

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: July 17, 2013
 TIME: 1 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 2:30 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson,
 Gary Allworden, Ed Wagner, Bill Murphy
 OTHERS PRESENT: Lance Pliml, Dennis Polach, Brent Vruwink, Peter
 Kastenholz, and see attached attendee list.

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

1. Public comments. None.
2. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Allworden, to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013, Committee meeting. All ayes.
3. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues. Nothing specific to report on.
4. Supervisor Wagner spoke in favor of an advisory referendum on having a county administrator. Comments made about not being governed by the use of referendum, unless addressing long-term debt. Concern was expressed on education of the public in using referendum. After much discussion the committee recognized there wasn't enough support for the committee to present a resolution to the county board but recognized that one or more supervisors may proceed in doing so.
5. Numerous citizens were present to support the county taking whatever action it could to protect them and their property from the impact of high capacity wells. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Allworden, to present a resolution to the county board supporting increased regulation by the DNR of high capacity wells. All ayes.
6. The Committee reviewed department reports and monthly voucher reports:

Moved by Nelson, 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.

District Attorney Lambert presented on the staffing needs of his department. There are only four attorneys despite being rated for ten. The caseload has not increased recently.

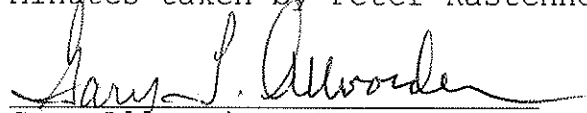
Supervisors Nelson, Allworden, and Miner met with Judge Potter to discuss the request for additional staff in the Register in Probate's office. Judge Potter will work with the Register in Probate and Clerk of Courts to present a specific proposal on how to proceed. It was recognized that additional staffing could be obtained via a resolution

(majority vote) of the county board or via the budget process. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Clendenning, to approve a per diem for Allworden and Nelson for their meeting with the judge in lieu of the entire committee doing so. All ayes.

Director Brent Vruwink explained the need for additional staff hours in the Child Support office. Vruwink explained the cost to the county would be about \$4,500 and he will bring the matter back to the committee during the budgeting process.

7. There was one new notice of injury/claim filed with the County. The notice of injury/claim of Norbert Pecher was reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the County Board.
8. There were no new animal claims against the County.
9. The next regular Committee meeting will be August 21, 2013, at 1 p.m., and the meeting to review departmental budgets will be August 22, 2013, at 1 p.m.
10. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Allworden, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Gary Allworden.


Gary Allworden, Secretary