

## MINUTES

Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction  
Helena, Montana  
October 15, 2010

**Members Present were:** Hon. Larry Carver, Hon. Perry Miller, Hon. Mary Jane Knisley (via video), Hon. David Ortley (via video), Shaun Donovan (via video), Hon. Greg Mohr, Hon. Gary Olsen, Jennifer Boschee, and Kelly Addy (via video).

**Members Absent:** Supreme Court Liaison Justice Jim Nelson, Hon. Doug Harkin, Prof. Peggy Tonon and Randi Hood.

**Staff Present:** Beth McLaughlin

Chairman Judge Mary Jane Knisely called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Judge Knisely introduced Kelly Addy as the new city representative to the Commission. Members welcomed him to the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the August 5, 2010 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Judge Mohr and seconded by Ms. Boschee that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**ACT Letter and Information:** Commission members made note of the letter sent about the Act program sent to all judges by the Department of Public Health and Human Services. No action was required.

**Record Retention Schedule:** Judge Larry Carver reported that he contacted Judge Chuck Wall regarding his question about the record retention schedule. Judge Carver was able to answer the question and no additional action is required.

**Certification Conference:** Commission members reviewed the certification agenda. Judge Mohr noted that the Montana Magistrates' Association would provide two days of training prior the school for all newly elected judges.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Curriculum Committee Chair:** The Commission was required to appoint a new chairman for the curriculum committee following Judge Gayle Stahl's retirement. Judge Mohr was nominated and appointed by acclamation.

**Letter from Judge Richard Motta:** Beth provided the Commission with a letter from Judge Motta discussing his concern with the Drummond City Court. Commission members

did not believe this was an educational issue. However, in the interest of being responsive, Mr. Addy agreed to contact the Drummond City Attorney to determine what action the city was taking to reinstate the court.

**TO DO: Mr. Addy will contact the city attorney and report back at the next meeting.**

**Montana Supreme Court Contempt Case:** Judge Doug Hark requested the Commission review *Vietor v Granite County Justice Court* (OP 10-0393). However, Judge Harkin was attending the Montana Judges' Association meeting and asked to continue the item to the November meeting.

**TO DO: Staff will place the item on the November agenda.**

**Conference Locations:** Commission members considered conference locations for 2013-2015. The following locations were suggested subject to availability and quality assessments. Beth noted that staff would need to ensure that facilities were appropriate and available.

Spring 2013	Chico Hot Springs (Butte as backup)
Fall 2013	Billings
Spring 2014	Whitefish/Kalispell
Fall 2014	Bozeman
Spring 2015	Lewistown (Great Falls as backup)
Fall 2015	Polson (Missoula as backup)

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting of the COCOLJ will be November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Missoula Holiday Inn Parkside starting at 3 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.