

Judiciary & Circuit Clerk Committee
Tentative Minutes
(Remote Attendance due to COVID-19 Crisis)
November 10, 2020

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman McKinney called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present via audio: Bowers, Corbitt, Droege and Sulser. Others via audio: Circuit Clerk Kim Stahl, Judge Robert Hanson and Nordman. Others: IT Manager Larry Callant and Heuer.
2. Approval of Minutes – October 13, 2020: Motion by Bowers to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Sulser. Roll call: Yes – Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Sulser, McKinney. Motion carried.
3. Closed Session: None
4. Public Comment: None
5. Judiciary
 - Monthly Bills: Motion by Bowers to approve the bills totaling \$9,456.58, 2nd by Corbitt. Roll Call: Yes – Bowers, Sulser, Droege, Corbitt and McKinney. Motion carried.
 - Department Update: Judge Hanson stated the final FY2021 budget includes the Public Defender’s Office; they have someone ready to go once the budget is approved. They are still working on the logistics of the office. Hanson expressed his sincere appreciation for the support of the Public Defender’s Office.
Hanson stated he will be giving money back from the current budget; they have not had any jury trials since the beginning of the year. He informed the Committee about the COVID outbreak in Stephenson County, they were shut down for a week. Hanson stated everyone has been great about social distancing and cleaning in the Judicial Center and attributes that to no COVID issues. They will have 2 Circuit Judges retiring December 1st; Jo Daviess and Carroll counties.
6. Circuit Clerk
 - Monthly Bills: Motion by Bowers to approve the bills totaling \$47.95, 2nd by Corbitt. Roll Call: Yes – Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Sulser, McKinney. Motion carried.
 - Department Update: Stahl stated they are staying busy; she has one employee out due to COVID. They continue to work on the Sexual Harassment training. Stahl thanked the Committee for their support.
7. New Business: McKinney thanked everyone for their service, wished Sulser luck.
8. Adjournment: With no further business, Chairman McKinney adjourned the meeting. Time: 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany O’Brien