

JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, November 6, 2020

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Public comments. Now or at the time the item is taken up. Rules may apply. **Please note: Comments will be taken via WebEx in addition to in person.
3. Introduction of Criminal Justice Coordinator.
4. Review minutes of previous meeting.
5. Review any claims and notices of injury against the County, as necessary.
6. Review any Dog License Fee Fund claims.
7. Review for approval the vouchers and monthly reports of departments the committee oversees.
8. Discuss reduction in workforce.
9. Resolution – Support increase in Child Support funding.
10. Presentation of correspondence and legislative issues or referrals and recognition of Legislators who may be present.
 - a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group.
 - b. Winnebago County resolution on juvenile timelines.
 - c. Kewaunee County resolution on extraordinary session for 13 water bills.
 - d. Corporation Counsel Memorandum “Legality of Sanctuary County Ordinance.”
11. Discuss county sanctuary status.
12. Review of County Board Rules.
13. Criminal Justice Coordinator Committee update.
14. Attendance at meetings.
15. Consideration of agenda items for next meeting.
16. Set date and time of next meeting.
17. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c) the committee may go into closed session to conduct performance evaluations of the Child Support Director and Corporation Counsel.
18. Return to open session.
19. Adjourn.

NOTE: Room capacity is very limited. Public and staff are encouraged to use the WebEx functions listed below to access and participate in the meeting.

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Meeting number (access code): 146 225 3806

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MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: October 2, 2020
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 10:47 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,
 Kenneth Curry, Ed Wagner, Joseph Zurfluh
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 9:01 a.m., the meeting was called to order.
2. Public comments. None at this time.
3. The minutes for the September 4, 2020, meeting and the minutes for two meetings on September 15, 2020, were reviewed. There being no objections, the minutes were deemed approved by the Chair.
4. There were no new claims.
5. There were no new animal claims against the County.
6. Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments it oversees. **Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Wagner, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.**
 - a. Discussion on Register of Deeds vault closure.
 Supervisor Leichtnam explained that a local title company complained that the Register of Deeds' vault continues to be shut down when other neighboring counties have opened up their vaults for limited public access. Register of Deeds Ringer sent the attached communication explaining why the vault continues to be closed. **Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Zurfluh, to support the Register of Deeds in keeping the vault closed. All ayes.**
7. Clerk of Courts Cindy Joosten talked to the Committee about Digital Audio Recording (DAR) units. Clerk of Courts Joosten explained that a DAR unit can do an audio recording of communications made on the record in court proceedings. The state pays for these DAR units but the county needs to pay for the wiring, which has been estimated at approximately \$2,500. The Clerk of Courts believes she can cover the cost under her budget and will proceed to do so. There were no objections to the plan.

8. Employee wage plan. Child Support Director Vruwink advised that he doesn't support going from 11 to 16 steps; he thinks it takes too much time. Other general discussion had.
9. District Attorney update on Chapter 48 cases. District Attorney Lambert gave background data on the work of his office. The Ch. 48 cases constitute less than 5% of the workload of the District Attorney's office. Lambert made clear that the concerns had by Human Services had to do with approach versus results, as the results have been excellent. The two departments are and will continue to work on the approach and communication issues.
10. Parent Engagement Center (PEC) video tour. Child Support Director Brent Vruwink shared a video of the PEC, which is on the north end of the county. It is a trauma informed space for enhancing parenting skills and serves multiple needs for both Human Services and Child Support.
11. Discuss upcoming department head performance reviews. The Committee directed the Child Support Director and Corporation Counsel to do a self-evaluation and present them to the committee for the next meeting. The Committee will go into closed session at that meeting to do the performance evaluations.
12. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
 - a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group. Supervisor Leichtnam advised the report from the Citizens Groundwater Group will be in the county board packet. Leichtnam then gave an oral synopsis of the meeting.
13. County Board rules. No action taken.
14. Criminal Justice Coordinator Committee update. The subcommittee selected a new Criminal Justice Coordinator recently. The plan is for the subcommittee to continue for another six months. Concern was expressed on that; the question being, why?

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Curry, to terminate the Criminal Justice Coordinator Ad Hoc Committee effective 12/31/2020.

Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to amend the termination date of the Ad Hoc Committee to 03/01/2021.

Motion passed 3 ayes, 2 nays. Supervisors Wagner and Curry voted no.

Vote on amended motion passed 3 ayes, 2 nays. Supervisors Wagner and Curry voted no.

15. Attendance at meetings. Moved by Curry, seconded by Leichtnam, to authorize the committee members to attend the Heart of Wisconsin Legislative Breakfast on October 23. All ayes.
16. Agenda items for the November 2020 meeting:
 - Department head performance reviews.
17. The next committee meeting will be November 6, 2020, at 9 a.m.
18. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 10:47 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz.

Judicial & Legislative Committee Meeting

Date:[illegible]

Good Morning Supervisor Leichtnam,

Here's the requested list regarding the vault closure:

- I am concerned for the safety of my staff with the increased traffic in our office, if the vault were to be open. Employees within the courthouse have tested positive for Covid.
- The numbers across the County and State continue to rise. The mask mandate was extended by Governor Evers to November 21st.
- I have not received one phone call or email from any Attorney stating a complaint with the extension of the vault closure. I learned Attorney Bender contacted the Judicial and Legislative committee, he did not express any concern with me prior to contacting my oversight committee.
- I spoke to Sherry, from Goetz Title and she stated she doesn't like to have to come to the courthouse due to the increased risk. She did not express any complaint with the vault being closed to me.
- I am not able to disinfect the books – If I wipe them down, it will cause the need to replace binders in the future. The cost is too great to have the public touch them, then my staff touch them with no disinfectant. If searchers are allowed in the vault, one staff member would need to step away from their duties to disinfect the counter/computers that were used. This causes a delay in recording and vital records.
- I spoke to Supervisor Clendenning, Supervisor Leichtnam, and Health Director Kunferman prior to making the decision to continue to restrict the public from the vault. The policy put in place by the Wood County Chairman allows me to make the decision for what's best for my staff and public during this pandemic situation.
- The Register of Deeds window is open with an improved glass shield. The public is able to obtain their vital records, copies of requested documents and drop off documents for recording.
- Documents are available online through Tapestry or with a subscription of Laredo. As always, the Register of Deeds staff will print or email copies for the fee of \$2 for the first page and \$1 for each additional page, per document. Searchers are able to obtain the needed information. We do not waive fees to anyone and in fairness to all users and the taxpayers of Wood County, that will be the continued practice.
- Laredo software had a recent upgrade to provide a more efficient, real time service to our users across the State.

Thank you for your help and for contacting me about this. I wouldn't have known unless you would have called; I am on vacation since my husband just got home from his year-long deployment. In that event, I apologize for not being present in person. Feel free to reach me on my cell phone (listed below), if you have questions or need more information.

Thank you,

Tiffany R. Ringer
Wood County Register of Deeds
400 Market Street/PO Box 8095
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
Ph. 715-421-8455
Cell 715-697-3782

Wood County Clerk Wood County Clerk
400 Market Street
PO Box 8095
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-8095



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Wis. Rapids, WI 54494
715-421-2006

Wood County Clerk - Account Balance - \$45.00 - 10/5/2020

Account Summary

Description	Invoice Total	Amount Paid	Amount Due
8/31/2020 - Invoice # 52689	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
Total	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$45.00

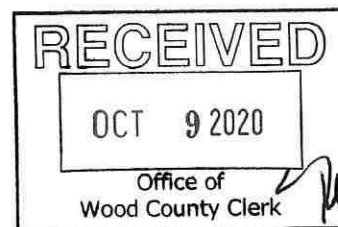
Invoice Number 52689
Date 8/31/2020
Amount Paid \$0.00 / \$45.00

Patient	Provider	Description	Date	Quantity	Subtotal	Tax	Total
Animals	RX - Kristie Ponce, D.V.M.	RABIES TESTING PREP/S&H - SM	8/31/2020	1	\$45.00	0	\$45.00

Stray Cat

Subtotal	\$45.00
Tax	\$0.00
Invoice Total	\$45.00
Amount Paid	\$0.00
Amount Remaining	\$45.00

Wood County Clerk - Account Balance - \$45.00 - 10/5/2020 1:17 PM



cc: Corp Counsel

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: BRANCH 1 / PROBATE

For the period of: OCTOBER 2020

For the range of vouchers: 03200051 - 03200057

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
03200051	LEITZKE AMANDA	TRANSCRIPT FEE 19CF460	10/12/2020	\$26.00	
03200052	MARATHON COUNTY TREASURER	CIVIL PROCESS ACT 101-21585294	09/21/2020	\$75.00	
03200053	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	LEGAL PADS	10/21/2020	\$10.11	
03200054	SWITS LTD	INTERPRETER FEES AUG 2020	09/18/2020	\$102.00	
03200055	SWITS LTD	INTERPRETER FEES SEPT 2020	10/22/2020	\$51.00	
03200056	WEBER LISA M	TRANSCRIPT FEE 19CF697	09/28/2020	\$42.00	
03200057	COLLINS KIMBERLY	TRANSCRIPT FEE 18CF480	09/24/2020	\$50.00	
Grand Total:				\$356.11	

Signatures

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County of Wood

Report of claims for: BRANCH 2

For the period of: OCTOBER 2020

For the range of vouchers: 04200034 - 04200040

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
04200034	SWITS LTD	INTERPRETER FEES	09/18/2020	\$256.50	P
04200035	BRAZEAU NICHOLAS J JR	CLEANING OF JUDGE'S ROBE	09/22/2020	\$18.99	P
04200036	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	10/02/2020	\$116.94	P
04200037	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	10/03/2020	\$72.54	P
04200038	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	CREDIT MEMO	10/08/2020	(\$72.54)	P
04200039	SWITS LTD	INTERPRETER FEES	10/22/2020	\$106.00	
04200040	PETERSON MICHELLE L	TRANSCRIPT FEE 17CF160	10/23/2020	\$28.00	
Grand Total:				\$526.43	

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Report of claims for: BRANCH 3 / DRUG COURT

For the period of: OCTOBER 2020

For the range of vouchers: 05200074 - 05200081

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
05200074	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	10/08/2020	\$151.78	P
05200075	ATTIC CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INC	DRUG COURT STAFF & REVENUE	10/01/2020	\$6,939.20	P
05200076	ATTIC CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INC	DRUG COURT STAFF ENHANCED	10/01/2020	\$1,833.33	P
05200077	CORDANT HEALTH SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING	09/30/2020	\$3,142.65	P
05200078	NATIONAL COURT REPORTERS ASSN	2021 DUES - MICHELLE PETERSON	10/06/2020	\$300.00	P
05200079	SWITS LTD	INTERPRETER FEES	10/18/2017	\$237.50	P
05200080	STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN	CIVIL BENCHBOOK UPDATES	10/21/2020	\$159.30	
05200081	PETERSON MICHELLE L	TRANSCRIPT FEE 17CF565	10/29/2020	\$54.00	
Grand Total:				\$12,817.76	

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Report of claims for: CHILD SUPPORT

For the period of: OCTOBER 2020

For the range of vouchers: 02200066 - 02200075

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
02200066	STATE OF WISCONSIN-VITAL RECORDS	BIRTH CERTIFICATE UPDATE-SMITH	09/24/2020	\$10.00	P
02200067	AEGIS CORPORATION	BOND INS-NOTARY-ARNOLD	10/07/2020	\$30.00	P
02200068	WI DEPT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	NOTARY RENEWAL-ARNOLD	10/07/2020	\$20.00	P
02200069	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	10/28/2020	\$64.35	
02200070	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	10/28/2020	\$142.50	
02200071	CW SOLUTIONS LLC	ELEVATE PROGRAM COSTS/SCANNING	10/28/2020	\$10,988.24	
02200072	DNA DIAGNOSTICS CENTER	24-IND. GENETIC TESTS	10/28/2020	\$576.00	
02200073	LEGAL LOGISTICS LLC	16-PROESS OF SERVICE FEES	10/28/2020	\$915.00	
02200074	OFFICE DEPOT	OFFICE SUPPLIES	10/28/2020	\$102.29	
02200075	RIVER CITY PROCESS SERVERS	39-PROCESS OF SERVICE FEES	10/28/2020	\$1,480.00	
Grand Total:				\$14,328.38	

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Report of claims for: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

For the period of: OCTOBER 2020

For the range of vouchers: 07200639 - 07200753

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
07200639	US BANK	30th Anniv Cakse-LC	09/09/2020	\$32.10	P
07200640	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 20ME138	09/08/2020	\$540.00	P
07200641	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	MEd Exam - 20ME142	09/10/2020	\$690.00	P
07200642	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 20GN59	09/11/2020	\$800.00	P
07200643	CARMICHAEL & QUARTEMONT S C	Atty Fee - 13GN50	08/31/2020	\$108.50	P
07200644	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 20ME142	09/10/2020	\$995.00	P
07200645	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 18JM28	09/11/2020	\$995.00	P
07200646	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 20ME138	09/08/2020	\$845.00	P
07200647	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Mediation Services - Aug 2020	09/15/2020	\$1,125.00	P
07200648	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 11GN08	09/08/2020	\$140.00	P
07200649	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 08GN21	09/08/2020	\$140.00	P
07200650	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 15GN42	09/08/2020	\$140.00	P
07200651	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 20JI02	09/17/2020	\$180.00	P
07200652	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 20CM208	09/17/2020	\$475.80	P
07200653	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 19GN44	09/05/2020	\$170.00	P
07200654	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 15GN33	09/07/2020	\$243.37	P
07200655	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 11GN50	09/08/2020	\$220.00	P
07200656	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 20GN58	09/09/2020	\$150.00	P
07200657	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 18GN30	09/09/2020	\$170.00	P
07200658	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 12GN33	09/10/2020	\$220.00	P
07200659	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 18GN59	09/14/2020	\$200.00	P
07200660	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Mediation Services - Aug 2020	09/15/2020	\$100.00	P
07200661	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 18GN65	09/02/2020	\$320.00	P
07200662	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 14GN64	09/02/2020	\$340.00	P
07200663	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20GN51	09/11/2020	\$625.00	P
07200664	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 09JG128	09/16/2020	\$230.00	P
07200665	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 18JC84	09/16/2020	\$320.00	P
07200666	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC01	09/16/2020	\$2,605.00	P
07200667	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 19JC73 & 74	09/16/2020	\$500.00	P
07200668	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC17	09/16/2020	\$555.00	P

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Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
07200669	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JG8 & 9	09/18/2020	\$370.00	P
07200670	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JG10	09/18/2020	\$295.00	P
07200671	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC105	09/18/2020	\$720.00	P
07200672	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC102	09/18/2020	\$1,175.00	P
07200673	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC106	09/18/2020	\$610.00	P
07200674	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC94	09/18/2020	\$310.00	P
07200675	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 19JC66	09/18/2020	\$420.00	P
07200676	LAWTON & LAWTON SC	Atty Fee - 18GN37	09/06/2020	\$220.00	P
07200677	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty Fee - 19CF797	09/17/2020	\$389.48	P
07200678	OFFICE ENTERPRISES INC	Rising Work Station	09/16/2020	\$2,005.55	P
07200679	SELENSKE LAW OFFICES	Atty Fee - 06GN07	09/18/2020	\$174.78	P
07200680	SELENSKE LAW OFFICES	Atty Fee - 19GN86	09/18/2020	\$153.60	P
07200681	SLATTERY TRAVIS LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 20CF207	08/24/2020	\$610.00	P
07200682	SLATTERY TRAVIS LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 20CM101	09/14/2020	\$410.00	P
07200683	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	09/10/2020	\$52.63	P
07200684	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	09/11/2020	\$3.29	P
07200685	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	09/11/2020	\$10.02	P
07200686	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee- 19CM666	09/02/2020	\$560.00	P
07200687	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 20GN61	09/19/2020	\$220.00	P
07200688	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 20GN56	09/19/2020	\$220.00	P
07200689	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 20GN06	09/20/2020	\$1,066.00	P
07200690	WEYMOUTH RICHARD D	FCC Services Sept 2020	09/30/2020	\$4,166.66	P
07200691	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 98GN77	07/17/2020	\$500.00	P
07200692	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 20GN63	09/18/2020	\$500.00	P
07200693	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 18ME42	09/23/2020	\$390.00	P
07200694	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 20JM148	09/20/2010	\$495.00	P
07200695	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 20GN66	10/01/2020	\$500.00	P
07200696	LA CHAPELLE KRYSHAK & NETTESHEIM LLP	Atty Fee - 20CF425	09/22/2020	\$1,666.11	P
07200697	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 19ME28	09/21/2020	\$845.00	P
07200698	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 20JC114 & 115	09/22/2020	\$200.00	P
07200699	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 20JC113	10/02/2020	\$190.00	P
07200700	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 20CV264	10/02/2020	\$110.00	P
07200701	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 19CM781 & 20CF25	10/02/2020	\$689.23	P
07200702	GORSKI KENNETH	Services as Court Comm-Aug2020	09/15/2020	\$1,250.00	P
07200703	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 95GN06	09/23/2020	\$150.00	P
07200704	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 19GN59	09/27/2020	\$170.00	P
07200705	KESSLER AND GREER LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 18GN55	09/28/2020	\$140.00	P
07200706	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty Fee - 20CF112	09/29/2020	\$327.12	P
07200707	OFFICE ENTERPRISES INC	Office Supplies	09/28/2020	\$321.00	P
07200708	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Jury Supplies due to Covid	10/07/2020	\$5.29	P

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07200639 - 07200753

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
07200709	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE DATA SOLUTIONS	SDC People Sreach Sept 2020	10/01/2020	\$50.00	P
07200710	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee- 17GN54	09/23/2020	\$100.00	P
07200711	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 18GN73	09/24/2020	\$100.00	P
07200712	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 19GN87	09/24/2020	\$100.00	P
07200713	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 16GN56	09/25/2020	\$100.00	P
07200714	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 20CF259	09/30/2020	\$890.00	P
07200715	JOOSTEN CINDY	Heater for Office	09/30/2020	\$68.56	P
07200716	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam 20JM148	10/04/2020	\$800.00	P
07200717	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 20ME59	10/07/2020	\$795.00	P
07200718	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 20ME158	10/08/2020	\$770.00	P
07200719	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Mediation Srvc - Sept 2020	10/13/2020	\$825.00	P
07200720	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 20GN55	10/07/2020	\$357.37	P
07200721	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 17GN66	10/07/2020	\$300.00	P
07200722	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 20GN63	10/08/2020	\$397.37	P
07200723	DM STAMPS & SPECIALTIES	Office Supplies - Stamps	10/09/2020	\$18.37	P
07200724	KESSLER AND GREER LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 01GN10	10/09/2020	\$570.00	P
07200725	MUSUNURU J R MD	Med Exam - 20JM159	10/05/2020	\$420.00	P
07200726	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty Fee - 20JC125	09/30/2020	\$60.00	P
07200727	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty Fee - 19CV285	10/06/2020	\$60.00	P
07200728	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty Fee - 20JC122 & 123	10/06/2020	\$250.00	P
07200729	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Jury Supplies due to Covid	10/08/2020	\$6.39	P
07200730	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	10/08/2020	\$20.37	P
07200731	STEVNING-ROE LAW FIRM LLC	Atty Fee - 92GN213	10/07/2020	\$91.10	P
07200732	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 14GN23	10/06/2020	\$80.00	P
07200733	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - Michael Collins et	10/11/2020	\$1,232.85	P
07200734	WOLF RIVER LAWYERS SC	Atty Fee - 18GN28	08/31/2020	\$655.00	P
07200735	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 15GN15	10/13/2020	\$700.00	P
07200736	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 20ME152	10/13/2020	\$790.00	P
07200737	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 20GN64	10/14/2020	\$500.00	P
07200738	CARMICHAEL & QUARTEMONT S C	Atty Fee - 18GN64	09/30/2020	\$108.50	P
07200739	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 20JM159	10/09/2020	\$995.00	P
07200740	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 20ME157	10/09/2020	\$770.00	P
07200741	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 20ME152	10/13/2020	\$1,045.00	P
07200742	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 92GN228	10/18/2020	\$198.40	P
07200743	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 04GN27	10/18/2020	\$150.00	P
07200744	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 03GN55	10/18/2020	\$246.45	P
07200745	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 18GN89	10/18/2020	\$170.00	P
07200746	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 16GN63	10/18/2020	\$170.00	P

Committee Report - County of Wood

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT - OCTOBER
2020

07200639 - 07200753

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
07200747	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 09GN64	10/18/2020	\$150.00	P
07200748	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty Fee - 19GN14	10/19/2020	\$100.00	P
07200749	STACY STEVIE	Witness Fee - 20CF153	10/12/2020	\$17.00	P
07200750	WCCCA	Class Registration	10/16/2020	\$30.00	P
07200751	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 20CM250	10/12/2020	\$354.22	P
07200752	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 93GN16	10/14/2020	\$100.00	P
07200753	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 13GN62	10/14/2020	\$100.00	P
Grand Total:				\$52,597.48	

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Corporation Counsel

For the period of: October 2020

For the range of vouchers: 09200038 - 09200042

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
09200038	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	office supplies	10/16/2020	\$30.98	
09200039	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	office supplies	09/30/2020	\$16.13	
09200040	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	office supplies	10/01/2020	\$46.63	
09200041	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	office supplies	10/22/2020	\$20.60	
09200042	STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN	Wis Rules of Evidence	10/21/2020	\$159.30	
Grand Total:				\$273.64	

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

For the period of: OCTOBER 2020

For the range of vouchers: 11200034 - 11200035

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
11200034	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	10/23/2020	\$75.87	
11200035	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	10/24/2020	\$40.08	
Grand Total:				\$115.95	

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: REGISTER OF DEEDS

For the period of: OCTOBER 2020

For the range of vouchers: 24200031 - 24200033

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
24200031	FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES INC	LAREDO USAGE AUGUST 2020	09/16/2020	\$1,758.22	P
24200032	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	10/21/2020	\$32.02	
24200033	FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES INC	LAREDO USAGE SEPTEMBER 2020	10/16/2020	\$1,724.26	
Grand Total:				\$3,514.50	

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: VICTIM WITNESS

For the period of: OCTOBER 2020

For the range of vouchers: 32200010 - 32200013

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
32200010	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	09/25/2020	\$210.48	
32200011	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	TONER	09/30/2020	\$136.95	
32200012	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PAPER	09/30/2020	\$34.99	
32200013	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	CREDIT MEMO	10/24/2020	(\$199.95)	
Grand Total:				\$182.47	

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Wood County WISCONSIN

CHILD SUPPORT
AGENCY

NOVEMBER 2020

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Prepared by Child Support Director Brent Vruwink

- A recurring theme during every recent state budget cycle has been a request for increased funding for the child support program. This budget cycle is no different. In the next state budget I will be working diligently to get more dollars appropriated to local CSA's. My goal is to minimize the amount of county levy the agency needs to operate.
- I completed the annual County FTE Survey and sent it into the state. The state will submit it to the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement.
- I attended the WCA Judicial and Public Safety Steering Committee meeting on October 16th.
- I was re-elected Vice President of the Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association. I will continue to work in my role as the Chair of the Legislative Committee as well.
- I will be attending the WCA Health and Human Services Steering Committee meeting on November 13th.
- The Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association is facilitating a Legislative meeting on November 19th. We will bring CSA Directors from across the state together virtually to discuss our approach to the state budget.
- The Federal Fiscal Year has concluded and the agency met all the Federal Performance measures for the fifth year in a row. This year it was even more of a challenge to meet the measures with increased unemployment across the state. The fact that participants with active civil warrants for non-payment of child support are not being arrested has hurt our ability to collect as well. If our enforcement tools continue to be limited our performance will suffer.
- The current IV-D case count is 3,781.

County of Wood
Clerk of Courts Departmentwide

	Actual	2020 Budget	Variance	Variance %
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental Revenues				
43512 State Aid-Courts	\$59,434.25	\$59,000.00	\$434.25	0.74%
43514 State Aid-Court Support Services	88,678.00	75,775.00	12,903.00	17.03%
43515 State Aid-Court Child Custody Mediation	1,446.01		1,446.01	0.00%
Total Intergovernmental	149,558.26	134,775.00	14,783.26	10.97%
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties				
45115 County Share of Occupational Driver	120.00	200.00	(80.00)	(40.00%)
45120 County Share of State Fines and Forfeitures	87,194.30	130,000.00	(42,805.70)	(32.93%)
45130 County Forfeitures Revenue	65,453.00	94,000.00	(28,547.00)	(30.37%)
Total Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	152,767.30	224,200.00	(71,432.70)	(31.86%)
Public Charges for Services				
46140 Court Fees	123,614.72	150,000.00	(26,385.28)	(17.59%)
46141 Court Fees and Costs-Marriage Counseling	4,970.00	5,000.00	(30.00)	(0.60%)
46142 Atty and GAL Reimbursements	40,711.43	22,000.00	18,711.43	85.05%
46143 Other Professional Reimbursements	6,546.50	7,000.00	(453.50)	(6.48%)
Total Public Charges for Services	175,842.65	184,000.00	(8,157.35)	(4.43%)
Child Support Reimbursement for Services				
47410 Dept Charges-Family Court Commissioner	892.58	2,000.00	(1,107.42)	(55.37%)
47411 Dept Charges-Clerk of Courts	5,495.93	9,000.00	(3,504.07)	(38.93%)
Total Interdepartmental Charges	6,388.51	11,000.00	(4,611.49)	(41.92%)
Total Intergovernmental Charges for Services	6,388.51	11,000.00	(4,611.49)	(41.92%)
Miscellaneous				
48117 Interest-Clerk of Courts	285.60	250.00	35.60	14.24%
Total Miscellaneous	285.60	250.00	35.60	14.24%
TOTAL REVENUES	484,842.32	554,225.00	(69,382.68)	(12.52%)
EXPENDITURES				
General Government				
51217 Clerk of Courts-Divorce Mediation	15,250.00	25,000.00	9,750.00	39.00%
51220 Family Court Commissioner	47,499.94	65,600.00	18,100.06	27.59%
51221 Clerk of Courts	1,027,392.82	1,513,161.98	485,769.16	32.10%
Total General Government	1,090,142.76	1,603,761.98	513,619.22	32.03%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,090,142.76	1,603,761.98	513,619.22	32.03%
NET INCOME (LOSS) *	(605,300.44)	(1,049,536.98)	444,236.54	(42.33%)

This Report was generated on October 23, 2020 and includes September revenue.

The majority of revenue account Variances should be at 25% or less.
The majority of expense account Variances should be at 25% or more.

For the Judicial & Legislative Committee Meeting dated: Nov. 6, 2020
Prepared by Cindy Joosten Clerk of Circuit Court

ANNUAL REVENUE COMPARISON

Includes Revenue collected by Clerk of Courts for other departments

	Total	2019 State	County	Muni		Total	2020 State	County	Muni
Jan	179,852	136,758	42,461	633	Jan	223,004	159,574	62,197	1,233
Feb	212,467	158,150	52,379	1,939	Feb	202,972	138,950	62,508	1,514
Mar	194,299	142,536	49,778	1,984	Mar	214,998	158,928	53,740	2,331
Apr	189,013	139,172	48,347	1,493	Apr	121,789	85,475	35,406	908
May	185,776	140,207	44,153	1,417	May	135,285	99,861	33,945	1,478
Jun	210,035	156,223	51,320	2,492	Jun	174,646	127,001	45,414	2,231
Jul	193,788	143,500	48,455	1,833	Jul	177,742	128,952	47,700	1,090
Aug	187,702	139,549	47,035	1,118	Aug	159,374	117,125	40,928	1,321
Sep	194,335	147,992	44,695	1,648	Sep	165,998	118,786	46,345	868
Oct	207,441	155,176	49,993	2,272	Oct	-			
Nov	171,413	126,828	43,058	1,527	Nov	-			
Dec	171,484	126,066	43,902	1,516	Dec	-			
	2,297,606	1,712,157	565,576	19,872		1,575,809	# 1,134,651	428,184	12,974
2019 YEAR TO DATE REVENUE:						1,747,267	# 1,304,087	428,624	14,557
INCREASE (Decrease)						(171,458)	# (169,436)	(440)	(1,583)



Wood County WISCONSIN

CORPORATION
COUNSEL OFFICE

Peter A. Kastenholtz
CORPORATION COUNSEL

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE October 2020

Sanctuary County Memorandum. See attached.

Goals. Yeah, it's that time of year again when we have to talk about goals, both past and future. I think that the use of the word "goal" in the performance evaluation process is a bit of a misnomer in that I'm really identifying projects to work on. Goals are more ephemeral. I constantly have goals such as communicating better with my client, being more precise in my legal research, not saying things just because they cross my mind, those kind of things. I suppose I could work those "goals" into the SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time oriented) criteria on the supervisor evaluation forms, but it just doesn't seem right. Maybe it's because these "goals" are more difficult to measure. You guys don't want to have to be asking other department heads and the judges at the end of next year if Kastenholtz communicated better, was more precise in his legal research, or did a better job keeping his humorous observations to himself over the past year. No, it's easier to assess whether I completed a project or how I handled a case. Some possible projects for next year we know about in advance, such as the broadband expansion project and other matters just spring up during the course of the year but really take up a lot of time. This past year, COVID-19 would be an example of that. My thought process in suggesting goals for 2021 is to leave the process open a bit. I have identified one specific goal but have suggested the committee and I identify other goals as the year evolves so that I am not focused on completing an objective that really isn't a priority in my workload.

Opioid Litigation. Wood County, like most other counties in the state and many other units of government across the country, including the State of Wisconsin, are plaintiffs in large-scale litigation against manufacturers, distributors, and a few others involved in the production and distribution of opioids. The essence of the litigation is that the manufacturers and distributors were negligent in the information provided to doctors and patients about the impacts of opioids, including matters of dependency and addiction. Some of the defendants have filed for bankruptcy thereby involving bankruptcy courts and myriad creditors in settlement discussions. One aspect of the litigation is how to deal with funds received from the injured parties; in particular, those funds that will be allocated to the State of Wisconsin and counties in it that are a part of the litigation. In that there are a number of large defendants being sued, some of them may settle with the plaintiffs at different times and funds may be available for distribution to the plaintiffs prior to the full resolution of the cases. With that in mind, the attorneys representing the Wisconsin Counties that collectively joined in the litigation (there were a few counties that proceeded on their own) have been negotiating with the State of Wisconsin as to the allocation of settlement and litigation proceeds. Although an allocation agreement is not quite complete, it appears that a majority of the funds coming to Wisconsin would be allocated to the counties for use in addressing opioid related problems prospectively. A smaller subset of funds would be equally allotted to the State and the counties serving as reimbursement for current and previous opioid related expenditures. Unlike the tobacco settlement of several years back, the proceeds here would not be simply used to balance the State's budget. In that the Wisconsin opioid proceeds agreement has not been finalized, our counsel want to keep the specific draft terms confidential. It isn't clear to me how realistic that is but I wanted to at least share with you that these discussions were going on and the premise of the allocation agreement that the majority of the funds would be used for dealing with future opioid related matters.

In dealing with the opioid litigation, I have learned that there is a difference between the terms

dependence and addiction. Because future funding may be limited to treating dependence on opioids and paying for the consequences of addiction to opioids, I thought it would be worthwhile to explain the difference. The word dependence in the context of addictions means a physical or mental reliance on a substance characterized by symptoms of tolerance and withdrawal. Addiction reflects a change in perspective and behavior due to a chemical change in the brain causing the substance to become the main priority of the subject. An addiction causes people to act irrationally when they are or may be deprived of the substance. One can be dependent on a substance without being addicted to it.



Wood County

WISCONSIN

REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE

Tiffany R. Ringer
Register of Deeds

NOVEMBER 2020

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

1. On October 7th, I attended the budget discussion meeting via WebEx. Amendments to the 2021 ROD budget were communicated with Deputy Finance Director, Ed Newton.
2. Angela Breunig and I conducted interviews to fill the vacant deputy position. Faith Haas started as Deputy Register of Deeds on October 12th.
3. The WLIA fall conference was held virtually October 12th-14th. I attended the following sessions on October 12th: Redistricting Special Interest Group, Using Geospatial Data to Drive Broadband Expansion, Digital Compliance Screen Tools, ArcGIS Enterprise Implementation at WisDOT, Federal Agency GIS Updates. On October 13th I attended: Real Property Lister Panel Discussion, ROD vs COVID, Easements, and What's new in ArcGIS.
4. The WRDA fall conference moved from in-person to virtual due to Covid restrictions. I attended the conference via Zoom on October 15th.
5. I attended the Operations Committee budget meeting on October 15th.
6. Angela Breunig and I attended an additional Laredo Connect Admin training with Tracy from Fidlal on October 19th. .
7. I attended the Wood County Board Meeting on October 20th.
8. On October 22nd, I attended the WCA Personnel, Finance and County Organization Steering committee virtual meeting.
9. On October 26th, I attended the Initial Appearance hearing for a former employee held in Wood County Branch 1. The next hearing date is set for January 14th in Branch 3.
10. In person record searching remains restricted in the Register of Deeds vault for the safety of the public, Register of Deeds staff and the records that are housed in the vault.
11. With the help of Amy Kaup, IT staff, and Emergency Management, additional laptops and a scanner were ordered with the available grant funds. The equipment helps streamline operations in the event ROD staff are not able to report to the office.

VICTIM WITNESS SERVICES REPORT
Michele Newman, Coordinator
September 23nd to October 27th 2020

Victims/Witnesses Served:

Victims or Witnesses made contact with via phone 171

5 Victims or Witnesses met with in person

2 Victims assisted with preparation of Crime Victim Compensation Application

114 Initial contact packet information sent

5 No contact order information

11 No prosecutions notification

89 Victims or Witnesses were notified of all hearings

53 Victims or Witnesses were notified of plea agreement/sentencing

53 Victims or Witnesses notified of disposition on closed cases

6 Victims or Witnesses notified of sentencing after revocation

16 Victims with restitution requested

14 Victims registered with NOTIS/Vine service

0 Victims notified of appeals court proceedings

572 Total services/events // Total unique parties = **374**

Restitution:

Totaled: **\$ 43,264.24**

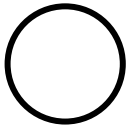
Amount for citizens = \$ 25203.26

Amount for businesses = \$ 5487.38

Amount for Wood County or State agencies = \$ 0

Amount for Crime Victim Compensation = \$12, 573.40

Trainings/Meetings/Other: Victim Witness coordinators webinar meeting 1 hour



RESOLUTION#

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Judicial & Legislative Committee

ITEM# 5-
DATE November 10, 2020
Effective Date November 10, 2020

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Motion:

Adopted:

1st

Lost:

2nd

Tabled:

No:

Yes:

Absent:

Number of votes required:

X

 Majority

Two-thirds

Reviewed by:

, Corp Counsel

Reviewed by:

, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To support an increase in Child Support Funding from the State of Wisconsin to County Child Support Agencies.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to the County.

WHEREAS, Wood County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing services to Wood County residents including paternity establishment, obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and

WHEREAS, Our children’s well-being, economic security and success in life are enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional support; and

WHEREAS, County child support agencies collected \$935 Million in child support during 2019 and established 98,405 health insurance orders for Wisconsin children; and

WHEREAS, Wood County’s Child Support Agency provides services to children as well as custodial and non-custodial parents that reduce childhood poverty rates, establish parental rights and promote the involvement of both parents in the lives of their children; and

WHEREAS, The economic security and social service programs provided by Wood County’s Child Support Agency are needed by Wisconsin children and families now more than ever due to the economic downturn caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, State funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with county agency costs, which have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation and new federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s Child Support Enforcement Program has fallen from 2nd in the nation for collecting current support to 5th; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s decreased performance has led to the state losing out on an estimated \$70,000 in potential federal incentive payments between Calendar Year 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, An abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in federal birth cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state funding. Further drops in performance would result in additional reductions to federal funding for Wisconsin; and

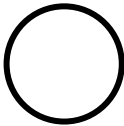
WHEREAS: Decreased federal funding results in less funding for Wood County’s child support agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and services and reduced child support collections; and

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William Clendenning, Chair
Kenneth Curry
Bill Leichtnam
Ed Wagner
Joseph Zurfluh

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this day of 20 .

County Clerk County Board Chairman



RESOLUTION#

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DATE

Effective Date:

Introduced by
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Committee

WHEREAS, New state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly \$2 in federal matching funds; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of \$6.20 in support for every dollar invested in the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wood County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$4 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-23 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$7.7 million in additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that Wisconsin counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children.

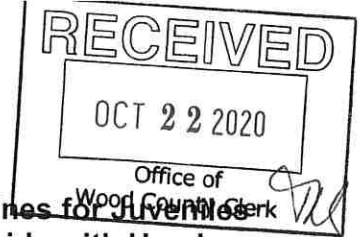
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Wood County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

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Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this day of 20 .

County Clerk County Board Chairman

cc: J & L
DA Lambert
Vranjick



070-082020

RESOLUTION: Support Pending Legislation to Amend Hearing Timelines for Children Taken into Custody (Chapter 938, Wis. Stats.) to Coincide with Hearing Timelines for Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) Taken into Custody (Chapter 48, Wis. Stats.) so that a Day in Which the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office is Closed Does Not Count Toward the Computation of the Chapter 938 Detention Hearing Timeline

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, in Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) proceedings pursuant to Chapter 48, Wis. Stats. (The Children's Code), when a child is taken into custody and not immediately released to a parent, guardian, or legal custodian, the judge or circuit court commissioner in the county where the child is being held must hold a detention hearing within 48 hours of the time in which the decision to hold the child was made (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays); and

WHEREAS, in similar actions involving Juvenile Justice proceedings pursuant to Chapter 938, Wis. Stats. (The Juvenile Justice Code), when a juvenile is taken into custody and held by a county, the circuit court must hold a detention hearing within 24 hours after the end of the day on which the decision to hold the juvenile was made (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays); and

WHEREAS, as a result of the discrepancy in the timelines between the Chapter 48 and Chapter 938 proceedings, in Chapter 938 cases county circuit court judges, commissioners, juvenile intake workers, and other courthouse staff need to be prepared to conduct hearings in circumstances in which the county courthouse may otherwise be closed, such as the Friday after Thanksgiving, extreme weather days, etc. Failing to meet the statutory deadlines places the county at risk of losing jurisdiction over the pending matter. Additionally, concerns may arise regarding transportation of juveniles and children on non-work days in order to accommodate hearings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby supports legislation that would align the statutes that compute the detention hearing timelines for Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) proceedings under Chapter 48 and juvenile delinquency proceedings under Chapter 938 by specifying that a day in which the Clerk of Circuit Courts Office is closed does not count toward the computation of the detention hearing timeline under Chapter 938. This will ensure county governments are in a better position to save limited resources and protect the safety of their employees and the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the Winnebago County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to all Wisconsin Counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all state senators and assembly members representing Winnebago County constituents.

Respectfully submitted by:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Committee Vote: **12-0**

Vote Required for Passage: **Three-Fourths of Those Members Present**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive

cc: JAL

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County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 26-10-2020

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE STATE SENATE CONVEENE IN
EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TO ADDRESS 13 "WATER BILLS" PASSED BY
THE WISCONSIN ASSEMBLY**

TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, a clean, plentiful supply of rural drinking water is necessary for the health and well-being of Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS, keeping Wisconsin's rural drinking water free of pollutants, especially nitrogen and phosphorous, benefits not only the citizens of Wisconsin but also Wisconsin's tourism industry as well as rural economic development; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality brought attention to state legislators and the state's residents, as a whole, the immensity of water quality problems in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Assembly took a step in addressing water quality problems by passing (most unanimously) 13 "Water Bills" (AB 789 through AB 801) on February 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate never had the opportunity to consider these "Water Bills" when its last scheduled session on March 24, 2020 was postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 20th day of October 2020, that the Board hereby requests the State Senate convene in "extraordinary session" to address the 13 "Water Bills" passed by the Wisconsin Assembly (AB 789 through AB 801); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to all 72 Wisconsin counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, Representative Joel Kitchens, Senator André Jacque, and all other State Senators. ^{WCCA} Governor Assembly Rep State Rep

Respectfully Submitted,

LAND AND WATER COMMITTEE

Charles R. Wagner
Charles Wagner, Chair

Aaron Augustian
Aaron Augustian, Vice Chair

Nick Guilette
Nick Guilette

Tim Kinnard
Tim Kinnard

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Jeffrey R. Wisnicky
Corporation Counsel

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Y E S	N O	A B S E N T	A B S T A I N
Augustian, A.	✓			
Baker, D.	✓			
Doell, D.	✓			
Guilette, N.	✓			
Haske, V.	✓			
Jahnke, S.	✓			
Kinnard, T.	✓			
Kroll, K.	✓			
Lazansky, J.	✓			
Lukes, J.	✓			
Mastalir, J.	✓			
Olson, D.	✓			
Paape, G.	✓			
Piesler, M.			✓	
Romdenne, T.	✓			
Swagel, M.	✓			
Teske, L.	✓			
Vollenweider, J.	✓			
Wagner, C.	✓			
Wochos, J.	✓			
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wood County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Peter A. Kastenholtz, Corporation Counsel
DATE: November 10, 2020
RE: Legality of Sanctuary County Ordinance

A petition has been submitted to the county board that requests Wood County to become a sanctuary county. The folks presenting the petition to the county board have asked that the county adopt an ordinance that essentially provides that the county and its employees cannot do anything to support an “Unlawful Act” which is defined to mean any federal or state law or rule that “restricts an individual’s constitutional right to keep and bear arms ...” The idea being that if the state or federal government enacts a rule or law that violates the second amendment, the county would not take any action to support or enforce said rule or law.

