

## MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: October 7, 2022  
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
 PLACE: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse  
 TIME ADJOURNED: 10:20 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. Supervisor Voight spoke recently to a crowd in Auburndale and the audience seemed to understand and agree with the County's plans to build a new jail.
3. The minutes for the September 2, 2022, meeting were reviewed. **Moved by Wagner, seconded by Zurfluh, to approve the minutes. All ayes.**
4. The Committee reviewed the claims of Bryan Keith and Ben Pies. These claims will be provided to the county board.
5. There were no new animal claims against the County.
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. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
  - a. Citizens Groundwater Group report. Brief summary given.
  - b. Resolution on real estate transfer fee revenue sharing. **Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Wagner, to send the resolution on to the county board. All ayes.**
  - c. Application on cap on meeting attendance. **Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to change the cap to 135 maximum meetings per year.** Discussion had. **1 aye, 4 nays.** Supervisor Clendenning voted aye.
  - d. Resolution on Assistant District Attorney salaries. **Moved by Wagner, seconded by Voight, to present the resolution to the county board. All ayes.**
  - e. Resolution for legislation to grant benefits to Hmong veterans. **Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to present the resolution to the county board. All ayes.**

- f. Amendment to Ordinance 236 on hemp-derived cannabinoids.  
**Moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to present the resolution to the county board. All ayes.**
- g. Resolution to increase Child Support funding.  
**Moved by Voight, seconded by Leichtnam, to present the resolution to the county board. All ayes.**
8. Minimal discussion of employee hours. No action taken.
9. Discussion of employee wages.  
Supervisor Wagner advised the average employee would receive 4.87% even though the COLA would be 2%.  
Supervisor Fischer discussed the difference between COLA and step increases and suggested a 3% COLA due to inflation.  
**Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Leichtnam, to grant a 3.5% COLA.**  
**Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Voight, to amend it from 3.5% to 3%. 3 ayes.** Wagner and Zurfluh voted no.  
**Motion on 3%. 3 ayes.** Wagner and Zurfluh voted no.
10. Ethics Ordinance. Discussion had. Some potential issues identified. The Committee will contemplate this and further discuss at the November Committee meeting.
11. County Board rules. No additional action taken.
12. Department head performance reviews. Department heads will do self-evaluations.
13. Attendance at meetings.  
Supervisor Zurfluh attended a meeting related to child support and Chairman Clendenning attended a legislative breakfast.  
**Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Clendenning, to pay for these per diems. 4 ayes.** Zurfluh abstained.
14. Agenda items for the November 2022 meeting:
- Department head performance reviews.
  - Ethics Ordinance.
15. The next committee meeting will be November 4, 2022, at 9 a.m.
16. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 10:20 a.m.

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

