

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: December 7, 2015
 TIME: 9 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 10:56 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson, Ed Wagner, Bill Leichtnam, Joseph Zurfluh
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Kathy Roetter

At 9 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments. None.

2. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Nelson, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015, Committee meeting. All ayes.

Discussion on November 18, 2015, minutes regarding Biron debt. The draft letter to the Village of Biron Clerk was reviewed by the Committee. It was the consensus of the Committee to proceed with the letter to the Village of Biron.

3. The Committee reviewed department reports and monthly voucher reports:

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Leichtnam, 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.

The Committee approved a memorandum on confidentiality and it will be submitted to the County board.

AJR 85 county constitutional offices (Register of Deeds, Treasurer, County Clerk). The Committee opposes the consolidation of the constitutional offices and directed the Corporation Counsel to prepare a resolution for the next meeting stating this.

4. The Committee reviewed correspondence, Chair's report, and legislative issues.

5. Human Services Director Kathy Roetter met with the committee to discuss a resolution opposing Senate Bill 326 and Assembly Bill 429 affecting child welfare practices. The proposed bill would require all child abuse/neglect calls to Human Services to be shared with law enforcement. The department emphasized the inappropriateness of inundating law enforcement with these calls as opposed to allowing Human Services to screen the calls. Director Roetter is looking for all stakeholders to be involved before pursuing legislative initiatives in this area. The Committee agreed. Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Wagner, to support a resolution opposing the current legislative bills. All ayes.

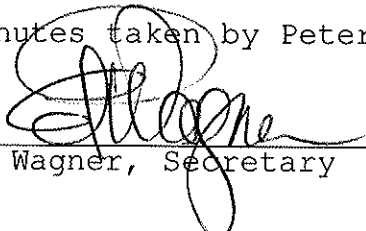
6. Groundwater subcommittee report. The subcommittee minutes are attached.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Wagner, to add Bangart & Dimick to the subcommittee as voting members with right to a per diem. All ayes.

Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Zurfluh, to modify the name and scope of the subcommittee to be the Wood County Water Protection Subcommittee. All ayes.

7. Grade/pay step changes. Pay Plan Grade Adjustment Survey. Human Services Professional Ladder.
A lot of discussion was had on the appropriateness of the Human Services proposal. The Committee had concern on its limited application and general impact on the plan.
8. County Board Rules. No discussion.
9. There were no new notices of injury/claim filed with the County.
10. There were no new animal claims against the County.
11. The next committee meeting will be January 8, 2016, at 9 a.m.
12. Agenda items for the January 8, 2016, meeting:
 - Resolution opposing consolidation of elected offices.
13. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Zurfluh, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Ed Wagner.


Ed Wagner, Secretary