

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: April 22, 2015
 TIME: 1 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 3:35 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Ed Wagner, Bill Leichtnam, Joseph Zurfluh
 MEMBERS EXCUSED: Gerald Nelson
 OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Dimick, Brent Vruwink, Connie Janowski, Dennis Polach, and Peter Kastenholz

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

1. Public comments. Bruce Dimick spoke on problems associated with CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations). Dimick requested that Wood County take a look at the Kewaunee County Public Health Ordinance and consider adopting a similar ordinance.
2. Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the minutes of the March 9 and 17, 2015, Committee meetings. All ayes.
3. Highway safety concerns. Chairman Clendenning gave an update on concerns about buggies, UTVs and ATVs on county highways and his involvement with the WCA, state legislators, and the DOT on local legislation of these unlicensed vehicles.
4. The Committee reviewed department reports and monthly voucher reports:
Moved by Zurfluh, 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.
5. Memorandum on battle of the forms was approved by the Committee and will be forwarded to the county board.
6. There were no Capital Improvement Plans to review as none of the departments presented any CIPs for approval.
7. The Committee reviewed correspondence, Chair's report, and legislative issues.
 - A. Discussion was had on the UW Wood County financial assistance request, the governor's budget proposal, and the status of the ADRC.
 - B. Human Resources Director Janowski explained to the Committee that the county will be transitioning from an annual vacation accrual system to a real time system where vacation is awarded incrementally each pay period. Janowski explained that there is no plan to convert to a paid time off (PTO) program where vacation and sick leave are grouped together. Finally, Janowski

advised that she would be presenting data to the Executive Committee such that it could develop a recommendation on whether to adjust the wage scale for 2016 or not and if so, by how much. The Committee expressed a need to keep the wage scale up to date to attract and retain qualified employees.

- C. There was much discussion of spray irrigation of waste and the limitations of the ad hoc committee that is studying the issue. Supervisor Leichtnam thinks the county needs to work on a groundwater protection plan or ordinance for part or all of Wood County.

Motion by Leichtnam and seconded by Zurfluh that a subcommittee of the Judicial & Legislative Committee be formed today to draft as soon as practical a groundwater protection plan or ordinance designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of county residents. Also, that the subcommittee be made up of supervisors from the Town of Saratoga, the Village of Port Edwards, and the Town of Grand Rapids, and one citizen member. Also, that an employee of the Land Conservation Department serve as a non-voting member of the subcommittee. Also that the corporation counsel attend the subcommittee's meetings.

Debate and discussion on the motion was had. The Committee agreed the motion could be modified. Motion by Leichtnam and seconded by Zurfluh that the committee present a resolution to the county board directing the creation of an ad hoc committee that would develop a draft groundwater protection ordinance for the county within 3 months' time. All ayes.

8. There was one new notice of injury/claim filed with the County. The notice of injury/claim of Richard Shone was reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the County Board.
9. There were no new animal claims against the County.
10. The next committee meeting will be May 13, 2015, at 1 p.m.
11. Agenda items for the May 13, 2015, meeting:
 - Department head reports on core competencies and key behaviors.
 - Resolution on clean water.
12. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Zurfluh, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Ed Wagner.

Ed Wagner

Ed Wagner, Secretary (signed electronically)