

**Waupaca County  
Legislative, Judicial, Ethics, Safety & Security Committee  
April 10, 2017 - Minutes**

Chair Kussmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and gave the open meeting statement.

**Roll call:** Suprs. Kussmann, Mary Kay Poehlman, Dona Gabert, Terry Murphy and Fred Zaug were present. A quorum was established. Others present: Jill Lodewegen, Diane Meulemans, Brian Haase, Ryan Brown, DA Veronica Isherwood, Judge Clussman and Judge Huber.

**Agenda: Motion:** Supr. Gabert moved and Supr. Poehlman seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was carried without a negative vote.

**Approve minutes: Motion:** Supr. Poehlman moved and Supr. Gabert approved the minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Public Comment** – No comments.

**Reports of LJES&S Depts.**

**Judicial** – Judge Huber and Judge Clussman noted that the drug court coordinator interviews were complete and they were ready to make an offer pending some insurance questions they were waiting for a response on. Once an offer was made and a contract was drawn up, they would have that contract reviewed by Corporation Counsel Meulemans

**District Attorney Veronica Isherwood** – DA Isherwood informed the committee that for the first quarter of 2017, there were 666 new cases opened. That is up from the 619 cases in the first quarter of 2015 and 515 in 2014. She also noted that the average number of days to charge out a new case was 6.5 days. She is currently recruiting for the witness coordinator position.

She also requested that the committee consider paying for the bar dues for the 3 assistant DA's due to them being on the State wage system which is considered very low. She had two additional streams of revenue in her department that she felt would more than offset the \$600 per person per year cost. Corporation Counsel Meulemans noted that her budget currently has bar fees built into it. **Motion:** Supr. Poehlman moved to pay yearly bar dues for not only the Assistant District Attorney's but also the District Attorney. Supr. T. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried without a negative vote.

**Clerk of Courts:** – No report

**Corporation Counsel Diane Meulemans:** Ms. Meulemans presented the Child Support Agency Reports for the month of March with performance measures and collections, monthly caseloads which is on file with these minutes.

She also discussed the concerns with child support cases being back logged due to the retirement of Judge Kirk at the end of May and Judge Elect Nielson not starting until August. In addition, Judge Elect Nielson may not be able to have some cases be placed in his court due to conflicts with his current position. She noted that this could negatively impact her performance measurements which impact payment from the state. Ms. Meulemans also updated the committee on current termination of parental rights and CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection) cases.

Lastly she updated the committee on the Assistant Corporation Counsel open position, stating that 6 finalists were selected from the 24 applications and they were being interviewed today.

**Resolutions/Ordinances:**

**Res. No. 1 (17-18)** Royalton Comp Plan amendment. **Motion:** Supr. T. Murphey moved and Supr. Gabert seconded the motion to approve the resolution and forward to the full county board. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Res. No. 3 (17-18)** Land Conservation Funding. **Motion:** Supr. Poehlman moved and Supr. Zaug seconded the motion to approve the resolution and forward to the full county board. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Next meeting date:** Second Monday of the month, May 8, 2017 at 10 a.m.

**Adjourn: Motion:** Supr. Zaug moved and Supr. Gabert seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:46 a.m. The motion carried without a negative vote. The meeting was adjourned.

Jill Lodewegen  
County Clerk