

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: May 22, 2013
 TIME: 1 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 2:30 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson,
 Gary Allworden, Ed Wagner, Bill Murphy
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Susan Ginter, Brent Vruwink,
 Lance Pliml, Dennis Polach

At 1:05 p.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments. None.
2. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Wagner, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2013, Committee meeting. All ayes.
3. The Committee reviewed correspondence.
4. Legislative issues were discussed. There will be a cut in road aids for all governmental entities across the state.
5. Hudec litigation appeal was discussed. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Allworden, to have Corporation Counsel Peter Kastenholz represent the county on the appeal. All ayes.
6. Supervisor Nelson reported on the staffing needs within the Clerk of Courts and Register in Probate's offices.

Complaints received regarding the staffing level and response times in working with the Register in Probate's office. The Committee chair will send a communication to Judge Potter and Ms. Masephol requesting a written proposal on identifying the problem and suggested solution. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Allworden, to authorize per diem for the meeting of Chairman Clendenning and Supervisor Nelson with Judge Potter on this matter. All ayes.
7. Chairman Clendenning and Supervisor Murphy are working on the county board rules and seeking input from supervisors and department heads and will keep working on the subject and will provide a more detailed report in the future.
8. The Committee reviewed department reports and monthly voucher reports:

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Wagner, 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.

Register of Deeds Susan Ginter explained how the county avoided litigation regarding the Fidlar software system that it administers. No action needed.

Clerk of Courts is looking to reorganize its space to make room for a new employee.

Workload in District Attorney's office was discussed.

Child Support report by Director Vruwink included discussion of the governor's budget, which would lower the child support funding. Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance voted unanimously to restore full funding of child support agencies. Discussion of need of an iPad verses a laptop computer by Child Support. **Moved by Allworden, seconded by Murphy, to purchase one iPad not to exceed \$600. All ayes.**

9. The notices of injury/claim of Irene Matrick, Ronald Wibel, Guy Carpenter, and Thomas Ake were reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the County Board.
10. There were no new animal claims against the County.
11. The next Committee meeting will be June 19, 2013, at 1 p.m.
12. Agenda items for the June 19, 2013, meeting:
 - Register in Probate staffing needs.
13. **Moved by Allworden, seconded by Wagner, to adjourn. All ayes.** Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Gary Allworden.



Gary Allworden, Secretary