

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: April 5, 2019
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 11:00 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,
 Kenneth Curry, Brad Hamilton, Jake Hahn
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.
2. Public comments. None at this time.
3. The minutes for the March 1, 2019, meeting was reviewed. The Chair declared the minutes approved without objection and there were no objections.
4. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments it oversees. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Hamilton, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.
 - a. The Committee discussed the urgency in getting the District Attorney's office moved. The tentative plan is for that move to be funded and completed in 2020. There is a desire by the committee to get the Victim Witness office relocated as soon after that as possible to adequate quarters. It is expected that Van Tassel will work with his oversight committee to prioritize and fund any and all department moves.
 - b. Child Support Letter of Support for five-county demonstration project. Brent Vruwink spoke on the state's project, which already is ongoing in two counties and will be expanded to three other counties. The focus of the program is to assist folks who can't pay child support as opposed to emphasizing punishment. The assistance is in terms of job training and retention. Vruwink wants Wood County to be one of these three additional counties. Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Curry, to support the proposal. All ayes.
 - c. Weight restrictions for overweight fine revenue. Highway Commissioner Roland Hawk explained a desire to raise revenues and he has been advised that weight restriction violations can go to the county if issued by the sheriff's department. Roland will work with Cindy Joosten and Peter Kastenholz to see what can be done along these lines.

5. Register of Deeds Tiffany Ringer requested approval for out-of-state travel for a Fidlar software conference. Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Curry, to approve Ringer attending the out-of-state Fidlar software conference. All ayes.
6. Capital Improvement Plan of District Attorney's office in the amount of \$13,000 for sit/stand desks was discussed. Insurance Administrator Terry Stelzer encouraged proceeding in getting sit/stand desks in the District Attorney's office, as it will help save medical expenses. Terry has \$1.8 million in a reserve fund that might be available for this type of cost. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Hamilton, to use up to \$13,000 from the reserve fund to acquire sit/stand desks for the District Attorney's office, via a resolution to the county board. All ayes.
7. The Committee discussed the Corporation Counsel's memo "Handling an Anonymous Complaint." It will be provided to the county board.
8. The Committee reviewed the claims of Todd Austin, Anna Greeno, and Jane Binder. These claims will be provided to the county board.
9. There were no new animal claims against the County.
10. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues. Amy Sue Vruwink gave an oral report on behalf of Representative Kind's office.
 - a. Citizens Groundwater Group report. Supervisor Leichtnam updated the Committee on the Citizens Groundwater Group's monthly meeting and other meetings throughout the state on groundwater issues. The state estimates there are 40,000 contaminated wells around the state and there are some bills before the legislature to assist those well owners. The Group has proposed the creation of a Wood County nitrate study group, modeled after Rock County's committee.
 - b. Dodge County referral on Adult Entertainment legislation. Consensus of the Committee to take no action.
 - c. Door County referral on Estuary Research Reserve. Consensus of the Committee to take no action.
 - d. WCA program on Environment and Land Use. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Hamilton, to authorize the committee chair to attend the meeting. All ayes.

- e. WCA Regional Legislative meeting report. Chairman Clendenning explained the governor's budget was reviewed and the sharing of information was very useful. He encourages others to attend these meetings in the future.
11. Courthouse security committee update.
Resolution to amend the 2019 sheriff's department budget for additional expenditures for courthouse security was discussed. Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the resolution. All ayes. It was pointed out that the resolution needs to be modified in the fiscal note to correct that there is a cost here.
12. Criminal Justice Task Force Coordinator. Letter of Judge Brazeau dated 3/18/19 explaining the position was discussed and will be included with the minutes. Moved by Curry, seconded by Hamilton, to support creating this position via resolution that will have the position description attached. All ayes.
13. County Board rules.
- a. Resolution on reformation of committees commencing 2020. Supervisor Clendenning shared his concept of committee restructuring. See attached. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Hamilton, to consider this topic at the May meeting. 3 ayes, 2 nays. The nays preferred to meet on county board day.
- b. Communication from Chair Machon on committee activities. The Committee will work on this in conjunction with the review of other rules in May.
14. Agenda items for the May 2019, meeting:
- Supervisor Clendenning's rule proposals.
 - Chairman Machon's rules referral.
15. The next committee meeting will be May 3, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.
16. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 11 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Kenneth Curry.

Kenneth Curry

Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)

