

Minutes  
Conference Call, May 19, 2003, Noon  
Board of Judicial Policy and Administration

The Board of Judicial Policy and Administration met by conference call on May 19, 2003. Chief Justice William Hill, Justice Larry Lehman, Justice Bart Voigt, Judge Ed Grant, Judge Keith Kautz, Judge Jim Burke, and Judge Wade Waldrup attended. Holly Hansen, and Ronda Munger also attended.

1. Approval of April 8, 2003 Minutes

Judge Waldrup moved and Justice Lehman seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2003, Board conference call. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Natrona County Vacancy

The Board discussed the appointment of the third District Judge in Natrona County. May 19th is the last day to accept expressions of interest. The Nominating Commission will be conducting interviews in Casper on June 18th and will forward names to the Governor shortly thereafter. It was noted that as of the date of the call, there were a smaller than expected number of applicants for the position.

3. Municipal Ordinance Town of Manderson

The Town of Manderson has approached the Supreme Court and requested they extend the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court in Big Horn County to enforce their municipal ordinances. Wyoming Statute § 5-9-105 permits this request upon approval of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court received a letter from Judge Robert Skar, Circuit Judge in the Fifth Judicial District, providing his thoughts on the matter. Judge Skar anticipates that this work will not require an enormous amount of time for him or his court. Justice Voigt moved approval of the Town of Manderson's request, upon the condition that Holly Hansen provide an estimated cost for the State to provide this service and agreement by the Town of Manderson to pay it. Judge Waldrup seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve 2003 Bail Bond Schedule

Holly Hansen provided a detailed explanation of all the changes that the Bail Bond Committee has proposed to the Bail Bond schedule. Judge Grant moved the changes be approved, and Judge Waldrup seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Other Matters

Judge Sam Soule, Circuit Judge from the Third Judicial District, sent an email advising of court security issues that he is currently facing. The Chief Justice advised that there are funds available for court security issues through a Federal Home Land Security Grant. The court security issue will be discussed at the

Conference of Special Court Judges, and a presentation will be made at the June meeting of the Board.

Judge Burke updated the Board on the work of the Professionalism Committee. He advised that he and Judge Grant met with eight up and coming young lawyers, who demonstrated a high level of interest and are willing to work hard in improving the image of the legal profession.

Judges Denhardt and Kautz will be finishing their terms on the Board as of June 30, 2003. District Judge John Perry and Circuit Judge Terry Tharp will be the new members on the Board as of July 1, 2003.

Board Adjourned 12:45 p.m.

**Future Board Meeting Schedule:**

June 19 and 20, 2003	Meeting in Casper
August 12, 2003	Conference Call, Noon
September 9, 2003	Conference Call, Noon (Conflict with State Bar?)
October 1 & 2, 2003	Meeting in Saratoga
November 11, 2003	Conference Call, Noon (Conflict with Veterans' Day Holiday)
December 4 & 5, 2003	Meeting at Law Enforcement Academy