

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: January 4, 2019
 TIME: 9 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 11:20 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,
 Kenneth Curry, Brad Hamilton, Jake Hahn
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Lisa Downs. See attached list.

1. At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.
2. Public comments. None:
3. The minutes for the December 7 and 18, 2018, meetings were reviewed. Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the minutes. All ayes.
4. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments it oversees. Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Curry, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.
5. The Committee reviewed the claims of the estate of Trequelle Tyreke Vann-Marcoux and the ERD case of Anne La Chapelle. These claims will be provided to the county board.
6. There were no new animal claims against the County.
7. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
 - a. Creating a rule for certain vacated constitutional offices. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Hahn, to approve the procedure prepared by McGrath for a mechanism to fill the vacancies of constitutional offices. 3 ayes, 2 nays. The nays felt there was no hurry on proceeding.

Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Curry, to authorize per diem and mileage for Hahn's attendance at a meeting with Human Resources regarding this topic. All ayes.
 - b. Central Sands Water Committee report. Citizens Groundwater Group (CGG) is the new name to this entity. The CGG has invited the County Board Chair to attend future meetings. Representative Shankland shared with the CGG what other counties were doing and Supervisor Leichtnam encouraged Wood County to do more. Leichtnam reported that Minnesota has a ½-cent sales tax that is allocated to water quantity and quality. CGG wants legal advice as to what counties can legally do to support water quality and quantity issues.

- c. April ballot referendum on medical and recreational marijuana. Discussion had on the pros and cons of recreational marijuana. Impacts insofar as a gateway drug and tax benefits. Moved by Hahn, seconded by Curry, for a referendum for medicinal and recreational marijuana. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Clendenning opposes as he sees it as a gateway drug.

The Committee expressed concern that the County doesn't have an ordinance prohibiting possession of marijuana like the cities in the county do, thus forcing use of criminal procedures. Clendenning will bring this to the attention of the Public Safety Committee to address.

- d. Marathon County resolution on increased compensation for defense counsel assigned by public defender. Wood County has previously acted on this and supported increasing the public defender rate as it does impact the county. The WCA is addressing the issue and has identified raising the rate from \$40 to \$70 per hour as a legislative priority.
- e. Door County resolution supporting taking steps to legalize medical marijuana. Addressed above.
- f. Door County resolution supporting legislation authorizing utilization of Design-Build. Last year Wood County approved a resolution supporting changes to the laws on this. No further action sought by the committee at this juncture.
8. Courthouse security committee report. Maintenance Supervisor Van Tassel discussed increased security steps being taken in 2019. It is likely a metal detector will be installed and available for use at the front door of the courthouse in several months. There are no funds designated to staff the equipment at this time. Van Tassel was encouraged to proceed on safety measures that have been budgeted and report back to this Committee on them.
9. Discuss recommendation to appoint a Criminal Justice Task Force Coordinator. The Task Force wants to know if this committee will support a Task Force Coordinator. Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Hahn, to support the concept of creating a full-time Task Force Coordinator position at county expense. 3 ayes, 2 nays. The nays (Curry and Clendenning) are simply looking for more details before committing to this.

10. County Board rules.

- a. Reformulation of Executive Committee. Clendenning proposed that the Executive Committee consist of the county board chair, first and second vice chairs, and two members voted for at large. Other committees would be selected by the Executive Committee. All committees would elect their own chairs, including Executive. The Executive Committee would then select the County Administrative Coordinator. This proposal and other related ideas will be discussed next month.
- b. Formation of a stand-alone Economic Development Committee. Supervisor Hahn wants to see the county do more in terms of promoting economic development and presenting a clearer vision. Supervisor Curry, as the Chair of CEED, has planned and will be holding a separate meeting of CEED to focus on economic development. Planning & Zoning Director Jason Grueneberg advised he supports a higher level of attention being given to economic development at the committee level. Supervisor Clendenning supports local (city, village, town) economic development, not necessarily having the county involved. Supervisor Fischer talked in terms of the county identifying its objectives in economic development and then responding to those goals in dealing with our partners.
- c. Census Review & Redistricting. Jason Grueneberg advised that the county has a Census Review & Redistricting Committee, which has as its main focus the establishment of supervisory districts after the decennial census. The Census Committee does not report to CEED. The Census Committee does have to comply with state and federal standards, which are rather comprehensive. During the approximate 8 of every 10 years the Census Committee isn't needed and doesn't exist, the limited duties are dealt with by CEED as the oversight committee of Planning & Zoning.
- d. Public Property Committee. Chairman Clendenning advises the County Board wanted further study on this matter, so he proposes, with no objection by the Committee, to appoint a subcommittee to study the matter. The members would be two from Judicial (Curry and Leichtnam), and one member each from Health & Human Services, HIRC, and Public Safety Committees; each of these committees would appoint their one member to the subcommittee.

11. Agenda items for the February 2019 meeting:

- Reformation of Executive Committee and appointment of other committees.
- Countywide ordinance prohibiting marijuana.
- Criminal Justice Task Force Coordinator.

12. The next committee meeting will be February 1, 2019, at 9 a.m.
13. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 11:20 a.m.

Minutes taken by Lisa Downs and Peter Kastenholz and approved by Kenneth Curry.

Kenneth Curry
Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)

J & L Committee Meeting

Date: JAN 4 2019

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	REPRESENTING
Adem G. Fischer	WCB # 5
DOUG MACHON	WCB
Joseph H. Zuffel	WCB-D17
Dorothy Becht	TREASURER
Jeffrey Riney	ROD
Angie Sue Kunkin	U.S. Rep. Rankin
Jason Greeneberg	P+Z
REUBEN VANTASSE	MAINT.
KIM MCGRATH	HR
Brent Vawter	CSA
DENNIS POLACH	WCB-#14