

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: April 1, 2016
 TIME: 9 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 10:40 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson, Ed Wagner, Bill Leichtnam, Joseph Zurfluh
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Trisha Anderson, Brent Vruwink, Dennis Polach

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

1. Public comments. None.
2. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Clendenning, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2016, Committee meeting. All ayes.
3. The Committee reviewed department reports and monthly voucher reports:

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Zurfluh, 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.

Child Support Director Vruwink advised that the Human Resources payroll problems have resulted in certain reports not being available and if those reports aren't in soon, then there is the possibility of a delay of \$100,000 in revenues from the state. This is a cash flow problem. It is likely that other departments are experiencing the same problem. Supervisor Wagner expressed concern that payroll is not in the Finance Department and the problems associated with the payroll problems need to be looked into by the county board. Wagner asked that the Committee Chair bring this matter to the County Board Chair's attention as well as the Executive Committee.

4. The Corporation Counsel's memorandum "Staff Review of County Board Resolutions" was approved by the Committee and will be submitted to the county board.
5. The Committee met with Trisha Anderson, Victim/Witness Coordinator, to discuss her attending out-of-state training. Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Nelson, to approve the Victim/Witness Coordinator attending out-of-state training. All ayes. The Committee recognized there was insufficient time to get county board approval and, therefore, the County Board Chair gave approval. The Committee expressed a desire to have these matters brought to the Committee as soon as possible so that county board review can be had.

6. A resolution for Child Support out-of-state travel for a conference was reviewed. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the resolution for three Child Support employees attending an out-of-state conference not to exceed \$1,100 in cost to the county. All ayes.
7. No discussion was had on the 3/15/16 Wood County Board meeting.
8. The Committee reviewed correspondence, Chair's report, and legislative issues. The Committee Chair attended a meeting in Green Lake County dealing with horse and buggy transportation issues. The attendees were advised that the DOT and state legislators were not interested in addressing this issue legislatively. Since these are matters of statewide concern, counties can't legislate locally.
9. Water Protection Subcommittee report. Subcommittee Chair Nelson advised that the subcommittee is making progress. There will be a groundwater listening session in the Town of Saratoga on Thursday, April 7, 2016, from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Saratoga Town Hall. Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Wagner, to approve subcommittee per diem for attending this meeting. All ayes.
10. Discussion on county board rules.
Leichtnam presented the attached proposals on amending the rules to provide control of committee agendas. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.
Clendenning would like to see a Public Property Committee. Leichtnam feels the Executive Committee should be reconfigured to 7 members all being chairs of the county's 5 main committees, the county board chair and vice chair, with the vice chair being the Executive Committee chair and this change taking effect immediately. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve this change and to direct the corporation counsel to prepare a resolution making the change for presentation at the April 2016 county board meeting. All ayes.
11. There were no new notices of injury/claim filed with the County.
12. There were no new animal claims against the County.
13. The next regular committee meeting will be May 6, 2016, at 9 a.m., and there will also be an 8:30 a.m. meeting on April 19, 2016, to discuss a resolution on the membership of the Executive Committee.
14. Agenda items for the May 6, 2016, meeting:
 - Discuss rules, including control of committee agendas.

15. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Leichtnam, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Ed Wagner.

Ed Wagner

Ed Wagner, Secretary (signed electronically)