

## MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: November 14, 2012  
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse  
 TIME ADJOURNED: 10:50 a.m.  
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson, Gary Allworden, Ed Wagner, Bill Murphy  
 OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Moody, Dennis Polach, John Henkelmann, Trisha Anderson, Craig Lambert, Brent Vruwink, Peter Kastenholz, Lisa Downs

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments. None.
2. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2012, and November 7, 2012, Committee meetings. All ayes.
3. The Committee met with Trisha Anderson, Victim/Witness Coordinator, and with District Attorney John Henkelmann and District Attorney-elect Craig Lambert to discuss the Victim/Witness Coordinator position. Ms. Anderson indicated she wasn't sure if there had been a misunderstanding, but she was not looking for her position to be labeled a department head. However, she stated that she has responsibilities and duties very similar, if not exactly like, department heads and her placement on the Carlson/Dettmann grade scale should reflect that. Mr. Henkelmann and Mr. Lambert concurred.

Supervisor Wagner said that he sees the Victim/Witness office as a stand-alone department. Ms. Anderson indicated that Trempealeau County is the only stand-alone office with the other counties being a part of the District Attorney's office or under the supervision of the District Attorney and the majority of Victim/Witness Coordinators are considered "supervisors."

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Clendenning, to authorize Supervisors Allworden and Wagner to follow up with Human Resources and Executive Committee regarding the compensation plan for the Victim/Witness Coordinator.

4. Legislative issues were discussed. Medical examiner verses a coroner will be discussed at the December meeting.
5. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Wagner, to prepare a resolution for the county board to pursue the position of county administrator, executive, or coordinator. Discussion held. Supervisor Nelson referenced an article in the October issue of *Wisconsin Counties*, indicating that county board supervisors are not micromanagers, but policy makers and recommends that all county board supervisors read the article, starting at page 33. Supervisor Nelson stated that he felt it should be little to no extra cost to the county if they

combined an Administrator with Human Resources. Supervisor Wagner indicated that these positions could profoundly change the structure of the county but that his preference would be an elected county executive and Supervisor Clendenning indicated he didn't support any of the three options. Vote on motion to send a resolution to county board: All ayes.

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

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Murphy, to approve the reports 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.

7. There were two new notices of injury/claim filed with the County. The notices of injury/claim of Thomas Gerl and Nancy Vechinski were reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the county board.

8. There was one new animal claim against the County. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Nelson, to pay the claim of Castlerock Veterinary Hospital, Inc., in the amount of \$59.80. All ayes.

9. The next Committee meeting will be December 19, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

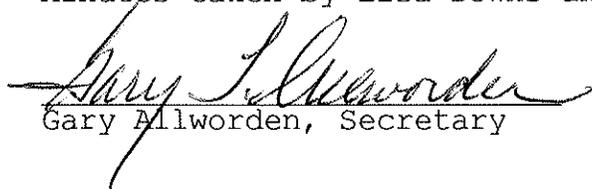
10. Agenda items for the December 19, 2012, meeting:

- Medical examiner verses coroner.

11. Moved by Allworden, seconded by Murphy, to approve the bills for payment. All ayes.

12. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Clendenning, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Minutes taken by Lisa Downs and approved by Gary Allworden.

  
Gary Allworden, Secretary