

JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 4, 2022

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Public comments. Now or at the time the item is taken up. Rules may apply.
3. Review minutes of previous meeting.
4. Review any claims, notices of injury, or litigation against the County, as necessary, including the claim of Donna Anderson.
5. Review any Dog License Fee Fund claims.
6. Review for approval the vouchers and monthly reports of departments the committee oversees.
7. Review Corporation Counsel memorandum, "Business Torts."
8. Review resolution to amend the 2021 budget for Circuit Court Branch I.
9. Child Support Director presentation on ELEVATE Program.
10. Presentation of correspondence and legislative issues or referrals and recognition of Legislators who may be present.
 - a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group.
 - b. Update on reconvening Joint Legislative meetings.
 - c. Vilas County Resolution – Transfer fee amendment request
11. Review County Board Rules, specifically resolution on rule addressing the transfer of budgeted funds (Rule 26).
12. Attendance at meetings.
13. Consideration of agenda items for next meeting.
14. Set date and time of next meeting.
15. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c), the committee may go into closed session for performance evaluation of Criminal Justice Coordinator.
16. Return to open session.
17. Adjourn.

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MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: February 4, 2022
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 9:58 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,
 Kenneth Curry, Ed Wagner, Joseph Zurfluh
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 9:00 a.m., the meeting was called to order.
2. Public comments. None at this time.
3. The minutes for the January 6, 2022, meeting were reviewed and declared approved as presented without objection.
4. The Committee reviewed the litigation of Jeffrey Lilley. This 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 Zurfluh, seconded by Wagner, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.**
7. The Committee reviewed the Corporation Counsel memorandum "The Americans with Disabilities Act." The memo will be forwarded to the county board.
8. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
 - a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group. Supervisor Leichtnam spoke on the 1/17/22 meeting wherein there was discussion on the state's "spills law," which regulates the response to hazardous substance spills. The Group's meeting minutes will be in the county board packet.
 - b. Discussion on reconvening Joint Legislative meetings. There were quarterly meetings for many years but the current committee chair, Kurt Gibbs, has not been calling meetings since the pandemic's onset. Chairman Lance Pliml has told Supervisor Clendenning that meetings are likely to start up after the spring elections. Judicial & Legislative members supported the reconvening of these meetings. **Moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to have Judicial & Legislative Chair Clendenning communicate with Kurt Gibbs requesting the meetings commence again as soon as possible with a video participation option. All ayes.**

9. County Board rules.
 - a. Resolution on Rule 26. Quite a bit of discussion had by the supervisors present as well as the County Clerk. The consensus was that approving changes to the budget should be the purview of the county board and not one or more committees. Recognition was had that the current language in Rule 26 is not clear. Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Clendenning, to table the resolution presented and to direct the Corporation Counsel to present a new version at the next meeting that is consistent with the discussion had. All ayes.
 - b. Resolution on Rule 13. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to support the resolution and present it to the county board. All ayes.
10. Attendance at meetings. No approvals sought or given.
11. Agenda items for the March 2022 meeting:
 - Presentation by Brent Vruwink on ELEVATE Program.
 - Criminal Justice Coordinator performance review in closed session.
 - Update on Joint Legislative Committee meeting.
 - Discuss Rule 26.
12. The next committee meeting will be March 4, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.
13. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 9:58 a.m.

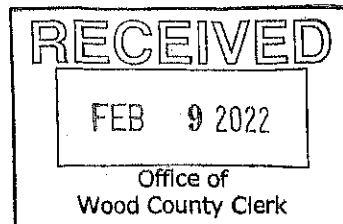
Minutes taken by Trent Miner and Peter Kastenholz and are in draft format until approved at the next meeting.

Judicial & Legislative Committee Meeting

Date: February 4, 2022

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NOTICE OF INJURY AND CLAIM



To: Wood County Clerk
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

CC: Corp Counsel
Hwy
HR

Pursuant to sec. 893.80, Wis. Stats., you are hereby notified of this claim for damage against Wood County.

THE INCIDENT

Date: 1-24-2022

Time: Between 4:00-4:30 AM

Place: 9310 U.S. Highway 10 Marshfield, Wi. 54449

The circumstances giving rise to my claim are as follows:

Snowplow truck hit and destroyed our mailbox + Post. My wife Donna was up and tending to our pet birds. She heard a ~~low~~ plow truck going by, then heard a bang; she looked out the window and saw the plow truck that was momentarily stuck off the side of the road. I got up and went out at 6:00 AM, could clearly see a set of dual wheel tracks off the edge of the shoulder of road and could see where truck had dug down and spun up stones to get out.

The names of county personnel involved are: Unknown - Marshfield had

only received about 1" of light powder snow during the early morning

The names of other witnesses are: hours of Jan. 24th - No heavy wet snow or slush - very dry powder, yet driver got way over to the crest of the ditch. I flagged down the Highway 10 Driver - he said he did not hit the box, that it could have been the Highway BB driver as he does drive down 10 to the turn around and then goes back to the round-a-bout and back to "BB".

I request the following monetary or other relief:

\$137.91

Date

1-24-2022

Signature

Print Name:

Address:

Donna

Anderson

9310 U.S. Highway 10
Marshfield, Wi. 54449

Phone:

715-305-4490

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Sale Transaction

LOCKING MAILBOX BLACK	
2157149	67.99
2" REFLECTIVE # 9	
2154844	0.34
2" REFLECTIVE #0	
2154750	0.34
2" REFLECTIVE #1	
2154763	0.34
2" REFLECTIVE #3	
2154789	0.34

TOTAL	69.35
TAX MARATHON-WI 5.5%	3.81
TOTAL SALE	73.16
CHECK	73.16
Check # 02886	

TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS = 5

Total \$137.91

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Sale Transaction

4X4-8' ACZ GREEN TREATED	
1112214	13.98
TOTAL	13.98
TAX MARATHON-WI 5.5%	0.77
TOTAL SALE	14.75
CASH	20.00
CHANGE	5.25-
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS =	1

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44890 07 3981 02/06/22 12:34PM 3147

Labor -
2 hrs - \$25.00 per hr.
\$50.00

I spent 1 hr
making a temp.
mailbox out of
pieces I found in
the snow -
It will take
another hour in
the spring to dig
a new hole and
make a post out
of the 8' post.

