

## MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: May 7, 2021  
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
 PLACE: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse  
 TIME ADJOURNED: 11:14 a.m.  
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,  
 Kenneth Curry, Ed Wagner, Joseph Zurfluh  
 OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Kastenholz. See attached list.

1. At 9:00 a.m., the meeting was called to order. The Chair pointed out the meeting is no longer being recorded.
2. Public comments. None.
3. The minutes for the April 1, 2021, meeting were reviewed. There being no objections, the minutes were deemed approved by the Chair.
4. The Committee reviewed the claim of Abby and Kevin Hoffman. This claim 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 Zurfluh, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the reports and payment of department vouchers. All ayes.**

Discussion had on a position description for the Administrative Coordinator. The Committee will set the matter for discussion at its next meeting and will work with Human Resources Director McGrath on this.

7. The Committee reviewed correspondence and legislative issues.
  - a. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group. Supervisor Leichtnam hit the high points of the group's April 19 meeting where Professor George Kraft spoke. Kraft explained that the data is available but the political will or resolve has not been present to do what obviously needs to be done in protecting groundwater from nitrogen contamination. The next meeting will be Monday, May 17.
  - b. Eau Claire County resolution, re: Strengthen hate crime statutes. **Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Zurfluh, to present a resolution to the county board similar to the Eau Claire County resolution. All ayes.**

- c. Washington County resolution, re: Increase in criminal/ordinance surcharge. No action taken.
  - d. Washington County resolution, re: Duplicate copies of transcripts for search warrants. No action taken.
  - e. Green Lake County resolution, re: Wildlife damage program changes. **Moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to co-sponsor a resolution with the CEED committee to oppose a legislative effort to remove the Wildlife Damage Abatement Program from the county and transfer the responsibility to the DNR. All ayes.**
  - f. Wood County Census and Redistricting. Chairman Pliml explained the problem being addressed by the WCA and municipalities in Wisconsin on dealing with the delayed promulgation of census data and when redistricting should be addressed. Practically speaking, there will be insufficient time to perform the redistricting process in time for the filing of nomination papers this fall. **Moved by Curry, seconded by Clendenning, to extend the completion time frame of redistricting until 2022. Motion to table by Clendenning. No second. 2 ayes, 3 nays, Motion lost.**
8. County Board rules.
- a. Rule 12, speaking at meetings by non-supervisors Olivia Chasteen, resident of Pittsville, expressed concern over giving the board the ability to forgo public comments. Committee directed Corporation Counsel to prepare another rewrite of Rule 12 and present same at the next meeting.
  - b. Rule 30, number of per diems allowed annually for county board supervisors attending meetings. Chairman Clendenning wants to change the current rule that limits the meetings a supervisor can attend to 125 meetings per year by increasing it by 15. No action taken.
9. Use of County logo.
- Moved by Wagner, seconded by Curry, that non-county use of the county logo must be approved by a county committee.**  
**Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Zurfluh, to eliminate committee and insert Corporation Counsel. All ayes on motion to amend.**  
**Motion as amended approved unanimously.**

10. Number of supervisors, per diems, and salary for next term of office. **Moved by Wagner, seconded by Zurfluh, to leave the salaries and per diems as they are. All ayes.**
11. Mask mandate. Supervisor Clendenning expressed concern over the automatic cancelling of the County's mask mandate when the state's mandate expired by court order. Resident Tim Zanders spoke in favor of the County imposing a mask mandate in the county.  
**Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Clendenning, to re-impose the County's mask mandates in County buildings. Discussion had. 4 ayes; Supervisor Curry voted no.**
12. ADRC proposal to have a separate meal site in Wausau for Hmongs. Jonette Arms, ADRC Director, explained that ethnic-oriented dining sites are not unusual and help to draw minority populations to the meal program. Arms explained that there was only one Hmong elderly person who went to a meal site in 2019. She explained that the Hmong have a different palate preference and are very underserved. This is not an attempt to segregate but rather to serve those in need. Others felt this is not encouraging the unifying of the different cultures that is very much needed.
13. Attendance at meetings.  
**Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Wagner, to grant Leichtnam a per diem for attending the Drug Task Force meeting. All ayes.**  
**Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Leichtnam, to grant Clendenning a per diem for attendance at the State legislature's regional Finance Committee meeting. All ayes.**
14. Agenda items for the June 2021 meeting:
- Administrative Coordinator Position Description
  - Rewrite of County Board Rule #12
15. The next committee meeting will be June 4, 2021, at 9 a.m.
16. At 11 a.m., pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c), **moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Leichtnam, to go into closed session to discuss Criminal Justice Coordinator completing probationary period. All ayes.**
17. At 11:14 a.m., **moved by Wagner, seconded by Leichtnam, to return to open session. All ayes.**
18. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 11:14 a.m.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz.

# Judicial & Legislative Committee Meeting

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	REPRESENTING
Tiffany Ringer	ROD
LANE PLUM	
DENNIS POLACH	WCB # 14
Tim Zander	
REUBEN VAN TOSSEL	WC MAINT.
Kim McGram	HR
AV Participants	
Rhonda James	ADRC
Trent Miner	County Clerk
Jonette Arms	ADRC Director
Olivia Chasteen	Concerned Citizen
Sue Konferman	Health Dept. Director
Mary Anderson	Register in Probate