

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: January 21, 2015
 TIME: 1 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 3:15 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson, Ed Wagner, Bill Leichtnam, Joseph Zurfluh
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Brent Vruwink, Lance Pliml, Jason Angell, Ken Curry, Cindy Ceyress, and Shannon Lobner

At 1 p.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments. None.
2. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the minutes of the December 16 and 17, 2014, and January 8, 2015, Committee meetings. All ayes.

3. The Committee reviewed department reports and monthly voucher reports:

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Zurfluh, to approve the reports and payment of vouchers of Branch I, II, and III, Child Support, Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds, Family Court Commissioner, Corporation Counsel, District Attorney, and Victim/Witness. All ayes.

It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the Corporation Counsel's memorandum on "Withdrawal of Resolution from County Board Floor" to the county board in the February packet.

4. Marshfield city subdivision proposal. Jason Angell, City of Marshfield Director of Planning and Economic Development, presented on the need for moderate priced homes, valued at \$125,000 - \$200,000, in the Marshfield area. The plan is for the City, County, Marshfield Water and Wastewater utilities, and the Economic Development Board to all contribute to establishing a 25-lot subdivision in the City for the sale of lots for moderately priced homes. Restrictions would apply to the lots. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Wagner, to go on record in support of this proposal. All ayes.
5. Update on Child Support cash collection process. Shannon Lobner explained that the cash collection process has been approved by the Finance Department and is now in use.
6. Review of 2015 goals for the Corporation Counsel and Child Support Director. The Committee discussed the goals suggested by the department heads. Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Clendenning, to adopt the goals as presented. All ayes.

7. The Committee reviewed correspondence, Chair's report, and legislative issues.
- Criminal Justice Task Force - Clendenning encouraged Committee members to attend. Communication takes place between the various components of the criminal justice system, the courts, prosecutors, public defenders, jail, and so on. One can ascertain the upcoming issues and problems by attending these meetings.
 - Community Critical Response Team Supervisor. Zurfluh encouraged consideration of this group becoming a subunit of this Committee.
 - Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Wagner, to forward the Coordinated Services Team brochure on to the Human Services Committee. All ayes.
8. Social Host Ordinance was not discussed as the Committee determined it was appropriate to have Ms. Carlson and members from West Jr. High School give a presentation to the Committee at its next meeting.
9. County Board Supervisors' Handbook and rules. At its last meeting the Committee generally reviewed all of the rules and suggested some changes and asked the Corporation Counsel to review these suggestions. The plan is for the committee to continue reviewing the rules and to encourage suggestions on revisions. When the Committee review is done both a written and oral presentation will be made to the county board one month with a resolution to modify the rules then coming to the board on a later date.

At this juncture the Committee is making the following recommendations:

- Rule 3 doesn't need to be changed as it already allows for changing the date of county board meetings.
- Rule 6 is not necessary as the short references it makes to criminal ethics violations are already and more appropriately referenced in the Ethics Code (ordinance).
- Rule 15 - the reference to a "board year" means from April to April.
- Rule 16 - regarding the number of supervisors who can attend the annual WCA convention is still under discussion.
- Rule 18 - the words "spending taxpayer's money" will be removed.
- Rule 42 is the newly created rule regulating the acquisition of interests in real property. Kastenholz shall develop proposals to modify the rule and the committee will consider his suggestions.
- Open meetings/closed sessions - the Committee wants a primer on this contained in the rules book and directed Kastenholz to work on this.

10. There were two new notices of injury/claim filed with the County. The notices of injury/claims of Sue Schultz and Stephen Brown were reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the county board.
11. There were no new animal claims against the County.
12. The next committee meeting will be February 18, 2015, at 1 p.m.
13. Agenda items for the February 18, 2015, meeting:
 - Length of term of county board supervisors (2 vs. 4 yrs.)
 - Compensation of county board supervisors.
 - Responsibilities of the committees and any need to restructure. (Do we need a Public Property Committee?)
 - Discussion of Chippewa County frac sand resolution.
 - Social Host Ordinance presentation.
14. **Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Leichtnam, to adjourn. All ayes.** Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Ed Wagner.

Ed Wagner
Ed Wagner, Secretary (signed electronically)