

Columbia County
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 10, 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, Susanna R. Bradley, Bob Koch
Absent: Mark Sleger
Also Present: Judge Hepler, Judge Voigt, Judge Cross, Susan Raimer, Brenda Yaskal, Joseph Ruf, Jamie Henriksen, Nicole Aimone - PDR

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

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:17 a.m. by Chair Rohrbeck.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) *Motion was made by Koch to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion was made by Koch to approve the previous meeting minutes from August 13, 2019.*

Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.

- 5) **Public Input.** No public input.
- 6) **Chairman's Communications.** No communications.
- 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 Bradley. Motion carried.

- 8) Next meeting date set for Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 8:15 a.m. at the Courthouse in the Branch II Jury Room.

II. Judges:

General Review of Department Activities. General discussion of monthly activities provided by Judge Voigt. A Courthouse security plan is being developed under which all exterior doors will be locked except the gated entrance. All employees/visitors will have to go through the metal detector located at the main entrance. Judge Hepler reported that there is an upcoming trial involving a high risk inmate.

III. Clerk of Courts:

General Review of Department Activities. General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Susan Raimer. Shelving has been located to store boxes of files that remain in the mezzanine. A small monitor has been ordered for the main entrance that will list office locations for visitors.

IV. District Attorney:

General Review of Department Activities. General discussion of monthly activities provided by DA Yaskal. DA's Office is busy with court trials. There has not been confirmation from the State as to whether Columbia County will receive any additional ADAs.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Bradley to enter into closed session 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 Koch. Committee roll call to go into closed session was unanimous. Committee went into closed session at 8:42 AM.

OPEN SESSION

The Committee returned to open session at 9:03 AM.

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. The office is shorthanded due to a resignation and may need to utilize outside counsel.

2) **Replacement Request – Assistant Corporation Counsel.** *Motion was made by Bradley to approve the Replacement Request – Assistant Corporation Counsel. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.*


Motion was made by Robson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Mark Slegler
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,



Jamie Henriksen
HR Program Coordinator

cc: Judiciary Committee Members
Chair Gove
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