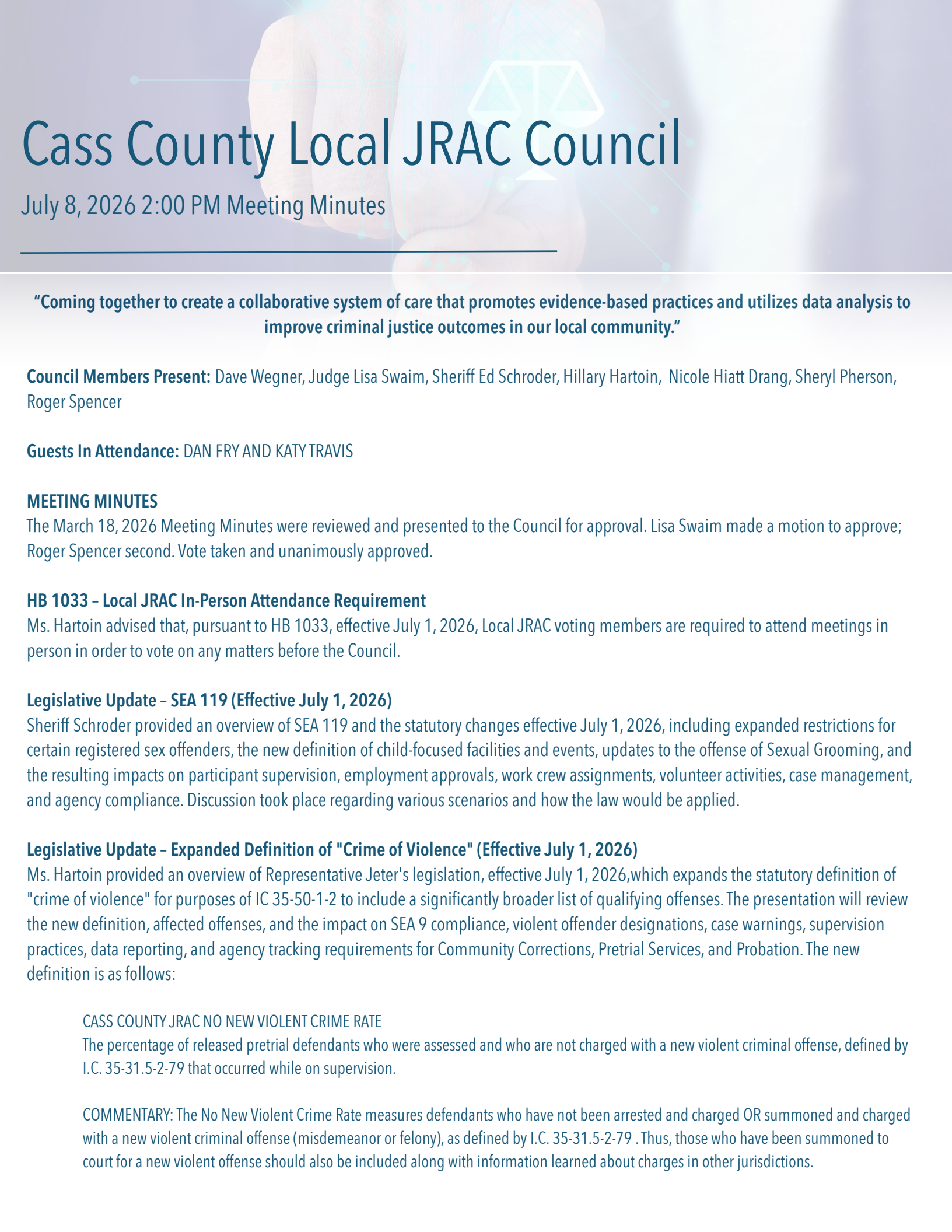




Cass County Local JRAC Council

July 8, 2026 2:00 PM Meeting Minutes

"Coming together to create a collaborative system of care that promotes evidence-based practices and utilizes data analysis to improve criminal justice outcomes in our local community."

Council Members Present: Dave Wegner, Judge Lisa Swaim, Sheriff Ed Schroder, Hillary Hartoin, Nicole Hiatt Drang, Sheryl Pherson, Roger Spencer

Guests In Attendance: DAN FRY AND KATY TRAVIS

MEETING MINUTES

The March 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and presented to the Council for approval. Lisa Swaim made a motion to approve; Roger Spencer second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

HB 1033 – Local JRAC In-Person Attendance Requirement

Ms. Hartoin advised that, pursuant to HB 1033, effective July 1, 2026, Local JRAC voting members are required to attend meetings in person in order to vote on any matters before the Council.

