

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPS SUBCOM ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE

**Call to Order:** Chair Bill Mercer, on January 29, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317A Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bill Mercer, Chair (R)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary  
Marci Lewandowski, Legislative Branch  
Jacquie Simmons, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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:** Montana Judicial Branch District Court

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08:03:25 Chair Mercer  
08:03:55 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Judicial Branch Court Administrator's Office  
08:04:14 Chief Justice Mike McGrath, Montana Supreme Court  
08:06:01 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
08:11:12 Sen. Osmundson  
08:11:37 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office

**EXHIBIT(jch20a01)**

08:13:56 Chair Mercer  
08:14:19 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
08:25:14 Chair Mercer  
08:25:27 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
08:54:11 Chair Mercer  
08:54:33 Marci Lewandowski, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
09:00:43 Christine Hultin, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
09:00:48 Chair Mercer  
09:03:06 Chief Justice McGrath, Montana Supreme Court  
09:04:16 Chair Mercer  
09:08:22 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
09:08:28 Sen. Osmundson  
09:09:14 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
09:10:45 Chair Mercer  
09:14:39 Chief Justice McGrath, Montana Supreme Court  
09:15:12 Chair Mercer  
09:17:24 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
09:18:20 Chief Justice McGrath, Montana Supreme Court  
09:20:07 Chair Mercer  
09:20:52 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
09:25:13 Chair Mercer  
09:25:19 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
09:25:57 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
09:27:57 Chief Justice McGrath, Montana Supreme Court  
09:28:21 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
09:28:41 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
09:29:13 Rep. Nave  
09:30:08 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
09:31:48 Chair Mercer  
09:33:56 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
09:36:13 Chair Mercer  
09:36:49 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
09:38:08 Chair Mercer  
09:42:53 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
09:43:18 Rep. Nave  
09:43:57 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office  
09:45:24 Chair Mercer  
09:45:31 Ed Bartlett, Montana Judges Association, State Bar  
09:51:30 Chair Mercer  
09:52:19 Laurie Little Dog, self  
09:54:49 Chair Mercer

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09:55:43 Laurie Little Dog, self  
10:00:06 Chair Mercer

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:01:15

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Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jch20aad.pdf](#))