

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: October 2, 2017
 TIME: 1:30 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 114 Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 3:15 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Ed Wagner, Bill Leichtnam, Kenneth Curry, Dave LaFontaine
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Steve Kreuser, Lance Pliml, William Winch, Dennis Polach, Brent Vruwink, John Minneci from Representative Kulp's office, Ed Reed

1. At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.
2. Public comments. None.
3. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the minutes of the September 1 and 19, 2017, Committee meetings. All ayes.
4. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher reports of the departments they oversee. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Wagner, to approve the payment of vouchers. All ayes.
5. The Committee reviewed department reports: Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Wagner, to approve the department reports. All ayes.
 Brent Vruwink elaborated on his departmental report concerning a potential state grant.
6. General discussion was had on the WCA Conference, including open meeting law requirements.
7. The Committee reviewed the notices of injury/claim of the Estate of Amanda Glodowski and Robert Tisland. These notices will be provided to the county board. The Tisland claim will not be included; the Corporation Counsel will prepare a summary of the claim.
8. There were no new animal claims against the County. The Corporation Counsel explained an upcoming series of claims relating to a rabid kitten that bit someone in the town of Saratoga.
9. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
 - a. Referral from Public Safety Committee on use of buggies on highways. Discussed proposed legislation regulating buggies and concern that it only allows for warnings. Mr. Minneci advised of draft legislation SB475 and state court ruling limiting legislation on religious matters. Discussion had on the need to have public safety control over religious objections. The

Committee wants Representative Kulp to lead an effort to enact lifesaving legislation to protect users of public highways regarding use of buggies for reasons of public safety. Supervisor LaFontaine will represent the Committee in following up on its concerns. Chairman Pliml will address the matter later in the week with the Local Government Institute.

- b. Resolution modifying the Public Records law.
Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Wagner, to approve the resolution modifying the Public Records law so that performance evaluations of department heads are not open to the public. All ayes.
 - c. Committee approved the Corporation Counsel's memorandum entitled: "Waivers of State Mandates" and will forward it to the county board.
10. County Board rules.
- a. Resolution on 40A.
Moved by Leichtnam to approve the resolution modifying Rule 40.A. to modify the membership of the Executive Committee and on committees electing their own chairs.
Motion failed for lack of a second.
11. Agenda items for the November 2017, meeting:
- Performance evaluations.
 - Discuss space needs with the courts.
12. The next committee meeting will be November 3, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.
13. Discussion on how to proceed with performance reviews of the Corporation Counsel and Child Support Director. Ed Wagner will gather data on this.
14. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Curry, to adjourn. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Kenneth Curry.

Kenneth Curry

Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)