

Minutes from 3/7/2023 Meeting for Joint EMPD Joint Finance Committee and Everest Metro Municipal Court Finance Committee

Called to order: 4:04 p.m. by Carroll.

Present: Maloney, Hoehn via Zoom, Olson via Zoom, Richmond, Hartinger, Carroll, Weiland. Also present: VanderWaal, Donner, Brehm, Susan Byrnes (District Court Administrator)

Minutes approved – Motion by Richmond, second by Hartinger. Motion carried.

New Business item: Attorney VanderWaal summarized the options for Municipal Court Judge which are as follows:

1. Allow Court to go dormant.
2. Appointment of an Interim Judge at 90-day intervals.
3. Appointment made to fill vacancy until next spring where a special election would be held for position.
4. Join with another court and have a joint court with two locations.

Susan Byrnes was present at the meeting. She is the District Court Administrator for the Ninth Judicial District. She offered the following options:

1. Citations would be heard at the Circuit Court level. The cost would be \$5 per citation. Costs would be doubled for citizen due to court level costs.
2. Chief Judge would appoint an Interim Judge on a short-term basis (90-day intervals).
3. Appoint a reserve judge.
4. Amend the ordinance that would require the Judge to be a licensed attorney.
5. Abolish the Court entirely.

After discussion, a motion was made by Hoehn, second by Richmond to wait until after the April 4 election and meet again to discuss the future of the Court.

Adjourn at 4:59 p.m. Motion by Richmond, second by Weiland. Motion carried.