

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: August 5, 2016
 TIME: 1:30 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115 Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 4:29 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ed Wagner, Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam, Ken Curry, Dave LaFontaine
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Hon. Todd P. Wolf, Craig Lambert, Warren Kraft, Dennis Polach, Brent Vruwink, Cindy Cepress

1. At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order.
2. Public comments. None.
3. Special order of business. Judge Wolf met with the Committee to update them on a contract issue. Judge Wolf explained about limitations with respect to drug court grants from the state. We'll know in September what amount the grant is but there will be a 25% county match requirement. Wolf also advised the county is losing an \$80,000 grant that currently supports day treatment in Marshfield. General explanation of drug court was given.
4. Consent agenda items.

- a. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Curry, to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the July 1, 2016, Committee meeting, and to approve the reports and payment of vouchers of Branch I, II, and III, Child Support, Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds, Family Court Commissioner, Corporation Counsel, District Attorney, and Victim/Witness. All ayes.

Supervisor Clendenning stated he doesn't support the use of consent agendas because it tends to push matters through the committee without enough discussion and consideration. The committee discussed how consent agenda are to be used. Kastenholz was directed to draft a rule on the use of consent agendas. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to authorize Committee members to attend the WCA Open Meetings/Public Records presentation. All ayes. The Committee will discuss the presentation at the next meeting.

- b. Action or discussion on items removed from consent agenda.

Report from August 1, 2016, meeting of the water subcommittee. Leichtnam said the subcommittee approved a motion to have the previously drafted ordinance modified to remove reference and reliance on s. 92.11, stats. from it. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to reform the water subcommittee with just Zurfluh, Clendenning & Leichtnam serving on it (no citizen members). Spirited discussion ensued. 2 ayes and 3 nays. Clendenning & Leichtnam voted aye.

Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Curry, to blend the subcommittees on water. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Wagner advised he would share this desire with the County Board Chair and report back to the Committee on it.

5. There were three new notices of injury/claim filed and reviewed by the County from Michael Wiltgen, William Coaty, and Michael Nieman. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to forward these to the county board. All ayes.
6. There were no new animal claims against the County.
7. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
 - a. Discussion on Career Ladder for District Attorneys. District Attorney Lambert gave some background on the assistant district attorney shortage and the pay progression plan that the state has, which is good, but isn't always funded by the state. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Curry, to draft a resolution to support both matters at the state level. All ayes.
 - b. Information on how claims against the County are filed. County Clerk Cepress explained the process of receiving notice of injury and claims and the form the County makes available. General discussion followed.
 - c. Ordinance 101.01. The subcommittee on water had approved a motion to remove s. 92.11 from the draft 101.02 ordinance. Discussion had on the importance of section 92.11. In that the CEED Committee will be dealing with the county board referred resolution that contains reference to s. 92.11, Committee members may attend that meeting and share their perspectives.
 - d. Procedure for citizens placing items on a committee agenda. Leichtnam is not happy with the results of prior committee action that keeps one committee member from placing a matter on the agenda. General discussion had but no additional action taken or recommended by the Committee.
 - e. Discussion on policy for compensation of new hires. Human Resources Director Kraft explained the proposal as it currently stands. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Wagner, to approve the draft. 2 ayes, 3 nays. The nays weren't satisfied with the policy but there didn't appear to be one or two primary reasons as to why.
8. County Board rules.
 - a. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by LaFontaine, to present previously suggested rule revisions to the county board via resolution. All ayes.

- b. Emergency Contact Roster. The committee expressed a desire to have the Dispatch Manager communicate public safety issues to the county board supervisors before they read it in the newspaper. The Corporation Counsel will convey this to the Dispatch Manager, Lori Heideman.
9. Agenda items for the September 8, 2016, meeting:
 - Oral report from representative of the CEED water subcommittee.
 - Review draft rule on consent agendas.
 - Discuss WCA open meetings/public records presentation.
 10. The next committee meeting will be August 29, 2016, at 10 a.m., to review budgets and the next regular meeting will be September 8, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.
 11. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Curry, to adjourn. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Ken Curry.

Kenneth Curry
Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)