

Minutes
Conference Call, January 8, 2002, 7:30 a.m.
Board of Judicial Policy and Administration

The Board of Judicial Policy and Administration met by conference call on January 8, 2001. Chief Justice Larry Lehman, Justice William Hill, Justice Bart Voigt, Judge Ed Grant, Judge Rob Denhardt, Judge Frank Zebre, and Judge Wade Waldrip attended. Tim Day, Karl Linde, Holly Hansen, and Linda Burke also attended.

1. Citizens Access to Courts Committee (CACC) Proposed Changes to Wyoming Rules of Professional Conduct and Rule 102 of the Uniform Rules for District Courts. Chief Justice Lehman explained that on December 7, 2001, the Board adopted in principle and subject to forthcoming changes, the CACC's proposed changes to the Wyoming Rules of Professional Conduct and Rule 102 of the Uniform Rules for District Courts. Tim Day and Karl Linde described the changes that had been made, most of which pertained to making the rules applicable to civil cases only, rather than both civil and criminal. The revised Notice and Consent advises that the client must provide a permanent address to the Court and that the client will keep the Court and opposing party updated on any change in permanent address. Judge Denhardt moved and Judge Grant seconded a motion to adopt the CACC's revisions to the Wyoming Rules of Professional Conduct and Rule 102 of the Uniform Rules for District Courts as amended. The motion passed unanimously. Karl Linde will prepare the Order and provide to the Chief for signature.

2. Report from Judicial Salary Committee. Chief Justice Lehman reported on the progress of the Salary Committee meetings. The Judges are contacting their respective legislators and reporting back to the lobbyists, Steve Cranfill and Rodger McDaniel. The Chief, Justice Hill, and Justice Voigt agreed to meet and arrange a short interview with the Governor to present the salary increase concept. Holly Hansen agreed to check on the status of the two bills sponsored by Phil Nicholas and Jeff Wasserburger and send out copies to the Board when approved.

3. Vehicle Request from Judge Arp. After a brief discussion of the vehicle request from Judge Arp, the Board decided the request was premature until the Legislature decides what funding will be appropriated for the transition of Justice of the Peace Courts into the circuit court system. Justice Voigt moved and Judge Grant seconded a motion to suspend action on the request pursuant to the current Vehicle Policy approved by the Board. Judge Waldrip opposed the motion.

4. Other Matters. Chief Justice Lehman reported that the subject of extension of jurisdiction was a matter to be discussed in conference on January 8, 2002. The Board agreed that the process of extending jurisdiction should begin with a discussion with the appropriate circuit judge, followed by a written submission to the Board.

Judge Cole advised the Board that the committee formed to consider clerical supervision in courts where there is no circuit judge would be ready to present their recommendations at the February Board meeting.

Holly Hansen informed the Board that Matt Fermelia was reviewing the information packet for employees discussed at the December Board meeting and would be available at the February Board meeting.

Holly Hansen requested Board members to notify her of any topics they wish to include on the agenda of the February Board meeting as soon as possible. Judges Denhardt, Zebre, Waldrup, and Cole agreed to discuss the issues of automation fees and victim service fees in cases with multiple citations in circuit courts. Judge Grant agreed to contact other district judges and address the resulting problems for district courts. These judges will make recommendations and provide supporting data for Board members before the February Board meeting.

Board Adjourned 8:45 a.m.