night shift. The Officer went to the school and introduced himself already. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh asked to have him introduce himself to the community. The Officer in South segment is back on patrol. Last week had a call from an elder board and answered questions they had, gave a demonstration with a K-9 finding drugs. The school children are finding bad pictures on the internet, Marty states they looked into it. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh invited Sgt. Packineau to their community meeting this evening at 5 pm. to inform about the social media issues and children.

C. Department of Transportation – Blaine Flynn, Director

Report submitted for the record. MHA Department of Transportation currently has (1) Position Open for Accounts Receivable. We also have (1) Lead Dispatch, and (2) Motor Carrier Inspector positions Pending TBC Approval. MHA Department of Transportation Profit & Loss Report for December submitted. Citations / Agency Assist Report. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked for an organizational chart and put it in the next report.

D. TAT Tribal Court – David Christiansen, Chief Judge & Dr. Elizabeth Yellow Bird, Court Administrator

Report submitted for the record. FBDC has 33 full time staff (3 are under contract); a Bailiff, and Chief Clerk of Court were submitted to TBC for hires; the Building manager applicant is on hold at the CEO's office. The Wellness Court Recovery Coach, Deputy Clerk and one Adult Probation officer were requested to be re advertised. The Court completed interviewing applicants for the maintenance position for the Court, and have sent HR the recommendation to hire, waiting on CEO's office for approval. Regarding maintenance, we are waiting on scheduling for the intercom/alert phone system. The Wellness Court continues as a priority, we are planning a meeting with the Elders at the February Steering Committee meeting, letters have been sent. The Wellness Court meets every Thursday and the Wellness Court Steering Committee meets once per month. Verdell has submitted a report that lets you know of the updates in the Wellness Court. The Court continues to address COVID 19 epidemic and will continue enforcing the mask mandate and washing hands. The Court will be screening all public and staff who work in the building, face covering for everyone, and regular cleaning and sanitizing this facility and practicing



social distancing. Steering Committee meets once per month. Verdell has submitted a report that lets you know of the updates in the Wellness Court. We continue working on our court clerks and their duties and responsibilities. The Court plans on utilizing "imaging" application through FullCourt and should have all the files digitized within the next year. This will be a separate training that the Justice Systems has not scheduled yet. The Court completed a 4-day training on FullCourt at the end of November, this was an excellent training. The Court continues to work on our own Policies and Procedures Manual. A draft has been completed and was sent to the Justice Commission for review and approval, however they did not meet in July and they are working on scheduling a meeting for November. The Court sent the CEO the manual for review and is waiting on approval. We continue to work on updating forms the court in the manual on our website. The Court is working on adding an educational component (maybe a newsletter) to our website with more specific information about the Court and its processes. The Court continues to work on holding court in some of the segments. One of our Judges is working on setting them up and doing brochures and educational materials to hand out. We will need to make sure that the Court areas are safe and secure for the court sessions. At the request of the Judicial Committee, the Court continues to research more training for Court staff. The Court continues to meet once per month with the Justice Center, PD, now Social Services and the Court (Public Safety Meeting) to review any issues. These have been very good meetings and lets all departments Training Schedule is submitted in this monthly report. know any issues or concerns and updates. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14th. The Court also continues regular meetings with the Justice Commission and most recently Social Services. Justice Systems, the office that is contracted to do the FullCourt system, met with the Court from November 30th to December 3rd. The training was excellent and the staff learned many new things about our FullCourt system. We will be having a staff meeting and separate clerks meeting to get caught up on all the new applications that we can perform on FullCourt. The Prosecutors office remains very busy with several new staff who are appointed by the Legal department. The Temporary prosecutor has resigned. The Committee inquired about the regularity of Justice Commission meetings and where informed that currently there was no need for them.. Have had some scheduled but canceled them, no one was there. The Court noted they are having trouble getting evaluations done on people in jail. Sober living facilities are full. This is an issue. Judge Christiansen states he is working on a resolution to withholding distributions for fines owed. It's getting difficult with only one prosecutor. Councilwoman Monica Mayer states they have a duplex for a couple with law degrees, and looking for a house for another attorney with a family. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would like to see their budget in their next report also the organizational chart. Biggest issue is mental health right now, also would like wellness court for youth. Councilwoman Monica Mayer states, Mental health should be provided in every community clinic by virtual. Judge Christiansen states with mental health GRRC has a mental health person. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would like to see two case workers for Wellness Court and mental health services. Write up a position and put into budget.



