

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: June 20, 2012
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 10:10 a.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Gerald Nelson,
 Gary Allworden, Ed Wagner, Bill Murphy
 OTHERS PRESENT: Lance Pliml, Dennis Polach, Brent Vruwink,
 Lisa Downs

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

1. Public comments. The Committee had no objection to Chairman Clendenning setting guidelines for public comments at the Judicial & Legislative meetings. Chairman Clendenning indicated he would work up specific wording for future agendas.
2. **Moved by Nelson, seconded by Wagner, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2012, Committee meeting. All ayes.**
3. The Committee reviewed correspondence. Chairman Clendenning encouraged the Judicial & Legislative members to apply for WCA steering committees. Applications are due by August.

The Committee briefly discussed the iron ore resolution that had gone to county board on June 19, 2012.

Chairman Clendenning requested that a copy of the minutes be forwarded to each committee member after they have been signed by Secretary Allworden.

Chairman Clendenning asked for feedback from the Committee members on the June 6, 2012, memo regarding appointing each Committee member for specific oversight of the departments the Committee oversees. **Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wagner, approving Chairman Clendenning's appointment of Committee members to specific department oversight.** Discussion held. Supervisor Allworden maintains that the departments should report to the Committee as a whole. Supervisor Nelson indicated that the courts/judges are frequently not available to talk to and that in the past his connection to the activities of the courts was through the Corporation Counsel. **All ayes. Motion carried.** Chairman Clendenning directed that a copy of the memo go in the County Board packet for July.

4. Legislative issues were discussed. Chairman Pliml indicated he did not plan to attend the upcoming meeting on the Budget Repair Bill. Chairman Clendenning encouraged Committee attendance at the August Regional Joint Legislative meeting to be held at the Central Wisconsin Airport. Supervisor Murphy commented that he had found it very beneficial, as a new supervisor, to attend the Regional Joint Legislative meeting on June 18, 2012.

5. The Committee reviewed department reports and monthly voucher reports:

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Allworden, to approve the reports 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.

Chairman Clendenning asked Supervisor Nelson to speak to the courts/judges about providing the Committee with a monthly report and for Supervisor Allworden to speak to Victim/Witness about providing a monthly report.

6. The Committee reviewed a claim/litigation against the County by Queinton Matthews, Jr. The complaint will be forwarded to the County Board in the July packet.
7. There were no new animal claims against the County.
8. The next Committee meeting will be July 18, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.
9. **Moved by Allworden, seconded by Murphy, to approve the bills for payment. All ayes.**
10. **Moved by Nelson, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. All ayes.**
Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes taken by Lisa Downs and approved by Gary Allworden.

/s/Gary Allworden

Gary Allworden, Secretary