

**Court Security Committee  
Minutes  
March 4, 2022**

1. **Attendees:** Jason Reyome (chair), Brian, Bade, Monte Brown, Bob Cline, Sheriff Joe Dowdell, Steve Poore, Jesus Trevino, Bill Walz, Andrew Williams, Linda Ralu Wolf. *Staff:* Amanda Wishin and Tom Jones
2. **Minutes:** The Committee approved the December 3, 2021 minutes.
3. **Broadcast pilot update:** Amanda updated the Committee that the pilot ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>. There has been moderate use of the pilot in Allen and Tippecanoe County, limited use in Delaware, and no use in Lake or Vanderburgh. Amanda and Jenny Bauer (staff for Community Relations) will draft a report and distribute it to the Committees for their approval. It will be submitted to the Supreme Court's administrative conference, and then to the Board of Directors in April.
4. **Firearm Familiarization** – April 8, 2022: The IJA has agreed to distribute notice of the training, which will occur one day only (April 8) for 10 judicial officers at Pendleton. The Committee is encouraged to sign up or to forward the training information.
5. **Court Security Plans & Implementation - updates**
  - a. Workshop planning: The subcommittee reviewed various county plans and summarized them to help build an outline for counties to use. Mag. Reyome reached out to the Education Committee about planning workshops. Sheriff Joe is working with the National Sheriffs Association on security training, and it might make sense to include the security plan workshop as part of that. Mag. Reyome and Amanda are meeting with some Education Division people on Monday to discuss.
  - b. Financial support/grants: Judge Williams is investigating what sort of security counties have and need. Sheriff Branham is working on a list of equipment and personnel costs, so that we can create a list, prioritize costs, and provide paths to get there.
6. **Deleteme.com:** Sheriff Joe discussed a program called deleteme.com that removes personal information from online. The process is done manually on a quarterly basis and does have a cost. The Committee was encouraged to check out the program for discussion at the next meeting.
7. **Future meetings:** 11:30 meetings on June 3, August 26, December 2

**Court Security Committee  
Minutes  
June 3, 2022**

1. **Attendees:** Sheriff Branham, Monte Brown, Bob Cline, Sheriff Joe Dowdell, Jennifer Newton, Steve Poore, Jesus Trevino, Bill Walz, Jeffrey Thorne, Andrew Williams. *Staff:* Amanda Wishin and Tom Jones.
2. **Minutes:** The Committee approved the March 4, 2022 minutes.
3. **Broadcast pilot update:** Amanda updated the Committee that the amendment to Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17 was approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. She will be presenting the draft rule, with comments, to the Supreme Court on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Firearm Familiarization.** Because of the weather on April 8, 2022, the class was postponed until June 17<sup>th</sup>. Ten judicial officers have signed up and there is a wait list for those who cannot attend the rescheduled date.
5. **Security Education**
  - a. **Court Security Plans Workshop:** This fall there will be a 2-day workshop for 5 counties to draft their court security plans. The counties that make up the Court Security Committee get first grab at these spots. Email Amanda if you are interested in attending.
  - b. **First Amendment Auditors:** This August we are planning a 2-part Zoom webinar on handling First Amendment auditors. The first part is education about them and their limits. The second part is on de-escalation tactics.
6. **Future meetings:** 11:30 meetings on August 26 and December 2.

**Court Security Committee  
Minutes  
August 26, 2022 at 11:30**

1. **Attendees:** Sheriff Mike Branham, Sheriff Joe Dowdell, Judge Matt Headley, Mag. Jason Reyome (chair), Judge Steve Poore, Mag. Jesus, Trevino, Judge Andrew Williams, Judge Linda Ralu Wolf, Judge Jamie Woods, Mag. Sarah Wyatt,  
Staff: Amanda Wishin, Tom Jones.  
Guest: Gary Smith
2. **Minutes:** The Committee approved the June 3, 2022 minutes
3. **Personal Judicial Security Concerns:** Judge Gary Smith explained his personal security concerns in the current political climate. His research has shown that a lot of states have anti-doxing legislation. The Committee discussed various initiatives, but agreed that some sort of legislation is probably the next step. The Committee will review legislation in other states to possibly propose to the Board of Directors.
4. **Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17 update:** The proposed rule was out for comment in July. The Supreme Court will review the comments and decide on a course of action at their September 1<sup>st</sup> administrative conference.
5. **Security Education**
  - a. **1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Auditor: A virtual presentation was made on** August 12, which involved Mag. Reyome and Amanda Wishin. This presentation is available on the Judicial Education Network for staff and judges.
  - b. **Court Security Plan Workshop:** The workshop in conjunction with the National Sheriffs' Association is planned for November 2-3 in Indianapolis. The counties participating are Lawrence, Putnam, Tippecanoe, Huntington, LaPorte. Hamilton County has volunteered as the back up
  - c. **September Conference Plenary:** Friday of the September Conference will have a plenary session on personal security.
6. **Firearms issue – draft rule from proposed by a county:** The Committee reviewed a draft rule regarding who can bring firearms into their courts. Mag. Reyome will take the following recommendations back to the county:
  - Require attorneys to go through metal detectors and possibly have an expedited lane for them.
  - Persons exempt should be required to wear an ID badge with a red border or some other obvious distinguishing feature in plain sight so that law enforcement can identify who is carrying and/or who bad actors may be in a crisis. Exempt persons need not go through metal detectors if wearing/displaying their badge
  - Consider installing a set of lock boxes to secure handguns near the entryway, prior to screening, preferably in a discrete area. This would allow attorneys, visiting judicial officers, and paragraph 6 persons entering for non-exempt reasons a place to secure their firearms prior to entering the buildings secure zone.

- The exempt status identified in the rule does not apply when a person has any personal, rather than exclusively professional interest in a matter.  
"Personal" includes but is not limited to matters involving family, friends, neighbors.

**7. Future meeting:** 11:30 meeting on December 2

**Court Security Committee  
Minutes  
December 2, 2022 at 11:30  
Via Microsoft Teams**

1. **Attendance:** Sheriff Mike Branham, Judge Monte Brown, Sheriff Joe Dowdell, Judge Steve Poore, Mag. Jason Reyome (chair), Mag. Jesus Trevino, Judge Bill Walz, Judge Andrew Williams, Judge Jamie Woods, Mag. Sarah Wyatt. Staff: Tom Jones, Amanda Wishin
2. **Minutes:** The Committee approved the August 26, 2022 minutes.
3. **Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17 update:** Keep a look out for a letter from the Chief Justice in about the rule.
4. **Possible legislation:** Federal legislation is currently in play to protect federal judges' addresses. The Committee will hold off making any recommendations until that either has passed or dies. Indiana legislation could be modeled after the federal legislation.
5. **Court Security Workshop – feedback and moving forward:** Mag. Reyome gave a report on the workshop. Hamilton, Tippecanoe, Huntington, Putnam, and Lawrence Counties participated and provided positive feedback. The Committee members who participated requested more hands on/group activities moving forward. Mag. Reyome suggested two tracks – one for counties with no plan, and one for counties looking to improve their plan. It was also suggested that we reach out to counties who have not submitted a plan and ask their hurdle/issue. A wrap up meeting is scheduled for January. Once a game plan is in place, we will reach out to the Strategic Planning Committee.
6. **Meetings to be set for 2023:** Mag. Reyome suggested that judges invite their court security officer to attend with them next year. Members should think about whether they think that is a good idea. Dates for 2023 will be emailed.