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## MONTANA SUPREME COURT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 13, 2022

Joseph P. Mazurek Justice Building

215 North Sanders, Helena

Attorneys Lounge 4<sup>th</sup> | Also Available via Zoom Conference

Chief Justice McGrath called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. In attendance were the Chief Justice and Justices Baker, Gustafson, McKinnon, Rice, Sandefur, and Shea. Judicial staff also in attendance were Jeanine Blaner, Supreme Court Staff Attorney; Kevin Cook, Electronic Services Coordinator; and Anders Newbury, Supreme Court Law Clerk. Also in attendance were Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator and Bowen Greenwood, Clerk of Court.

### **Item 1: Approval of the Minutes from September 6, 2022 Public Meeting**

- The minutes from the previous public meeting were approved.

### **Item 2: Judicial Branch Budget Proposals**

- The Chief Justice introduced the matter, noting primary issue was a proposed pay raise for members of the judicial branch.
- Beth McLaughlin advised that the proposal implemented the \$0.55/hour staff pay raise as approved by the Legislature.
- The Chief Justice stated this was part of an effort to bring judicial branch pay into accordance with statewide levels by granting an early raise prior to January. The Chief Justice solicited questions or comments.
- Bowen Greenwood stated that he hoped that the Clerk of Court's staff would be included in the pay raise.
- Proposed budget was unanimously adopted.

Chief Justice McGrath adjourned the meeting 1:20 PM

Submitted by Anders Newbury, Law Clerk, on September 13, 2022.

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Bowen Greenwood  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
State of Montana