

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: July 1, 2022
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 9:45 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam, Ed Wagner, Joseph Zurfluh, William Voight
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 9:00 a.m., the meeting was called to order.

2. Public comments. Introduction of all in attendance.

Chad Bogart presented materials and spoke in favor of county action barring acceptance of funds from non-governmental entities for the purpose of election administration.

Jesse McKeever requested the Committee to vote on the topic of direct legislation at the state level via ballot initiatives.

3. The minutes for the June 3, 2022, meeting were reviewed. **Moved by Voight, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the minutes. All ayes.**

4. There were no new claims against the County.

5. There was one new animal claim. **Moved by Voight, seconded by Wagner, to pay from the Dog License Fund the \$200 claim of the South Wood County Humane Society for quarantine of a cat. All ayes.**

6. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments it oversees. **Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Wagner, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.**

7. Filling position of Clerk of Courts upon retirement of current Clerk. Judge Potter explained that Cindy Joosten is retiring the end of the day. The Circuit Court judges have decided that they are not going to make an appointment of a successor until at least the outcome of the primary is known as both candidates are running in the same party. **Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Leichtnam, to grant the interim Clerk of Court the temporary increase in duty policy pay consistent with the Clerk of Court's position. All ayes.**

Finance Director Newton advised funds will be available in the budget.

8. Branch 4 staffing. Judge Potter explained about the new Branch 4 starting August 1, 2023. Clerk of Courts Joosten explained about several retirements in her office that are coming up and the need to have the new position start January 1, 2023.
Moved by Wagner, seconded by Voight, to have the Human Resources Director take action to establish the fourth Branch's Judicial Assistant and new Clerk of Court position effective 03/01/23. All ayes.
9. Discussion on future responsibilities and compensation of Family Court Commissioner. Judge Potter explained that the courts are working on a plan to reduce the Family Court Commissioner's duties effective upon the fourth judge taking office. The Committee will be updated on this so that the budget for 2023 for the Family Court Commissioner can be set correctly this year.
10. Resolution on Medication-Assisted Treatment Grant Program. Caitlyn Sailor explained that the grant covers medication and professional services to oversee the medication program and then an outpatient therapy program as well as to assist in the drug addiction and alcohol recovery program. **Moved by Wagner, seconded by Voight, to approve the resolution. All ayes.**
11. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
 - a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group. Supervisor Leichtnam updated the Committee on the Group's activities. Minutes of the Group will accompany the CEED Committee's minutes.
 - b. Joint Legislative Committee Meeting in Marathon County. The Joint Legislative Committee meetings have been re-initiated. Appreciation expressed for the actions taken by Clendenning and Pliml in accomplishing this task.
12. County Board rules. Supervisor Wagner expressed a desire to review the County's Ethics Ordinance. The matter will be placed on the August agenda.
13. Attendance at meetings. Discussed attendance at the WCA conference. The Committee expressed a desire for allowing as many county board supervisors as possible to attend. County board rule 16 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

14. Agenda items for the August 2022 meeting:
 - Review Rule 16 as to supervisors allowed at WCA Convention.
 - Review Ethics Committee/ordinance.
 - Election Integrity Resolution.
 - State-level ballot initiatives.
15. The next committee meeting will be August 5, 2022, at 9 a.m.
16. **Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Voight, to adjourn. All ayes.**
Meeting adjourned 9:45 a.m.

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

