

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: July 22, 2015
 TIME: 1 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 3:25 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson, Ed Wagner, Bill Leichtnam, Joseph Zurfluh
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, see attached list of other attendees.

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

1. Public comments. None at this time.
2. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the minutes of the June 2 and 16, 2015, Committee meetings. All ayes.
3. 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.

Jason Grueneberg spoke regarding the "Blueprints for Tomorrow" leadership training program with about ten staff included in the training including Brent Vruwink.

Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Wagner, to approve a proposal by Vruwink to make pay grade changes within the department. All ayes.

4. The memorandum entitled "Immunity: Discretionary vs. Ministerial Acts" was reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the county board in the August packet.
5. The Committee reviewed the resolution on centralized accounting.

Mike Martin spoke about how the accountants and department heads have met and have worked things out to their satisfaction at this time.

Kathy Roetter spoke against having multiple supervisors for the financial managers at issue. She spoke in favor of having specific policies and procedures. Doug Passineau supported Kathy's position of having the Finance Department develop policies for what it wants accomplished.

Supervisor Wagner emphasized the need of an accountant to oversee the work of the financial managers. Wagner doesn't think the department heads will see much of a change in how

the departments function; this proposal will not be an impediment to that.

Supervisor Zurfluh wondered if more time is needed to contemplate this proposal. No support for a delay.

Supervisor Clendenning felt that this proposal is long overdue. Roetter explained some of the past issues and why they arose.

Consensus of the Committee to approve the resolution for a centralized accounting system and to forward it to the county board.

Supervisor Zurfluh explained after the vote that he was supporting the presentation of the resolution to the county board but he wasn't sure how he will vote at the county board meeting.

6. Discussion on \$6,125 the Village of Biron owes to the County for financial advice the County obtained as part of the now defunct Wood County/Village of Biron Business Park. Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Leichtnam, to direct the corporation counsel to collect the money. All ayes.
7. Membership on the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission was discussed. The County is not currently a member of this Commission but we do attend the meetings. There is a disagreement as to whether Wood County should be a member of this entity. It is expected that an invite will be forthcoming.
8. Supervisor Leichtnam reported on the status of the Groundwater Study Group and the ordinance that will be submitted to the county board in August. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Zurfluh, to have the committee support the resolution creating the groundwater protection ordinance. 4 ayes, Wagner voted no.
9. The Committee reviewed correspondence, Chair's report, and legislative issues.
10. County board rules and committee structure were discussed in general.
11. There were four new notices of injury/claims filed with the County. The notices of injury/claims of Toni Stargardt, Laurie Ginzl, Mike Wiltgen, and Ralph Kledehn were reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the County Board.
12. There was one new animal claim against the County. Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Nelson, to pay the claim of Castlerock Veterinary Hospital in the amount of \$160.82 for rabies testing of a stray kitten. All ayes.

13. The next regular committee meeting will be August 11, 2015, at 1 p.m., (at the Saratoga Town Hall Annex) and the meeting to review budgets will be August 19, 2015, at 10 a.m.
14. Agenda items for the August 11, 2015, meeting:
 - Administrative Coordinator
 - Crime Prevention Fund Board
15. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Leichtnam, to adjourn. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Ed Wagner.

Ed Wagner
Ed Wagner, Secretary (signed electronically)

Name	Representing
Jason R Greeneberg	Planning + Zoning
Brent Viuwink	CSA
JOHN PECKHAM	HIGHWAY
Kathy Rutter	Hum Serv.
Doug Passineau	Highway.
DENNIS POLACH	WCB
Jo Zimmerman	Human Services
Marka Cummings	Finance
Mike Martin	Finance
Ken Cursey	CD II