

Chair Sig Hjemvick called to order the meeting of the Legislative & Judicial Committee at 9:02 a.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2011, in Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Public meeting notice was given to the public more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

Legislative & Judicial Committee Members Present: Chair Sig Hjemvick, Ron De Bruyne, Jim Behling, Gene Ciszek and Steve Favorite.

Others Present: Scott Jensen, Joy Schmitz, Martha Milanowski, Judge Neal Nielsen and Beth Carter.

Motion by S. Favorite, seconded by G. Ciszek to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order of the Chair. All voting aye, carried.

Motion by G. Ciszek, seconded by S. Favorite to approve the April 12, 2011, minutes. All voting aye, carried.

Veterans Service Office Matters: Veterans Service Officer Scott Jensen submitted and reviewed the expenditure guideline and vouchers for the Veterans Service Office. Committee members signed vouchers as presented.

Mr. Jensen reported the following: Mr. Jensen briefly discussed the Memorial Day schedule and the training session that he attended in La Crosse last month.

Mr. Jensen has been in contract with Dick Decker and Todd Achterberg from the Derby Track. They have tentatively scheduled July 4, 2012 for the Moving Wall (Vietnam Veterans Memorial) to come to Vilas County. It's smaller in size that travels around the United States. The Veterans Service Office will be involved in the planning. Cost: \$10,000.00. There will be no funding from Vilas County to cover this cost. Mr. Jensen will check with the County's Corporation Counsel to see whether or not Mr. Jensen can solicit funds or if there are any other possible conflicts and report back to the Committee next month.

Mr. Jensen explained to the Committee the Veterans Court System that has been developing throughout the State of Wisconsin. There has been movement towards a Veterans Court System in several counties most recently because of the Iraq and Afghanistan veterans returning home and transitioning back into the community who become involved in drugs and alcohol and suffering from issues relating to their military service. The Veteran Court System first started in Rock County and it is now spreading throughout the state. Currently, there are 49 Counties involved with Veterans Court. The system does not treat the veteran any differently for arrest or prosecution. Instead of incarceration, it directs the veteran through a rehabilitation program strictly monitored by the District Attorney. Mr. Jensen will discuss the matter further with the Judge and the District Attorney and report back to the committee.

Child Support Matters: Child Support Director Joy Schmitz submitted and reviewed the expenditure guideline and vouchers for the Child Support office. Committee signed vouchers as presented.

Ms. Schmitz reported the following: Ms. Schmitz reported that a work station in the Child support office will be assessed Friday, May 13, 2011. Mr. Schmitz attended the *Director's Dialogue Conference* in April and reported the following: Reviewed Performance Measurers for Unproductive Arrears Cases,

Support Order Rate, Paternity Establishment Rate, CSUP Collection and the Performance Indicator Scores and Incentives Earned reports.

Ms. Schmitz is requesting approval for herself and a Child Support Specialist to attend *Developing Emotional Intelligence* training in Wausau, Wisconsin, on September 13, 2011. Cost to the County: Time and mileage. Motion by G. Ciszek, seconded by S. Favorite to approve as requested. All voting aye, carried.

Ms. Schmitz informed the committee that an employee is out on Family Medical Leave.

Judicial Matters: Judge Neal Nielsen appeared at 9:50 a.m. to discuss the concept of having a committee of jurisdiction that would not have oversight of the courts because they are an independent entity but at least someplace where information, concerns and on-going dialogue could be shared with the board and be familiar with issues that are emerging in the Courts. Periodically matters could be known to the committee when changes in procedures and how the courts are doing things that are of interest to the board. *Judicial Update* will be on all future agendas and Judge Nielsen will be noticed monthly. The Judge informed the committee that he may not be available to appear every month because of court conflicts.

Corporation Counsel Report: Corporation Counsel Martha Milanowski submitted and reviewed the expenditure guideline, vouchers for the Corporation Counsel's office and monthly reports showing the written requests and new cases for April.

Ms. Milanowski reported the following: Ms Milanowski brought to the committee's attention that the Corporation Counsel Confidential Secretary's wages is close to the Assistant Corporation Counsel's salary.

Ms. Milanowski informed the committee that she worked an additional forty (40) hours in March and an additional thirty (30) hours in April due to Personnel and the Budget Repair Bill.

Ms. Milanowski attended a two (2) day meeting in Stevens Point: Free Continuing Legal Education and discussed various activities and cases of the Corporation Counsel's office.

Standing Rules: Procedures for the succession of County Board members was discussed. Corporation Counsel will draft a procedure for the succession of County Board members for the committee to consider at next month's meeting.

S. Favorite would like to see future discussion on the structure of meetings. Perhaps there is a better way of doing business where re-structuring committee could be more efficient.

Legislative Update: No discussion.

Out of County Travel: Corporation Counsel Martha Milanowski is requesting approval to attend a Highway mediation case in Wausau, Wisconsin on June 7, 2011. Motion by r. DeBruyne, seconded by S. Favorie to approve as requested. All voting aye, carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion by G. Ciszek, seconded by R. DeBruyne to approve the Veteran Service vouchers, the Child Support vouchers and the Corporation Counsel vouchers, as presented. All voting aye, carried.

Letters and Communications: None.

Next Meeting Date: June 13, 2011.

Chairman Hjemvick announced there is no further business on the agenda. This meeting stands adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Submitted by: Beth Carter