

Columbia County
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 5, 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 Voigt, Judge Cross, Susan Raimer, Brenda Yaskal, Joseph Ruf, Jessica Hale, 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 Chair Rohrbeck.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) *Motion was made by Koch to approve the agenda. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion was made by Koch to approve the previous meeting minutes from September 10, 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 Bradley to approve all of the expenditures. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.

8) Next meeting date set for Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 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. Judge Voigt talked about the increased number of jury trials lately and upcoming. The Clerk of Court has incurred higher costs than expected and the expenditure reports reflect the increase. The Judges are gone the rest of the week to the Fall Conference.

III. Clerk of Courts:

General Review of Department Activities. General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Susan Raimer. Shelving is being installed to store boxes of files that remain in the mezzanine. A Courthouse security plan is in place under which all exterior doors are locked except the gated entrance. All employees/visitors have to go through the metal detector located at the main entrance. Raimer said Youth Government Day was held last month and was a success with students from six school districts attending. There will be a building security exercise on 11/22/19 in the morning at the Court House.

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. ADA Kevin Calkins joined the DA Office and Yaskal said this has been excellent. Yaskal went on to say her office was sent letters of recognition from the Wisconsin Attorney General for exceptional work regarding a recent jury trial. Victim Witness Coordinators Shawback and Mullen were specifically recognized for their work with the same matter. Bradley thought this should be brought to the attention of the whole County Board. The Committee thanked Yaskal for her continued efforts to ensure the success and progress of the DA's Office.

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

General Review of Department Activities. Corporation Counsel Ruf was in a court hearing. Henriksen noted that the new Assistant Corporation Counsel, Attorney Jessica Hale has joined the Corporation Counsel Office.

Motion was made by Bradley to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 a.m. Seconded by Koch. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Mark Sleger
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,



Jamie Henriksen
HR Program Coordinator

cc: Judiciary Committee Members
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