

ORDINANCE 2023-04

An Ordinance Amending Monroe County Code 457 regarding Monroe County Community Justice Response Committee

WHEREAS, Monroe County has received a criminal justice report from RJS Consulting and Inclusivity Strategic Consulting, (“reports”) which included community resources needed for a successful criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Commissioners and Monroe County Council understand that finding, analyzing, and supporting community efforts discussed in the reports are necessary to successfully divert, or transition, individuals from the criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS, this Committee was formed from the membership of both the County Commissioners and County Council.

BE IT, THEREFORE, ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County, Indiana that Chapter 457 entitled “Monroe County Community Justice Response Committee” be repealed and replaced with the following:

**CHAPTER
Monroe County
Community Justice Response Committee**

457-1. Creation

There is hereby established the Monroe County Community Justice Response Committee (CJRC) pursuant to Monroe County’s Home Rule Authority (IC 36-1-3 et al).

457-2. Membership and Terms

The Committee shall have Thirteen (13) members who shall be selected as follows:

- (A) All three elected members of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, one of whom will serve as chair of this committee.
- (B) Three members chosen by the County Council, from its membership, one of whom will serve as vice chair of this committee.
- (C) Two members shall be chosen by the Monroe County Board of Judges, from its membership, with one being the Presiding Judge;
- (D) The Monroe County Sheriff, or her/his designee;

- (E) The Monroe County Prosecutor, or her/his designee;
- (F) The Monroe County Public Defender, or her/his designee;
- (G) The Monroe County Jail Commander, or his/her designee.
- (H) The Monroe County Chief Probation officer, or his/her designee.

Each member shall serve at the pleasure of its appointing body or official. While each member may appoint a proxy, if necessary, each member is encouraged to attend.

457-3. Duties

- (A) The CJRC shall serve in an advisory role to assist the government of Monroe County in review and recommend steps for implementation of the RJS Justice Services and Inclusivity Strategic Consulting Reports (“Reports”).
- (B) CJRC is expected to consult with other elected officials, community members and organizations when reviewing the reports and making recommendations.
- (C) The CJRC is authorized to form subcommittees, such subcommittees may include members that are not on the CJRC.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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ATTEST: _____ January, 2023

Catherine Smith, Monroe County Auditor