

Minutes
Conference Call, May 29, 2001, 8:00 a.m.
Board of Judicial Policy and Administration

The Board of Judicial Policy and Administration met by conference call on May 29, 2001. Chief Justice Larry L. Lehman, Justice Bart Voigt, Judge Gary Hartman, Judge Jeff Donnell, Judge Keith Kautz, Judge Frank Zebre, Judge Wade Waldrip, and Judge Scott Cole attended. Holly Hansen and Ronda Munger also attended. Judge Park participated by phone for the first fifteen minutes.

1. Permanent Rules Advisory Committee. The issue of the 180-day Speedy Trial Rule was resolved and explained to the Board. As the rule stands, there is an initial 180-day speedy trial deadline, with the ability of the trial court to grant an extension for 180 days as he/she finds necessary. So long as specific findings are made on the record, the trial court may extend the deadline as many times as is necessary without dismissal. The rule will be in effect as of September 1, 2001.
2. Vote on April Board Minutes. Judge Waldrip moved that the April Board minutes be adopted as written. Judge Zebre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
3. J.P. County Visits. The schedule for the visits to the Justice of the Peace counties was discussed. Chief Justice Lehman, Holly Hansen and Ronda Munger will be traveling to all sites. Judge Donnell will attend the Weston (6/5/01, 8:30 a.m.), Crook (6/5/01, 11:00 a.m.), Niobrara (6/5/01, 3:30 p.m.) and Platte County (6/7/01, 1:00 p.m.) meetings. Judge Cole will try to attend the Niobrara County meeting, but will attend the Platte County meeting. Judge Hartman may be at the Teton County meeting (6/18/01), but will attend the Washakie County meeting (6/19/01, 3:45 p.m.) and the Johnson County meeting (6/20/01, 9:00 a.m.). The Board's magistrate salary formula and narrative was circulated to all supreme court justices, district judges, circuit judges, and justices of the peace, and county court commissioners in the seven J.P. counties. Comment was received from the Sixth Judicial District. Discussion was held regarding the expense of placing salaried magistrates in Crook and Weston Counties in the Sixth Judicial District; potential scheduling problems for the Eighth Judicial District, caused by lack of facilities in Wheatland, were discussed as well. The Board is tentatively on the Joint Judiciary agenda on June 28th and 29th in Riverton.
4. Bail Bond Schedule. Judge Waldrip moved that the Uniform Bail and Forfeiture Schedule be adopted as drafted. Judge Zebre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
5. Consistency Issues in Circuit Courts. At the Conference of Special Court Judges held in Jackson last week, the clerks of circuit courts raised the issue of inconsistent fee practices in the circuit courts. The Board requested that Judge Zebre and Judge Waldrip discuss the issue with the circuit judges.

6. June Meeting. The Board decided to invite comment from the circuit judges who are within J.P. circuits to make comment at the June Board meeting.

7. Judicial Salary Committee. Judges Hartman, Waldrip and Voigt agreed to be members of a judicial salary committee. Chief Justice Lehman will ask Justice Kite, Judge Perry, Judge Park, and Judge Brown to participate as well. Judge Waldrip agreed to discuss the issue with Representative Tony Rose. Judge Kautz has discussed the issue with Senator John Schiffer, who recommended the bill be carried by the Joint Judiciary.

Board Adjourned 8:50 a.m.