

Columbia County
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 11, 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, Chris Polzer, Liz Miller and Steven Rohrbeck
Absent: Eric J. Shimpach and Kim Manley
Also Present: Judge Voigt, Judge Hepler, Judge Cross, 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 8:15 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 Polzer. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion was made by Miller to approve the previous meeting minutes from April 13, 2021. Seconded by Rohrbeck. 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 Polzer to approve all of the expenditures. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.*
- 8) **Next meeting date** will be Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 8:15 a.m. in the Courthouse basement conference room.

II. Judges:

- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by Judge Voigt. Some in-person hearings have been taking place. Judge Hepler talked about the proposed Jury Plan that will soon be reviewed by the Chief Judge for approval. The Courts continue to work with CCAP, MIS and Facilities Management to prepare for a return to more 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. The office has started the recruitment process for jurors for future cases and is also in need of Bailiffs. COC Raimer said Columbia County has been selected as a pilot County with multiple Judges using a new computer system. Although there are challenges learning a new system, she said things have been going well the past couple weeks. There is an in-person Clerk Conference coming up in June and Raimer is looking forward to going.

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. She had her part-time Legal Secretary and a new ADA start recently.

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.

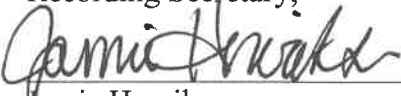
Motion was made by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. Seconded by Rohrbeck. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Chris Polzer
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,



Jamie Henriksen
HR Program Coordinator

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