I hope your drivers are required to make
out a report when they hit a mailbox.

Committee Report

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Report of claims for: BRANCH 1 / PROBATE

For the period of: FEBRUARY 2022

For the range of vouchers: 03220003 - 03220006

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
03220003	WEBER LISA M	TRANSCRIPT FEE 20CF307 21CR312	01/31/2022	\$42.00	
03220004	WEBER LISA M	TRANSCRIPT FEE 21CF173	01/31/2022	\$38.00	
03220005	ZAMOW DENISE	TRANSCRIPT FEE 21CF9	02/21/2022	\$22.00	
03220006	ZAMOW DENISE	TRANSCRIPT FEE 19CF599	02/21/2022	\$126.00	
Grand Total:				\$228.00	

Signatures

Committee Chair:

Committee Member:

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: BRANCH 2

For the period of: FEBRUARY 2022

For the range of vouchers: 04210048 - 04210048 04220001 - 04220001

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
04210048	SWITS LTD	INTERPRETER FEE 21FA375	01/17/2022	\$97.00	P
04220001	ZAMOW DENISE	TRANSCRIPT FEE 21CF461	02/01/2022	\$12.50	
Grand Total:				\$109.50	

Signatures

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Report of claims for: BRANCH 3

For the period of: FEBRUARY 2022

For the range of vouchers: 05210068 - 05210068 05220004 - 05220005

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
05210068	SWITS LTD	INTERPRETER FEE 19CT288	01/17/2022	\$51.00	P
05220004	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	01/27/2022	\$85.17	P
05220005	SWITS LTD	INTERPRETER FEES	02/10/2022	\$114.51	
Grand Total:				\$250.68	

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Report of claims for: CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY

For the period of: FEBRUARY 2022

For the range of vouchers: 02220006 - 02220013

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
02220006	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	02/21/2022	\$21.78	
02220007	CW SOLUTIONS LLC	ELEVATE/A&V PROGRAM COSTS	02/21/2022	\$12,041.16	
02220008	DNA DIAGNOSTICS CENTER	21-IND. GENETIC TESTS	02/21/2022	\$564.00	
02220009	LEGAL LOGISTICS LLC	7-PROCESS OF SERVICE FEES	02/21/2022	\$515.00	
02220010	OFFICE DEPOT	OFFICE SUPPLIES	02/21/2022	\$82.39	
02220011	OFFICE DEPOT	OFFICE SUPPLIES	02/21/2022	\$22.39	
02220012	RIVER CITY PROCESS SERVERS	25-PROCESS OF SERVICE FEES	02/21/2022	\$1,205.00	
02220013	WI DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION	SHARED ROUTER COST-CSA/DHSS	02/21/2022	\$75.00	
Grand Total:				\$14,526.72	

Signatures

Committee Chair:

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Report of claims for: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

For the period of: FEBRUARY

For the range of vouchers: 07210986r - 07211069 - 07211133 07220018 - 07220150
07210986r

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
07210986R	HUGHES MICHAEL D ATTY AT LAW	Atty Fee - 21CF501	12/13/2021	\$1,227.01	P
07211069	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 17ME47	01/19/2022	\$360.00	P
07211070	CAMPELL HUNTER SHUNETTE ATTY	Atty fee - 21CM409 & 537	01/21/2022	\$640.98	P
07211071	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21JC83 & 83- 21 OHC	01/12/2022	\$110.00	P
07211072	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty fee - 17GN90 - 2021	01/17/2022	\$200.12	P
07211073	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 12GN62 - 2021	01/17/2022	\$160.00	P
07211074	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 03GN3 - 2021	01/17/2022	\$160.00	P
07211075	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty fee - 09GN64	01/17/2022	\$376.40	P
07211076	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty fee - 93GN267 - 2021	01/17/2022	\$160.00	P
07211077	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 83GN208 -2021	01/17/2022	\$160.00	P
07211078	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 03GN28-2021	01/19/2022	\$140.00	P
07211079	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 00GN32 - 2021	01/19/2022	\$140.00	P
07211080	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 84GN203- 2021	01/19/2022	\$160.00	P
07211081	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 15GN74-2021	01/19/2022	\$160.00	P
07211082	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 19GN06-2021	01/19/2022	\$180.04	P
07211083	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 16GN69-2021	01/21/2022	\$243.20	P
07211084	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 21GN83-2021	01/21/2022	\$210.00	P
07211085	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 19JC31 OHC	01/11/2022	\$395.00	P
07211086	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 21JV32 IHC	01/18/2022	\$490.00	P
07211087	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 21JC72-75 OHC	01/18/2022	\$1,260.00	P
07211088	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty fee - 21JC97 IHC	01/18/2022	\$410.00	P
07211089	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 21JC78 & 79 IHC	01/18/2022	\$770.00	P
07211090	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee-21JC85 &86- 2021 OHC	01/24/2022	\$480.00	P
07211091	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 19JG30-2021 OHC	01/25/2022	\$720.00	P
07211092	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 21JC45-2021 OHC	01/25/2022	\$310.00	P
07211093	HUGHES MICHAEL D ATTY AT LAW	Atty Fee - 21CT365 - 21	01/12/2022	\$90.00	P
07211094	LLOYD PETER C LLC	Atty Fee - 20JC52-2021 OHC	01/19/2022	\$90.00	P
07211095	LLOYD PETER C LLC	Atty-20JC151,152,21JC56-21 OHC	01/21/2022	\$30.00	P
07211096	DOMINO'S PIZZA	Jury Meal - Dec 22, 2021	01/27/2022	\$128.44	P
07211097	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21JC70 (21) OHC	01/25/2022	\$330.00	P
07211098	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty fee - 21CF547 & 648	01/25/2022	\$266.33	P
07211099	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty fee - 21JC92-94 (21) IHC	01/26/2022	\$210.00	P
07211100	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21CF498 (21)	01/27/2022	\$588.18	P

