

**Columbia County**  
**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**December 14, 2021**

*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:** Robert McClyman, Eric J. Shimpach, Chris Polzer, Liz Miller, Steven Rohrbeck and Kim Manley

**Also Present:** Judge Voigt, Judge Cross, COC Susan Raimer, ADA Jordan Lippert, Corporation Counsel Joseph Ruf, III and Jamie Henriksen

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

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Chair McClyman.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) *Motion was made by Miller to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes from November 9, 2021. Seconded by Manley. Motion carried.*
- 4) **Public Input.** none
- 5) **Chairman's Communications.** Judiciary Committee Chair McClyman would like all future meetings to be held at the Administration Building instead of the Courthouse basement.
- 6) **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 Miller to approve all of the expenditures. Seconded by Manley. Motion carried.*
- 7) **Next meeting date** will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 8:15 a.m. *A motion was made by Shimpach to hold future Judiciary Committee Meetings at the Administration Building. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.*

**II. Judges:**

- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by Judge Voigt. The Courts continue to work on the backlog from COVID-19 as well as processing new cases. Judge Voigt reported that Columbia County received almost all the funds we requested for our Treatment Court program. Judge Voigt and Judge Cross added with the shortage of Assistant District Attorneys, there has been a significant amount of hearings that have had to be reset. There is another retirement coming in the DA's Office in January, so it will be even more difficult to get the hearings scheduled.

**III. Clerk of Courts:**

- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by COC Susan Raimer. Raimer discussed the changes and challenges in COC operations that have occurred due to COVID-19. Raimer said her staff continue to struggle with COVID-19 related issues. Overall Court case filing numbers are up from last year.

**IV. District Attorney:**

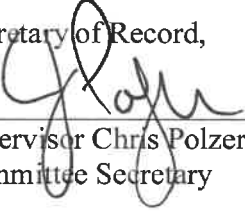
- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities provided by ADA Jordan Lippert. Lippert discussed changes and challenges in the DA's Office operations due to COVID-19. Lippert said the DA's Office is still struggling to fill ADA vacancies, but are still actively recruiting. Jordan added that there will be an experienced ADA starting this spring.

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

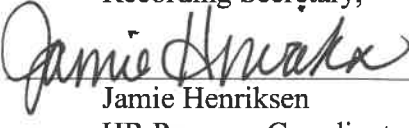
- **General Review of Department Activities.** General discussion of monthly activities for Corporation Counsel and Child Support provided by Corporation Counsel Joseph Ruf, III. The Corporation Counsel Office continues to be busy with hearings both in-person and via Zoom. Ruf reported Columbia County received confirmation we will be receiving \$3 Million Dollars from the Opioid Litigation.

*Motion was made by Rohrbeck to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 a.m. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.*

Secretary of Record,

  
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Supervisor Chris Polzer  
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,

  
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Jamie Henriksen  
HR Program Coordinator

cc: Judiciary Committee Members  
Chair Gove  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Koch  
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