

## MONTANA SUPREME COURT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday March 28, 2023, 1:15 p.m.

Joseph P. Mazurek Justice Building  
215 North Sanders, Helena  
Attorney's Lounge, 4th Floor

Chief Justice McGrath called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m. In attendance were the Chief Justice and Justices McKinnon, Baker, Shea, Sandefur, and Gustafson.

Also in attendance were Beth McLaughlin, Montana Court Administrator; Jeanine Blaner, Supreme Court Staff Attorney; Kevin Cook, Electronic Services Coordinator; McKenna Ford, Supreme Court Law Clerk; and Anne Lewis, Supreme Court Law Clerk.

### **Item One: Approval of the Minutes from the February 14, 2023 Public Meeting**

- The Justices unanimously approved the minutes from the last public meeting.

### **Item Two: Appointment to the Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction**

- The Chief Justice noted that Scott Twito has retired his position as the County Attorney member on the Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.
- The Justices voted unanimously to appoint Jeanne Torske as the County Attorney member of the Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.

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

- The Chief Justice McGrath introduced the matter.
- Court Administrator Beth McLaughlin discussed HB 13 and noted the bill contains a one-time bonus for staff after it goes into effect.
- McLaughlin recommended mirroring HB 13, so the bonus goes to all employees except short-term employees. Further, McLaughlin recommended it go into effect on April 7th, 2023—the end of the pay period.
- The Justices voted unanimously to adopt the proposal subject to the Governor's signature on HB 13.

### **Public Comment**

- None.

**FILED**

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Clerk of Supreme Court  
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