

**Columbia County
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 6, 2018**

Present: Matthew L. Rohrbeck, Craig Robson, Mark Sleger, Susanna R. Bradley, Bob Koch
Also Present: Judge Voigt, Judge Hepler, Judge Cross, COC Raimer, DA Kohlwey, Corporation Counsel Ruf, ACC Miller, Helen Wruck, Monica Neumann, Selina Hooker

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 Sleger. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion was made by Sleger to approve the previous meeting minutes from September 11, 2018. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Public Input.** No public input.
- 6) **Chairman's Communications.** Chair Rohrbeck appreciates the Committee and the way they address issues and move forward.
- 7) **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.*
- 8) Next regular meeting date set for Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 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. Brief discussion regarding the Court Commissioner RFP. Discussion regarding the microphones in the Courtrooms. Judge Hepler introduced Monica Neumann, the new Drug Treatment Court Coordinator. Brief discussion regarding the State Public Defender's appointment rates and bringing a Resolution to the Committee.

III. Clerk of Courts:

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Raimer. Discussion regarding blinds and the heating and cooling system in the Clerk of Courts Office. An update regarding the video conferencing system was provided to the Committee. The Clerk of Courts is now keeping a log of the issues with it. COC Raimer recently attended the Clerk of Courts Fall Conference. Brief discussion regarding court reporters.

IV. District Attorney:

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by DA Kohlwey. DA Kohlwey recently attend the DA Conference. She also recently met with other DAs to discuss paperless offices. Brief discussion regarding personnel. Everyone in the District Attorney's Office recently received new computers. The computers in the DA's Office are funded by the State. Brief discussion on the two finalists for the DA replacement in January, 2019. The two finalists will interview with the Governor next week.

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 stable. Discussion regarding lawsuits

related to the building projects. Brief discussion regarding the hearing attended by Attorney Fisher yesterday. Discussion regarding jury duty compensation. General discussion of monthly activities in the Child Support Agency provided by Helen Wruck. Brief discussion regarding the new word processing system in the Child Support Agency.

2) **Resolution – Support Increased State Funding for County Child Support Agencies.** Helen Wruck provided an overview for the Committee. Brief discussion. *Motion was made by Koch to approve the Resolution to Support Increased State Funding for County Child Support Agencies. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.*

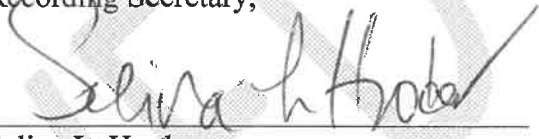
Motion was made by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 a.m. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Mark Sleger
Committee Secretary

Recording 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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APPROVED