MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: October 21, 2015

TIME: 1 p.m.

PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse

TIME ADJOURNED: 3:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson, Ed

Wagner, Bill Leichtnam, Joseph Zurfluh

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Susan Ginter, Brent Vruwink,

Lance Pliml, Dennis Polach, and those listed on

the attached attendance sheet.

At 1 p.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.

- 1. Public comments. None at this time.
- 2. Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Nelson, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2015, Committee meeting. All ayes.
- At 1:03 p.m., pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), moved by Nelson, seconded by Zurfluh, to go into closed session to consider action on Biron debt to Wood County. Roll call taken: Clendenning yes, Wagner yes, Nelson yes, Zurfluh yes, Leichtnam yes.
- 4. At 1:27 p.m., moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Leichtnam, to return to open session. All ayes.
- 5. The Committee reviewed department reports and monthly voucher reports:

Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Wagner, 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.

- 6. Register of Deeds Susan Ginter met with the Committee to discuss property fraud alerts. Property fraud is a fast growing crime. The Registrar has negotiated a contract with a current vendor to make property fraud alerts available to folks who own property in Wood County at 70 cents per account that the county would pay. The Committee felt this was a good idea.
- 7. Memorandum entitled "Rights and Authority of Supervisors" was reviewed by the Committee and will be included in the county board packet.
- 8. The Committee reviewed correspondence, Chair's report, and legislative issues.
- 9. Review action from October 20 County board. No comments.
- 10. Groundwater ordinance. Supervisor Leichtnam advised that there are statewide legislative matters dealing with groundwater that are important to the county. Discussion was had as to whether there was a need to have the spray irrigation committee meet, whether that committee still

exists, and how to proceed in addressing groundwater and other water issues, via that committee or the CEED Committee.

Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to create a groundwater subcommittee. All ayes. Chairman Clendenning appointed Supervisors Nelson, Leichtnam, and Zurfluh to the subcommittee.

- 11. Space needs and progress on Branch I remodeling. Planning for the remodeling is progressing.
- 12. Law treating 17 year olds as minors vs. adults. The District Attorney supports the general proposition of treating 17 year olds as minors and not adults. The WCA supports this but wants funding by the state. Chairman Pliml advised this is likely to pass the legislature in some form. Everyone supports the proposal.
- 13. Resolution on ABLE Act regarding the SSI asset limits. <u>Moved</u>
 by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to support the resolution,
 which supports implementation of the ABLE Act. All ayes.
- 14. County board rules. No action taken.
- 15. There was one new notice of injury/claim filed with the County. The notice of injury/claim of Joe Fleisner was received by the Committee and will be forwarded to the county board.
- There was one new animal claim against the County. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Leichtnam, to pay the claim of Castlerock Veterinary Hospital, Inc., in the amount of \$80.41 for rabies testing of a stray. All ayes.
- 17. The next committee meeting will be November 18, 2015, at 1 $\rm p.m.$
- 18. Agenda items for the November 18, 2015, meeting:
 - Groundwater subcommittee
 - Closed session for performance reviews
- 19. At 2:55 p.m., pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c), moved by Wagner, seconded by Nelson, to go into closed session for performance reviews of the Corporation Counsel and Child Support Director. Roll call taken: Clendenning yes, Wagner yes, Nelson yes, Zurfluh yes, Leichtnam yes.
- 20. At 3:03 p.m., moved by Nelson, seconded by Leichtnam, to return to open session. All ayes.
- 21. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Zurfluh, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Ed Wagner.

Ed Wagner

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