Legislative Update – SEA 119 (Effective July 1, 2026)

Sheriff Schroder provided an overview of SEA 119 and the statutory changes effective July 1, 2026, including expanded restrictions for certain registered sex offenders, the new definition of child-focused facilities and events, updates to the offense of Sexual Grooming, and the resulting impacts on participant supervision, employment approvals, work crew assignments, volunteer activities, case management, and agency compliance. Discussion took place regarding various scenarios and how the law would be applied.

Legislative Update – Expanded Definition of "Crime of Violence" (Effective July 1, 2026)

Ms. Hartoin provided an overview of Representative Jeter's legislation, effective July 1, 2026, which expands the statutory definition of "crime of violence" for purposes of IC 35-50-1-2 to include a significantly broader list of qualifying offenses. The presentation will review the new definition, affected offenses, and the impact on SEA 9 compliance, violent offender designations, case warnings, supervision practices, data reporting, and agency tracking requirements for Community Corrections, Pretrial Services, and Probation. The new definition is as follows:

CASS COUNTY JRAC NO NEW VIOLENT CRIME RATE

The percentage of released pretrial defendants who were assessed and who are not charged with a new violent criminal offense, defined by I.C. 35-31.5-2-79 that occurred while on supervision.

COMMENTARY: The No New Violent Crime Rate measures defendants who have not been arrested and charged OR summoned and charged with a new violent criminal offense (misdemeanor or felony), as defined by I.C. 35-31.5-2-79. Thus, those who have been summoned to court for a new violent offense should also be included along with information learned about charges in other jurisdictions.

Q2 SEA 9 Alert Report Approval

Ms. Hartoin presented the attached SEA 9 Quarterly Reports, which are required by statute to be approved by the Local JRAC each quarter. This quarter, device malfunctions totaled 467 for Community Corrections and 3 for Pretrial Services. Sheryl Pherson made a motion to approve; Ed Schroder second. Vote taken and unanimously approved. Ms. Hartoin to prepare the required report for submission to the State JRAC.

Opioid Settlement Updates

Ms. Hartoin reported that the current account balances are \$174,017.54 in restricted funding and \$45,465.79.00 in unrestricted funding available for award. 2026 distributions have not been received at this time. Additionally, the Opioid Settlement Annual Report required by IC 4-6-15-4, to the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) was completed and submitted early this week.

July 2026 Opioid Settlement Proposals

The Council reviewed and made the following decisions on the below opioid settlement proposals for the July 2026 review cycle.

- Cass County Veterans Path Initiative: AI-Assisted Veteran Recovery & Reentry Platform, Local JRAC -- \$15,000 -Lisa Swaim made a motion to approve; Roger Spencer second. Ms. Hartoin abstained. Vote taken and unanimously approved.
- Red Ribbon and other Substance Abuse Prevention Activities, LCC --\$6,300 - Sheriff Schroder made a motion to approve only \$4,000 for Red Ribbon Week: Sheryl Pherson second. Vote taken and unanimously approved. LLC is invited to present and answers questions at the August 19th JRAC meeting regarding the potential award for remaining funds.
- Emergency Food Boxes, Lafayette Food Finders Bank -- \$9,500 - Sheryl Pherson made a motion to deny; Roger Spencer second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.
- SMART Moves Core: Substance-Use Prevention for Cass County Youth, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northern Indiana Corridor -- \$23,240 -Lisa Swaim made a motion to approve; Nicole Hiatt Drang second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.
- Stand UP Cass County: Community Prevention and Resiliency Initiative, Youth Services Alliance (on behalf of Stand UP Cass County) --\$5,980 - Hillary Hartoin made a motion to deny; Roger Spencer second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.
- WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) Peer Recovery Program, 4C Health -- \$3,000 - Ed Schroder made a motion to approve; Dave Wegner second. Ms. Hartoin abstained. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Roger Smith; Hillary Hartoin second. Vote taken and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 pm.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- August 19, 2026 – 2:00 PM
- October 21, 2026 – 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted ,

/s/Hillary Hartoin

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Director, Cass County Court Services

JRAC Chair