

## **Jury finds Goering guilty of six Class B felonies**

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The four-day trial of former Washington County Commissioner Michael Goering ended last Thursday with the jury reaching a guilty verdict.

Goering was convicted of five counts of sexual misconduct with a minor and one count of attempted sexual misconduct with minor, all are Class B felonies.

Sentencing is scheduled for May, 2, in the Washington Circuit Court.

Goering's local ties led to a special prosecutor Sonia Leerkamp of Deer County and a special judge Harrison Circuit Court's John Evans.

Goering was arrested around this time in 2013 and was initially charged with five counts of misconduct with a minor and a sixth charge of attempted sexual misconduct with a minor.

Goering's defense was that he didn't know the alleged victim was underage.