

## Minutes of April, 2011 meeting

1. Welcome by Judge Young
  - a. Oatmeal and chocolate chip cookies by Cynthia Young
  - b. Those present: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE WERE PRESENT. Kautz, Ryckman, Park, Sanderson, Brooks, Grant, Day, Arnold, Davis, Fenn, Perry, Donnell, Price, James, Deegan, Cranfill, Young, Skar, Wilking, Campbell, Tyler, Stebner, Sullins, Waldrip
2. Introduction of Judges Grant and Stebner
  - a. Two Tramps in Mudtime
3. Steven Dreher on Video calling network and electronic filing
  - a. Joni Brostrom, Jamie ?, Tina Wood, clerk of court in Crook County
  - b. stream documents and iCop
  - c. 3 way calling
  - d. No Skype
  - e. Requestor referred to VCE coordinator: 307-777-6531 to arrange connection.
  - f. 500 end points state wide
4. Electronic filing status-WYUSER-LC Court Tech
  - a. Project team
  - b. Pilot Courts implementation goal is July, 2012
    - i. Uinta
    - ii. Albany
    - iii. Sheridan
5. Business meeting
  - a. Minutes, moved and approved
  - b. Treasurer's Report
6. Good of the Order
  - a. Magnitude of the moment
  - b. Judge Grant: Robert Frost's poem, Two Tramps in the Mud.
    - i. History lesson
    - ii. Maintain DC independence
    - iii. Stick to the mission
  - c. Judge Tyler-photo
  - d. Catherine's thanks for the welcome
  - e. Judge Stebner
  - f. Judge Kautz
    - i. Commission on Judicial ethics and conduct
      1. Court house security system in Lusk Courthouse camera -microphones now shut off
      2. Proposed changes in procedure
        - a. Normal procedure: Investigator is appointed, if insufficient cause, judge may not know of claim-

this may change to result in notification of every claim

- b. When or if proceedings should be open to the public. Proposal is to make proceedings public if investigatory committee finds there is probable cause to proceed with complaint and if judge files an answer.

3. Discussion. No response needed now.

g. Judge Waldrip

- i. Tour of facility in Torrington May 24<sup>th</sup> and Lusk May 25<sup>th</sup> and after that a little golf in Lusk.
- ii. Expressions of incursions into the district court independence as a result of the Supreme Court technical developments and our reliance on equipment/service.
- iii. Guard independence
- iv. BIPA weaknesses

h. Judge Young

- i. Redaction rules
  - 1. Subcommittee discussed
    - a. Judges Park, Perry and Price
  - 2. Moved by Park that redaction rules be repealed, seconded by Davis-discussed, Motion passed with two dissenting votes.
  - 3. Young will advise Justice Kite of the response
- i. Report from Judge Fenn about Joint judiciary Subcommittee meeting in Worland 4/21/11.
  - i. Big mistake for participation by DJ's
  - ii. County attorneys opposed
  - iii. Legislators cold to luke cold.

**Friday, April 29, 2011**

Those present: Deegan, Tyler, Campbell, Donnell, Brooks, Sanderson, Perry, James, Sullins, Kautz, Wilking, Skar, Day, Stebner, Price, Arnold, Ryckman, Park, Cranfill, Waldrip, Fenn, Young

- 1. Wyoming Youth Justice. - Chuck Kratz, Director of Fremont County Youth Services
  - a. Work on developing a juvenile code by a group of volunteers led by Gary Hartman
  - b. Goal is to make a "silk purse out of a sow's ear"
- 2. Dr. Steve Corsi: Director of DFS
  - a. Help communities
  - b. Create alternatives to shelter care
  - c. Help pay for services
  - d. JDAI: five counties

- e. Focus on early intervention/prevention
- 3. Governor Mead
  - a. District Judge shortage
    - i. Sheridan County need is 1.55 judges.
  - b. Salaries-Hay Study
    - i. Equality in pay scale compared to region and nation
    - ii. All public employees to 91% of market
    - iii. Doesn't apply to judiciary but Chief Justice is gathering information to provide data to support a request for salary increase
    - iv. Request will be made to next legislature to include judicial employees
  - c. Involuntary commitments
    - i. Problems at state hospital
      - 1. Money
      - 2. Assaults
      - 3. Shortage of psychologists which causes delays in competency exams
      - 4. Management
  - d. Juvenile justice
    - i. Issues of cost, workload, treatment
    - ii. Do we need something like a model code?
    - iii. May be jumping the gun because the data presented is not consistent with reports from prosecutors
    - iv. Still needs a good look
    - v. Threat of lawsuit by ACLU which is of interest but not a good reason to take action
    - vi. Asked for feedback from us