

**Columbia County
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 11, 2022**

Notice: These minutes have not been approved by the Judiciary Committee and are subject to additions and/or corrections. They will be approved at next month's regularly scheduled committee meeting.

Present: Robert McClyman, Eric J. Shimpach, Chris Polzer, Liz Miller, Steven Rohrbeck and Kim Manley
Also Present: COC Susan Raimer, DA Brenda Yaskal, Corporation Counsel Joseph Ruf, III and Jamie Henriksen

I. Call to Order. Posting Compliance. Approve Agenda. Approve Minutes. Expenditure Reports.

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:16 a.m. by Chair McClyman.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) *Motion was made by Miller to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes from December 14, 2021. Seconded by Manley. Motion carried.*
- 4) **Public Input.** none
- 5) **Chairman's Communications.** N/A
- 6) **Expenditure Reports.** After a review of the expenditure reports for the Judges, Clerk of Courts, District Attorney's Office, Corporation Counsel Office, and Child Support Office, *a motion was made by Miller to approve all of the expenditures. Seconded by Manley. Motion carried.*
- 7) **Next meeting date** will be Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 8:15 a.m. *A motion was made by Miller to hold future Judiciary Committee Meetings back at the Courthouse in the basement conference room. Seconded by Manley. Discussion. Motion carried 4-1 with Shimpach opposed.*

II. Judges:

- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Susan Raimer. The Courts continue to work on the backlog from COVID-19 as well as processing new cases. Judge Voigt is out on medical leave and the other Judges had full calendars. Susan Raimer presented a letter from the Judges, the District Attorney and from the Clerk of Courts regarding the location of future Judiciary Committee Meetings.

III. Clerk of Courts:

- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Susan Raimer. Raimer discussed the changes and challenges in COC operations that have occurred due to COVID-19. Raimer said her staff continue to struggle with COVID-19 related issues. Overall Court case filing numbers are up from last year.

IV. District Attorney:


- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by DA Brenda Yaskal. Yaskal discussed changes and challenges in the DA's Office operations due to COVID-19. Yaskal said the DA's Office is still struggling to fill ADA vacancies, but are still actively recruiting. Yaskal added that there will be two ADAs starting this spring.

V. Corporation Counsel/Child Support Office:

- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities for Corporation Counsel and Child Support provided by Corporation Counsel Joseph Ruf, III. The Corporation Counsel and the Child Support Offices continue to be busy with hearings both in-person and via Zoom.

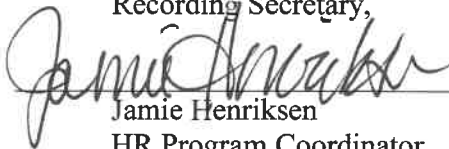
Motion was made by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Chris Polzer
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,



Jamie Henriksen
HR Program Coordinator

cc: Judiciary Committee Members
Chair Gove
1st Vice Chair Foley
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