

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: May 6, 2022
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 9:47 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,
 Ed Wagner, Joseph Zurfluh, William Voight
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 9:00 a.m., the meeting was called to order. Introductions made.
2. Public comments. None at this time.
 During the course of the meeting, Committee Chair Clendenning advised he had made the following department liaison assignments:
 Zurfluh: Child Support
 Leichtnam: Register of Deeds
 Wagner: District Attorney
 Voight: Criminal Justice Coordinator
 Clendenning: Courts, Clerk of Courts, Corporation Counsel
3. The minutes for the April 8 and 25, 2022, meetings were reviewed. **Moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the minutes. All ayes.**
4. There were no new claims.
5. There were no new animal claims against the County.
6. Branch I space needs for court reporter. Facilities Director Reuben Van Tassel presented a proposal by the courts to have a fourth court reporter provided an office on the 3rd floor adjacent to the Corporation Counsel's suite. This court reporter would serve the entire district and would work via Zoom. The courts would split the costs for the space starting next year. This court reporter lives in the area and would be available to fill in for the three Wood County court reporters. There were no objections to the proposal by the Committee.
7. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments it oversees. **Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Wagner, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.**
8. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues. Senator Tammy Baldwin's office is promulgating national legislation that would provide grants for water testing and treatment directly to individuals and local governments in rural communities, per Supervisor Leichtnam.

- a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group.
44% of dairy farms have gone out of business in the last 10 years. Farms are routinely using excessive amounts of fertilizers, according to studies. Minutes of the Group will accompany the CEED minutes.
 - b. Statewide ballot initiatives. Per Jesse McKeever, 24 other states allow for direct legislation as is permitted in cities and towns in Wisconsin. The request is to have Wood County support direct legislation in Wisconsin. The Committee will consider the matter at next month's meeting.
9. County Board rules.
- a. Rule 40 resolution, committee reorganizational meetings.
Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Voight, to approve the resolution to amend County Board Rule #40. All ayes.
 - b. Resolution to terminate Renewable & Sustainable Committee.
Moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the resolution to terminate the Renewable and Sustainable Committee. All ayes.
10. Attendance at meetings. The Chair asked for permission to attend and receive compensation for attending the Central Sands, Armenia Growers Coalition, and the Citizens Groundwater Committee meetings. **Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Clendenning, for Clendenning to attend and receive per diem for these meetings. 4 ayes, Supervisor Wagner voted no as he felt the County was already adequately represented at these meetings.**
11. Agenda items for the June 2022 meeting:
- Statewide ballot initiatives (direct legislation)
12. The next committee meeting will be June 3, 2022, at 9 a.m.
13. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 9:47 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and are in draft format until approved at the next meeting.

