

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: May 3, 2018
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 12:02 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,
 Kenneth Curry, Brad Hamilton, Jake Hahn
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.
2. Public comments. None at this time.
3. Chairman Clendenning asked if there were any objections to the minutes for the April 6, April 17, and April 23, 2018, meetings; there were none. The minutes were accepted as drafted.
4. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments they oversee. Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.
 - a. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Budgets and IT concerns.
 Reuben Van Tassel spoke on asking for \$750,000 in 2019 via the CIP for courthouse security.
 Amy Kaup spoke about IT's CIP and how much of these proposed expenditures impact the departments that report to the committee, video conferencing for instance.
 Craig Lambert spoke of the need to have more office space.
5. The Committee reviewed the claims of Peggy Sullivan and the estate of Casey Teskoski. These claims will be provided to the county board.
6. There were two animal claims against the County on the same incident involving a muskrat that bit an individual. Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Curry, to approve paying the claim of the Marshfield Police Department for \$18.00 for euthanizing the muskrat, and to approve paying the claim of Wildwood Animal Hospital & Clinic in the amount of \$41.20 for rabies testing of the muskrat. All ayes.
7. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
 - a. Central Sands Water Committee. Discussion had on the need for the involvement of this committee on water issues. CEED Committee is still considering how they want to proceed.

- b. Nonferrous metallic mining and reclamation ordinance. CEED Committee has a draft ordinance that it is considering. It is regulatory verses a zoning ordinance.
 - c. Legislation increasing the Public Defender compensation. District Attorney Lambert spoke in favor of increasing the funding for private attorneys, which is the lowest in all of the 50 states for doing Public Defender work. The current rate is:
\$40/hour court-related work
\$25/hour travel
Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Hamilton, to support legislation to increase the private bar Public Defender compensation rate. All ayes.
 - d. Constitutional amendment on campaign contribution limits. **Moved by Hahn, seconded by Leichtnam, to have a countywide referendum on the November ballot for a constitutional amendment to allow limits on campaign contributions. All ayes.**
 - e. Deadline for submission of WCA resolutions is June 25, 2018.
8. Courthouse security update. Reuben is spending about \$50,000 this year on courthouse security.
9. County Board rules.
- a. Attendance at meetings by means of audio or video communications. Lots of discussion on the topic. The committee decided that the rules should not be changed on this. The rules currently do not address how to handle telephonic and AV participation at committee meetings, so each committee addresses this on a case-by-case basis. The rules require attendance by supervisors to vote at county board meetings and the rule must be suspended to do otherwise.
 - b. Use of county board designees for meetings. General discussion had. Not supported by the committee.
 - c. Resolution pertaining to role of county board vice-chairperson. **Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Curry, to present the resolution to the county board.** Pliml explained and spoke in support of this resolution to allow the county board vice-chairperson to serve as a committee chair. **4 ayes, 1 no (Leichtnam)**
 - d. Committee chair duties. No action taken.

- e. Attendance at conferences and other programs. Some specific conferences were discussed. The County Clerk explained that when a supervisor goes to a non-county committee meeting and seeks compensation, the voucher needs to indicate who gave the authority to attend - the committee or the county board chairperson. (Committee chairpersons do not have this authority.)
 - f. Creating a Wood County Property Committee. Supervisor Clendenning spoke in favor of having a stand-alone Public Property Committee. Discussion had on process of creating such a committee. No action at this time.
10. Committee liaison appointments to departments overseen by Judicial.
- Clendenning - Corporation Counsel and Branches I, II, and III
- Leichtnam - Child Support
- Curry - District Attorney, Victim/Witness, Register in Probate
- Hamilton - Clerk of Courts and Family Court Commissioner
- Hahn - Register of Deeds
11. Agenda items for the June 2018, meeting:
- Resolution to increase private attorney Public Defender compensation.
 - Resolution for countywide referendum allowing limits on campaign contributions.
12. The next committee meeting will be Thursday, June 7, 2018, at 1 p.m.
13. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 12:02 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Kenneth Curry.

Kenneth Curry
Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)

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| Deane Matthews | Wisc United to Amend |
| Steven Okonak | Tri-Media |
| Maria Cunniff | Finzel |
| Robert V. P. W. in h | CSA |
| AMY KAUF | IT |
| Cindy Brantley | COC |
| Mary Anderson | RIP |
| REUBEN VANTASSER | MAINT |
| Lance P. ... | WCB |
| DOUG MACKON | WCB |
| DEWIS POLACH | WCB-14 |
| CRAIG LAMBERT | D.A. |
| Gindy Geyress | County Clerk |