

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: December 3, 2021
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 10:15 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,
 Kenneth Curry, Ed Wagner, Joseph Zurfluh
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 9:00 a.m., the meeting was called to order.
2. Public comments. None at this time
3. The minutes for the November 5, 2021, meeting were reviewed. Chairman Clendenning declared the minutes approved as there were no objections to them.
4. The Committee reviewed the claims of Donna Reber and Rita Meier. These claims will be provided to the county board.
5. There were no new animal claims against the County.
6. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments it oversees. **Moved by Wagner, seconded by Curry, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.**
7. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
 - a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group. Supervisor Leichtnam gave a history of the five-year evolution of the Citizens Groundwater Group and some goals of the group.
 - b. Discussion of HIRC resolution on future changes at Sandhill Wildlife Area. **Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Curry, to co-sponsor the resolution with HIRC to oppose the DNR's decision to decommission the Sandhill Wildlife Area game farm. All ayes.**
 - c. Discussion of opioid litigation settlement. **Moved by Curry, seconded by Wagner, to approve the opioid settlement via the presentation of a resolution to the county board. All ayes.**

The Committee expressed an interest in having this Committee involved in overseeing the expenditure of opioid settlement funds.

8. County Board rules. No action taken.
9. Attendance at meetings. No action taken.
10. Agenda items for the January 2022 meeting:
 - Discuss attendance at upcoming Synergy meeting.
 - Discuss need for Humane Officer and Coroner to have departmental policies.
 - Discuss memo on how to draft and process county board resolutions.
11. The next committee meeting will be January 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
12. At 9:40 a.m., pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c), it was **moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Leichtnam, to go into closed session to conduct performances reviews of department heads. All ayes.**
13. At 10:15 a.m., it was **moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Clendenning, to return to open session. All ayes.**
14. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and are in draft format until approved at the next meeting.

