

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: August 14, 2012
 TIME: 9 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 10:57 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gary Allworden, Ed Wagner, Bill Murphy
 MEMBER EXCUSED: Gerald Nelson
 OTHERS PRESENT: Hon. Gregory J. Potter, Hon. Todd P. Wolf, David Dickmann, Glenda Erickson, Hon. Nicholas J. Brazeau, Jr., Lisa Downs, Cindy Joosten, John Kruse, John Henkelmann, Trisha Anderson, Susan Ginter, Brent Vruwink, Lance Pliml

At 9 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments. None.
2. The Committee reviewed the 2013 budgets of the departments it oversees:

a) Moved by Murphy, seconded by Allworden, to approve the 2013 budget for Branch I and to forward it to the Executive Committee. All ayes.

Judge Potter advised the Committee of the accommodations that have been extended to the Marshfield Police Department for court appearances in Wisconsin Rapids now that court is no longer being held in Marshfield. Judge Potter indicated that the courts are allowing audio visual appearance from Marshfield and for Marshfield Police Department traffic court appearances to be held twice per month instead of each week.

Supervisor Wagner suggested that Judge Potter look into renegotiating the contract with the City of Marshfield for the courtroom space in Marshfield.

b) Moved by Wagner, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2013 budget for Corporation Counsel and to forward it to the Executive Committee. All ayes

c) Moved by Wagner, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2013 budget for Branch III and Drug Court and to forward it to the Executive Committee. All ayes.

There was a brief discussion about the positive impact that having a Drug Court provides. Judge Wolf was encouraged to present information on the Drug Court on Public Access. Judge Wolf indicated they are working with United Way to determine if the Drug Court fits the guidelines to enable them to receive United Way funds.

d) The budget for Clerk of Courts, which includes budgets for Divorce Mediation, Law Library, and Family Court Commissioner was reviewed.

Family Court Commissioner John Kruse reported that he is looking for an additional \$2,202 in his portion of the budget to cover an additional 8 hours per month for post family court motions that the courts have asked him to start handling. Mr. Kruse pointed out that Wood County is rated for 4.5 judges and the courts assigning cases to be handled by the Family Court Commissioner is a process to keep the current 3 judges' caseloads down so Wood County is hopefully not heading toward the costs of a fourth judge.

Cindy Joosten indicated that there was a slight increase in the Law Library budget due to an increase for Westlaw. For the budget for the Clerk of Courts, Ms. Joosten stated that she is looking for two new positions - one to be a contract position to strictly do scanning full time and one position to be a regular full-time county position to handle small claims and civil clerk duties.

Moved by Allworden, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2013 budget for the Clerk of Courts, Law Library, Divorce Mediation, and Family Court Commissioner and to forward it to the Executive Committee. All ayes.

e) Moved by Murphy, seconded by Allworden, to approve the 2013 budget for District Attorney and to forward it to the Executive Committee. All ayes.

John Henkelmann advised the Committee that Wood County is rated for 8.9 attorneys for the District Attorney's office. There are currently 4. He did submit a request to the State for 4 more attorneys.

f) Moved by Wagner, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2013 budget for Branch II and to forward it to the Executive Committee. All ayes.

g) Moved by Murphy, seconded by Allworden, to approve the 2013 budget for Victim Witness and to forward it to the Executive Committee. All ayes.

h) Moved by Wagner, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2013 budget for the Register of Deeds and to forward it to the Executive Committee. All ayes.

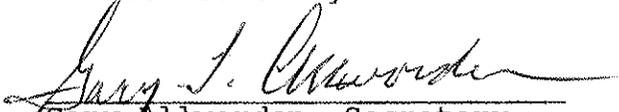
Register of Deeds Susan Ginter reported that her goal for 2013 is to continue redacting documents and back indexing projects and will not start any other projects until 2014. She further indicated that due to the County-wide Windows 7 upgrade, the current receipt printers and scanner in her office are obsolete as they will not work with Windows 7. Therefore, she will be purchasing 3 new receipt printers and a flat-bed scanner yet in 2012.

i) Moved by Allworden, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2013 budget for Child Support and to forward the budget to the Executive Committee. All ayes

Child Support Director Brent Vruwink pointed out to the Committee that the additional duties that Family Court Commissioner John Kruse would be handling, as long as it involves the Child Support office, would result in additional revenue for the County for the time that Mr. Kruse spends on these cases.

3. Moved by Allworden, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Minutes taken by Lisa Downs and approved by Gary Allworden.



Gary Allworden, Secretary