

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: May 16, 2012
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 11:30 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson,
 Gary Allworden, Bill Murphy
 MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ed Wagner
 OTHERS PRESENT: Cindy Joosten, Peter Kastenholtz, Brent Vruwink,
 Lance Pliml, Ed Reed, Dennis Polach, Lisa Downs

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.

1. Chairman Clendenning made a call for nominations for vice-chairperson and for secretary.

Allworden nominated Nelson to act as vice-chairperson. **Moved by Murphy, seconded by Allworden, to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for vice-chairperson.** The Committee unanimously elected Nelson vice-chairperson.

Nelson nominated Allworden to act as secretary. **Moved by Nelson, seconded by Murphy, to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for secretary.** The Committee unanimously elected Allworden secretary.

2. Public comments. None.

3. **Moved by Allworden, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2012, Committee meeting. All ayes.**

4. The Committee discussed their mission and course of action. Chairman Clendenning suggested assigning committee members to specific departments they oversee in order to act as sort of a liaison between the departments and the Judicial & Legislative Committee so that when issues arise with a department, the Committee member assigned to that department would have more detailed information and knowledge of the department to better assist the Committee in making decisions affecting a department. **Moved by Murphy, seconded by Nelson, to approve implementing the procedure to assign committee members to the departments they oversee in order to help facilitate better communication between the departments and the Judicial & Legislative Committee. All ayes.**

5. Clerk of Court Cindy Joosten updated the Committee that since the retirement of Judge Mason, court was no longer being held in Marshfield on Fridays. Therefore, she is no longer staffing the Clerk of Court's office in Marshfield on Fridays. They will only be staffing the office in Marshfield on Tuesdays, when there is court routinely scheduled.

Ms. Joosten also reported that her office is going through customer service training so that everyone in the office can answer general questions about any type of case in the office.

6. Legislative issues were discussed.

A resolution from the North Central International Trade, Business and Economic Development Council on responsible iron ore mining was reviewed. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Allworden, to submit to the County Board the resolution for responsible iron ore mining and to include in the resolution support of frac sand mining. Discussion held. Chairman Pliml pointed out that the iron ore mining resolution deals more with the environmental aspects, such as contamination of water sources, than does frac sand mining. Chairman Clendenning feels the iron ore mining and frac sand mining should not be included in the same resolution. Call for vote, all nays, motion lost.

Moved by Allworden, seconded by Murphy, to support a resolution for responsible iron ore mining and to submit same to the County Board. All ayes.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Allworden, to submit a resolution to the County Board on frac sand mining that is in similar fashion to the iron ore mining resolution. All ayes.

Chairman Clendenning encouraged committee members to apply for Wisconsin Counties Association steering committees. In particular, Clendenning would like to see a committee member apply to the Health & Human Services steering committee. Chairman Pliml supported Wood County board supervisors being involved in these steering committees.

Supervisor Nelson talked about drafting a resolution to have drug testing analysis a requirement in order to receive public assistance. After a brief discussion on the pros and cons of this type of requirement, no further action was taken.

7. The Committee reviewed department reports:

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Murphy, to approve the reports of Child Support, Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds, Family Court Commissioner, and Corporation Counsel. All ayes.

8. There were no Capital Improvement Plan requests.

9. Lisa Downs presented the Committee with information on purchasing a combination copier/scanner/facsimile machine for the Corporation Counsel's office. EO Johnson has provided a quote for \$3,995 for a Canon product. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Corporation Counsel's office pursuing the purchase of a combination copier/scanner/facsimile machine. All ayes.

10. There were no new notices of injury/claim filed with the County.

11. There were no new animal claims against the County.
12. The next Committee meeting will be June 20, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Allworden took minutes for the following:

13. Moved by Allworden, seconded by Nelson, to approve the bills for payment. All ayes.
14. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Nelson, to adjourn. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes taken by Lisa Downs and approved by Gary Allworden.

/s/ Gary Allworden

Gary Allworden, Secretary