

Judicial & Rules Committee Meeting  
Tuesday May 28, 2019  
Vermilion County Administration Building, 5:00 PM

## **M I N U T E S**

### **Agenda Items 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chuck Mockbee called the Judicial & Rules Committee of the Vermilion County Board to order at 5:00 PM., May 28, 2019 in the Vermilion County Administration Building.

Upon the call of roll, the following members were present: Chuck Mockbee, Phearn Butler, Robert Boyd, Nancy O'Kane, and Natalie Duncan. Adam Hart and Tom Morse were excused.  
5 Present & 2 Absent at roll call.

Also present were: Larry Baughn, County Board Chairman, Bill Donahue, Risk Consultant, and Jennifer Jenkins, County Board.

### **Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda**

Mockbee asked if there were any changes/additions to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Butler, second by O'Kane. Motion was carried by unanimous acclamation.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2019**

Motion by O'Kane and second by Boyd to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by unanimous acclamation.

### **Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments**

None

### **Agenda Item 5 – Ordinance: Establishing Civil Fees and Criminal and Traffic Assessments to be Charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court**

Donahue explained that most of this ordinance is written by statute. The County has a very small degree of flexibility on the County portion of the fines. The monies obtained from this is designed to be used for the court purposes. Donahue compared to a couple of other counties and they are following the same pattern.

Separately the Circuit Clerk and the Presiding Judge came up with an administrative order setting the Civil Filing Fees. This can not be changed except by permission of the court.

When the Ordinance refers to the County general fund that is where we have some discretion in determining where the fees go. Generally speaking the Supreme Court and the Legislation decided there were too many fees and they wanted to cut back on the number of fees. According to the Supreme Court, court should be substantially funded from general government revenues.

Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Chuck Mockbee, Phearn Butler, Robert Boyd, Nancy O’Kane, and Natalie Duncan. 5-Yes & 2-Absent. Ordinance passed committee.

**Agenda Item 6- Executive Session**

None required

**Agenda Items 7- Items of Information and Committee Concerns**

Chairman Baughn updated the committee on the budget meetings. They are getting started meeting with each department for the upcoming budget year 2019-2020. Baughn also updated the committee on the damage to County vehicles, and property after the recent hail storm.

**Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment**

Committee Vice-Chairman Mockbee declared the meeting adjourned at 5:24 P.M.

Minutes by: Jennifer J. Jenkins, County Board