

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: April 6, 2018
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 115 Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 11:25 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,
 Kenneth Curry, Dave LaFontaine
 MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ed Wagner
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, see attached list of attendees

1. At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.
2. Public comments. None.
3. Chairman Clendenning asked if there were any objections to the minutes for the March 2, 2018, and March 20, 2018, meetings; there were none. The minutes were accepted as drafted.
4. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments they oversee. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.

New Register of Deeds Tiffany Ringer and Victim Witness Coordinator Michele Newman introduced themselves to the committee.

5. Review of resolution to grant political leave to Tiffany Ringer. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve political leave for Tiffany Ringer for the remaining term of office of the Register of Deeds. All ayes.

Concerns were expressed with the county's leave of absence policy and that it is potentially very political.

6. Review of resolution to create a .5 FTE legal secretary position in Corporation Counsel's office. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Curry, to co-sponsor the resolution with Executive Committee supporting creating of a .5 FTE legal secretary position in the Corporation Counsel's office. All ayes.
7. The Committee reviewed the claim of Deborah Kunderinger. This claim will be provided to the county board.
8. There were no new animal claims against the County.
9. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues. Amy Sue Vruwink attended upon behalf of the office of Representative Ron Kind. Vruwink reported on the activities of Representative Kind and sought input on federal matters. General discussion had.

- a. Report of Central Sands Water Committee. Supervisor Leichtnam spoke on the activities of the Central Sands Water Committee. An update was given on the Sand Valley golf course; there are no high capacity wells serving the course. Lots of high-level input is being provided to this committee by stakeholders. It is anticipated that the committee will be developing recommendations within the next year.
 - b. Non-binding referendum on nonpartisan redistricting reform. The matter is being addressed in the court system at this time. No further action by the committee at this time.
10. Courthouse Security Committee update. Maintenance Supervisor Van Tassal and Judge Brazeau attended and reported on proposed security upgrades (see attachments). Discussion had on the costs and needs. **Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by LaFontaine, to direct that a resolution in support of this proposal be drafted and to meet on county board day to review the resolution. All ayes.**
 11. County Board rules.
 - a. Attendance at meetings by means of audio or video communications. Discussion had. Pros and cons of allowing electronic appearance at meetings were reviewed. The distinction between audio and video considered. The members wanted more time to review the implications of any rule changes so no action at this time.
 - b. Use of county board designees for meetings. Discussion had. Further consideration will be given and the matter will be placed on the next agenda.
 12. Agenda items for the next regular meeting:
 - Report of Central Sands Water Committee
 - Attendance at meetings via audio or video or proxy.
 13. The next committee meeting will be Monday, April 23, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. This will be an organizational meeting only.
 14. Chairman Clendenning advised he would declare the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. if there were no objections and there were none.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Kenneth Curry.

Kenneth Curry
Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)

Jeffery Rizer	Register of Deeds
Shirley Trunk	U.S. Rep. Forkland
Lois Purnell	WCB 16
Cindy Foster	COC
Michelle Newman	VW
Brent Vynwink	CSA
KEIBEN VANTASSE	MAINT
Nick Brazean	BCH
DENNIS POLACH	WCB #14