

Columbia County
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 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, COC Raimer, DA Brenda Yaskal, Corporation Counsel Joseph Ruf, Julie Kayartz, Selina Hooker, Jamie Henriksen, Jodi Burmania, Kelly Hoffmann, Brad Allen - PDR

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

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:15 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 July 9, 2019.*

Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.

- 5) **Public Input.** No public input.
- 6) **Chairman's Communications.** Chair Rohrbeck informed everyone how Accounting would like the Budget items approved.
- 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 Koch to approve all of the expenditures. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.
- 8) Next meeting date set for Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 8:15 a.m. at the Courthouse in the Branch II Jury Room. After the September meeting, we will go back to every other month meetings.

II. Judges:

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by Judge Voigt. There is currently a jury trial and everything appears to be running smoothly.
- 2) **Circuit Court Operations 2020 Budget.** Discussion regarding the increase in State-mandated fees for GALs and appointed Counsel fees. *Motion was made by Koch to approve the Circuit Court Operations (No. 1212) budget as presented. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.*
- 3) **Register in Probate 2020 Budget.** Discussion regarding increased Supreme Court-mandated fees. *Motion was made by Koch to approve the Register in Probate (No. 1216) budget as presented. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.*
- 4) **Family Court Mediator 2020 Budget.** *Motion was made by Bradley to approve the Family Court Mediator (No. 1218) budget as presented. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Court Commissioner 2020 Budget.** Discussion by Ruf that the County may have to pay more for Court Reporters in 2020. *Motion was made by Sleger to approve the Court Commissioner (No. 1240) budget as presented. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.*

III. Clerk of Courts:

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Susan Raimer.
- 2) **Clerk of Courts 2020 Budget.** Discussion. *Motion was made by Bradley to approve the Clerk of Courts (No. 1220) budget as presented. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried. Motion was made by Robson to approve Clerk of Courts capital outlay in the amount of \$1,000.00 (No. 1220.844000) as presented. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.*

IV. District Attorney:


- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by DA Yaskal.
- 2) **District Attorney 2020 Budget.** Discussion regarding the increased budget line for telephones as each ADA and the DA were issued County cell phones and that was not in the budget from last year. *Motion was made by Koch to approve the District Attorney (No. 1610) budget as presented. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried. Motion was made by Koch to approve District Attorney capital outlay in the amount of \$4,650.00 (No. 1610.844000) as presented. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.*
- 3) **Teen Court 2020 Budget.** Discussion by Bradley that she was impressed with the administrator of this program. *Motion was made by Koch to approve the Teen Court (No. 1615) budget as presented. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.*

V. Corporation Counsel/Child Support Office:


- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities for Corporation Counsel provided by Corporation Counsel Ruf. Ruf introduced Kelly Hoffmann as the Assistant to Corporation Counsel and Jodi Burmania as the HR Manager who assisted with the budget process. General discussion of monthly activities for Child Support provided by Selina Hooker.
- 2) **Corporation Counsel 2020 Budget.** *Motion was made by Bradley to approve the Corporation Counsel (No. 1640) budget as presented. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried. Motion was made by Koch to approve Corporation Counsel capital outlay in the amount of \$430.00 (No. 1640.844000) as presented. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.*
- 3) **Child Support 2020 Budget.** Discussion by Hooker regarding her 2020 goals for Child Support. *Motion was made by Koch to approve the Child Support (No. 1645) budget as presented. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried. Motion was made by Bradley to approve Child Support capital outlay in the amount of \$2,100.00 (No. 1645.844000) as presented. Seconded by Koch. Motion carried.*

Motion was made by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,


Supervisor ~~Mark Steger~~ Craig Robson
Committee Secretary ~~Secretary~~ Vice Chair

Recording Secretary,


Jamie Henriksen
HR Program Coordinator

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