

North Dakota Judicial Conference

November 20, 2017

Coteau Room, State Capitol

Bismarck, ND

Chair Daniel J. Crothers called the business meeting of the Judicial Conference to order at 8:20 a.m. on November 20, 2017. Sally Holewa, State Court Administrator, called the roll:

Justices of Supreme Court

Gerald W. VandeWalle
Daniel J. Crothers

Lisa K. Fair McEvers

Jerod E. Tufte
Jon J. Jensen

Judges of District Court

Jason McCarthy
Lolita G. Hartl Romanick
Laurie A. Fontaine
Anthony Swaine Benson
Donovan Foughty
Michael P. Hurly
Lonnie Olson
Barbara L. Whelan

Frank L. Racek
Susan L. Bailey
John C. Irby
Daniel D. Narum
Mark T. Blumer
Bradley A. Cruff
James D. Hovey
Troy J. Lefevre

Gail Hagerty
Sonna M. Anderson
Cynthia M. Feland
Bruce B. Haskell
David E. Reich
Bruce A. Romanick
Dann E. Greenwood
William A. Herauf
Rhonda R. Ehlis
James D. Gion
Dann E. Greenwood

Gary H. Lee
Todd Cresap
Stacy J. Louser
Douglas L. Mattson
Robin A. Schmidt
Daniel S. El-Dweek
Paul W. Jacobson
Benjamin J. Johnson
Joshua B. Rustad
Kirsten M. Sjue

Judges of Municipal Court

DeNae H. M. Kautzmann
Robert A. Keogh

Surrogate Judges

Zane Anderson
Lee Christofferson
M. Richard Geiger
Benny A. Graff

Carol Ronning Kapsner
Mary Muehlen Maring
Joel D. Medd

William A. Neumann
John T. Paulson
Dale V. Sandstrom
Allan L. Schmalenberger

Attorney General

Wayne K. Stenehjem

Clerk of Supreme Court

Penny Miller

A quorum was declared and the business meeting proceeded.

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On behalf of the Judicial Conference, Chair Crothers recognized recently retired members Judge Geiger, Judge John Greenwood, Justice Kapsner and Judge McClintock and thanked them for their service.

Chair Crothers then read memorial resolutions in honor of recently deceased members Warren Albrecht, Donald Jorgensen, Herbert Meschke and Vernon Pederson. **Judge Medd moved that the Judicial Conference adopt the resolutions. Seconded by Judge Herauf. The motion carried and the resolutions were adopted.**

Judge Medd moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Judge Narum. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Chair Crothers called on Justice Tufte to deliver the report of the Committee on Legislation. Justice Tufte reported there has been no committee activity since the legislative session ended.

Chair Crothers called for other business to come before the conference. Judge Feland reminded the members that a legislative change that went into effect in April 2017 now automatically gives guardians who have been given full medical authority the right to consent to forced medication, unless the court specifically restricts that right. Judge Feland advised the members that the guardianship monitoring program that was slated to be eliminated was instead reinstated by the legislature. The program was expanded from a pilot program to a statewide program, but without any increase in funding. She directed the members to the conference notebook for instructions on how to request appointment of a court visitor, financial review or both.

On behalf of the South Central Judicial District, Judge Hagerty recognized Judge Schmalenberger, Judge Nelson, Judge Merrick, Judge Medd, Judge Herauf, Judge El-Dweek, Judge Narum, Judge Hovey, and Judge John Greenwood for their assistance with the caseload related to the pipeline protests.

There being no further business, **Judge Haskell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Judge Herauf. The motion carried and the meeting ended at 8:38 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Holewa
State Court Administrator
Executive Secretary to the Judicial Conference