

## MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: September 6, 2019  
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
 PLACE: Room 115 Wood County Courthouse  
 TIME ADJOURNED: 11:24 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 August 5 and 20, 2019, meetings were reviewed. Declared approved by Chairman Clendenning, as there were no objections to the minutes.
4. The Committee reviewed the claim of Judy Riedel. This claim will be provided to the county board.
5. There was one new animal claim against the County. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Hamilton, to pay the \$100 dog damage claim of Judy Marking for five chickens. Discussion had. All ayes.
6. 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.

Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Leichtnam, to prepare a resolution to approve the Litigation Settlement Policy and to bring it back to the Committee at the October meeting. All ayes.

- a. Update on District Attorney's office positions. District Attorney Craig Lambert said he expects two new attorneys; he has budgeted for two additional legal secretaries and one receptionist. Moved by Hahn, seconded by Clendenning, to hold off on authorizing a receptionist in the District Attorney's office until there is a proven need. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Curry voted no as he wanted more information from the District Attorney himself. Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Leichtnam to reconsider. All ayes. Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Leichtnam, to authorize a receptionist. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Clendenning voted no as he seeks more justification for the position.

7. Space needs for District Attorney, Victim/Witness, and Criminal Justice Task Force Coordinator. Reuben Van Tassel is expecting budgeting for 2020 to put the District Attorney's office in the old Human Services offices on the third floor. There will be more office space allocated to the District Attorney's office. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to have the offices of the Victim Witness Coordinator and the County Board Chair swapped before the end of the year and to forward this request to the Executive Committee. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Curry opposed.
8. Criminal Justice Task Force Coordinator duties, budget, and interviewing. Chairman Clendenning wants to set up a 5-person subcommittee to look into the duties and budgeting of the Criminal Justice Task Force Coordinator. Moved by Hamilton to approve the 5-person subcommittee. Motion died for lack of second.

Clerk of Court Joosten presented a draft budget for the Criminal Justice Task Force Coordinator. Moved by Curry, seconded by Hahn, to set up a 3-person committee to research the implementation of a Criminal Justice Task Force Coordinator position. 4 ayes. 1 nay. Clendenning felt a 3-person committee was inadequate and voted no.

Recognition had that the Criminal Justice Task Force Coordinator position will not be filled until approved by the Judicial & Legislative Committee.

9. Budget preparations.  
Moved by Hahn, seconded by Clendenning, to have liaison supervisors authorized to attend the Executive Committee's review of the budgets. All ayes.
10. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
- a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group/resolution. Supervisor Leichtnam provided an update to the committee and will submit minutes to be attached to these minutes.  
Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Hahn, for the Judicial & Legislative Committee to co-sponsor the Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee resolution authorizing Wood County's participation in the Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative. All ayes.
- b. Waupaca County Resolution on court fees and costs in probate and juvenile cases. Register in Probate Mary

Anderson spoke in favor of updating, increasing, and setting fees in the Register in Probate's office. Moved by Hahn, seconded by Hamilton, to present a resolution similar to that of Door County that recommends updating the Register in Probate fees as set by the legislature. All ayes.

- c. Gerrymandering. Discussion had on seeking a non-partisan entity to draw legislative maps. There may be a move at a later date to put the proposal before the electorate as a referendum.
  - d. 2019 Senate Bill 262/Assembly Bill 248. The Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee (HIRC) has sought Judicial & Legislative's co-sponsorship of a county resolution supporting these legislative attempts to protect county highway workers the same as state workers. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Hamilton, to co-sponsor the HIRC resolution. All ayes.
11. County Board rules.
- a. Resolution on reorganization of committees. Committee decided to hold off on discussion until the October meeting.
12. Courthouse security committee update. Reuben Van Tassel reported that the courthouse security practices will be implemented on October 7, 2019.
13. Agenda items for the October 2019 meeting:
- Resolution on reorganization of committees.
  - Litigation Settlement Policy resolution.
  - Per diems memo.
14. The next committee meeting will be October 3, 2019, at 9 a.m.
15. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 11:24 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz.

# Judicial & Legislative Committee Meeting

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	REPRESENTING
REUBEN VANTASSEL	MAINT.
Jiffany Ringer	ROD
Deborah Gehret	Treasurer
Marta Wenzig	Finance
Mary Anderson	RIP
Brent Greenha	CSA
Cindy Goulet	COC
Kim McGrath	HR
DENNIS POLACH	WCB-# 14
CRAIG LAMBERT	D.A.