Minutes of August 19, 2025, CCOC Legislative Committee Meeting (virtual via Zoom)

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Introduction

Clerk Carolyn Timmann, Legislative Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Jason L. Welty, CCOC Executive Director, conducted the roll call.

Present via Zoom: Chair Timmann, Clerk Baker, Clerk Butterfield, Clerk James, Clerk Kinzel, Clerk Miller, Clerk Phillips, Clerk Roth

Absent from meeting:
Clerk Brooks, Clerk Burke (informed of absence), Clerk Colonneso, Clerk Cooney

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

Chair Timmann opened the floor for public comment; there was none.

Agenda Item 3 – Approve Minutes from 10/31/24 Meeting

Minutes from the October 31, 2024, meeting were presented. No changes or corrections were proposed. Minutes were adopted without objection.

Agenda Item 4 – CCOC Legislative Budget Request (LBR) Issue

CCOC is submitting a $2.4 million request to the Justice Administrative Commission for reimbursement of the Baker Act, Marchman Act, and violent predator petitions; Exploring adding a $4 million request for injunctions for protection reimbursements; and Total reimbursement request around $6.3-6.4 million.

Agenda Item 5 – 2026 CCOC Legislative Agenda Update

The current gap between clerk budget requests ($619.3 million) and available revenue ($544.2 million) is $ 75.1 million. The committee discussed whether to pursue specific funding mechanisms versus an overall dollar goal, as well as the need for long-term funding solutions, not just annual requests. Other ideas discussed include redirecting existing clerk-collected revenues currently going elsewhere, increasing court fees/fines that have remained static for years, securing additional General Revenue (GR) funds, eliminating 50% of Cumulative Excess going to General Revenue each year, and reallocating Unspent Budgeted Funds.

Clerk Butterfield moved to adopt the $75.1 million difference as the legislative funding goal with a sustainable funding model. The motion was seconded by Clerk Miller. The motion was adopted with one nay vote.

CCOC will continue to monitor early legislative committee meetings and bill filings, will develop specific funding proposals in partnership with FCCC, and will adapt strategy based on legislative priorities/preferences.

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business

Chair Timmann requested that clerks and staff volunteer for rapid fiscal analysis of bills/amendments during the legislative process.

The meeting was adjourned.