

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: September 17, 2014
 TIME: 1:15 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 2:26 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Ed Wagner, Bill Leichtnam
 MEMBERS EXCUSED: Gerald Nelson
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholtz, Connie Janowski, Terry Rickaby, Trent Miner, Dennis Polach, Brent Vruwink, Lance Pliml

At 1:15 p.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments. None.
2. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the minutes of the August 19 and 20, 2014, Committee meetings. All ayes.

Ad Hoc Committee on Waste Irrigation members explained that an organizational meeting was held and future meetings scheduled.

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

Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Wagner, 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.

Register of Deeds Sue Ginter advised that the Register of Deeds' software program company is suggesting that the county may want to increase some of the fees we charge. She will be meeting with the company and other counties to see what is being suggested and will report back to the Committee.

4. Retainer Agreement for the Family Court Commissioner was reviewed. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the revised Retainer Agreement. All ayes.
5. Branch I remodeling was discussed. Supervisor Miner explained that in the budget process last year an additional fulltime position was approved for the Register in Probate's office. Actual hiring has been held in abeyance pending the remodeling of Branch I. Maintenance Coordinator Terry Rickaby explained that he is working with Branch I to reconfigure the area to make space for the additional staff.
6. Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues. Chairman Clendenning stated how impressed he was at the WCA conference and how useful it was. Very informative. General discussion was had about the voter ID law and the problems associated with its implementation.

7. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve Supervisor Nelson's per diem for attendance at a Health Committee meeting. All ayes.
8. Discussion on recruiter position in Human Resources department. Human Resources Director Connie Janowski explained the need to lessen the duration of the hiring process to reduce overtime, stress, and so on. Janowski also discussed the need for cross-training and providing some centralization of the hiring practices. The position would also serve a recruiting function and work with the technical colleges and others in addressing staffing issues.
9. There were three new notices of injury/claim filed with the County. The notices of injury/claim of William Lyman, Lisa Olson, and Secura Insurance were reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the county board.
- Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Wagner, to deny the notice of injury/claim of Construction Business Group. All ayes.
10. There were no new animal claims against the County.
11. The next committee meeting will be October 22, 2014, at 1 p.m.
12. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Ed Wagner.

Ed Wagner
Ed Wagner, Secretary