

Judicial & Rules Committee Meeting
Tuesday July 25, 2017
Courthouse Annex, Room 319, 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Agenda Items 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Adam Hart called the Judicial & Rules Committee of the Vermilion County Board to order at 5:00 PM., July 27, 2017 in the Courthouse Annex Room 319.

Upon the call of roll, the following members were present:, Adam Hart, Larry Baughn Tom Morse, , Phearn Butler, and Nancy O'Kane were present. Deanna Witzel and Robert Boyd were excused. 5 present, 2 absent at roll call.

Also present were: Mike Mara- Public Defender, Judy Hartshorn- Juvenile Detention Center, Jacqueline Lacy- State's Attorney, Denny Gardner- Circuit Clerk, Bill Donahue- Risk Consultant, and Jennifer Jenkins - Administrative Assistant.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda

Hart asked if there were any changes/additions to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Butler, second by Baughn. Motion was carried by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2017

A motion was made by O'Kane, second by Morse, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

None

Agenda Item 5 – Budget-Public Defender

Mike Mara presented his budget to the committee and explained that the only change in his budget would be a 3% increase in his salary line. He also explained that he did have some movement of some costs to different line items however, the costs, overall, stayed the same. Morse provided a motion, 2nd by Butler.

Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Hart, Baughn, Morse, Butler, and O'Kane. 5-yes 2-absent

Agenda Item 6 – Budget- Juvenile Detention Center

Judy Hartshorn explained to the committee that the only increase on her budget would be for salary increases which were already approved in the union contract, and also the dietary/food line item in which she added \$2000.00.

Motion by Baughn, second by O'Kane to approve the budget presented.

Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Hart, Baughn, Morse, Butler, and O'Kane. 5-yes 2-absent

Agenda Items 7- Budget- State's Attorney

Jacqueline Lacy advised the committee that there are salary increases on the 2017-2018 budget proposal and that there were a few things moved around between lines however, it basically stayed the same. She also further explained that she has some concerns about some of the significant cases that are currently being prosecuted. She currently has 10 murder cases pending and that does not include the cases that the attorney general has picked up pursuant to her conflict issue, any financial obligations with those cases are paid for by the County as far as transcripts, etc.

Ms. Lacy will continue to bring any other issues to the boards attention.

Motion by Butler, second by Morse to approve the budget presented.

Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Hart, Baughn, Morse, Butler, and O’Kane. 5-yes 2-absent

Agenda Items 8- Budget- Circuit Clerk

Denny Gardner advised the committee that the increases within the general fund are due to salaries. All of the other funds within the Circuit Clerk’s office have decreased except for E-Citation and that stays up because those funds can only be spent on E-Citation. Supplies, etc cannot be purchased from this fund.

Document storage decreased by \$25000.00 due to the microfilm project because the state has changed the rules on document destruction. Once it has been scanned and in the system then the paperwork can be destroyed.

Motion by O’Kane, second by Morse to approve the budget as presented.

Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Hart, Baughn, Morse, Butler, and O’Kane. 5-yes 2-absent

Agenda Item 9- Items of Information and Committee Concerns

None.

Agenda Item 10 – Executive Session

Not needed.

Agenda Item 11- Adjournment

Committee Chairman Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 5:13 P.M.

Minutes by: Jennifer Jenkins, Administrative Assistant