

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: October 3, 2019
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 11:23 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,
 Kenneth Curry, Jake Hahn
 MEMBERS EXCUSED: Brad Hamilton
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, see attached list

1. At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.
2. Public comments. None.
3. The minutes for the August 30, September 5 and 6, 2019, meetings were reviewed. With no objections to the minutes, Chairman Clendenning approved the minutes.
4. There were no new claims or notices of injury.
5. There were no new animal claims against the County.
6. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments it oversees. **Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Curry, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.**
 - a. Review of Resolution on Litigation Settlement Policy. **Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Hahn, to approve the resolution to adopt the Litigation Settlement Policy. All ayes.**
7. Discussion on the Opioid litigation and membership in Opioids Negotiation Class. **Moved by Curry, seconded by Hahn, not to exclude Wood County from the general class of litigants in the Opioid Litigation. All ayes.** Substantial literature is available in the Corporation Counsel's office on the litigation.
8. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.

Amy Sue Vruwink from U.S. Representative Ron Kind's office updated the committee on legislative matters at the federal level.

Supervisor Clendenning talked about efforts by towns in Wisconsin to take over some or all responsibility over certain town roads. He expressed a desire to have this issue dealt with statewide, not by individual counties.

- a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group. Supervisor Leichtnam updated the Committee and advised that the Citizens Groundwater Group's minutes will accompany the CEED minutes.
 - b. Review of resolution on court fees and costs in probate and juvenile cases. Register in Probate Mary Anderson presented on this topic. Moved by Curry, seconded by Leichtnam, to support presentation of the resolution presented by the Register in Probate to update and equalize the Register in Probate fees. All ayes.
 - c. Gerrymandering. Moved by Hahn, seconded by Clendenning, to have a referendum in Wood County to support non-partisan redistricting. All ayes.
Corporation Counsel was directed to put a resolution together and bring it back next month.
9. County Board rules.
- a. Discussion on resolution referred back by the county board on reorganization of committees.
Moved by Clendenning to change the Executive Committee to: A) Call it an operations committee; B) have five members on the committee and have the members consist of the County Board Chair, the County Board Vice Chair, and three members appointed by the County Board Chair. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

Moved by Clendenning to keep the committees the same as they are. Motion failed for a lack of a second.
 - b. Discussion on supervisors failing to attend a county board or committee meeting. Mention was made that the County Board Chair has the ability to send the Sheriff to bring a supervisor to the board meeting if not excused.
 - c. Discussion on scope of announcements at county board meetings. The Corporation Counsel explained that county board supervisors are not the "public" and don't have the right to make public comments during public comment sessions of county board meetings or at committee meetings at which they are a member.

10. Criminal Justice Task Force Coordinator operations. The Committee Chair appointed three members to the Criminal Justice Operations Subcommittee, specifically himself, Brent Vruwink, and Adam Fischer. The Human Resources director will work with and advise the subcommittee. Moved by Hahn, seconded by Clendenning, to confirm the subcommittee selection. All ayes.
11. Filling vacancies on county board. There is currently a vacancy on the county board. Chairman Machon has not decided yet whether to fill it or not. The County's policy on this is controlled by County ordinance. The Committee will discuss this at the next meeting.
12. Courthouse security committee update. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve Supervisor Curry's per diem for attending courthouse security committee meetings in place of Supervisor Clendenning. 3 ayes, 1 nay. Supervisor Curry voted no, as he doesn't plan to seek the per diem.
13. Agenda items for the November 2019, meeting:
 - Review of expenditures from Dog License Fee Fund (County Clerk)
 - Gerrymandering resolution.
 - Filling vacancies on the County Board.
 - Performance evaluations.
14. The next committee meeting will be November 1, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.
15. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 11:23 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz.

