

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: January 8, 2015
 TIME: 1 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 3:22 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,
 and Joseph Zurfluh, and Gerald Nelson and Ed
 Wagner, telephonically
 OTHERS PRESENT: County Board Chairman Lance Pliml, County Clerk
 Cindy Cepress, Supervisor Dennis Polach and
 Supervisor Ken Curry

At 1 p.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments. None.
2. Without objection the committee agreed to move agenda item #4, "resolution supporting strategic analysis of Frac Sand Mining in Wisconsin" up on the agenda. Chairman Clendenning explained the actions being taken by Chippewa County. Peter Kastenholtz's memo on the topic was discussed. Bill Leichtnam stated his support for such a resolution. Zurfluh expressed some reservations. Moved by Wagner, second by Zurfluh, to postpone until the February meeting. Four ayes, one nay. (Leichtnam voted no because he has seen the environmental effects of CAFOs and frac sand mining and wants to support measures to mitigate it.)
3. The Committee reviewed the County Board Supervisor's Handbook and by consensus recommended the following changes:

At the beginning, Clendenning asked Clerk Cepress to insert a page in the rules on how to hold a closed session as a guide to Supervisors and Committee Chairs.

Rule 3 needs to be amended to allow for a change in County Board meeting dates in November and October to accommodate WCA convention and statutory budget meeting dates.

Rule 6: Change the words "contrary to" to "as described in." Ask Corporation Counsel if State Statute 946.13 needs to be included with Statute 946.12.

Rule 15: Ask Corporation Counsel what is meant by "Board year."

Rule 16: Nelson suggested that old language be added to say that ½ of County Board plus any new supervisors be allowed to attend CWA convention.

Rule 18(e): Eliminate the words "spending taxpayer's money."

Rule 19. Should be deleted because it might violate the public notice requirements. Corporation Counsel asked to review.

Rule 30: Delete the words "and which makes it unnecessary to hold a committee meeting" from subsection A where it appears twice. Ask Corporation Counsel if the referenced Statute 59.13(2) (b) is still valid.

Rule 40: After some debate it was decided to leave rule 40 as written.

Leichtnam was excused from the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

4. Future agenda items:
 - Clendenning wants the Committee to review a Social Hosting Ordinance
 - Wagner requests a hearing of changes to creation of Fair Grounds Commission resolution
5. Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Nelson, to adjourn. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Minutes taken by Ed Wagner.

Ed Wagner
Ed Wagner, Secretary