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Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
07211101	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21CF301/21ct319(21)	01/27/2022	\$697.94	P
07211102	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21PA14PJ (21)	01/31/2022	\$80.00	P
07211103	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 21GN81 (21)	01/28/2022	\$410.00	P
07211104	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC13 (21) OHC	01/24/2022	\$220.00	P
07211105	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC124 (21) OHC	01/25/2022	\$430.00	P
07211106	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 21JC71 (21) OHC	01/25/2022	\$525.00	P
07211107	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty fee - 21JC80&81 (21) IHC	01/25/2022	\$490.00	P
07211108	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 16GN05 (21)	02/01/2022	\$65.00	P
07211109	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty Fee - 19CF324 & 809 (21)	01/24/2022	\$20.00	P
07211110	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty fee - 21CF331 (21)	01/31/2022	\$50.00	P
07211111	WHEELER VAN SICKLE & ANDERSON	Atty Fee - 87GN207 (21)	01/24/2022	\$65.04	P
07211112	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Med Svc-Jan 2022 for 2021serv	02/07/2022	\$1,400.00	P
07211113	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 07GN45 (21)	02/03/2022	\$30.00	P
07211114	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Med Svcs-Jan 22, 2021 svcs	02/07/2022	\$50.00	P
07211115	POST SHARI L	Atty Fee-20CM474/21CM399	02/07/2022	\$675.68	P
07211116	VENTURINI GREG ATTY	Atty Fee - 21CM178	02/02/2022	\$1,326.00	P
07211117	WEILAND LUKE A ATTORNEY AT LAW LLC	Mdtn Svcs- Jan 22(2021 svcs)	02/10/2022	\$50.00	P
07211118	BILSKI & FRENCH LLC	Atty Fee - 11GN50	02/16/2022	\$200.00	P
07211119	LA CHAPELLE KRYSHAK & NETTESHEIM LLP	Atty Fee - 21CF206	02/16/2022	\$2,471.80	P
07211120	BRATCHER LAW OFFICE LLC	Atty Fee - 07GN28 (21)	02/03/2022	\$36.75	P
07211121	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty fee - 21CF520 (21)	02/14/2022	\$220.00	P
07211122	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21JC95 (21) IHC	02/14/2022	\$160.00	P
07211123	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 20JC13 (21) OHC	02/14/2022	\$10.00	P
07211124	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21CM184 (21)	02/14/2022	\$166.33	P
07211125	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty fee - 21CM489 (21)	02/17/2022	\$47.65	P
07211126	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21CF557 (21)	02/21/2022	\$175.28	P
07211127	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21JC68 (21)	02/14/2022	\$300.00	P
07211128	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 20JC44 (21)	02/14/2022	\$160.00	P
07211129	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21CT194 (21)	02/14/2022	\$94.75	P
07211130	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Addtnl 2021 Mediation Billing	02/22/2022	\$75.00	P
07211131	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 21GN70 (21)	02/10/2022	\$500.00	P
07211132	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 21GN72 (21)	02/14/2022	\$363.20	P
07211133	POST SHARI L	Atty Fee - 21CM476 (21)	02/07/2022	\$302.90	P
07220018	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 06GN02	01/14/2022	\$500.00	P
07220019	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 18GN21	01/14/2022	\$500.00	P
07220020	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 22ME04	01/18/2022	\$570.00	P
07220021	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 22ME08	01/25/2022	\$360.00	P
07220022	CAMPELL HUNTER SHUNETTE ATTY	Atty Fee - 21CM409 & 537 - 22	01/21/2022	\$373.26	P
07220023	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 19ME77	01/14/2022	\$195.00	P
07220024	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 22ME04	01/18/2022	\$845.00	P

