

## MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: November 1, 2018  
 TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
 PLACE: Room 115 Wood County Courthouse  
 TIME ADJOURNED: 11:45 a.m.  
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,  
 Kenneth Curry, Jake Hahn  
 MEMBERS EXCUSED: Brad Hamilton  
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz, see attached list of  
 attendees.

1. At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.
2. Public comments. None at this time.
3. Chairman Clendenning asked if there were any objections to the minutes for the October 3, 2018, meeting; there were none. The minutes were accepted as drafted.
4. The Committee reviewed monthly voucher and department reports of the departments they oversee. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Curry, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.
5. The Committee met with Family Court Commissioner Richard Weymouth. Attorney Weymouth is performing more duties for the county than his predecessor at a lower cost to the county. He has many years of experience in family law.
6. There were no claims against the County.
7. There were no new animal claims.
8. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
  - a. Legislative breakfast report. Clendenning and Machon attended this function; there was nothing major to report.
  - b. Discussion on a rule for filling certain vacated constitutional offices. Wis. Stat. s. 17.21 provides that a vacancy in the office of sheriff, coroner, or register of deeds shall be filled by appointment by the governor. Vacancies in the county clerk, treasurer, and surveyor are to be filled by appointment of the county board. The question is, who develops a recommendation to the board and how? Currently there is no fixed process. Moved by Curry, seconded by Leichtnam, to have the Committee Chair work with the Human Resources Director to come up with one or more draft policy to set forth an appointment process. All ayes.

- c. Attendance at WCA Legislative Exchange tentatively set for February 5 - 6. Chairman Clendenning emphasized the importance of this event and wants three committee members to attend. Moved by Curry, seconded by Hahn, to have up to three members of the Committee attend this conference at county expense. All ayes.
- d. Central Wisconsin Days/Centergy tentatively set for February 26 - 27. This is a five-county economic development conference. The Committee Chair asked if he could attend. Moved by Curry, seconded by Hahn, to authorize the Committee Chair or his designee to attend this conference. All ayes.
- e. Report of Central Sands Water Committee. The Committee took a tour of Heartland farms, a very technologically advanced vegetable growing operation. After the tour, the Committee met and did pass a motion to send a letter to the EPA requesting invocation of Emergency Act 1431 to take whatever remedial action is deemed necessary for the Town of Armenia/Town of Port Edwards nitrate-contaminated water situation.
9. Courthouse security committee report. The Chair distinguished between courthouse and courtroom security. Reuben Van Tassel clarified that his focus is on courthouse security and this will eventually include other county buildings and operations. Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Hahn, to have the Committee Chair and Public Safety Committee Chair tour Waupaca and Portage County courthouses with the Maintenance Supervisor to review their courthouse security measures. All ayes.
10. Criminal Justice Task Force committee report. Some counties have a Criminal Justice Task Force Administrator who runs various programs, including overseeing drug court, veterans' court, and diversion programs. Judge Wolf wanted to give a heads up that the Task Force is looking into this.
11. County Board rules.
- a. Review county board committee structure. Will be discussed at a future meeting.
12. Agenda items for the November 27, 2018, and the December 7, 2018, meetings:
- Performance evaluations.
  - Constitutional offices vacancies.
  - County board committee structure.
  - Administrative Coordinator position.
13. The next committee meeting will be November 27, 2018, at 9 a.m. to discuss the county board committee structure and performance evaluations. The regular meeting will be December 7, 2018, at 9 a.m.

14. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz and approved by Kenneth Curry.

Kenneth Curry  
Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)

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