

## MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: July 2, 2021  
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
 PLACE: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse  
 TIME ADJOURNED: 10:29 a.m.  
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,  
 Kenneth Curry, Ed Wagner, Joseph Zurfluh  
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 9:00 a.m., the meeting was called to order.
2. Public comments. None at this time.
3. The minutes for the June 4 and 22, 2021, meetings were reviewed.  
Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Wagner, to approve. All ayes.
4. The Committee reviewed the claims of Tonya Rehbein. This claim will be provided to the county board.
5. There was one new animal claim against the County.  
Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Wagner, to approve payment to Castlerock Veterinary Hospital in the amount of \$96 for rabies testing of a kitten. All ayes.
6. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments it oversees. Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.
7. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues. Amy Sue Vruwink gave a legislative update on behalf of Representative Ron Kind's office.
  - a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group.  
 Supervisor Leichtnam updated the Committee on the group's 6/21/21 meeting wherein neonicotinoids were talked about again. Neonicotinoids kill pollinators and have been banned in many countries but that is unlikely to happen here as it is a popular type of insecticide.
  - b. Barron County resolution, re: Elimination of Badger Care Eligibility Cliff. Discussion had but no action taken.
  - c. Eau Claire County resolution, re: Decriminalize Recreational Marijuana.  
 Supervisor Zurfluh spoke against legalizing marijuana. District Attorney Lambert advised that he sees marijuana as a gateway drug and opposed legalizing it. Quite a bit

of discussion had on the impact of decriminalizing marijuana. No action taken.

- d. Brown County resolution, re: Wis. Stat. Chapter 980 modifications. No discussion or action taken.
  - e. Chippewa County resolution, re: Request WCA address clean water issues. **Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Zurfluh to support the resolution before the WCA. All ayes.**  
Note: It is too late to present a resolution to the WCA but Supervisor Clendenning is on the WCA's resolution committee and will take the Committee's position into account in voting at the WCA meeting.
8. County Board rules.
- a. Resolution on Rule 12, re: speaking at meetings by non-supervisors.  
**Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Clendenning, to present a resolution to the county board implementing changes to Rule #12.**  
**Moved to amend by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to have a written summary of Rule 12 available at county board meetings. 3 ayes, 2 nays to the amendment. (Curry and Clendenning felt it was unnecessary.)**  
**Motion as amended, 4 ayes, 1 nay. Clendenning voted nay as he felt the current rules are adequate. Motion passed.**
  - b. Special orders of business at county board meetings.  
Concern expressed about the length of special orders of business. The handling of public discussion at meetings was reviewed. No action taken.
9. Discussion on resolution for Criminal Justice Task Force bylaws. Judge Wolf spoke about the history of the Criminal Justice Task Force and the need for there to be bylaws for the entity such that the state recognizes the entity and can provide a grant to it.
- Moved by Wagner, seconded by Zurfluh, to present a resolution to the county board that would implement the Criminal Justice Task Force bylaws. All ayes.**

The Committee further determined to meet with the Criminal Justice Coordinator to further review the contents of the bylaws before the county board considers them.

10. Administrative Coordinator position description.  
Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Wagner, to present a resolution to the county board approving the position description for the County Administrative Coordinator. All ayes.

The Committee will meet before county board to further discuss any input on the position description.

11. Attendance at meetings. None.
12. Agenda items for the August 2021 meeting:  
▪ Nothing specific at this time.
13. The next regular committee meeting will be August 6, 2021, at 9 a.m. The Committee will next meet on county board day, July 20, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.
14. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 10:29 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz.

# Judicial & Legislative Committee Meeting

Date:

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	REPRESENTING
LAWSE, PLIML	WCB
Todd P Wolf	Judge
Craig Lambert	D.A.
DENNIS POLACH	WCB-#14
Trent Miner - via AV	County Clerk
Amy Sue Vruwink "	o/b/o Rep. Ron Kind