

Columbia County
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 13, 2019

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, Bob Koch
Also Present: Judge Hepler, Judge Voigt, Chair Gove, COC Raimer, DA Kurt Klomberg, Assistant DA Bob Barrington, Assistant DA Crystal Long, Chief Deputy Bisch, Deputy Max Jenatscheck, Marnie Thome, Corporation Counsel Ruf, Jamie Henriksen, Lyn Jerde – Portage Daily Register

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

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:18 a.m. by Chair Rohrbeck.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) ***Motion was made by Bradley to approve the agenda. Seconded by Koch. Motion carried.***
- 4) ***Motion was made by Koch to approve the previous meeting minutes from March 12, 2019.***

Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried. Koch asked that it be noted that Committee Chair Rohrbeck arrived at the March 12, 2019 Judiciary Committee Meeting after the previous minutes were approved.

- 5) **Public Input.** No public input.
- 6) **Chairman's Communications.** None.
- 7) **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 Sleger to approve all of the expenditures. Seconded by Koch. Motion carried.

- 8) Next meeting date set for Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 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 Hepler. An update regarding the video conferencing system was provided to the Committee by Judge Hepler. A daily issues log is being kept by the COC. Judge Voigt states work has been scheduled for next week to fix microphones in each courtroom. Brief discussion by Judge Voigt regarding changes to the Court calendar starting in July of 2019.

III. Clerk of Courts:

1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Raimer. Discussion regarding Youth Government Day. Brief discussion regarding CCAP that will require some adjustment to provide a more enhanced e-filing system. Additional discussion by COC Raimer regarding scheduling changes with the Judges' calendars starting July 1st. COC Raimer will attend an Educational Conference in June 2019.

IV. Corporation Counsel/Child Support Office:

1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities for Corporation Counsel provided by Corporation Counsel Ruf. Discussion regarding Selina Hooker being appointed as the Child Support Administrator. Vacant positions in the Corporation Counsel Office and Child Support Agency have been filled.

2) **Line Item Transfer – Court Commissioner.** Discussion regarding moving funds to prevent a \$2,480.00 shortfall in the 2019 Court Commissioner's budget. ***Motion was made by Bradley to approve the***

Line Item Transfer – Court Commissioner. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.

V. District Attorney:

1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Discussion by Acting District Attorney Kurt Klomberg and Managing Attorney Bob Barrington (from Dodge County) regarding the daily processes/progress in the DA's Office. Discussion of DA's Office organization in Dodge County. DA Klomberg noted that the newly appointed Columbia County DA will require support and assistance from the County Board.

2) **Replacement Request – Victim Witness Coordinator.** Discussion. *Motion was made by Koch to approve the Replacement Request – Victim Witness Coordinator. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.*

3) **Teen Court** – Update provided by DA Klomberg including numbers involved in the program.

4) **Dodge County District Attorney's Office** – The Committee thanked DA Klomberg and Managing Attorney Barrington for their assistance during the transition process.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Koch to enter into closed session pursuant to WI State Statute Section 19.85 (1)(c), Stats., considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility [District Attorney's Office – Grievance]; and, pursuant to WI State Statute Section 19.85(1)(f), Stats., Considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations [District Attorney's Office – Harassment Complaint] Second by Bradley. Committee roll call to go into closed session was unanimous. Committee went into closed session at 9:05 AM.

OPEN SESSION

The Committee returned to open session at 10:23 AM.

5) **Employment Grievance – Motion made by Rohrbeck to deny the District Attorney Employee Grievance. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.**


Motion was made by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,



Supervisor Mark Sleger
Committee Secretary



Jamie Henriksen
HR Program Coordinator

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