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**MINUTES
MONTANA SUPREME COURT PUBLIC MEETING
2017, June 20, 1:15 p.m.
Attorney's Lounge, 4th floor
Joseph P. Mazurek Justice Building
215 North Sanders, Helena**

The Chief Justice called the meeting to order at 1:17p.m. In attendance were Chief Justice McGrath, Justices Baker, Rice, Cotter, Wheat, McKinnon, and Sandefeur, Law Clerks Jason Collins, Melanie D'Isidoro, Valentine Sworts, and Shelly Smith, Executive Secretary of Judicial Standards Commission. Justice Shea was absent.

Item 1: Minutes from the previous public meeting

- The minutes from the prior meeting were accepted unanimously via voice vote.

Item 2: AF 07-0385 APPOINTMENT TO THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

- The Chief Justice noted that Justice Shea recommended appointment of Jill Gerdrum, an attorney in Missoula, to the commission. The Chief Justice noted that without any objection or other suggestions, he will call her and tell her she is appointed.
- Award certificates for retiring judicial standards commissioners were proffered by Ms. Smith to the Justices and then signed by the Justices.

Item 3: Adoption of judicial branch administrative policy 1010 regarding payment of prosecution witness fees

- The Chief Justice noted the memo on this topic was previously circulated and that an updated one will be circulated about it and the budget.
- The Chief Justice noted that come February, there will be a budget cut and the issue is how to deal with it.
- The Chief Justice asked for a motion acknowledging and approving the revised policy
- Justice Rice so moved and his motion was seconded
- The motion was unanimously approved via voice
- The motion passed and the Chief Justice so noted

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

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Ed Smith

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

Duly Submitted,
Jason Collins
Law Clerk