

# MINUTES

## **Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (COCOLJ)**

**Helena, MT**

**March 15, 2024**

**Members Participating:** Hon. Kelly Mantooth, Hon. Steve Fagenstrom, Hon. Steve Bolstad, Hon. David Grubich, Peggy Tonon, Hon. Kerry Burman, Brian Smith, Hon. Jessie Connolly, Greg Sullivan, Hon. Maureen O'Connor, Melissa Rosaaen, Jeanne Torske, and Justice Jim Rice.

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Shauna Ryan

Judge Mantooth called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Public Comment:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on February 23, 2024, were reviewed. Peggy Tonon moved that the minutes be approved. Judge Bolstad seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **Law Enforcement Reference Guide**

Shortly after the commission meeting in February, the Association of Montana Troopers advised they had revisited the issue and decided they would in fact be publishing the Law Enforcement Reference Guide. They hope to have it available in 4-6 weeks. The working group established at the last meeting is now moot.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Standardized Certificate of Surrender Form for Bondsmen**

Ole Olson, Chief Legal Counsel for the State Auditor's Office, sent their form to the Commission and requested the judges respond back with any comments or concerns regarding the content. The Commission likes the form and has no issue with the content.

#### **Spring Conference Agenda – Update**

Shauna Ryan reported that she had been in contact with all the presenters and the agenda is well set. The only minor change was with the mock hearings; the prosecutor for the hearings will be someone from the Bozeman city attorney's office, rather than Jeanne Torske. Ms. Torske has a scheduling conflict and is unable to be in Bozeman.

## **Curriculum for Fall 2024**

The commission began work on drafting the agenda for the fall conference in Helena. The agenda will be finalized at the June meeting after consideration of suggestions from the spring conference survey.

**Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be Monday, April 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the GranTree Inn in Bozeman.