

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: February 19, 2014
 TIME: 1:15 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 2:20 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson,
 Gary Allworden, Ed Wagner, Bill Murphy
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, Lance Pliml, Dennis Polach,
 Brandon Vruwink, Bruce Dimick

At 1:15 p.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments. None.
2. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Nelson, to amend the minutes by adding Trent Miner to the list of attendees and then to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2014, and January 30, 2014, Committee meetings. All ayes.
3. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
 - Requiring medical examiners vs. coroners. Public Safety has not supported this in the past. It is anticipated that a medical examiner would be more expensive, possibly significantly more. A majority of the committee supports retaining the status quo of allowing a county the option of having a coroner and not requiring a medical examiner.
 - Brandon Vruwink discussed legislation that would allow each county to allow for the expansion of Medicaid to the county. The Human Services Department supports the legislation as it gives more support for county residents. Pliml and Vruwink made clear that such legislation is unlikely to pass in Madison. No action taken by the committee.
 - The Committee reviewed a request by Lisa Downs to modify state statute section 995.20 to reflect that the Martin Luther King holiday does not always fall on January 15. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Murphy, to prepare a resolution to ask the state to correct the statute. All ayes.
4. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Murphy, to present to the county board the draft resolution on the Administrative Coordinator salary. All ayes.
5. The Committee reviewed department reports and monthly voucher reports:

Kastenholz reported that he had previously been directed by the Executive Committee to commence negotiations for the partial extension of the county's lease of city hall space. The final lease agreement was to be brought before the county board to approve via resolution, but new county board rule 42, enacted February 18, 2014, would not technically be

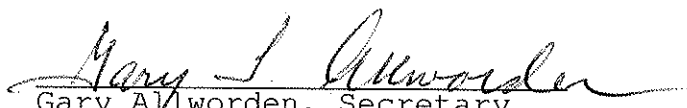
complied with. The committee advised that the county board is generally aware of the need for a partial extension of the lease. Kastenholz should continue with the negotiations, but it would be preferable to have the county board approve a resolution on the activities.

Moved by Allworden, seconded by Murphy, to present a resolution to the county board ratifying Kastenholz negotiating an extension of the lease with the City of Marshfield pursuant to the directives of the Executive Committee. All ayes. The Committee will meet briefly on county board day to review and approve the resolution.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Allworden, 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. There were four new notices of injury/claim filed with the County. The notices of injury/claim of Randal Worzalla, Harvey Gehman, Barry Newlun, and Aaron Anderson were reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the county board.
7. There was one new animal claim against the County. Moved by Allworden, seconded by Nelson, to pay the claim of Castlerock Veterinary Hospital in the amount of \$72.77 and Pet Motel in the amount of \$75 for the quarantine and testing of a stray kitten. All ayes.
8. The next committee meeting will be March 19, 2014, at 1:15 p.m. The committee will also meet briefly on March 18, 2014, to address the resolution on negotiating the lease with the City of Marshfield.
9. Agenda items for the March 19, 2014, meeting:
 - Report from the District Attorney
 - Resolution on Martin Luther King holiday
10. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Allworden, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Gary Allworden.


 Gary Allworden, Secretary