

## MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: June 3, 2022  
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
 PLACE: Room 105, Wood County Courthouse  
 TIME ADJOURNED: 10:03 a.m.  
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,  
 Ed Wagner, Joseph Zurfluh, William Voight  
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 9:00 a.m., the meeting was called to order.
2. Public comments. None.
3. The minutes for the May 6, 2022, meeting were reviewed. **Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Voight, to approve the minutes. All ayes.**
4. There were no new claims/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 Wagner, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.**
7. Attendance at Criminal Justice Task Force meetings. The meeting is on June 15. **Moved by Voight, seconded by Clendenning, to authorize committee members to attend the meeting. All ayes.**
8. Bailiff wage increase. Clerk of Courts Joosten explained the need for bailiffs and wants to set the compensation at a higher rate to draw in the right people and then retain them. Funds are in the budget to grant the increase effective October 1. **Moved by Voight, seconded by Zurfluh, to increase the rate of pay for bailiffs to \$50 for the first 4 hours and an additional \$12 per hour for each hour thereafter commencing October 1, 2022. All ayes.**
9. Clerk of Courts' retirement. Clerk of Courts Joosten will be retiring July 1, 2022. The circuit court judges will address the succession plan.
10. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
  - a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group. See attached report.

- b. Statewide ballot initiatives. Discussion had but no action taken.
  - c. WCA resolutions. Resolutions are due on June 20, 2022, which is right before the next county board meeting, therefore, there is insufficient time to act.
  - d. Resolution Vietnam Veterans. Veterans Service Officer Rock Larson spoke about recognizing Hmong veterans of the Vietnam War. There is action at the state level to expand veteran's benefits to individuals who served in Laos in support of the U.S. during the Vietnam War. The Committee anticipates supporting efforts by the Health and Human Services Committee regarding this matter but will await their action.
  - e. Joint Legislative Committee meeting in Marathon County. Marathon County still has not called for the next meeting. The Committee Chair will pursue getting a meeting scheduled.
- 11. County Board rules. No action taken.
  - 12. Attendance at meetings. No requests made.
  - 13. Agenda items for the July 2022 meeting:
    - Status of Joint Legislative Committee meetings.
  - 14. The next committee meeting will be July 1, 2022, at 9 a.m.
  - 15. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and are in draft format until approved at the next meeting.

