

## MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: December 2, 2022  
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
 PLACE: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse  
 TIME ADJOURNED: 9:56 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. None at this time.
3. The minutes for the November 4, 2022, meeting were reviewed. **Moved by Voight, seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the minutes. All ayes.**
4. There were no new claims/notices of injury against the County.
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. Report of Citizens Groundwater Group.  
Supervisor Leichtnam provided his monthly update. The minutes of the group's last meeting will be in the county board packet.
  - b. Policy on referendum explanations. Chair Clendenning explained that with the last referendum there were lots of questions from the public on the impact of it. Clendenning shared that the County Clerk does provide information to the public on every referendum but some folks just do not access the data.
8. County Board rules. None brought up for discussion.
9. ARPA funds for employee bonuses. Chair Clendenning wants to use some of the ARPA funds for employee bonuses. Discussion had on what the best use of ARPA funds is. **Moved by Clendenning to give ARPA bonuses for employees of: \$1,000 for full-time employees, \$750 for part-time employees, and \$200 for casual employees. The motion lost for a lack of a second.** Further discussion had. No action taken.

10. Violence in the Workplace Prevention Program. Human Resources Director McGrath gave an update on the Violence in the Workplace policy; said policy update is in draft form and will be going to the Operations Committee at its next meeting. Supervisor Wagner, Chair of the Operations Committee, explained that any changes to the policy would be brought before the county board. No action taken.
11. Ethics Ordinance.  
**Moved by Leichtnam, seconded by Wagner, to send the modified policy on to the county board for approval with the change suggested by Supervisor Leichtnam. All ayes.** (Supervisor Leichtnam's change is the adding of language explaining that complaints by the public need to go through and be sponsored by a county board supervisor.)
12. Central Wisconsin State Fair Board. Discussion had on the operations of the Fair Association. No action taken.
13. Attendance at meetings. No requests were presented.
14. No specific agenda items for the January 2023 meeting. Requests for specific items should be communicated to the Chair.
15. The next committee meeting will be January 6, 2023, at 9 a.m.
16. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 9:56 a.m.

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

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Trent Miner	County Clerk
Ed Newton	FINANCE
Jeff Ferrel	#11
Kim McGram	HR
Adam Fischer	County Board #5
R VAUTASSER	MAINT.
Lance Prime	WCB
Tiffany Ringer	ROD
Brent Vreuwink	CSA
Craig Lambert	D.A.
AV Participants	
Mary Anderson	Register in Probate
Amy Kaup	IT Director
Kimberly Stimac	Clerk of Courts