

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: November 3, 2017
 TIME: 1:30 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 3:35 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Ed Wagner, Bill Leichtnam, Kenneth Curry, Dave LaFontaine
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Heather Gehrt, Marla Cummings, Brent Vruwink, Brandon Vruwink, Trent Miner, Dennis Polach, Lance Pliml, Mary Anderson

1. At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.
2. Public comments. None.
3. Chairman Clendenning declared the minutes of the October 2, 2017, meeting approved if there were no objections and there were none.
4. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher reports of the departments they oversee. Moved by Curry, seconded by Wagner, to approve the payment of vouchers. All ayes.
5. The Committee reviewed department reports: Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Curry, to approve the department reports. All ayes.

Child Support Director Vruwink discussed transferring a few cases to the Ho-Chunk Nation's new child support division.

Mary Anderson, Register in Probate, attended and introduced herself. Discussion was had on providing reports to the Committee.

6. The Committee discussed the space needs of the courts. Supervisor Wagner advised that Maintenance is working with the departments on the third floor with respect to space needs.
7. There were no new notices of injury/claim.
8. The dog damage claim of Criste Greening was reviewed. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Clendenning, to deny the claim of Criste Greening. All ayes.
 Wisconsin Statute section 174.11(4) prohibits paying a dog injury claim if the claimant has not paid for dog licenses. Here the claimant did not pay the dog license fee so the claim was not paid.
9. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues. Chairman Pliml updated the Committee on the CAP (Community Ambassador Program) day in Madison.

- a. Resolution on the recodifying process for Wood County's ordinances was reviewed. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the resolution to commence the final phase of recodifying the Wood County Code of Ordinances and to forward it to the county board. All ayes.

10. County Board rules.

- a. Rule 16. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Clendenning to change from 2 days to 3 days the number of days of per diem allowable for the WCA Convention. All ayes.

Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Wagner, to authorize committee members to attend quarterly regional legislative meetings. All ayes.

2018 Budget. The draft budget is balanced and meets the county's objective.

11. County board.

- a. Staggered terms. Discussion had on the pros and cons of staggering the terms of supervisors. No interest expressed in modifying to staggered terms.
- b. Number of supervisors. Discussion had on the complexity and problems associated with changing the number of supervisors. No interest expressed in doing so.
- c. Per diem or salary for 2018/19 term. No interest expressed in changing this.

Discussion had on encouraging younger people to run for the county board and how to go about this. Pliml explained that the WCA and NACO have a program on civics that can be used in the schools. Other ideas were shared as well.

Discussion on possible changes in legislation to eliminate "just cause" employment termination language in the statutes and administrative code. Brandon Vruwink explained a legislative initiative on getting rid of "just cause" language and the supervisors shared their perspectives on employee rights.

The Committee and attendees talked about things like Act 10 and what was intended by it, employee security, management roles and responsibilities.

The Complaint Resolution Process (CRP) does not provide for an employee who grieves an employment issue to go to their oversight committee. Discussion had on the pros and cons of having an oversight committee get involved in second guessing/reviewing individual management actions/decisions.

Brief discussion on an employee educational benefit was talked about. Supervisor Wagner advised that more input is being sought on this policy before it is finalized. There is a lot of interest in this topic.

12. Agenda items for the December 2017 meeting:
 - Civics presentations to schools on local governments.
 - Performance evaluations.
13. The next committee meeting will be December 1, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.
14. Performance evaluations will be handled at the next meeting. Goals and self-evaluations will be provided in advance by Vruwink & Kastenholz.
15. Chairman Clendenning declared the meeting adjourned if there were no objections. There were no objections. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Kenneth Curry.

Kenneth Curry

Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)