

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BRANCH,
LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE**

Call to Order: Chairman Ray Hawk, on February 6, 2009 at 9:00
A.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ray Hawk, Chairman (R)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Sen. John Brueggeman, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Brent Doig, OBPP
Pat Gervais, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: Additional Court Justices, Juvenile Delinquency Intervention Program (JDIP), Drug Court Funding, Self-Help Law Program and Pro Bono Coordination Position

Executive Action: None

00:00:00 Chairman Hawk

Additional Court Justices

00:06:41 Kitty Curtis, District Judge in Kalispell, Member
of District Court Counsel

EXHIBIT (jch28a01)

EXHIBIT (jch28a02)

00:20:40 Kenneth Neil, District Judge in Great Falls, President,
Montana Judges Association

00:23:14 Greg Todd, District Judge in Billings

00:27:06 Rep. Getz

00:27:16 Judge Todd

00:27:53 Rep. Getz

00:28:02 Judge Todd

00:28:30 Chairman Hawk

00:28:44 Judge Todd

00:30:12 John McKeon, District Judge from 17th District, Member
of District Court Counsel

EXHIBIT (jch28a03)

00:39:14 Amos from California and Montana (children delivering
snacks to the committee)

00:42:28 Julie Macek, District Judge in Great Falls

00:45:49 Jeff Sherlock, Judge in Helena

00:48:18 John Brown, District Court Judge from 18th District,
Gallatin County

00:49:14 Sen. Bales

00:50:45 Chairman Hawk

00:50:54 Judge Curtis

00:53:23 Sen. Bales

00:53:36 Judge Curtis

00:54:24 Sen. Gallus

00:55:10 Dirk Sandefur, District Judge in Great Falls

01:00:08 Chris Tweeten, Attorney General's Office, President,
State Bar of Montana

01:03:12 Ed Bartlett, Attorney in Billings, Representing the
attorneys in Billings

01:03:30 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County, District 1

01:05:04 Chairman Hawk

Juvenile Delinquency Intervention Program (JDIP)

01:06:00 Mr. Tweeten

01:07:05 Tim Callahan, Juvenile Probation Officer, Great Falls

01:14:03 Geoffrey Birnbaum, Director of Youth Homes

01:20:37 Bonnie Olson, District Court Administrator, 11th
Judicial District, Kalispell

EXHIBIT (jch28a04)

01:21:17 Steve Nelson, Executive Director, Montana Children's
Initiative
01:25:44 Pam Ponich-Hunthausen, Clinical Director, Florence
Crittenen Home
01:31:06 Chairman Hawk

Drug Court Funding

01:31:14 Judge Neil
01:36:03 Curt Kreuger, District Court Judge, Family Drug Court,
Butte
01:40:51 Mary Jane Kniscey, Municipal Court Judge, Billings
01:44:18 Melissa Larsen, Licensed Addiction Counselor, Billings
EXHIBIT (jch28a05)
01:47:09 Dawn Parpart, Graduate from Drug Court Program
01:48:52 John Parker, Cascade County Attorney
01:52:02 Skip Rosenthal, Executive Director, Western Montana
Addiction Services

Self-Help Law Program and Pro Bono Coordination Position

01:59:16 Chairman Hawk
01:59:20 Cindy Thiel, Attorney in Missoula
EXHIBIT (jch28a06)
02:06:39 Rep. Getz
02:06:48 Ms. Thiel
02:07:36 Paula Cox, Deputy Clerk 18th District Court, Gallatin
County
02:09:23 Beth Baker, Lawyer in Helena, Montana Justice
Foundation
EXHIBIT (jch28a07)
EXHIBIT (jch28a08)
02:13:59 Mr. Tweeten, President, State Bar of Montana,
representing Attorney General Bullock
02:16:24 David Ortley, Justice of Peace, Flathead County Justice
Court
EXHIBIT (jch28a09)
02:22:01 Rep. Getz
02:22:15 Judge Ortley
02:23:03 Ms. Baker
02:23:37 Julie Skillicorn, Missoula Family Law Self Help
Coordinator
02:24:43 Chairman Hawk
02:25:27 Ms. Gervais, Legislative Fiscal Division
EXHIBIT (jch28a10)
02:26:44 Chairman Hawk
02:27:33 Rep. Getz
02:27:40 Chairman Hawk

02:28:08 Sen. Gallus

02:28:41 Chairman Hawk

ADJOURNMENT

02:34:12 Adjournment: 11:40 P.M.

Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jch28aad.pdf](#))