

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: December 13, 2011
 TIME: 1:30 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 3:05 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gerald Nelson, William Clendenning,
 Ross Miltimore, Gary Allworden, Ed Wagner
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Cindy Joosten, Brent Vruwink,
 Lance Pliml, Jason Grueneberg, Dennis Polach,
 Karen Madden, Ed Reed, Lisa Downs

At 1:34 p.m., Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments. None.
2. **Moved by Wagner, seconded by Clendenning, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2011, Committee meeting. All ayes.**
3. The Committee met with Corporation Counsel Peter Kastenholz to discuss revisions on the Retainer Agreement between the County and the Family Court Commissioner, John Adam Kruse. Mr. Kruse had requested a revision of the agreement to increase the annual maximum charges to \$92,798 to coincide with the budgeted amount, which amount was approved for purposes of additional court duties of handling small claims cases. **Moved by Miltimore, seconded by, Clendenning, to approve the revised Retainer Agreement between the County and the Family Court Commissioner increasing the maximum annual charges to \$92,798 to cover additional duties for small claims cases. All ayes.**
4. The Committee reviewed department reports:
Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Wagner, to approve the reports of Child Support, Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds, Family Court Commissioner, and Corporation Counsel. All ayes.

The Committee determined not to go into closed session to discuss the Hudec litigation. Corporation Counsel Peter Kastenholz gave a brief update on the status of the case.

Clerk of Court Cindy Joosten apprised the Committee of the restructuring of job duties and positions in her department.

Interim Child Support Director Brent Vruwink advised the Committee that a proposed 10% reduction in funding from the federal government could result in the child support agency going on the tax levy by the 2013 budget.

5. There were two new notices of injury/claim filed with the County. The notices of injury claim of Patrick Zirnhelt and Christopher Adams were reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the County Board.

6. Animal claims were reviewed. Thomas Smith provided a veterinary bill in support of the dog damage claim that he had submitted to the Committee at the November meeting. Moved by Miltimore, seconded by Allworden, to pay the claim in full of Thomas Smith in the amount of \$56. 4 ayes, 1 no (Clendenning - questioned whether Smith could come back asking for more damages on the animals because Smith did not provide written documentation on any fair market value loss.)

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Miltimore, to pay the bill of Mobile Veterinary Practice in the amount of \$38.41 for rabies testing of a bat. All ayes.

7. The next regular Committee meeting will be January 12, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., with a special meeting on December 20, 2011, following county board, to discuss candidates for the Child Support Director position.
8. Jason Grueneberg met with the Committee to discuss a resolution on Assembly Bill 303. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Clendenning, to support a resolution that opposes the portion of Assembly Bill 303 that allows local governmental units to opt out of adopting a comprehensive plan and supports the portion of the bill that reduces the amount of money that the county register of deeds sends to the State Department of Administration for the land appropriation from \$2 per document to \$1 per document. 4 ayes, 1 no (Miltimore - disagreed with opposing the "opt out" on comprehensive planning.)

The Committee directed that a copy of the resolution also be provided to the municipal clerks in Wood County.

9. Moved by Miltimore, seconded by Wagner, to approve the bills for payment. All ayes.
10. At 2:30 p.m., moved by Clendenning, seconded by Allworden, to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(c) for performance reviews of the Interim Child Support Director and Corporation Counsel. Roll call taken: Nelson - yes, Allworden - yes, Wagner - yes, Miltimore - yes, Clendenning - yes.

The following minutes were taken by Supervisor Clendenning.

11. At 3:02 p.m., moved by Clendenning, seconded by Miltimore, to return to open session. Roll call taken: Nelson - yes, Allworden - yes, Wagner - yes, Miltimore - yes, Clendenning - yes. Returned to open session.
12. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Allworden, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by Lisa Downs and approved by William Clendenning.

William F Clendenning

William Clendenning, Secretary