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Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
07220025	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 20ME108	01/19/2022	\$550.00	P
07220026	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 21ME86	01/19/2022	\$575.00	P
07220027	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 21ME90	01/20/2022	\$575.00	P
07220028	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 19ME31	01/20/2022	\$550.00	P
07220029	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21JC83&84-2022 OHC	01/12/2022	\$100.00	P
07220030	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 17GN90 -2022	01/17/2022	\$10.00	P
07220031	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 12GN62- 2022	01/17/2022	\$10.00	P
07220032	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 03GN34- 2022	01/17/2022	\$10.00	P
07220033	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 93GN267- 2022	01/17/2022	\$10.00	P
07220034	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 83GN208- 2022	01/17/2022	\$10.00	P
07220035	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 03GN28- 2022	01/19/2022	\$10.00	P
07220036	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 00GN32- 2022	01/19/2022	\$10.00	P
07220037	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 84GN203 - 2022	01/19/2022	\$10.00	P
07220038	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 15GN74- 2022	01/19/2022	\$10.00	P
07220039	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 19GN06- 2022	01/19/2022	\$10.00	P
07220040	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 16GN69- 2022	01/21/2022	\$50.00	P
07220041	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty fee - 21GN83- 2022	01/21/2022	\$113.20	P
07220042	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 21JC85/86-2022 OHC	01/24/2022	\$345.00	P
07220043	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 19JG30- 2022 OHC	01/25/2022	\$440.00	P
07220044	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 21JC45- 2022 OHC	01/25/2022	\$80.00	P
07220045	HOLM JAY	Witness Fee - 20TR2107	01/20/2022	\$26.96	P
07220046	HOLM JILL	Witness Fee - 20TR2107	01/20/2022	\$26.96	P
07220047	HUGHES MICHAEL D ATTY AT LAW	Atty Fee - 21CT365- 2022	01/12/2022	\$20.00	P
07220048	LLOYD PETER C LLC	Atty Fee - 20JC52- 2022 OHC	01/19/2022	\$190.00	P
07220049	LLOYD PETER C LLC	Atty Fee-20JC151/152,21JC56 OH	01/21/2022	\$160.00	P
07220050	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty Fee - 21CM130	01/25/2022	\$147.64	P
07220051	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	01/21/2022	\$53.32	P
07220052	TAYLOR LESLIE	Med Exam - 22ME03	01/14/2022	\$510.00	P
07220053	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 18GN08	01/12/2022	\$100.00	P
07220054	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 18GN09	01/17/2022	\$100.00	P
07220055	MARQUETTE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS	Estate Claim - 21IN54	01/24/2022	(Voided)	P
07220055R	MARQUETTE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS	Estate Claim - 21IN54	01/24/2022	\$3.00	P
07220056	MENOMINEE COUNTY CLERK OF COURT	Claim Against Estate - 22PR02	01/20/2022	(Voided)	P
07220056R	MENOMINEE COUNTY CLERK OF COURT	Estate Claim - 22PR02	01/20/2022	\$3.00	P
07220057	WEYMOUTH RICHARD D	Commissioner Services - Jan 22	01/26/2022	\$5,466.66	P
07220058	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 22GN03	01/25/2022	\$500.00	P
07220059	BEHAVIORAL CONSULTANTS	Med Exam - 13CF271	01/26/2022	\$1,440.00	P
07220060	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 20ME109	01/25/2022	\$845.00	P
07220061	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 22ME08	01/25/2022	\$650.00	P

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07220062	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 20JC114	01/26/2022	\$795.00	P
07220063	DOMINO'S PIZZA	Jury Meal - 20CT398	01/27/2022	\$95.84	P
07220064	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21JC70 (22) OHC	01/25/2022	\$180.00	P
07220065	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21CF547 & 628 (22)	01/25/2022	\$300.00	P
07220066	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21JC92-94 (22) IHC	01/26/2022	\$350.00	P
07220067	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21CF498 (22)	01/27/2022	\$240.00	P
07220068	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21CF301 et al (22)	01/27/2022	\$10.00	P
07220069	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21PA14PJ (22)	01/31/2022	\$20.00	P
07220070	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 21GN81 (22)	01/28/2022	\$393.78	P
07220071	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC13 (22) OHC	01/24/2022	\$130.00	P
07220072	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty fee - 21JC80&81 (22) IHC	01/25/2022	\$300.00	P
07220073	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 10JG141 (22) OHC	01/25/2022	\$340.00	P
07220074	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 16GN05 (22)	02/01/2022	\$210.00	P
07220075	LLOYD PETER C LLC	Atty Fee - 22JI02 (22)	01/26/2022	\$120.00	P
07220076	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty Fee - 19CF324 & 809 (22)	01/24/2022	\$230.00	P
07220077	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty Fee - 21CF331 (22)	01/31/2022	\$300.00	P
07220078	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE DATA SOLUTIONS	People Search for SDC-Jan 2022	02/01/2022	\$156.00	P
07220079	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 22ME11	02/01/2022	\$360.00	P
07220080	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 22GN05	02/03/2022	\$700.00	P
07220081	CENTRAL WI COMMUNITY LAW INC	Atty Fee - 20JC37 OHC	02/05/2022	\$100.00	P
07220082	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 22ME11	02/01/2022	\$650.00	P
07220083	ENGELHARDT MINDY	Witness Fee - 20CF26	02/22/2022	\$18.28	P
07220084	FIERCE COMPASSION LLC	Med Exam - 99CF187	02/01/2022	\$2,350.00	P
07220085	FOLWARSKI KATHERINE	Witness Fee - 20CF26	02/02/2022	\$34.64	P
07220086	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Mdtn Srvc Jan 2022(2022 Srv)	02/07/2022	\$650.00	P
07220087	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty fee - 07GN45 (22)	02/03/2022	\$110.00	P
07220088	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Mdtn Srvc Jan 2022(22 srv)	02/07/2022	\$150.00	P
07220089	KUHN JUSTICE	Witness Fee - 20CF26	02/02/2022	\$28.92	P
07220090	KUHN KIRK	Witness Fee - 20CF26	02/02/2022	\$28.92	P
07220091	KUHN JULIE	Witness Fee - 20CF26	02/02/2022	\$16.00	P
07220092	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty fee - 20TP16 OHC	02/03/2022	\$40.00	P
07220093	QUADIENT LEASING USA INC	Final Lease Payment	02/01/2022	\$372.87	P
07220094	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 18GN117	02/01/2022	\$290.95	P
07220095	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 17GN92	02/02/2022	\$100.00	P
07220096	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 18GN47	02/05/2022	\$170.00	P
07220097	WEST PAYMENT CENTER	LL Internet Access-Jan 2022	02/01/2022	\$1,577.17	P
07220098	US BANK	Jury Supplies	01/29/2022	\$36.87	P
07220099	WEYMOUTH RICHARD D	Crt Cmmssnr Srvc Feb 2022	02/23/2022	\$5,366.66	P
07220100	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 21JM190	02/07/2022	\$610.00	P
07220101	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 17GN38	02/08/2022	\$500.00	P

