

Columbia County
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 9, 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: Eric J. Shimpach, Chris Polzer and Liz Miller
Absent: Robert McClyman
Also Present: Judge Voigt, Judge Hepler, 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 8:17 a.m. by Vice Chair Shimpach.
- 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 Polzer to approve the previous meeting minutes from May 27, 2020. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried. Motion by Polzer to file the minutes from the March 10, 2020 meeting as no current Committee were present at that meeting. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Public Input.** No public input.
- 6) **Chairman's Communications.** N/A
- 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, July 14, 2020 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. Judge Voigt discussed the challenge of developing a COVID-19 court reopening plan. All Counties are to design a reopen plan that is to be approved by the Supreme Court. There are sub-committees in place to help develop the reopen plan.

III. Clerk of Courts:

- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Susan Raimer. Raimer discussed the changes in COC operations that have occurred due to COVID-19. The office is currently fully staffed.

IV. District Attorney:

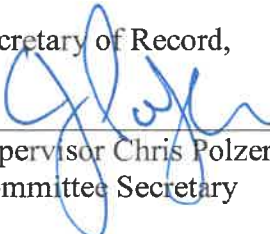
- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by DA Brenda Yaskal. The DA's Office added a new staff member and is now fully staffed. Yaskal also discussed changes in DA's Office operations due to COVID-19.

V. Corporation Counsel/Child Support Office:

- **General Review of Department Activities.** Corporation Counsel/HR Director Joseph Ruf III reported that the Corporation Counsel's Office and Child Support Agency remained open during the COVID-19 Safer at Home Order. The department is working with the Courts to develop a COVID-19 reopen plan.

Judiciary Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Chris Polzer
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,



Jamie Henriksen
HR Program Coordinator

cc: Judiciary Committee Members
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1st Vice Chair Drew
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