

## MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: March 2, 2018  
 TIME: 1:30 p.m.  
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse  
 TIME ADJOURNED: 3:50 p.m.  
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Ed Wagner, Bill  
 Leichtnam, Kenneth Curry, Dave LaFontaine  
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz and see attached list.

1. At 1:30 p.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 February 2, 2018, meeting. The minutes were accepted with a change in the reference to a bill designation from SB 384 to AB 384. No objections.
4. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments they oversee. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Curry, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.
5. Report from committee members attending hearing on AB 954 on 2/21/2018. Clendenning, Leichtnam, Vruwink, and a Child Support staff person went to Madison to advocate for an administrative paternity establishment bill that is before the legislature. It is not likely for the legislation to be passed this session.
6. The Committee reviewed the claims of Joan Arnold and Randy Savage. These claims will be provided to the county board.
7. There were no new animal claims against the County.
8. Discussion on latest edition of the following publications:
  - a. Wisconsin Taxpayer. None.
  - b. FOCUS. None.
  - c. NACo County News. None.
9. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
  - a. Review of resolution for a non-binding referendum on nonpartisan redistricting reform.

Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Curry, to support the resolution for a non-binding referendum on nonpartisan redistricting reform.

Wagner expressed a desire to change tactics and instead remind the legislature that the county already approved a referendum supporting nonpartisan redistricting and they should adopt it.

Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Wagner, to amend the main motion to strike the referendum and add the notice. 3 ayes, 2 nays.

Vote on amended motion - All ayes.

- b. Corporation counsel memorandum "Using 'Correspondence' and 'Reports' on an Agenda" was approved by the Committee and will be forwarded to the county board.
  - c. Report on Central Sands Water Committee (Water Committee).  
Over the last 14 months the Water Committee has met many times. Supervisor Leichtnam reported about the Water Committee seeking input next from outside stakeholders. The Judicial & Legislative Committee wants continued updates on the Water Committee activities.
  - d. Report on Legislative breakfast. Chairman Clendenning reported that this was a well-attended and worthwhile event.
  - e. Mining 101 issue. Supervisor Leichtnam attended a meeting regarding Marathon County's draft ordinance on metallic mining. Bill wrote up comments on the meeting that will be attached to these minutes. Moved by Curry, seconded by LaFontaine, to authorize payment of per diem and mileage for attending that meeting. All ayes. The Committee encouraged staff to prepare an ordinance on metallic mining within the next several months.
10. Review of resolution for post-employment health conversion for elected officials.

Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the resolution for post-employment health conversion for elected officials.

Sheriff Reichert pointed out that the current draft of the resolution doesn't actually grant the PEHP benefit to the current elected officials. Reichert proposes to grandfather in sitting elected officials. Kastenholz advised it wasn't legal to do so. LaFontaine spoke in favor of allowing PEHP benefits to elected officials if they worked for the county a total of 20 years, elected and unelected.

Wagner advocated paying out some amount of accumulated sick time for staff when they take the position of an elected department head. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Leichtnam, to change the time period of service required to receive the benefit. (no vote).

Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Curry, to postpone addressing this issue until the next meeting. All ayes.

11. Courthouse Security Committee update and minutes of last meeting. Minutes will be included with this committee's minutes. General discussion was had on security of employees in the county buildings. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Curry, to request Judge Brazeau to meet with the committee next month to discuss courthouse security and time tables. 4 ayes, 1 no. Wagner voted no as he feels the CIP process is an adequate method of moving the security issue forward.
12. Discussion on recruiting supervisors and interesting constituents in running for office. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Curry, to table indefinitely. All ayes. (Supervisor Clendenning was not present during the discussion and vote.)
13. County Board rules.
- a. Terminating a position via county board action at the budget meeting. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Clendenning, to table indefinitely. All ayes.
  - b. Stand-alone vs. ad hoc Public Property Committee. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Wagner, to postpone this proposal indefinitely. All ayes.
  - c. Review of resolution amending Rules 40 A. and 36 on electing committee chairs. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to support the resolution amending Rules 40 A. and 36 on electing committee chairs and to forward it to the county board. 3 ayes, 2 nays. Wagner and LaFontaine voted no because they believe the Chair/Administrative Coordinator should be appointing the committee chairs.
  - d. Attendance at meetings by means of audio or video communications. Kastenholz will draw up some options for the committee to discuss that pertain to AV and telephonic participation at county board and committee meetings.
14. Agenda items for the April 2018, meeting:
- Central Sands Water Committee update.
  - Attendance at meetings via AV or telephonic.
  - PEHP for elected department heads.
15. The next committee meeting will be April 6, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.
16. Chairman Clendenning declared meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.
- Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Kenneth Curry.

Kenneth Curry

Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)

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