



MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Jennings County Courthouse

24 North Pike Street

Vernon, Indiana 47282

Present: Murielle Bright, Riley Murphy, Cathy Vawter, Amanda Lawson, Nicholas Kirtman, Andy Judd, Chris Duran, Jeremy Bays

Approve prior minutes-still need July, August, and September- Carin is working on them.

Pre-Trial Update- Pretrial Services has officially started taking participants, and the program is off to a great start. Pretrial currently has a few participants as well as individuals placed on diversions. Progressing Well

ARC Update- ARC certification is set for November 19, 2025. Judge Bright will be observing a mentor court in Duluth. MN, Cathy, and Missy observing on Zoom on November 18, 2025.

Merri reports that the JDAI assessment was as expected—a good report with known areas needing improvement.

Firefly grant discussed. Carin emailed an update.

Commissioners would not approve a referee position for Magistrate Doran. His position will end on December 31, 2025. Updates will be coming for Circuit Court.

Reapplication for the OOR grant is progressing. Whitney needs updated letters of support and encourages applications.

Meeting adjourned.