

Columbia County
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 11, 2018

Present: Matthew L. Rohrbeck, Craig Robson, Mark Sleger, Susanna R. Bradley, Bob Koch
Also Present: Judge Voigt, Judge Cross, Judge Hepler, COC Raimer, DA Kohlwey, Corporation Counsel Ruf, MIS Director Drews, Selina Hooker, Jonathan Stefonek

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

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Rohrbeck.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) *Motion was made by Bradley to approve the agenda. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion was made by Robson to approve the previous meeting minutes from July 10, 2018, and August 7, 2018. Seconded by Bradley.*
- 5) **Public Input.** No public input.
- 6) **Chairman's Communications.** None.
- 7) **Courthouse Remodeling Project Update.** Discussion/update regarding the Courthouse remodeling project update provided by Judge Voigt.
- 8) **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 Koch to approve all of the expenditures. Seconded by Robson. Motion carried.*
- 9) Next regular meeting date set for Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 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 Voigt. Discussion regarding the Courthouse remodel update/issues that need to be addressed regarding the audio visual due to tripping hazards and liability issues. There could be potential issues with people tripping over the equipment. OWI and Drug Treatment Courts are up and running with the two new coordinators that were hired. There are several potential jury trials in the near future, so the Courts continue to be busy.

III. Clerk of Courts:

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Raimer. Handout provided regarding the current number of case filings to show the statistics between the years 2016-2018. Things are going well. They continue to be busy with the new eFiling system. Brief discussion regarding courtroom issues.

IV. District Attorney:

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by DA Kohlwey. DA Kohlwey provided an overview of the District Attorney's Office and funding. Brief discussion regarding the Biennial State Budget.
- 2) **Replacement Request – Legal Secretary.** Discussion. *Motion was made by Bradley to approve the replacement request for Legal Secretary. Seconded by Koch. Motion carried.*
- 3) **Temporary Increase in Hours for Part-Time Legal Secretary (18.75 to 37.5 Hours).** Discussion. *Motion was made by Sleger to approve the temporary increase in hours for the part-time legal secretary (18.75 to 37.5 hours). Seconded by Koch. Motion carried.*

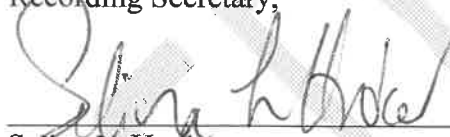
V. **Corporation Counsel/Child Support Office:**

1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities for Corporation Counsel provided by Corporation Counsel Ruf. The Corporation Counsel Office is still busy working on finishing up the last of the building projects. Staff and the workload are steady in the Child Support Agency. Discussion regarding eFiling continuing to go well. Brief discussion regarding building issues that need to be addressed and the warranty periods for the new buildings and the remodeled Courthouse.

Motion was made by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,



Supervisor Mark Slegers
Committee Secretary

Selina L. Hooker
Assistant to Corporation Counsel/HR Director

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