

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: June 10, 2016
 TIME: 1:30 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115 Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 3:25 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ed Wagner, Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam, Ken Curry, Dave LaFontaine
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholtz, Bruce Dimick, Dennis Polach, Brent Vruwink, Lance Pliml

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments. Bruce Dimick asked how a citizen could get an item on the committee's meeting agenda. The chairman answered that the path is to work through a county board supervisor or other committee member.
2. Consent agenda items.
Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Clendenning, to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the May 6, 2016, Committee meeting, and 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.
3. Action or discussion on items removed from consent agenda. Leichtnam reported on the Water Study subcommittee's meeting, whose minutes were not in the committee's packet. It was pointed out that groundwater was extensively covered in the recently issued County's magazine. No real movement in the legislative arena regarding water protection. Pliml suggests DATCP and DNR are not likely to do anything without legislative direction.
4. There was one new notice of injury/claim filed with the County. The notice of injury and claim of Clifford Chandonais was received by the Committee and will be forwarded to the county board.
5. Casperson Estate litigation. Corporation Counsel Kastenholtz gave an update that the federal litigation has been commenced and County staff is working with the insurance company's counsel to defend the County in the case.
6. There were no new animal claims against the County.
7. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
 - a. Oconto County resolution opposing AB90/SB82. No input was received by the District Attorney so matter is held in abeyance pending such input.
 - b. Corporation Counsel memo entitled "Section 1983 Cause of Action" was reviewed by the Committee and will be submitted to the county board.

- c. Discussion on joint resolution with HIRC on sustainable funding for Wisconsin roads. Moved by Curry, seconded by Clendenning, to support the resolution jointly with HIRC and to submit it to the county board. All ayes.
8. County Board rules.
 - a. Authority of setting the agenda was discussed. Two concepts - one by Chairman Wagner to let the majority of a committee decide this as a part of each meeting. The second proposal is by Supervisor Leichtnam to allow a single supervisor on a committee to be allowed to place a matter on an agenda. Clarification was made that the control is not meant to be limited to county board supervisors but to all committee members. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to adopt Leichtnam's plan. 2 ayes, 3 nays. The nays didn't see the need to give individual committee members the level of authority to include a matter on an agenda. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by LaFontaine, to adopt Wagner's proposal as a new county board rule. All ayes. The Corporation Counsel will prepare a resolution.
 - b. Emergency Contact Roster. Some discussion had. The Committee will give this more thought and discuss it in the future.
 9. Assignment of committee members as liaison to departments they oversee. Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the assignments. All ayes.
 10. Agenda items for the July 1, 2016, meeting:
 - Emergency contact roster.
 - Discuss supervisor training seminar information.
 - Discuss information to supervisors on filing claims.
 - Discuss approving previously suggested rule changes.
 11. The next committee meeting will be July 1, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.
 12. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Clendenning, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Ken Curry.

Kenneth Curry

Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)