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07220102	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 21ME09	02/09/2022	\$210.00	P
07220103	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 21JM05	02/09/2022	\$420.00	P
07220104	ANCHOR POINT THERAPY AND EVALUATION SERVICES LLC	Med Exam - 21ME106	02/18/2022	\$520.00	P
07220105	BRATCHER LAW OFFICE LLC	Atty Fee - 07GN28 (22)	02/03/2022	\$208.66	P
07220106	BRATCHER LAW OFFICE LLC	Atty Fee - 92GN234	02/03/2022	\$270.16	P
07220107	CARMICHAEL & QUARTEMONT S C	Atty fee - 21GN02	01/31/2022	\$165.00	P
07220108	PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS LLC	Med Exam - 22JM15	02/07/2022	\$850.00	P
07220109	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21CF520 (22)	02/14/2022	\$112.11	P
07220110	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21JC958 (22) IHC	02/14/2022	\$110.00	P
07220111	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 20JC13 (22) OHC	02/14/2022	\$110.00	P
07220112	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 22JC03 - 07, OHC	02/14/2022	\$250.00	P
07220113	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty fee - 21CM184 (22)	02/14/2022	\$130.00	P
07220114	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21CM489 (22)	02/17/2022	\$560.00	P
07220115	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21CF557 (22)	02/21/2022	\$330.00	P
07220116	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 21JC68 (22) IHC	02/14/2022	\$120.00	P
07220117	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Atty Fee - 20JC44 (22) OHC	02/14/2022	\$60.00	P
07220118	GEBERT LAW OFFICE	Att Fee - 21CT194 (22)	02/14/2022	\$240.00	P
07220119	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 21GN70	02/10/2022	\$266.40	P
07220120	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty fee - 20GN09	02/10/2022	\$90.00	P
07220121	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 03GN67	02/11/2022	\$220.00	P
07220122	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 22GN03	02/11/2022	\$376.40	P
07220123	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 11GN54	02/13/2022	\$220.00	P
07220124	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 03GN05	02/13/2022	\$180.53	P
07220125	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 12GN44	02/14/2022	\$170.00	P
07220126	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 93GN259	02/14/2022	\$170.00	P
07220127	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 83GN211	02/14/2022	\$170.00	P
07220128	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty fee - 18GN21	02/18/2022	\$343.72	P
07220129	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty Fee - 22GN05	02/18/2022	\$458.50	P
07220130	GORSKI & WITTMAN SC	Atty fee - 21GN72	02/14/2022	\$198.02	P
07220131	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC33-35 OHC	02/15/2022	\$540.00	P
07220132	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC131 OHC	02/15/2022	\$925.00	P
07220133	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC32 OHC	02/18/2022	\$365.00	P
07220134	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC107 OHC	02/18/2022	\$310.00	P
07220135	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 21JC10 OHC	02/18/2022	\$430.00	P
07220136	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 22JV04 IHC	02/18/2022	\$260.00	P
07220137	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20GN11	02/21/2022	\$315.00	P
07220138	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 21JC54 OHC	02/15/2022	\$365.00	P
07220139	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 21JI02	02/18/2022	\$330.00	P
07220140	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 21JC05 OHC	02/18/2022	\$340.00	P
07220141	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 20JC145 OHC	02/18/2022	\$600.00	P
07220142	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 21JV32 IHC	02/18/2022	\$210.00	P
07220143	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 12GN04	02/21/2022	\$290.00	P

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07220144	HILL & WALCZAK ATTYS	Atty Fee - 12GN05	02/21/2022	\$310.00	P
07220145	HOEL KARI S ATTY	Atty Fee - 11GN51	02/10/2022	\$170.00	P
07220146	NASH LAW GROUP	Atty Fee - 21CF541	02/21/2022	\$165.00	P
07220147	SERSCH THERESE	Med Exam - 21GN72	02/09/2022	\$405.63	P
07220148	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	02/17/2022	\$20.38	P
07220149	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Thermal Receipt Rolls	02/22/2022	\$99.52	P
07220150	WEILAND LEGAL SERVICES	Atty Fee - 19GN74	02/12/2022	\$100.00	P
Grand Total:				\$72,799.95	

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County of Wood

Report of claims for: Corporation Counsel

For the period of: February 2022

For the range of vouchers: 09220005 - 09220006

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
09220005	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	office supplies	02/11/2022	\$38.05	
09220006	STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN	Appellate Practice update	01/19/2022	\$166.95	
Grand Total:				\$205.00	

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Report of claims for: CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR

For the period of: FEBRUARY 2022

For the range of vouchers: 35220001 - 35220002

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
35220001	CORDANT HEALTH SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING JANUARY 2022	01/31/2022	\$4,182.90	P
35220002	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	01/26/2022	\$217.45	P
Grand Total:				\$4,400.35	

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Report of claims for: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

For the period of: FEBRUARY 2022

For the range of vouchers: 11210053 - 11210059 11220004 - 11220005

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
11210053	WI DEPT OF JUSTICE	TRANSCRIPTS,MILEAGE-MATHEWS	10/21/2021	\$1,522.14	P
11210054	WI DEPT OF JUSTICE	MILEAGE - 20CF286	01/21/2022	\$59.14	P
11210055	WI DEPT OF JUSTICE	MILEAGE - 20CF284	01/21/2022	\$59.14	P
11210056	WI DEPT OF JUSTICE	MILEAGE - 20CF170	01/21/2022	\$19.38	P
11210057	WI DEPT OF JUSTICE	MILEAGE - 20CF169	01/21/2022	\$9.69	P
11210058	WI DEPT OF JUSTICE	MILEAGE - 20CF335	01/21/2022	\$9.69	P
11210059	WI DEPT OF JUSTICE	MILEAGE - MATHEWS	01/21/2022	\$19.38	P
11220004	SARBACKER LAW OFFICES	REIMB FOR DOUBLE PAYMENT TO DA	01/31/2022	\$12.09	P
11220005	PORTAGE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS	CERTIFIED COPY PC 20CF292	02/21/2022	\$6.25	
Grand Total:				\$1,716.90	

