

BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND JUDICIARY

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the 2023 Interim

October 18, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 5th meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary was held on October 18, 2023, at 9:00 AM in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Patrick Flannery, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative Patrick Flannery Co-Chair; Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer Co-Chair; Senators Christian McDaniel, Michael J. Nemes, John Schickel, and Robin L. Webb; Representatives George Brown Jr., Jennifer Decker, and Scott Sharp.

Guests: Rodney Moore, Human Resources Director, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; Amy Hess, Executive Staff Advisor, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; Jenny Lafferty, Director, Office of Finance & Administration, Administrative Office of the Courts; Danny Rhoades, Executive Officer, Department of Court Facilities, Administrative Office of the Courts; Elizabeth Lucas, Director, Implementation & Court Services, Administrative Office of the Courts; Scott Mattingly, Chief Technology Officer, Administrative Office of the Courts

LRC Staff: Zachary Ireland, Perry Papka, and Benjamin Thompson.

Approval of Minutes

Representative Sharp made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2023 meeting of the subcommittee. Senator Schickel seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without objection.

Department of Juvenile Justice - Update on Juvenile Detention Centers

Mr. Moore and Ms. Hess presented information regarding the Department for Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

In response to questions from Chair Flannery, Ms. Hess stated that the DJJ is partnering with several outside groups regarding behavioral assessments of juveniles. Mr. Moore noted that the Campbell Regional and the Jefferson Regional Juvenile Detention Centers had seen changes in leadership.

In response to a question from Representative Sharp, Mr. Moore stated that the governor had converted DJJ youth workers to correction officer job titles, immediately increasing pay for those individuals.

In response to a question from Senator Schickel, Ms. Hess noted that detention center staff appreciated the ability to defend themselves in dangerous situations.

Administrative Office of the Courts

Ms. Lafferty and Mr. Rhoades provided an update on court facility projects.

In response to a question from Chair Flannery, Ms. Lafferty stated that the lease for the current court of appeals building is structured to expire when the construction on the new building has been completed and it is ready for use.

Ms. Lucas and Mr. Mattingly provided an update on video arraignment and conferencing.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM.