

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: January 22, 2014
 TIME: 1:15 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 2:31 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson,
 Gary Allworden, Ed Wagner, Bill Murphy
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Lisa Downs, Cindy Joosten, Ed
 Reed, Hon. Todd Wolf, Brent Vruwink, Lance
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At 1:15 p.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments. None.
2. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wagner, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2013, Committee meeting. All ayes.
3. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues. Moved by Allworden, seconded by Wagner, to refer the phosphorus discharge issue to the Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee. All ayes.

Chairman Clendenning attended the groundwater meeting in Plover and the meeting is available to watch on the internet.

Supervisor Nelson wants the committee to discuss in the future having legislation authorizing a 1/2 cent sales tax to pay for county highways.

Supervisor Nelson wants the committee to discuss in the future the need for additional oversight committees.

4. A fourth circuit court judge was discussed. Judge Wolf gave an update that legislation may be forthcoming that would authorize an additional judge for Wood County. If that happens Wood County needs to know if we are willing to support a fourth judge financially and with a court room. The county would need a judicial assistant and an extra clerk of court. Some duties would likely be moved from the Family Court Commissioner and placed on the courts, which would save the county some funds. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Nelson, to support a resolution for a fourth circuit court judge. All ayes. The Corporation Counsel will prepare the resolution for the February county board meeting.
5. County Board rules and committees. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Murphy, to submit a resolution to the county board approving the implementation of draft #3 which sets forth the process for acquiring real property. All ayes.

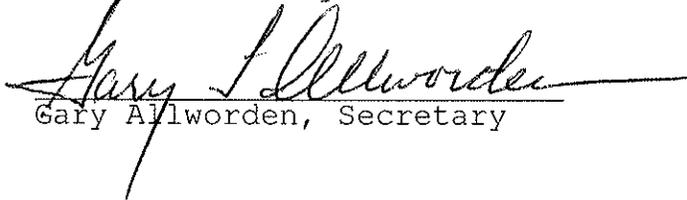
6. The Committee reviewed department reports and monthly voucher reports:

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Allworden, 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.

Child Support Director discussed ideas for legislative action that he will be proposing, primarily to close loop holes and abuses to various state aids to individuals.

7. The notices of injury/claims of Steve Dunbar, Mark Caldwell, Virginia Lingg James, Joe Clapham, Wayne Rasmussen, Randy Schneider, Jeff Haasl, and Keith Strege, Sr., were reviewed and will be forwarded to the county board. A civil complaint filed by Tori Seubert and Andrew Engen against parties, including Wood County, was reviewed and will be forwarded to the county board.
8. There were no new animal claims against the County.
9. The next committee meeting will be February 19, 2014, at 1:15 p.m. An additional meeting will be set by the chairman before the next regular meeting.
10. Agenda items for future meetings:
- Additional Drug Court funding - budget modification.
 - Clerk of Court looking for support regarding setting compensation for that office.
 - Job description and wages for Administrative Coordinator.
 - Martin Luther King holiday legislation.
11. At 2:12 p.m., pursuant to Wis. Stat. section 19.85(1)(c), moved by Murphy, seconded by Wagner, to go into closed session for performance reviews of the Corporation Counsel and Child Support Director. Roll call taken: Clendenning - yes, Nelson - yes, Wagner - yes, Murphy - yes, Allworden - yes.
12. At 2:30 p.m. moved by Wagner, seconded by Nelson, to return to open session. All ayes.
13. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Allworden, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenzholz and approved by Gary Allworden.


 Gary Allworden, Secretary