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Report of claims for: REGISTER OF DEEDS

For the period of: FEBRUARY 2022

For the range of vouchers: 24220006 - 24220015

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
24220006	KENOWSKI FAITH	REIMB FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES	01/26/2022	\$9.66	P
24220007	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	01/23/2022	\$34.76	P
24220008	WCCO (WI CTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS)	2022 CONF REGISTRATION-RINGER	02/08/2022	\$90.00	P
24220009	US BANK	2022 PRIA CONF REGISTRATION	02/17/2022	\$139.00	
24220010	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	02/13/2022	\$24.99	
24220011	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	02/14/2022	\$18.34	
24220012	WI DEPT OF HEALTH SERVICES	VITAL RECORDS SECURITY PAPER	02/09/2022	\$1,317.40	
24220013	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	02/16/2022	\$15.60	
24220014	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	02/21/2022	\$26.49	
24220015	FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES INC	LAREDO USAGE JANUARY 2022	02/16/2022	\$1,939.43	
Grand Total:				\$3,615.67	

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Report of claims for: VICTIM WITNESS

For the period of: FEBRUARY 2022

For the range of vouchers: 32210007 - 32210007

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
32210007	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CREDIT MEMO	02/22/2022	(\$27.89)	
Grand Total:				(\$27.89)	

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Wood County WISCONSIN

CHILD SUPPORT
AGENCY

MARCH 2022

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Prepared by Child Support Director Brent Vruwink

- On February 9th I participated in the Northeast and Northern Region Child Support Leadership Call.
- On February 10th I attended the Policy Advisory Committee Meeting with the Bureau of Child Support.
- On February 17th I met with several legislators and their staffs to inform them we will be looking for additional funding in the next state budget.
- I attended WCSEA meetings on February 17th and 18th. We discussed how much additional funding we will be requesting in the next state budget.
- On February 23rd I attended a meeting with the Bureau of Regional Operations to discuss the Child Support Mentoring Program.
- The January performance numbers have been released. We are on target to meet three out of four Federal Performance Measures. Our current support collection rate is 78.93%. The target is 80% so we will continue to work on ways to improve.
- The current IV-D case count is 3,513.



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Peter A. Kastenholtz
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MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
February 22, 2022

Opioid Settlement. Nothing new insofar as the first settlement but my expectation is that there will be significant settlement dollars available for programming for 2023 and a few departments, like Human Services and the Sheriff's Department (Jail), will need to give some thoughts on recommendations for best uses.

Meadow Brook 4-H Club. As you may recall, the County brought an action against the defunct Meadow Brook 4-H Club so as to take title to the real property owned by that club such that it can either be used by another 4-H group or sold and the proceeds used by the County's 4-H program. I have filed a motion for default judgment in the action, which motion will be heard by the court on March 2. The basis of the lawsuit here is a rarely used legal mechanism, which doesn't fit as neatly as I would like into the facts we have and, if litigation doesn't work, we will have to be creative in figuring out a methodology for addressing the situation. I will keep the committee posted.

New Committees. In just a few months there will be one or more new members on the county board and there will be the reassignment of the committees. It is an awkward time, in a way, for department heads as we want to share lots of information with our new oversight committee members but recognize others want to do the same and it isn't profitable for anyone to overload the new members with levels of information they won't be able to absorb. Also, normal committee meetings don't lend themselves well to such an educational process. You folks have all been through this process, so you should give some thought on how best to bring a new supervisor and new committee members up to speed. If there is anything I or other department heads can do to facilitate this process, please let us know.

So that is one side of my mind talking, the bureaucratic side that wants to indoctrinate new committee members and supervisors as soon as possible lest they upset the apple cart by questioning how things work around here. Face it, you supervise people who get comfortable in doing things a certain way but there is both good and bad to stasis. In overseeing management, you not only need to understand what we are doing with the resources you have allocated but why we are doing it the way we are and why it can't be done for less. It is hard to come up with new ideas if no one challenges the old ones. It is part of your job to do that or make sure we are.



Wood County

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REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE

Tiffany R. Ringer
Register of Deeds

MARCH 2022

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

1. On February 3rd, I attended WRDA District 7 meeting in Mauston.
2. I attended the Judicial and Legislative committee meeting on February 4th.
3. IT Director, Amy Kaup, located a free scanner from the City of Wisconsin Rapids. The IT department was able to configure it to properly scan Plats for recording and installed the scanner in the vault on February 4th.
4. On February 10th, Fidlar representative, Clint, worked with Register of Deeds Deputy Joy Kraft on software training.
5. I spoke with Deputy Clerk of Court, Laura Clark, on February 14th regarding the processing of divorce records. The COC department will submit divorce records to the State weekly instead of monthly going forward.
6. I attended the virtual Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) conference from February 15th – 17th.
7. I met with Corporation Counsel Peter Kastenholz on February 18th.
8. I will be attending a virtual WRDA Legislative meeting on February 25th.
9. I will be attending the WCCO Conference education sessions in Madison on March 7th.

VICTIM WITNESS SERVICES REPORT
Michele Newman, Coordinator
December 21, 2021 to February 21, 2022

Victims/Witnesses Served:

351 Victims or Witnesses made contact with via phone

36 Victims or Witnesses met with in person

0 Victims assisted with preparation of Crime Victim Compensation Application

179 Initial contact packet information sent

37 No contact order information

34 No prosecutions notification

129 Victims or Witnesses were notified of all hearings

84 Victims or Witnesses were notified of plea agreement/sentencing

41 Victims or Witnesses notified of disposition on closed cases

3 Victims or Witnesses notified of sentencing after revocation

19 Victims with restitution requested

27 Victim Impact Statements

6 - Victims registered Vine service.

