

MINUTES
JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 7, 2025

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 302

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

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

1. Vice Chair Voight called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Hovendick/Perlock to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The claims of JoAnn Olson/Sewayna E. Bombagi, Zimmer & Rens, et al, and Curtis Orlowski were reviewed and will be provided to the county board.
5. The vouchers and reports from the departments the committee oversees were reviewed. Motion by Leichtnam/Perlock to approve them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Supervisor Leichtnam provided a report of the Citizens Water Group.
7. Clerk of Courts Stimac presented a resolution requesting a larger state contribution to the operations of the court system. Motion by Perlock/Leichtnam to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
8. District Attorney Barnett informed the committee that he will be purchasing a computer program to allow his office to do online redaction and e-filing. Wood County is one of only 2 counties in the state that still use paper for court filings. The cost of this program can be absorbed by underspent lines within his budget.
9. Barnett requested the committee to approve converting a Legal Assistant position to an Office Manager position. He reviewed the current office structure and cost of converting this position. Motion by Leichtnam/Hovendick to approve the conversion of a Legal Assistant position to an Office Manager position in the District Attorney office. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Corp Counsel Flanagan led the committee through the draft county board rules that were discussed last month, with some edits being made. Work will continue on the rules with a new section being looked at for next month.
11. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025, at 9:00 AM.
12. Vice Chair Voight declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

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

