

Special Judicial & Rules Committee Meeting
Monday, April 22, 2024
Joseph G Cannon Building, 2nd Floor, 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call:

Committee Chair Jerry Hawker called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. Upon the call of roll, the following members were present: Jerry Hawker, George Weller and Gary Miller. Chairman Larry Baughn, Jr. served as Ex-Officio member. Britny Hoag, Marla Mackiewicz, Greg Shepard and Becky Stark were absent. 4 present, 4 absent. Also attending the meeting were: Tom Gregory – Director of Probation, Thomas M. O’Shaughnessy – Chief Judge, Brian Talbott – Director of Tech Services and Cassy Carter – Financial Resources Director.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda:

Weller moved, seconded by Miller to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was carried by acclamation. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from August 22, 2023:

Miller moved, seconded by Baughn, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by acclamation. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments:

None.

Agenda Item 5 – Ordinance – RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the General Fund, Non-Departmental - \$53,560.00

Motion by Weller, seconded by Miller to approve.

Talbott explained this is grant money coming in, grant money going out. This is the AOIC Courtroom Technology yearly grant.

Upon roll call vote the following members voted yes, to-wit: Hawker, Weller, Miller and Baughn. 4 yes, 4 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 6 – Ordinance – RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Probation Service Fund - \$15,000.00

Motion by Miller, seconded by Weller to approve.

Gregory explained this is moving money from the Opioid Settlement funds into Probation Service for officer training. Hawker noted upon review of the agenda the training looked very valuable.

Upon roll call vote the following members voted yes, to-wit: Hawker, Weller, Miller and Baughn. 4 yes, 4 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 – Ordinance – RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Probation Service Fund - \$2,000.00

Motion by Miller, seconded by Weller to approve.

Gregory explained this is moving money from the Opioid Settlement funds into Probation Service for the purchase of bus passes. This provides individuals on probation transportation to and from probation appointments, court dates and treatment programs.

Upon roll call vote the following members voted yes, to-wit: Hawker, Weller, Miller and Baughn. 4 yes, 4 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 8 – Ordinance – RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Drug Court Fund - \$10,000.00

Motion by Weller, seconded by Miller to approve.

Judge O'Shaughnessy explained this is moving money from the Opioid Settlement funds into the Drug Court Fund to pay for the Specialty Courts Conference.

Upon roll call vote the following members voted yes, to-wit: Hawker, Weller, Miller and Baughn. 4 yes, 4 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 9 – Judges Courtroom Renovation – Discussion

Hawker asked Judge O'Shaughnessy if he is getting everything needed for the courtrooms. He also inquired about needing to tear down a wall. Judge O'Shaughnessy stated that he is getting everything he needs.

Chairman Baughn stated that RC Electric was working on this project last week.

Agenda Item 10 – Executive Session:

None.

Agenda Item 11 - Items of Information:

None.

Agenda Item 12- Adjournment:

Hawker adjourned the meeting at 5:10PM

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Financial Resources Director