

**Columbia County
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 8, 2018**

Present: Matthew L. Rohrbeck, Craig Robson, Mark Sleger, Susanna R. Bradley
Also Present: 1st Vice Chair Drew, 2nd Vice Chair Foley, Judge Voigt, COC Raimer, DA Kohlwey, Assistant Corporation Counsel Miller, Helen Wruck, Selina Hooker

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

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Rohrbeck.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) *Motion was made by Sleger to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion was made by Sleger to approve the previous meeting minutes from April 17, 2018.*

Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.

- 5) **Public Input.** No public input.
- 6) **Chairman's Communications.** None.
- 7) **Courthouse Remodel Update.** Judge Voigt updated the Committee on the Courthouse

remodeling project. The project is on schedule. The Court System is planning to move back to the remodeled Courthouse on May 30 and May 31.

8) **Expenditure Reports.** *After a review of the expenditure reports for 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 Sleger. Motion carried.*

9) Next meeting date set for Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 8:15 a.m. at the Courthouse in the Branch II Jury Room.

II. Judges:

1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by Judge Voigt. The Court System is currently working on getting ready for the move back to the remodeled Courthouse. The temporary Courthouse was a great facility, but they are excited to get back to the Courthouse. The Governor appointed Judge-Elect Troy Cross to start on July 8, 2018. Brief discussion on Drug Treatment Court and OWI Treatment Court. Brief discussion regarding Judge Voigt's Judicial Assistant retiring in June. They are in the process of getting the position filled. Brief discussion on getting the OWI Treatment Court Coordinator position refilled. Discussion regarding the Court Commissioner contract.

III. Clerk of Courts:

1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Raimer. COC Raimer gave an overview of what the responsibilities are for the Clerk of Courts Office. COC Raimer is currently up for reelection and will be running again. If she wins, this will be her 7th term in office.

2) **Increase Court Staff Work Week from 37.5 to 40 Hours.** Handouts provided by COC Raimer. Discussion. *Motion was made by Sleger to approve the increase of the court staff work week from 37.5 to 40 hours in the 2019 budget cycle. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.*

IV. District Attorney:

1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by DA Kohlwey. DA Kohlwey gave an overview of what the responsibilities are for the DA Office. DA Kohlwey is in her 20th year as the District Attorney. Her current plan is to step down in January of 2019. Troy Cross's last day with the DA Office will be the first Friday in June. He will be taking the month of June off. They are in the process of filling his position. The second full week in June is the big State prosecutors training.

V. Corporation Counsel/Child Support Office:

1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities for Corporation Counsel and Child Support provided by Assistant Corporation Counsel Miller. Attorneys Ruf, Miller and Fisher had a meeting to divide up the workload. There will be some changes as to who will be providing counsel to the various County Departments and Committee Meetings.

2) **Line Item Transfer – Child Support Agency.** Update provided by Helen Wruck. *Motion was made by Bradley to vacate the line item transfer that was approved at the Judiciary Committee Meeting on March 12, 2018. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.*


Motion was made by Bradley to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,



Supervisor Mark Sleger
Committee Secretary



Selina L. Hooker
Assistant to Corporation Counsel/HR Director

cc: Judiciary Committee Members
Chair Gove
1st Vice Chair Drew
2nd Vice Chair Foley
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