

MINUTES JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 6, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – Room 133

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam, William Voight, Russ Perlock, Tim Hovendick

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Hovendick/Perlock to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The 2 dog license claims from Castlerock Veterinary Hospital were received. Corp Counsel Flanagan noted items within the invoices that are not allowable expenses of the dog fund and recommended deducting those. Motion by Voight/Hovendick to pay the following:
 - Invoice #288769 - \$118.15
 - Invoice #289327 - \$445.80Motion carried unanimously
5. The vouchers and reports from the departments the committee oversees were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Hovendick/Perlock to approve them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Criminal Justice Coordinator Jolee presented a resolution amending the 2026 Victim Witness budget in order to hire a 0.5 FTE program assistant with grant funds. Motion by Leichtnam/Hovendick to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration.
7. A resolution amending the 2025 budget for Child Support was reviewed. Motion by Clendenning/Hovendick to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
8. The committee reviewed County Board Rule 4.04(A) – Recognition. The long standing rule has been to rise when addressing the county board after recognition by the chair. The committee reviewed the current practice and decided to recommend to the county board that the rule remain with the edit “if able”. Motion by Leichtnam/Voight to direct the County Clerk to develop a resolution with the suggested wording to stand “if able”. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Register of Deeds Ringer requested approval of out-of-state travel to attend the Fidlar Symposium in Illinois. Motion by Clendenning/Voight to approve the out-of-state travel request. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Criminal Justice Coordinator Ksionek, District Attorney Barnett, and Human Services Deputy Director Miloch reviewed a current pilot diversion program that has been started in the county. It is being patterned after the Portage County example and has proven to save on jail bed days and lowers recidivism rates. They discussed funding moving forward and how the program is anticipated to operate.

11. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

12. Motion by Clendenning/Leichtnam to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 9:43 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

Judicial & Legislative Committee
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NAME	REPRESENTING
Katie Miloch	HSD
Nick Flanagan	Corp Counsel
Tiffany Ritzger	ROD
Dillon Kinnell	Comm Justice
Brent Vroman	CSA
Cristin Jolee	Victim Witness / DA
Jonathan Barnett	DA
Brad Hamilton (WebEx)	CB District 18
Kimberly Stinac (WebEx)	Clerk of Courts
Darrin Steinbach (WebEx)	Finance