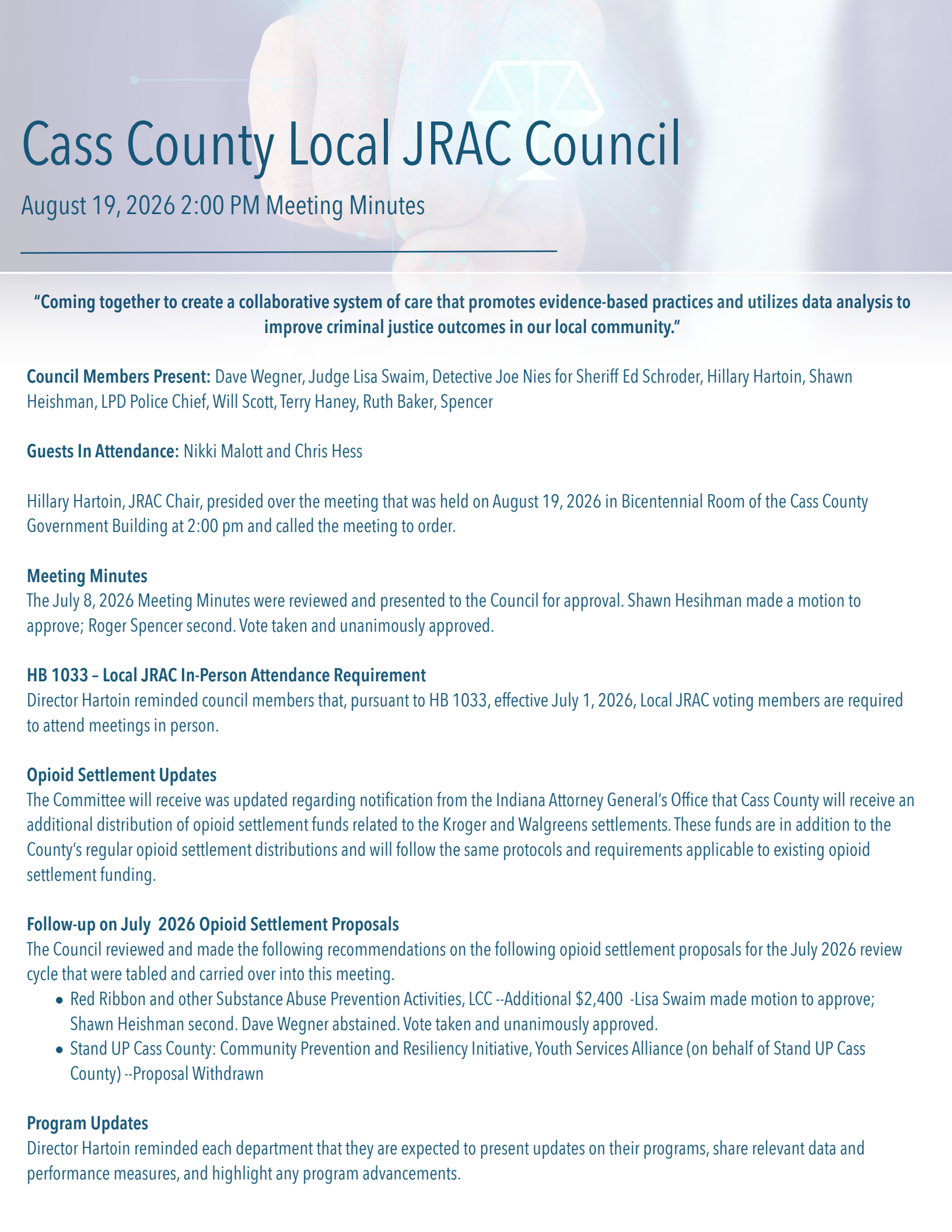




Cass County Local JRAC Council

August 19, 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, Detective Joe Nies for Sheriff Ed Schroder, Hillary Hartoin, Shawn Heishman, LPD Police Chief, Will Scott, Terry Haney, Ruth Baker, Spencer

Guests In Attendance: Nikki Malott and Chris Hess

Hillary Hartoin, JRAC Chair, presided over the meeting that was held on August 19, 2026 in Bicentennial Room of the Cass County Government Building at 2:00 pm and called the meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes

The July 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and presented to the Council for approval. Shawn Hesihman made a motion to approve; Roger Spencer second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

HB 1033 – Local JRAC In-Person Attendance Requirement

Director Hartoin reminded council members that, pursuant to HB 1033, effective July 1, 2026, Local JRAC voting members are required to attend meetings in person.

Opioid Settlement Updates

The Committee will receive was updated regarding notification from the Indiana Attorney General's Office that Cass County will receive an additional distribution of opioid settlement funds related to the Kroger and Walgreens settlements. These funds are in addition to the County's regular opioid settlement distributions and will follow the same protocols and requirements applicable to existing opioid settlement funding.

Follow-up on July 2026 Opioid Settlement Proposals

The Council reviewed and made the following recommendations on the following opioid settlement proposals for the July 2026 review cycle that were tabled and carried over into this meeting.

- Red Ribbon and other Substance Abuse Prevention Activities, LCC --Additional \$2,400 -Lisa Swaim made motion to approve; Shawn Heishman second. Dave Wegner abstained. Vote taken and unanimously approved.
- Stand UP Cass County: Community Prevention and Resiliency Initiative, Youth Services Alliance (on behalf of Stand UP Cass County) --Proposal Withdrawn

Program Updates

Director Hartoin reminded each department that they are expected to present updates on their programs, share relevant data and performance measures, and highlight any program advancements.

7-OH/Kratom Testing

Director Hartoin updated the Council and advised that we now have the ability through CRL, our drug screen laboratory vendor, to test for 7-OH/Kratom (synthetic 7-hydroxymitragynine).

Noah Shafer, Cass County Prosecutor, advised that after conferring with IPAC, Mitragynine would be considered a synthetic drug under Indiana Code 35-31.5-2-321 and a Schedule I substance under Indiana Code 35-48-2-4(g). Accordingly, his office would prosecute possession as Possession of a Schedule I Controlled Substance. Adding 7-OH/Kratom to our drug screening panels for individuals under community supervision would result in an additional cost of \$25 per test. Given the currently limited prevalence of Kratom use within our community, it was decided after discussion that do not add 7-OH/Kratom to our standard testing panels at this time.

Subcommittees

Discussion regarding the previously approved Community Supervision Standards Subcommittee took place. The next JRAC Meeting will be a working meeting of these committees. The subcommittee was established to:

- Review and develop inclusion zone standards for Community Corrections GPS monitoring; and
- Review and develop standardized community supervision forms and court filings across agencies, where practicable.

Subcommittee Members: Judge Lisa Swaim, Noah Schafer, Sheryl Pherson, Ed Schroder, Sean Heishman, Terry Haney, Hillary Hartoin, Will Scott, and Dave Wegner. Discussion: Establish a date and time for the initial subcommittee meeting and identify next steps.

Adjourn

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

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- October 21, 2026 – 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted ,

/s/Hillary Hartoin

Hillary Hartoin

Director, Cass County Court Services

JRAC Chair