# JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 15, 2019

TIME: 9:15 a.m.

**LOCATION: Room 317A, Wood County Courthouse** 

1. Call meeting to order.

- 2. Public comments. Now or at the time the item is taken up. Rules may apply.
- 3. Review resolution to create a procedure on filling certain vacated constitutional offices.
- 4. Review resolution for referendum on permitting use of medical marijuana and legalizing marijuana.
- 5. Adjourn.

# WOOD COUNTY



**RESOLUTION#** 

ITEM# 5-

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Introduced by

Judicial & Legislative Committee

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Motion:		Adopted:
1 <sup>st</sup>		Lost:
2 <sup>nd</sup>		Tabled:
No:	Yes:	Absent:
Number	of votes requi	red:
X Majority		Two-thirds
Reviewed	by: PAK	, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by:		, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To approve the implementation of a standardized process for filling the positions of vacated constitutional offices (elected department head positions).

FISCAL NOTE: None.

WHEREAS, periodically a mid-term vacancy in one of the county's constitutional offices will arise and there will be a need to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term and historically the county board chair and vice-chair have worked with Human Resources to recruit and interview candidates for the positions that the county board is responsible for filling, and

WHEREAS, the Judicial & Legislative Committee has studied the process and had requested the Human Resources Director to develop a standardized process for such vacancies so that there are no questions or confusion in the future, and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director has developed the attached Vacated Constitutional Office Procedure that the Committee has reviewed and would like the County Board to implement.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to adopt the attached Vacated Constitutional Office Procedure.



# **Vacated Constitutional Office Procedure**

In regards to a mid-term vacancy of a constitutional office, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 35.18, Wood County is committed to filling the vacancy in the most fair and ethical manner possible. County constitutional office vacancies will be handled according to this procedure. For purposes of this procedure, a mid-term vacancy occurs when the public office is vacated by the incumbent due to death, resignation, removal, or the cessation of residency from the district of which the incumbent is elected to serve.

### Wood County Treasurer, County Clerk, or Surveyor during mid-term vacancy:

- By appointment of the County Board for the remainder of the unexpired term per the following procedure:
  - The oversight Committee Chairperson and/or Vice-Chair directs Human Resources (HR) to post the vacant position per standard process.
    - If the unexpired term of office is less than six months away, the Committee can decide whether to post the vacancy for an appointment or to appoint an Interim Deputy for the remainder of the term. This flexibility will allow the Committee to make an informed decision based on the department's priorities and commitments and the availability/interest of a department Deputy.
  - The oversight Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chair review the applicants and select qualified candidates to invite for interviews.
  - The oversight Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chair, along with HR, select the dates to interview candidates and finalize interview questions. HR will extend interview invitations to candidates.
  - The oversight Committee Chairperson directs the County Clerk's office to post the meeting notice and indicate in the agenda that interviews occur in closed session.
  - Human Resources will notify all County Board Supervisors, via email, of the dates/times of interviews.
  - o After all interviews have concluded, based on consensus of the oversight Committee members, an offer of employment will be presented to the final candidate.
  - Wood County Board of Supervisors approves the appointment at their next scheduled meeting.

# Wood County Sheriff, Coroner, or Register of Deeds during mid-term vacancy:

By appointment of the governor for the remainder of the unexpired term

#### **Wood County Clerk of Courts during mid-term vacancy:**

 By appointment of the majority of the judges of the Wood County Circuit Court for the remainder of the unexpired term

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1 LaFontaine, D

2 Rozar, D

3 Feirer, M

4 Zaleski, J 5 Fischer, A

6 Breu, A

7 Ashbeck, R 8 Hahn, J

9 Winch, W

11 Curry, K 12 Machon, D

10 Holbrook, M

13 Hokamp, M

18 Hamilton, B

19 Leichtnam, B

15 Clendenning, B 16 Pliml, L 17 Zurfluh, J

14 Polach, D

# **RESOLUTION#**

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NO YES

Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize two advisory referendum questions on the April 2, 2019, ballot to measure public opinion in Wood County as to permitting the use of medical marijuana as well as to legalize its use for adults

21 and over.

Adopted: Motion: 1 st Lost:  $2^{nd}$ Tabled: No: Yes: Absent: Number of votes required: X Majority Two-thirds Reviewed by: PAK , Corp Counsel Reviewed by: , Finance Dir.

FISCAL NOTE: The estimated cost to add this referendum to the ballot is less than \$1,000, which will cover printing, programming, and other election related activities.

WHEREAS, a non-binding referendum can gauge public opinion and give voters an opportunity to learn about a public health issue that will likely be before the state legislature, and

WHEREAS, in order to determine if the voters of Wood County support or oppose the legalization of marijuana strictly for medical use when prescribed by a doctor or for recreational use, the County Board may conduct a countywide advisory referendum, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 59.52(25) as a part of the Spring Election on April 2, 2019, and

WHEREAS, citizens have strong feelings for and against the use of marijuana but it can be difficult to ascertain the public sentiment without allowing for confidential voting on the matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to conduct two countywide advisory referendums at the April 2, 2019, ballot. The first referendum shall read as follows:

Should marijuana be legal for adults, 21 years of age and older, for recreational and medical use, which will be taxed and regulated like alcohol?

### **Explanatory Statement**

A vote of "yes" for this measure means the voter believes the use of marijuana should be legalized for those 21 years of age and older.

A vote of "no" for this measure means the voter believes the use of marijuana should not be legalized for those 21 years of age and older.

The second referendum shall read as follows:

Should marijuana be legal for medical purposes only and available only by prescription through a medical dispensary?

### **Explanatory Statement**

A vote of "yes" for this measure means the voter believes the use of marijuana should be legalized only for medical purposes.

A vote of "no" for this measure means the vote believes the use of marijuana should not be legalized for medical nurnoses

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