

Columbia County
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 14, 2020

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: Matthew L. Rohrbeck, Craig Robson, Mark Sleger, Susanna R. Bradley, and Bob Koch
Also Present: Judge Voigt, Judge Cross, Judge Hepler, Susan Raimer, Brenda Yaskal, Susan Fisher, Jessica Hale, and Jamie Henriksen

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

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Chair Rohrbeck.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) ***Motion was made by Koch to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.***
- 4) ***Motion was made by Koch to approve both the previous meeting minutes from November 5, 2019, and from December 18, 2019. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.***
- 5) **Public Input.** No public input.
- 6) **Chairman's Communications.** No communications.
- 7) **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 Bradley to approve all of the expenditures. Seconded by Koch. Motion carried.
- 8) Next meeting date set for Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 8:15 a.m. at the Courthouse in the Branch II Jury Room.

II. Judges:

General Review of Department Activities. General discussion of monthly activities provided by Judge Voigt. Judge Voigt talked about the increased number of jury trials lately and upcoming. Report by Judge Hepler that the OWI and Drug Courts are going well. The first graduation is scheduled for January 27th with two graduates. Judge Voigt provided information on the Consolidated Court Automation Programs – Digital Audio Recording System. As there is a statewide shortage of court reporters, a decision has been made by the State to install machines that will record courtroom activity in each Wisconsin courtroom by the end of 2023. Counties will be responsible for installing special wiring in their courtrooms to ensure operation of the machines. This could cost the County in upwards of \$20,000. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

III. Clerk of Courts:

General Review of Department Activities. General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Susan Raimer. Interviews are being held this Thursday for a Constitutional Office Deputy to fill the vacancy of a retiring employee whose last day is this Friday. There is a Court Safety & Security Conference that COC Raimer and the Judges plan to attend the first week of March.

IV. District Attorney:

General Review of Department Activities. General discussion of monthly activities provided by DA Brenda Yaskal. The DA's Office is busy with court trials. Special Prosecutor Jane Kohlwey will continue in her role until her cases are finished. DA Yaskal believes her cases may be wrapped up by the end of 2020.

V. **Corporation Counsel/Child Support Office:**

General Review of Department Activities. Assistant Corporation Counsel Susan Fisher reported that the Corporation Counsel's Office was up to full staff with the hire of Attorney Jessica Hale and with her return from leave.

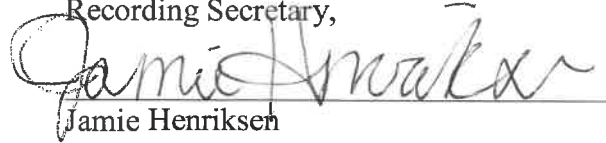
Motion was made by Robson to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m. Seconded by Koch. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Mark Slegel
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,



Jamie Henriksen
HR Program Coordinator

cc: Judiciary Committee Members
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