

Minutes
Conference Call, April 15, 2004, Noon
Board of Judicial Policy and Administration

The Board of Judicial Policy and Administration met by conference call on April 15, 2004. Chief Justice William Hill, Justice Marilyn Kite, Justice Bart Voigt, Judge Ed Grant, Judge Jim Burke, Judge John Perry, Judge Mike Huber, Judge Terry Tharp, and Judge Wade Waldrip attended. Holly Hansen and Ronda Munger also attended.

1. Natrona County Flex-time Request

The Natrona County Circuit Court submitted a letter to the Board requesting approval of a flex-time schedule for their court. The proposed schedule was attached to the letter. After lengthy discussion, citing Page 3 of the Employee Information adopted by the Board, which reads: "Supervisors will advise employees of each employee's work schedule", the Board decided that the work schedules in each court were not under the purview of the Board, but were left to the discretion of the judges in each court. Judge Waldrip moved and Judge Tharp seconded a motion stating that the Board will not take a position on the request of the Natrona County Circuit Court for approval of a flex-time schedule. The motion carried unanimously. Chief Justice Hill will send a letter advising the Natrona Circuit Court of the Board's decision.

2. Four Judicial Appointees to House Bill 33 Steering Committee

During the 2004 Legislative session, House Bill 33 -- The Children and Families Initiative -- was approved by the Legislature. The legislation sets forth a comprehensive study coordinated by DFS, carried out over the next two years, to develop recommendations to better meet the needs of children and families in Wyoming. One aspect of the study proposes an in-depth study of the Judiciary and court processes. The Governor sent the Board a letter requesting four judges be appointed to a steering committee. Judge Grant moved and Justice Kite seconded a motion to appoint Judge Gary Hartman, Judge Ed Grant, Judge Keith Kautz, and Judge Jeff Donnell as the four judicial members of the steering committee; Judge Nena James was proposed as an alternate and Holly Hansen was proposed as an ex-officio member. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Justice Hill will advise the Governor.

3. Update Uinta County Revised Grant Application

The Board received a letter from the Uinta County Commissioners, which was in response to the Board's February 18, 2004, letter regarding grant money for a document scanning project. The Uinta County Commissioners submitted a revised budget, reflecting the elimination of the Uinta County Circuit Court from the project and adjusting the requested amount to \$68,468. During the discussion by the Board some concern was expressed regarding the benefit to the state if the circuit court was not involved in the project. Justice Voigt moved and Judge

Tharp seconded a motion to table final approval of the grant money until after Holly Hansen has had a chance to talk to Judge Mealey and Lee Parker at the Uinta County Circuit Court. The motion passed unanimously.

4. May and June Meetings

Chief Justice Hill and Judge Huber will not be in attendance at the June 2nd meeting scheduled for Casper. Holly Hansen recommended that the meeting be moved to Douglas. The Board agreed to move the June 2nd Board meeting to the Law Enforcement Academy in Douglas. Judge Grant will not be available for the May 11th conference call.

Meeting adjourned 12:35.

Future Board Meeting Schedule:

May 11, 2004	Conference Call
June 2, 2004	Douglas
September 13, 2004	Gillette
December 1, 2004	TBA