

**Columbia County**  
**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**December 11, 2017**

**Present:** Barry Pufahl, Robert C. McClyman, Don DeYoung, Harlan Baumgartner, Fred Teitgen  
**Also Present:** Chair Gove, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Foley, Judge Voigt, Judge Hepler, COC Raimer, Heather Heiser, Corporation Counsel Ruf, Selina Hooker

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

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Pufahl.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) *Motion was made by McClyman to approve the agenda. Seconded by Teitgen. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion was made by Baumgartner to approve the previous meeting minutes from November 13, 2017. Seconded by DeYoung. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Public Input.** No public input.
- 6) **Courthouse Remodel Update.** Supervisor Teitgen and Judge Voigt updated the Committee on the Courthouse remodeling project. Currently the project is on schedule. Brief discussion regarding the fence, furniture needs, and the Courthouse staff moving back into the remodeled Courthouse. Discussion regarding the parking agreement between the City of Portage and Columbia County.
- 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 McClyman to approve all of the expenditures. Seconded by Teitgen. Motion carried.*
- 8) **Interdepartmental Cooperation.** Tabled to January 8, 2018.
- 9) **Chairman's Communications.** Brief discussion regarding the Judiciary Committee.
- 10) **Judiciary Committee Role and Responsibilities.** Discussion regarding the future of the Judiciary Committee.
- 8) Next meeting date set for Monday, January 8, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 115.

**II. Judges:**

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by Judges Voigt and Hepler. Brief discussion regarding planned changes in Court Administrative Districts. Discussion regarding Branch III. Brief discussion on Drug Treatment Court. Brief discussion on OWI Treatment Court. Discussion regarding grant writing for OWI and Drug Treatment Courts.

**III. Clerk of Courts:**

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Raimer. Discussion regarding year end expenditures/budget. FLAG students will be job shadowing the Courts this week.

**IV. District Attorney:**

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by Heather Heiser. Brief discussion regarding the current hiring for the District Attorney's Office.
- 2) **Line Item Transfer.** Brief discussion. *Motion was made by DeYoung to approve the Line Item Transfer in the amount of \$2,500.00 from Account No. 1610.535890 (Court Costs) to 1610.533110 (Office Supplies). Seconded by Baumgartner. Motion carried.*

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

1) **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities for Corporation Counsel and Child Support provided by Corporation Counsel Ruf. Brief discussion regarding the building project/Child Support Agency move back to the remodeled Courthouse.

*Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Pufahl at 8:40 a.m.*

Secretary of Record,

  
Supervisor Don DeYoung  
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,

  
Selina L. Hooker  
Assistant to Corporation Counsel/HR Director

cc: Judiciary Committee Members  
Chair Gove  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Cupery  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Foley  
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