There is a facial logic to the ordinance in that the county should not be utilizing its resources to enforce unconstitutional regulations. There are problems with the proposed ordinance, such as it directs enforcement to take place in state district courts, which do not exist; treats individuals differently than corporations with respect to the imposition of a penalty; makes statements in its findings that are not true, and so on. All of these defects can be fixed but the premise that the county can legally adopt such a regulation is incorrect. Simply put, such an ordinance would not be legal or enforceable and I can’t amend its language so as to make it legal and still accomplish the purpose of its drafters.

In Wisconsin, counties are subunits of the state. Unlike a city or village, a county does not have broad home rule authority such that it can regulate whatever its citizens or county board may want. There is no general direct legislation allowed in counties. Instead, a Wisconsin county can only regulate what the state specifically allows. The state has not provided anywhere that I am aware of that a county can regulate firearms and more to the point, ignore state and federal regulations pertaining to firearms. There is a county home rule provision at Wis. Stat. s. 59.03, but it limits counties to exercising organizational and administrative powers and such enactments cannot be in an area the legislature has enacted a law that is of statewide concern. Obviously, then, a county cannot enact an ordinance that would give it the ability to discern that a state enacted rule or law is illegal for any reason. Likewise, the federal government maintains pre-emption over the states and their subunits when it comes to matters that are within the federal government’s purview to legislate. Consequently, a county cannot legislate in derogation of federal rules or regulations.

Granted, the county board can approve the proposed second amendment sanctuary ordinance or some version of it and put it on the books, so to speak. However, such enactment would have no more effect than an ordinance renaming the planet Mars or legislating that county board supervisors are exempt from state and federal income taxes. The U.S. Supreme Court cases referenced in the proposed ordinance do not change this outcome, as they do not grant authority to local units of government to ignore state and federal laws.

Since I am addressing the topic of the second amendment and the right to bear arms, let me take this a step further to help disabuse the reader of the notion that the second amendment has been construed by the courts in a way that the drafters of the proposed ordinance suggest, that this right to bear arms is absolute or almost absolute. It isn't. If the state or federal governments impose restrictions or taxes on firearms in any of the numerous ways prohibited in the draft ordinance, the county could not enforce the terms of the draft ordinance. It would take a constitutional amendment to the federal constitution to overcome all of the case law that makes clear the right to bear arms can be restricted by the federal and state governments, including in most of the ways listed by the drafters of the ordinance.

I am not going to write a legal dissertation here but I will point out that one of the very cases the drafters of the proposed ordinance cite to within the text of the ordinance, that being District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), refutes the idea that the second amendment right to bear arms is absolute. Justice Antonin Scalia wrote the majority opinion and stated the second amendment is "not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose." Scalia's decision upheld the legality of the "long-standing prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons, and the mentally ill, as well as laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms." Interestingly, the court went on to state that the arms protected by the second amendment did not include the range of weapons developed since our forefathers wrote the second amendment.

In conclusion, the right to bear arms is not absolute; the state and federal governments are within their constitutional rights to impose regulations on the possession and use of arms, they simply cannot create a general ban on all firearms and Wood County does not have the right to authorize its employee or anyone else to ignore state and federal laws thereon. If any state or federal law is unconstitutional, the methodology available to show that in this country is by use of the courts.

As always, if you have any questions of me in regards to this topic, please let me know.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR ADHOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, September 30, 2020
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Wood County Courthouse-Room 114
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

PRESENT: Adam Fischer, Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam, Brent Vruwink and Shawn Becker (in-person); Brad Hamilton and Mary Solheim (video conference)

OTHERS PRESENT: (for part or all of the meeting, in-person or video conference) Kim McGrath, Shannon Lobner, Lance Pliml and Lisa Keller

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Fischer.
2. A quorum was declared.
3. There were no public comments.
4. **A motion was made by Leichtnam and seconded by Hamilton to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2020 meeting. All voted aye, motion carried.**
5. Discussion took place regarding the onboarding timeline and schedule of the newly hired Criminal Justice Coordinator. The Criminal Justice Coordinator is scheduled to begin employment with Wood County on Monday, October 26, 2020. McGrath provided the committee with an overview of personnel items, orientation schedule and the equipment order status for the Criminal Justice Coordinator position. **A motion was made by Clendenning and seconded by Leichtnam to direct McGrath to schedule meetings for the Criminal Justice Coordinator to meet with stakeholders and departments. Discussion ensued as to the purpose and value of meetings, timelines, and departments to be included with the meeting schedule. Motion passed 6-1, with Vruwink voting no.**
6. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
7. **A motion was made by Hamilton and seconded by Becker, to adjourn. All voted aye.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Minutes taken by Shannon Lobner and are in draft format until approved by the committee at the next meeting.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR ADHOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, October 26, 2020
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Wood County Courthouse-Room 114
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

PRESENT: Adam Fischer, Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam and Mary Solheim (in person);
Brent Vruwink and Brad Hamilton (video conference)

OTHERS PRESENT: (for part or all of the meeting, in-person, telephone or video conference) Kim
McGrath, Shannon Lobner, Lance Pliml, Lisa Keller, John Hokamp, Janelle
Krueger and Cindy Joosten

NOT PRESENT: Shawn Becker

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Fischer.
2. A quorum was declared.
3. There were no public comments.
4. **A motion was made by Leichtnam and seconded by Hamilton to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2020 meeting. All voted aye, motion carried.**
5. Janelle Krueger, the newly hired Criminal Justice Coordinator with Wood County, was introduced to all those in attendance.
6. Vruwink provided an overview and history of the Criminal Justice Coordinator AdHoc Committee and the processes that took place prior to the hiring of Krueger. Discussion ensued pertaining to the roles and responsibilities of the Criminal Justice Coordinator, program development, committee reporting and involvement of the AdHoc Committee, which is being dissolved as of March 1, 2021. It was the consensus of the committee that the Criminal Justice Coordinator prepare formal presentations for both the AdHoc Committee and the Judicial and Legislative Committee by February 2021.
7. Discussion took place on next steps for the Criminal Justice Coordinator that included presentations for committees; assistance and support from the AdHoc Committee; attendance at Criminal Justice Taskforce meetings; and understanding the role of the position, including monthly reporting and committee meeting attendance each month.
8. No future meeting date was scheduled.
9. Chairman Fischer adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

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