

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: November 4, 2022
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 10:35 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 October 7, 2022, meeting were reviewed. **Moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Wagner, to approve the minutes. All ayes.**
4. There were no new claims.
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 Voight, seconded by Leichtnam, 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 gave an update. The focus was on the goals of the committee and its means of operation.
 - b. Waupaca County resolution - Operation Green Light.
Wood County Veterans Service Officer Rock Larson advised that the Green Light program was not an area that he felt justified use of their limited resources.
 - c. Jackson County and Sawyer County resolutions - Private Funding of Elections. No action taken at this time.
8. Employee safety concerns. Safety Coordinator/Risk Manager Nick Flugaur spoke on developing a policy on limited exemptions to the firearms ban in County buildings. The Wisconsin County Mutual has set out suggested guidelines for such a policy and Human Resources is working on drafting the policy. Questions and concerns were expressed about allowing firearms in County buildings. It was noted that the courthouse cannot be part of any exemptions. Much discussion had. Baker Street crosswalk was also discussed.

9. County Board rules. No discussion.
10. Review Ethics Ordinance. Kastenholz explained some proposed updates to the ordinance, including: membership, method of appointment, the scope of coverage of the ordinance with respect to who constitutes "immediate family," a more detailed hearing process, and the means of appealing a decision of the Ethics Committee. The Committee directed that the matter be included on next month's agenda and a final draft be submitted to the Committee for its review.
11. Attendance at meetings. No requests sought.
12. Agenda items for the December 2022 meeting:
 - Ethics Ordinance
 - Discuss policy on referendum explanations.
13. The next committee meeting will be December 2, 2022, at 9 a.m.
14. At 9:56 a.m., pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c), it was moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Wagner, to go into closed session for department head performance reviews. All ayes.
15. At 10:35 a.m., it was moved by Clendenning, seconded by Zurfluh, to return to open session. All ayes.
16. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 10:35 a.m.

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

