

Columbia County
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 13, 2021

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 and Steven Rohrbeck
Also Present: Judge Voigt, Judge Cross, James Foley, Susan Raimer, Brenda Yaskal, 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. Seconded by Shimpach. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion was made by Polzer to approve the previous meeting minutes from March 9, 2021. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Public Input.** None.
- 6) **Chairman's Communications.** None.
- 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 Shimpach to approve all of the expenditures. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.*
- 8) **Next meeting date** will be Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 8:15 a.m. in the Courthouse basement conference room. Supervisor Shimpach will not be able to attend the May meeting.

II. Judges:

- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by Judge Voigt. Some in-person jury trials are set to take place soon. Plexiglass has been ordered and should be installed in the Courtrooms. The Courts continue to work with MIS and Facilities Management to prepare for a return to in person Court proceedings.

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. COC Raimer talked about the FLAG students as they have prepared a virtual presentation on what they have done in the last year. She encouraged everyone to watch this presentation. Supervisor Foley added that members of the FLAG organization would be presenting at the next County Board Meeting.
- **Resolution – Authorize State Debt Collection Program (“SDC”).** Discussion. Motion was made by Polzer to approve the Resolution – Authorize State Debt Collection Program (“SDC”). Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

IV. District Attorney:

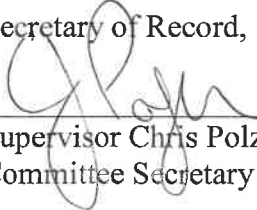
- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by DA Brenda Yaskal. Yaskal discussed changes and challenges in the DA's Office operations due to COVID-19. Yaskal has a new Assistant District Attorney starting in June. She is also in the process of hiring a part-time Legal Secretary and will then have a full staff.

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

- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities for Corporation Counsel and Child Support provided by Joseph Ruf III. Face masks are still required in the Courthouse at all times under the Supreme Court Order.
- **Resolution – Support of Increased County Child Support Funding.** Discussion. Motion was made by Polzer to approve the Resolution – Support of Increased County Child Support Funding. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

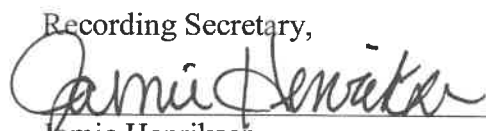
Motion was made by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m. Seconded by Rohrbeck. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Chris Polzer
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,



Jamie Henriksen
HR Program Coordinator

cc: Judiciary Committee Members
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