

## MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: December 18, 2013  
 TIME: 1 p.m.  
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse  
 TIME ADJOURNED: 2:32 p.m.  
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson,  
 Gary Allworden, Ed Wagner, Bill Murphy  
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Karen Kubisiak, Susan Ginter,  
 Dennis Polach

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

1. Public comments. None.
2. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013, Committee meeting. All ayes.
3. Discussion held on special charges for tax delinquent properties. Treasurer Karen Kubisiak was present to update the Committee on the different treatment of special charges (which the county does not reimburse municipalities) and special taxes (which the county does reimburse municipalities) when cities, villages and towns raze properties and new legislation on the topic. The legislation provides some protections to the counties to avoid the razing expenses but additional protections are needed. The county Treasurers' Association will be staying on top of the matter.
4. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues. Concern was expressed regarding the impact of the levy limit law and the inability to bank unused levy limits. Future discussion will be had on the topic.
5. Committee updates on:
  - TREK. This is a private behavioral management program available as a sanction for the courts to use when appropriate. The program information has been presented to the courts for their consideration.
  - Administrative Coordinator's compensation package will be addressed at a future meeting.
  - Authority for leases and agreements. Draft #3 of a county board rule regulating the acquisition of real property was discussed. (See attached.) The draft will also be sent to the department heads.
6. The Committee reviewed department reports and monthly voucher reports:

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Nelson, to approve the reports and payment of vouchers of Branch I and III, Child Support, Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds, Family Court Commissioner, Corporation Counsel, and Victim/Witness. All ayes.

Register of Deeds Susan Ginter wants to contract with the Point & Pay program so that her department can accept electronic payments with no cost to the county and plans to pursue the program.

7. There was one new notice of injury/claim filed with the County. The notice of injury/claim of Ben Grimm was reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the county board.
8. There were no new animal claims against the County.
9. The next committee meeting will be January 22, 2014, at 1:15 p.m.
10. Agenda items for the January 22, 2014, meeting:
  - Municipal contributions for phosphorus discharge program. (Wisconsin River Discharge Group Agreement)
  - Assembly Bill 415
  - Performance reviews.
  - Real property acquisition rule.
  - Consideration of a fourth circuit court judge.
11. Performance reviews adjourned for one month. Meanwhile, the department heads will present proposed goals and a self-review to the committee in advance of the next meeting.
12. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Wagner, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Gary Allworden.

  
 Gary Allworden, Secretary