

**COMMISSION ON THE OHIO JUDICIAL CENTER
MINUTES**

**March 6, 2013
Supreme Court of Ohio**

Members Present: Chad Readler (Chair); Mick Ball; Rich Simpson (telephone); Barbara Powers; Marilyn Sheridan (telephone) Lane Beougher, Mary Gray.

Others Present: D. Allan Asbury (Supreme Court), Craig Morrow (Supreme Court)

1. Mr. Readler called the meeting of the Commission to order at 11:00 am.
2. The minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting were approved.
3. Mr. Readler reviewed his recent meeting with the Chief Justice concerning the work of the Commission. The Chief Justice is happy with the work of the commission and is aware of several of the projects the commission has completed.

Mr. Readler raised the previous funding received by the Court with the Chief Justice. She appreciated that the job of the commission was challenging without funding. She made no commitment, but said that she would consider a request for funding. He explained that the sources for the loans have been pretty well tapped. She appreciates the requirement that art is loaned from Ohio sources.

Mr. Asbury explained the budgeting process and how the commission's request may be processed.

Mr. Asbury committed to raising the issue with the Chief Justice before the next meeting.

4. Commission Rule Amendment

Mr. Asbury reviewed the latest rule amendment that included changes to the title of the commission, the commission regulations, and the appointing authority for the position now held by Lane Beougher. The rules are effective March 1, 2013.

5. Committee Reports:

a. **Civic Education** – No formal report. There was no request for the Commission to underwrite the latest Forum on the Law in May, 2013.

b. **Architecture Committee** – Mick Ball, Barbara Powers, and Lane Beougher had met to discuss the possibility of a symposium on courthouse architecture. Ms. Powers learned that the Ohio County Commissioners Association had also begun to look at courthouse

issues for a possible symposium. Other issues discussed included funding, best practices and long-term maintenance issues.

The contact for the Ohio Historical Society is Todd Kleismit, government relations.

Bob Loversidge, Elizabeth Murphy have been tapped as possible contributors.

The approximate date for the symposium is September, 2013.

Ideas were discussed including holding the symposium at the Ohio Judicial Center, having a Justice as a speaker, tour, closing reception.

New and historical design can be reviewed in Columbus with the Ohio Judicial Center and the new county courthouse.

Attendance will likely consist of judges, engineers, and architects.

c. **Fine Art Committee** – Mary Gray indicated that the online catalogue needs to be updated. Mr. Asbury reviewed the events surrounding the acquisition of possible artwork for a justice's chambers. The possibility of the codification of a policy or procedure to prevent the acquisition of artwork for judges' chambers was discussed.

Ms Gray contacted a colleague at the Cleveland Art Museum about the possibility of acquiring loaned art. The cost of accepting a loan from Cleveland would likely be cost prohibitive. The Court also does not have a humidity controlled environment for art.

Ms. Gray reviewed the contacts for loans she has made over the last several months, especially in the Cleveland area. Marilyn Sheridan asked whether Ms. Gray had talked to Jakki Nance about possible Cleveland connections for art.

Mr. Readler raised the question of how justice portraits are rotated. Ms. Gray indicated there is a planned rotation of the portraits between Room 103 and Room 107. The Chief Justice asked about the plan in Mr. Readler's meeting with her.

5. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Allan Asbury

