

**CJCC MEETING
Minutes
December 2, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Chair: Debra Reukauf (Lancaster Chief of Police), Vice-Chair: Gary Ranum (County Board), Clark Thelemann (DSS), Mason Nemitz (Jail Sgt.), Kessa Klaas (Health Dept. Director), Mark Hoehne (Pastor), Brittany Guthrie (DOC Supervisor), Dr. Jacob Hiatt, Michael Foley (School Superintendent), Ryan Kieler (District Attorney), Jeff Erickson (Public Defender), Holly Knapp (Unified Community Services Director)

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Teresa Burton (SWWDB), Norma Grinnell (Family Advocates)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judge Craig Day (excused), Ben Wood (excused), Robert Keeney (excused), Sheriff Reukauf (excused), Monica Sella (excused), Darla Adams

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristin Schier, Selina Baus, Shane Drinkwater, Jenna Shae (intern)

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: None

The meeting, conducted in person and via Zoom, was called to order by Chair Debra Reukauf. Notice of the meeting was posted in the Grant County Administration Building, Grant County Courthouse, and Grant County website.

Motion by Kessa Klaas, seconded by Gary Ranum, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

Motion by Mark Hoehne, seconded by Mason Nemitz, to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2025. Motion carried without negative vote.

2026 TAD Grant Application

Kristin Schier informed the Council the 2026 grant application was approved.

Opioid Settlement Update

Email update provided by Robert Keeney.

Presentations

Department of Corrections – Brittany Guthrie presented on the following:

- Overview of Department of Corrections duties
- Department of Corrections regions – Region 1
- Purpose / Mission Statement
- Probation and Parole Agent duties
- Client population
- How does someone get on probation or parole/extended supervision
- Difference between parole and extended supervision
- Rules of supervision
- Assessment of risk and need
- Supervision levels
- Case planning & evidence-based practices
- Supervision tools
- Violation of supervision and examples

Mark Hoehne asked about caseload. Brittany explained that each agent may supervise between 40-60 individuals; she further explained agents have specialized caseloads.

Gary Ranum asked about the number of agents for Grant County. Brittany remarked that there are currently five full-time agents and one part-time agent. Brittany further explained how agents split cases in Grant County.

Local Police Department – Chief Reukauf presented on the following:

- Overview – who we are and what we do
- Calls for Service
 - 2024: 32,828 calls
 - 2025, through 11/1/25: 29,798 calls
- County-wide events
- Individual department programs
- Specialized units
- Difficulties and frustrations of the departments
- What do we want to solve

No questions or comments.

Next presentations: Department of Social Services (Clark Thelemann) and Faith Community (Pastor Mark Hoehne)

Open Discussion

Michael Foley asked Chief Reukauf if the recent lockdown in Lancaster was an active shooter drill. Chief Reukauf remarked that it was part of their safety check and explained the procedure that was followed. Michael further discussed and explained what a “safe wall” is within a school.

Gary Ranum mentioned to Chief Reukauf that he appreciated the information in her presentation and commented on the lack of funding / issues. Chief Reukauf remarked that police agencies are able to work with very little money – they find ways to make it work but having more officers or resources would help. Chief Reukauf commented on the new generation of workers and how they balance work life and home life – council discussed. Gary asked – how can we make it better? Holly Knapp remarked collaborated partnership is essential; it needs to be a give and take. Administration has to allow the departments to be creative here – be flexible, be creative with our resources and value their input. Michael Foley would like to see the department of education play a role in this – bring back the basics – make it mandatory: personal finance, parenting classes, home economics, etc.

Motion by Brittany Guthrie, seconded by Kessa Klaas, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Next meeting: February 3, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. Grant County Board Room, Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Schier, CJCC Coordinator