0 Victims notified of appeals court proceedings

Total services/events // Total unique parties = **873//491**

Trainings/Meetings/Other: none



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wood County Board of Supervisors and Department Heads

FROM: Peter A. Kastenholtz, Corporation Counsel

DATE: March 15, 2022

RE: Business Torts

Recently I advised a County employee who was dissatisfied with how a vendor was performing under a contract that the County had limited recourse for remedial measures. One way to address the problem was to advise the contractor if they didn't improve their performance, their reputation would be tarnished within the limited community in which they do business. Upon writing this, it dawned on me that I needed to temper what the County employee might say to others so that the County isn't sued for a business tort. It was further apparent that this information would be useful to others in the future and should be included in the memos that County staff have access to. Even though I may access these memos more than others in counseling my client, these memos provide an efficient way to address recurring legal issues. In any event, we will proceed here in reviewing some of the business torts that involve saying bad things about a contractor.

A tort is a wrongful action. A business tort is a wrongful action directed at a business. There are a number of so-called business torts, including:

- Wrongful interference with contractual or business relationships.
- Appropriation of another's name or identity without permission.
- Disparagement of business property or reputation.
- Infringements of rights in trademark, patents, and copyrights.
- Misappropriation of trade secrets.

It is the first and third of these business torts to which we will direct our attention here.

There are two categories of the business tort involving wrongful interference, that being the wrongful interference with a contractual relationship and the wrongful interference with a business relationship. This memo is concerned with the second type of these business torts but it is worthwhile to understand the differences between the two.

There are three elements to a wrongful interference with a contractual relationship; they are:

1. A valid contract must exist between two parties.
2. A third party must know this contract exists.
3. The third party intentionally causes one of the parties to a contract to break the contract.

The type of contract that a Wood County employee is likely to breach in this context is one between an employer and employee. So, if a County employee knows that a person is under a contract with an employer and we induce the employee to breach that employment contract, then the County is guilty of the wrongful interference with a contractual relationship. So how does this apply in the real world? Well, if Wood County has an opening for a social work supervisor and we recruit an employee of a neighboring county to apply for the job, the person we are recruiting is likely an at-will employee of the neighboring county and, therefore, there is no concern here. However, say Wood County is looking to recruit a psychiatrist and we are aware a person qualified for the position is under a contract with the neighboring county, albeit, we don't know the terms of the contract but are aware the person is not just a county employee of the neighboring county but is actually working under a contract, then we would be violating the law if we induce the psychiatrist to break their contract with the neighboring county. We could certainly communicate with the psychiatrist to ascertain what the terms of their contract are and if they want to consider employment with Wood County upon the expiration of their current contract. In this scenario it would be important to obtain a copy of the contract the psychiatrist is under to make sure we are not acting to get the subject to violate it.

The wrongful interference of a business relationship is the second and more complex of the interference with business torts. The concept behind this tort is that competition is good but predatory behavior is bad. What is the difference? General efforts to attract customers, like advertising, is acceptable. Solicitations directed specifically at the customers of a company may cross the line. So, how does this tort apply within the context of not getting in trouble by threatening a vendor with damaging their reputation if they don't perform under a contract the way we expect them to? If a vendor is doing poor work for Wood County, they are probably doing poor work for others as well and the vendor may be facing the demise of their business. If the vendor has one or two main competitors and the competitors are working hard to drive the vendor out of business and these competitors use our experiences with the vendor to do so, the vendor may seek legal counsel and draw us into litigation for collaborating in the vendor's inability to establish or maintain business relationships with others. A solid defense to this type of complaint would be that everything said by Wood County staff was accurate. If we stick with the facts and don't embellish them, we will stay out of trouble or at least be able to extricate ourselves from it.

There are always those who think it wise to simply say nothing to others about the quality of work of a business or an individual; they will give no reference good or bad. Although there is short-term logic in doing so, it is a poor plan from a long-term perspective. Reputations for businesses and individuals are important for a reason and if Wood County adopts a practice of not sharing accurate concerns about reputations of others, then no one will share their perspectives with us and we will end up hiring contractors and employees that no one else would out of designed ignorance.

The final area of business torts we need to deal with is the disparagement of business property or reputation. The focus here is on the disparagement of a business's reputation, sometimes called business defamation. If a County employee complains to their counterparts in other counties about the quality of work being provided by a vendor or the vendor's compliance with their

contract with us, do we run the risk of running afoul of illegally disparaging the reputation of the business? The elements of a disparagement of a business reputation cause of action are as follows:

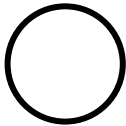
1. A false statement about the business.
2. The statement is communicated to a third party.
3. The statement was made with at least a negligible level of intent; in other words, the person who made the statement did not act with the level of reasonable care that an ordinary person would exercise.
4. The statement caused damage to the business.

It is the first and third elements that are typically the issue as the statement is always going to have been shared with a third party and the business is always going to be able to allege some negative consequence resulting from the statement. So, the first element seems straight forward enough – is the statement true? Yet, this isn't the case. Statements like: they don't stand behind their contract, they do a lousy job, they never respond on time, they take the cheap approach - these are the kinds of statements that are made and the person making them makes them because they are unhappy with the contractor/vendor but the statements may not actually be true and someone later on (the judge or jury) is not going to be looking from their frustrated vantage point. Instead, they will be applying the elements: Was the statement true and, if not, was the person who said it negligent in saying it? Possibly. Which isn't an acceptable situation.

So, what advice can be given to make sure we aren't exposing the County to liability for discussing a contractor's performance with others? These types of statements work:

- We have been unhappy with the contractor's performance.
- We would be leery about contracting with them again.
- We don't recommend them.
- We should have modified their contract before we signed it.
- We didn't get what we thought we would.
- I don't like working with them.