E. Homeland Security – Cliff Whitman, Director

Item deferred.

F. GTFJC - Adult Detention – Danielle Goodluck, Adult Administrator

Report submitted for the record. Robert Werlinger gave update. 128 adults brought in the month of December, the female numbers are up. He is working on a food service. MHA recovery team, will be Tuesday and Thursday releases. Contract with Ward county, they will take inmates for \$75 per day. Hope to have parenting classes at the Justice Center via zoom. Have 2 maintenance workers now. Got cups for UA testing, for medical use only. Only have one staff that has Covid. Mental Health this area needs to be looked into, we need this, can be virtual. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked for the organizational chart. Have 2 vacancies and 1 for food service. Want to make sure this program is fully funded. Also, there should be data on repeat offenders. The pregnant mothers that are on drugs, what are you doing for them. There have not been any in for the past couple months.

G. GTFJC - Juvenile Detention – Mike Young Bird, Juvenile Administrator

Item deferred.

H. Child Support – Alison Johnson, Director

Report submitted for the record. Child Support is currently fully staffed and are vaccinated. December collected \$122,964.07. 1st quarter was at \$283,455.04 in collections. Next court dates are on January 12th and 26th. Still waiting to hear on any possible leads for a new office space for Child Support. Councilwoman Monica Mayer wants to know the total they should be collecting. She also wants to see their organizational chart, budget and data on who is paying and who is not.

I. Victim Services – Sadie Young Bird, Director

Item deferred.

J. TAT Game & Fish – Antoine Smith, Director

Informed the committee of a dog incident where a pack of dogs was chasing around a horse. The horse had no injuries. Continue to do patrols in that area in Four Bears community. Haven't had any other incidents since. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked for the TAT Game & Fish organizational chart and the staffing pattern, budget for federal/tribal and data. They only have 2 dog catchers for the whole reservation. Committee wants to see cages in the back of trucks to be covered and wants to see the policy and procedures on captured animals. Would like to have an animal clinic here in New Town. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh states an outside entity came in before



and picked up all the animals that were unclaimed and they were adopted out elsewhere.

K. TAT Legal – Tyra Wilkinson, Lead Attorney

Item deferred.

L. HR Department – Melissa Brady, Director

Coulter Werlinger handed out the TAT Personnel Policies and Procedures revisions for review. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh reminded HR to re-advertise the Captain of Police position. HR has 6 certified testers. The new HR employees are getting trained to do UA's. If there is an employee suspected of drug use the employee would be observed tested first.

M. Robert White Contract

Contract renewal for Robert White. Will come out of Four Bears budget. There're no changes to the contract and Legal reviewed the contract. Forward contract to TBC.

Consultant will serve as Special Projects Coordinator for several projects in the Four Bears community including, but not limited to, the new Four Bears Convenience Store, the new Four Bears Community Building, and other projects as assigned.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward Robert White Contract to TBC. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Adjourned at 2:42 PM.




CERTIFICATION


I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council's Judicial Committee of the of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Judicial Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [2] constitute a quorum; 3 were present at the Judicial Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 8th day of February, 2022; that the foregoing Minutes were duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 3 members; 0 members opposed; 0 members abstained; 0 Members not voting.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2022.

ATTEST:



Judicial Committee Chairman,
Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes



Executive Secretary,
Councilman Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council
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