

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: August 4, 2017
 TIME: 8:30 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 115 Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 11:25 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Ed Wagner, Bill Leichtnam, Kenneth Curry, Dave LaFontaine
 OTHERS PRESENT: As listed on attached sign-in sheet

1. At 8:30 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.
2. Attendance sheet was circulated and is attached.
3. Motion by Wagner/Curry to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2017 committee meeting. All ayes.
4. Public comments.

Rules regarding public comments were explained by Chairman Clendenning. He asked those assembled to appoint a spokesperson.

5. Chairman Clendenning without objection moved item 9b up to this point based on the number in attendance and interest in this item. Motion by Leichtnam/LaFontaine to present resolution for discussion. Mark Borchart was recognized and explained his experience and interaction with Enbridge. This group presented a draft bill removing the ability of Enbridge to use eminent domain laws. Discussion centered on eminent domain history, legislators and their positions, similar and previous versions of similar resolutions, and other similar groups that have organized statewide. Names of those groups will be provided to the committee. Others present were recognized and related their personal experiences in the history of Enbridge and their properties. Motion by Leichtnam/LaFontaine to forward resolution as written to county board with the reminder that should changes be made, a special meeting would have to occur before the packet deadline of this coming Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried with all ayes.
6. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher reports and the department head reports of the departments they oversee. Child Support Director Vruwink brought the committee up to date on his efforts to resolve the workload increase due to E-filing. Motion by Curry/Leichtnam, to approve the payment of vouchers and accept the reports. Motion carried with all ayes.
7. The Committee reviewed the notices of injury/claim of Ralph Tritz, Eugene Ellis, Darwin Kasner (3). These notices will be provided to the county board.

8. There were no new animal claims against the County.
9. Discussion with Brandon Vruwink on authorizing placement at Northwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center. Vruwink explained the need for county board approval of any placement of individuals at this facility. Motion by Wagner/Leichtnam, to move the resolution forward to the county board. All ayes.
10. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues. Chairman Clendenning wished to discuss with the committee a request from Representative Krug to address the county board regarding current legislative issues. The consensus of the committee was that there is an open invitation to discuss issues with this committee at every meeting and it is appropriate for legislators to do so.

Corporation Counsel's memorandum "Open Meetings Law - What is a formally constituted subunit?" will be forwarded to the county board.

11. County Board rules.
 - a. Rule 42 was discussed in relation to recent contracting for architectural services. Committee will ask Corporation Counsel for definition/clarification of Rule 42.
 - b. Rule 43 - no significant discussion
 - c. Rule 40A - selection of committee chairs and means of selecting members of the Executive Committee. Much discussion and debate. Motion by Wagner/LaFontaine to postpone any decision on this rule to the next meeting. 4 ayes, 1 no. Leichtnam voting no.

9:45 a.m. short break

12. Review of Committee goals.
 - a. Review number of county board supervisors. After discussion, no action taken.
 - b. Review goals of department heads quarterly. After discussion, Motion by Curry/Clendenning to refrain from requesting goals from elected department heads, but goals will be expected from non-elected department heads the committee oversees, namely Corporation Counsel and Child Support Director. Motion carried with 4 ayes and one no. Voting no was LaFontaine. He would like to see goals for every department head.
 - c. Discussed pros/cons of the various types of county governance; administrator, administrative coordinator, and county executive. This will be an item for next month's agenda. Committee would like to be provided statutory provisions for each type. The county clerk will research and find the recommendation to the county board from the ad hoc committee that was formed in 2013 related to same subject.

- d. Compensation package for county board supervisors. Short discussion. No action taken.
 - e. Reconsider centralized accounting. Finance Director Martin was called upon. He gave overview of individual department accountants and the reporting hierarchy. It is currently working well. He would like a tie between payroll reporting and county financial records. At the next meeting they would like to discuss the authority of the finance director. LaFontaine wishes to develop policy for finance director to report to Administrative Coordinator for resolution of any conflicts that arise.
13. Supervisor Winch requested a resolution regarding usage of the PECFA (Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award). He would like to see money collected at the state level to go into the transportation fund for distribution to counties. Supervisor Winch will contact legislators for any support of legislation.
14. Items for next meeting.
- a. County Property Committee
 - b. Rule 42
 - c. Consider resolution for PECFA
 - d. County supervisor vacancies and time frame for their fulfillment
 - e. Rule 40A selection of committee chairs/selection of members of the Executive Committee
 - f. Discussion of method of county governance i.e. administrator, administrative coordinator, county executive.
 - g. Authority of finance director policy
15. Future meeting dates
- a. Meeting to review department budgets: 8/24/2017 at 1:30 p.m.
 - b. Regular monthly meeting: 9/1/2017 at 1:30 p.m.
16. Chairman Clendenning declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Minutes taken by Cynthia Cepress, County Clerk and approved by Kenneth Curry.

Kenneth Curry

Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)