

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: August 5, 2022
 TIME: 8:30 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 9:55 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam, Ed Wagner, Joseph Zurfluh, William Voight
 OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 8:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order.
2. Public comments.
 Chairman Clendenning stated that there would be a three-minute time limit on public comments and that there were two individuals that signed up to speak during public comments.

 Mike Derrie spoke in favor of a resolution to forbid private funding of elections and encouraged the committee to support it.

 Jesse McKeever spoke in favor of statewide ballot initiatives, has been before the committee previously, and hopes they support the advisory ballot question allowing for state level ballot initiatives.
3. The minutes for the July 1, 2022, meeting were reviewed. **Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the minutes. All ayes.**
4. State ballot initiatives.
 The committee discussed the pros and cons of the state ballot initiative proposal and how the current process works for getting statewide initiatives on the ballot. **Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to direct the Corporation Counsel to develop a resolution to effectuate a question being placed on the November ballot regarding state ballot initiatives.** Discussion ensued. **Motion carried 4-1.** Wagner voted no.
5. Resolutions on private funding of elections were discussed. **Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Zurfluh, to present a resolution to the county board prohibiting the private funding of the county's elections.** County Clerk Trent Miner reminded the committee that the Resolutions have nothing to do with campaign financing, rather they only deal with financing the county clerk's election expenses. **Motion lost 3 to 2** - ayes were Zurfluh and Clendenning.

6. The Committee reviewed the claims of Stacy Reimer, Paul Hahn, and Shoshannah Gomm. These claims will be provided to the county board.
7. There were no new animal claims against the County.
8. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments it oversees. **Moved by Voight, seconded by Wagner, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.**
9. Criminal Justice Coordinator schedule change.
The Committee discussed the request of the Criminal Justice Coordinator to participate in an internship. The Committee members spoke in favor of Caitlin pursuing her proposal as it serves the best interests of the county. A consensus was expressed to approve the proposal.
10. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
 - a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group.
Supervisor Leichtnam gave a summary of the presentation made at the Citizens Groundwater Group's last meeting.
 - b. St. Croix County resolution on real estate transfer fee revenue sharing. No action taken. This is already a part of the WCA's platform, Chairman Pliml noted.
11. County Board rules.
 - a. Rule 16 - supervisors allowed at WCA convention.
The current rule limits to nine the number of supervisors who can attend the annual WCA convention.
Moved by Wagner, seconded by Voight, to delete the paragraph limiting attendance to nine members. All ayes.
 - b. Ethics Committee Ordinance. Supervisor Wagner disseminated a copy of a draft revised Ethics Code/Ordinance. The Committee will further discuss the topic at its October meeting.
12. Attendance at meetings. No requests made.
13. Agenda items for the September 2022 meeting:
 - Budgets
14. The next committee meeting will be September 2, 2022, at 9 a.m.

15. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 9:55 a.m.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner and Peter Kastenholz and are in draft format until approved at the next meeting.

Judicial & Legislative Committee Meeting

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