

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: April 1, 2021
 TIME: 1:00 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 105A, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 2:25 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,
 Kenneth Curry, Ed Wagner, Joseph Zurfluh
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 1:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order.
2. Public comments. None at this time.
3. The minutes for the March 4 and 16, 2021, meetings were reviewed. There being no objections, the minutes were deemed approved by the Chair.
4. The Committee reviewed the claim of Julie Millard. This claim will be provided to the county board.
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 Curry, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.
7. Fourth circuit court judge in Wood County.

Chairman Pliml explained that Resolution 14-2-11, which authorized a fourth judge, was still valid and had not sunset.

Judge Potter explained the state has again approached the judiciary saying that based upon the caseload, Wood County should be getting a fourth judge. The three sitting judges agree the need is present.

The tentative plan is for the fourth judge to commence in August of 2023.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Curry, that the committee supports the fourth judge and will take the necessary actions in the future to implement this plan. All ayes.

8. Criminal Justice Coordinator soliciting donations. Handled last month, no updates.

9. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
- a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group. Supervisor Leichtnam gave a brief update on the last committee meeting. Next month retired professor George Kraft will be presenting to this group.
 - b. ADRC resolution to support increases in the 2021-23 state biennial budget. ADRC Director Jonette Arms spoke in favor of increasing the 2021-23 state biennial budget to ensure access to the critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin's aging and disability populations.

Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Wagner, to present the resolution included in the packet on to the county board for passage. All ayes.

10. County Board rules.
- a. Rule 12, speaking at meetings by non-supervisors.

Olivia Chasteen spoke against the proposed rule changes. She felt the proposed changes unduly restricted public comments at meetings.

Lots of discussion had on how to treat the public's desire to provide input at county board versus committee meetings. Will discuss again next month.
11. Attendance at meetings. Supervisor Clendenning spoke of the difficulties he had in participating in the virtual NACo meeting. Other comments were shared with regards to problems attendant to virtual meetings.
12. Agenda items for the May 2021 meeting:
- County Board Rule 12
13. The next committee meeting will be May 7, 2021, at 9 a.m.
14. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz.

