## MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: September 6, 2018

TIME: 11 a.m.

PLACE: Room 115 Wood County Courthouse

TIME ADJOURNED: 12:32 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,

Kenneth Curry (excused partway through the

meeting), Brad Hamilton, Jake Hahn

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.

- 2. Public comments. None.
- 3. Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the minutes for the August 2, 21, 24, 28, and 30, 2018, meetings.

  All ayes.

The Committee proceeded to take a number of matters out of order at this time.

- 4. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments they oversee. Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Hahn; to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. Al ayes.
- 5. The Committee reviewed the claims of David Schreiner and Thomas Reichert. These claims will be provided to the county board.
- 6. There were no new animal claims against the County.
- 7. Staffing needs in the Corporation Counsel's office was discussed. Kastenholz explained that the person being retained as the new legal secretary looked like a very strong candidate and likely would be able to perform the extra workload in a half-time capacity, he hopes. No additional support is being sought for attorney services at this time.
- 8. Review resolution to use contingency funds to pay costs of the Joan Arnold administrative hearing. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Hamilton, to approve the resolution transferring \$15,000 from Contingency to the Corporation Counsel's 2018 budget to cover the costs of the Joan Arnold administrative hearing. All ayes. [Curry was excused at this time.]
- 9. Discussion on job description of Administrative Coordinator.

  Moved by Curry, seconded by Hamilton, to recommend to the
  Executive Committee to create a position description for the
  County Board Chairperson/Administrative Coordinator position.

  All ayes.

- 10. Discuss a resolution on merit pay. Human Resources Director Kim McGrath explained that no formal criteria has been set for eligibility for merit pay by a committee or the county board. Unanimous motion passed by the Executive Committee to eliminate the merit pay component of the pay plan. A resolution to that effect will be going to the county board in October. Some staff spoke in favor of keeping the merit program and setting forth the criteria to effectively implement it. Supervisors set forth their thoughts and concerns about the current pay plan.
- 11. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
  - a. Report of Central Sands Water Committee (CSWC). The Health Department gave a presentation that helped everyone get a handle on the problem. The next meeting is September 17.
- 12. Courthouse security committee report. Reuben Van Tassel updated the Committee on his tour of the Marquette County courthouse and their security system. They have a single point of public entry as Wood County is contemplating. Marquette County's structural costs were \$300,000. They used one sheriff's deputy to man the entrance 8 hours per day. The Marquette County scenario is quite similar to the tentative plans and cost projections here.
- 13. County Board rules. General discussion of rules had.
- 14. Agenda items for the October 2018, meeting:
  - An attempt will be made to have a representative or two from Vilas County appear telephonically to discuss how they addressed courthouse security.
- 15. The next committee meeting will be October 4, 2018, at 10 a.m.
- 16. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 12:32 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Kenneth Curry.

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