These are all strong statements that are true; they can't be proven untrue. These are statements of perceptions and feelings. None of the statements gets into the facts of why they are displeased, so they are safe. If pressed as to why, the employee really needs to avoid the specifics and just state that we weren't happy. That is all we should expect in obtaining references and comments from others and it should be all we are willing to say.



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Operations and Judicial and Legislative Committee

ITEM#
DATE
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March 15, 2022

Upon Publication & Passage

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Motion:	Adopted:	
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2 nd	Tabled:	
No: _____	Yes: _____	
Number of votes required:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds	
Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by: EN, Finance Dir.		

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2021 budget for Circuit Court Branch I (51212) for the purpose of funding higher than anticipated expenditures.

FISCAL NOTE: To transfer \$3,750.00 from available balance in contingency (51590) to Circuit Court Branch I (51212). At the time of this request, the funds available in contingency are \$541,800.00. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D			
2	Rozar, D			
3	Feirer, M			
4	Wagner, E			
5	Fischer, A			
6	Breu, A			
7	Ashbeck, R			
8	Hahn, J			
9	Winch, W			
10	Thao, L			
11	Curry, K			
12	Valenstein, L			
13	Hokamp, J			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
51212	Circuit Court Branch I		\$3,750.00
51590	Contingency	\$3,750.00	

WHEREAS, Circuit Court Branch I incurred a number of expenditures from a previous year that were not anticipated during the 2021 budget; and

WHEREAS, these expenditures included publications that are needed by the judges, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned publication expenditures of approximately \$3,750.00 were not anticipated during the 2021 budget, and

WHEREAS, rule 26 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that “an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level, and

WHEREAS, the budget for the contingency account was adopted for the purpose of funding unanticipated expenditures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the Wood County Budget for 2021 to transfer \$3,750.00 from the Contingency Account (51590) to the Circuit Court Branch I (51212) function, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. 65.90 (5), the County Clerk is directed to publish a Class 1 notice of this budget change within 10 days.

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Ed Wagner (Chair)
Adam Fischer
Donna Rozar
Lance Pliml
Mike Feirer

Bill Clendenning (Chair)
Bill Leichtnam
Kenneth Curry
Joseph Zurfluh

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this _____ day of _____ 20 _____.

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

RESOLUTION 2022 - 15

Re: Request State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula

WHEREAS, the collection by counties of a real estate transfer fee was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the State arbitrarily changed the transfer fee formula to now require counties to remit to the State 80% of all transfer fees collected; and

WHEREAS, the County through the Register of Deeds office assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in Vilas County, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 Vilas County collected \$1,576,841 in real estate transfer fees with the County's 20% retained share totaling \$315,368, and was required to remit 80% or \$1,261,473 to the State; and

WHEREAS, Vilas County real estate transfer fee collections as averaged over the past five years totaled \$5,208,810 of which the County retained \$1,041,762; and over that same period \$4,167,048 was remitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services in an inflationary economy, coupled with the financial restrictions imposed by State mandated levy limits; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to financially assist all Wisconsin Counties, Vilas County requests that the State of Wisconsin return the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all total real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 22nd day of February, 2022 that we hereby request that the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Vilas County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

SUBMITTED BY: Finance & Budget Committee

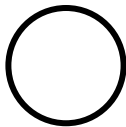
s/ Ron De Bruyne, Chair

Holly Tomlanovich, Vice-Chair

s/ Jerry Burkett

s/ Michael Cady

s/ Ron Kressin



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DATE March 15, 2022
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Motion:

Adopted:

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No:

Yes:

Absent:

Number of votes required:
☒ Majority ☐ Two-thirds

Reviewed by: , Corp Counsel

Reviewed by: , Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To update County Board Rule #26 to clarify that only the county board itself may amend a budget at the function level or to access the contingency account.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

WHEREAS, current County Board Rule #26 allows that the Operations Committee may be authorized to transfer funds between budgeted functions within a department or to transfer funds from the contingency account if the transfer does not exceed the amount in the contingency account or 10 percent of the funds originally budgeted in the function receiving the transfer, and

WHEREAS, there are times when it would be more efficient for a person or entity to possess the authority to transfer funds within a department without going to the Operations Committee or the County Board, and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. s. 65.90(5) permits a county board to delegate to oversight committees the power to transfer budgeted funds within a department or to transfer funds from the contingency account if the transfer does not exceed the amount in the contingency account or 10 percent of the funds originally budgeted in the function receiving the transfer, and

WHEREAS, the Judicial and Legislative Committee is the ‘rules committee’ and was requested to review Rule 26 to consider expanding the authority to move funds within a department to the oversight committee and the Committee has discussed the matter and feels that it is not appropriate to grant oversight committees the authority to move funds within a department

and that access to the contingency account should only be approved via resolution adopted by the County Board itself and not just the approval of the Operations Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Committee recognizes there are times when an emergency will arise such that funds will need to be committed to resolve the emergency and the Committee feels that the department head in conjunction with the Finance Director and Administrative Coordinator can make these decisions, which will then be ratified or modified at a later point in time by the county board itself.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to amend Wood County Board Rule 26 to read as follows:

Rule 26 – Budget Amendments

An amendment to the budget, including use of contingency funds, is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level. The budget may be amended and contingency funds authorized only by a two-thirds vote of the entire county board.

The county board recognizes that unanticipated emergencies that require the commitment of funds may arise from time to time and that in those situations the respective department head shall work with the Finance Director and the Administrative Coordinator to resolve the matter and that the county board will address the matter after the fact and either ratify the action taken or amend it.

All budget amendments described herein shall require the publication of a class 1 notice thereof within 10 days of the transfer or amendment.

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BILL CLENDENNING (Chair)

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JOSEPH ZURFLUH

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this day of 20 .