

## MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: April 7, 2017  
 TIME: 10 a.m.  
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse  
 TIME ADJOURNED: 11:20 a.m.  
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Clendenning, Ed Wagner, Bill Leichtnam, Ken Curry, Dave LaFontaine  
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Brent Vruwink, Lance Pliml, Susan Feith, and attached list of names.

1. At 10 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Clendenning made a call for nominations for vice-chairperson.  
 Wagner nominated LaFontaine to act as vice-chairperson.  
Moved by Wagner to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for vice-chairperson. The Committee unanimously elected LaFontaine vice-chairperson.
3. Public comments. None.
4. Consent agenda items.
  - a. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the March 3 and 21, 2017, Committee meetings, 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.
5. Action or discussion on items removed from consent agenda.  
 Discussion on re-establishing the Water Protection Subcommittee. Some discussion was had on the department reports.
6. There were three new notices of injury/claim filed with the County on Janet Zellner, Denise Ellis, and Janice Ticknor. These notices/claims will be forwarded to the county board.
7. There were no new animal claims against the County.
8. There were no Capital Improvement Plans to review.
9. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
  - a. Met with Treasurer Heather Gehrt to review a resolution to support efforts to close commercial property assessment loopholes a/k/a "dark store theory." Moved by Wagner, seconded by LaFontaine, to submit a resolution to the county board for legislation to close commercial property assessment loopholes. All ayes.

- b. Discussion on legislation to make wild parsnips a statewide noxious weed. John Eron, an area farmer who is active in the area of farm regulation including with regard to wild parsnip being a problematic noxious weed, wants to keep taking a "ground up" approach with education and wants the county to hold off for a few months before enacting a resolution seeking the state to designate wild parsnip a statewide noxious weed. A comprehensive explanation as to the rationale behind his approach was given. The Committee members asked questions of Mr. Eron and Land Conservationist Wucherpfennig. No action at this time.
10. County Board rules.
- a. Second vice county board chairperson. General discussion had. No action taken.
- b. Rule 43 and handling proceeds of personal property sales. **Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Leichtnam, to direct a resolution be brought back to the Committee to adopt this as part of the rules. All ayes.**
11. Agenda items for the May 2017, meeting:
- Mr. Dimick's concerns about water subcommittee.
  - Rule 43.C. resolution
  - Employee educational benefits.
12. The next committee meeting will be May 5, 2017, at 9 a.m.
13. **Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Leichtnam, to adjourn. All ayes.** Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Ken Curry.

Kenneth Curry

Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)

Shane Wierhoffenig	- Wood Co. LWO
Heather Gehrt	- Treasurer's Office
John Erm	- Farmer
Adam Fischer	- WCD OS SUPERVISOR
DENWIS POZDICH	- WLB-#14