

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: March 3, 2017
 TIME: 10 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 11:25 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ed Wagner, Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam, Dave LaFontaine
 MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ken Curry
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Dennis Polach, Cindy Joosten, Brad Hamilton, Steve Kreuser, Warren Kraft, Craig Lambert, Lance Pliml, Chad Schooley, Bruce Dimick, Brent Vruwink

1. At 10 a.m., Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order.
2. Public comments. Craig Lambert advised that a new assistant district attorney, Leigh Neville, a prior assistant public defender and prior law enforcement officer, was recently hired.
3. Consent agenda items.

- a. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Clendenning, to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the February 3, 2017, Committee meeting, and 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.

Items removed from consent agenda were Child Support report and Clerk of Court funding.

4. Action or discussion on items removed from consent agenda. Supervisor Clendenning pointed out how well Child Support Director Brent Vruwink does in advocating for the county on legislative matters.
Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve a resolution authorizing additional funds to the Clerk of Court's office. All ayes.
5. There were five new notices of injury/claim filed with the County. The Committee reviewed the notices of injury/claim of Virginia Olson, Anthony Reigel, Dawn Karl, Curtis Priem, and Roman Mezyk and will forward them to the county board.
6. There were no new animal claims against the County.
7. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
 - a. County board open meeting caucuses were discussed. Essentially, caucuses are not treated differently than other groups of committee and county board members under the open meetings law.

- b. Ordinances 905, 907, and 913 were reviewed. No changes are being contemplated to ordinance 905 Dog Damage Claim or 913 Supervisory District Plan. Ordinance 907, which sets the worthless check fee, will be updated from \$30 to \$35.
8. County Board rules.
- a. Committee structures. Mr. Dimick spoke in favor of reestablishing the Water Protection Subcommittee. Supervisors Leichtnam and Clendenning spoke in favor of a regional water committee that is proving productive. No action taken at this time on reestablishing the Water Protective Subcommittee.
- b. Rule 43. The newly established county board rule on acquiring and disposing of personal property has caused concern with regard to what can be done with the proceeds of sold property. Can the proceeds be dedicated by the department or committee to an account other than the general fund? The Committee recognized that the rule was written to protect county property. The proceeds of the sale of personal property will be considered and possible amendment to the rule will be addressed next month.
9. Employee rating system was discussed with the Human Resources Director. Warren Kraft generally explained the rating system process. Some discussion of training county board supervisors in conducting the performance reviews was also had.
10. Agenda items for the April 2017 meeting:
- Rule 43 and handling of proceeds of personal property sales.
 - The concept of a second vice county board chairperson.
11. The next committee meeting will be April 7, 2017, at 10 a.m.
12. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Ed Wagner.

Ed Wagner
Ed Wagner, Chairman