

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA DRIVE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair McConaghy.

In attendance: Chairman McConaghy
Members: Bryant, Gafa
Absent: None
Also present: City Clerk Antolin
Hon. Ted Metry

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gafa, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, McConaghy
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Bryant, that the following minutes be approved as submitted:

1. Judicial Liaison Committee dated February 5, 2024.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, McConaghy
No: None
Absent: None

The Committee opened with a general discussion on Municipal Court operations. Judge Metry reported that operations are running smoothly, noting that the city is currently working with the vendor to resolve initial glitches in the new parking meter application. Docket numbers remain manageable, and caseloads are progressing steadily. Recent cases have involved issues with dogs and feral cats, with ordinance violations expected to rise as spring approaches.

Chair McConaghy inquired about resource adequacy, and Judge Metry confirmed the court currently has everything it needs. Chair McConaghy then reminded the Judge to submit any upcoming funding requests during the approaching budget meetings. The Committee added that no operational complaints have been received.

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Mayor Bryant shared that a Boy Scout emailed him to request a meeting regarding code enforcement, sign ordinances, and First Amendment rights. Regarding infrastructure, the recent court renovation project is officially complete. Additionally, the State Court conducted a periodic security check and rated the GPW Municipal Court's security as adequate.

Judge Metry summarized the 2025 Judicial Resources Recommendation Report. Donald Coleman, the new Region 1 State Court Administrator, has proposed consolidating the GP Municipal Courts into a single District Court. This merger requires approval from the involved cities. A similar proposal failed in 2013, and the current recommendation is viewed as unfeasible and unlikely to pass in the near future, though it will be monitored. Judge Metry also flagged a recent email of unverified origin regarding a local court system overhaul, sharing it simply to raise awareness of potential upcoming discussions.

Under New Business/Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Bryant, that tonight's meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd A. McConaghy
Committee Chair