



## **LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday May 9, 2019**

The Legal Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Leis, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019 in Room 309 at the Courthouse Annex.

Members Present: Mike Leis, David Eggen, Justin Running and Kay Stanek. Dave Strudthoff was absent.

Others in attendance were David Abt, Nicki Swayne, Phil Hewitt, Connie McCullick, Darcy Rood, Dave Stouvenel, Amanda Hoff, Shawn Redington, Lonnie Muller, Gail Muller, Mary Bringe, Diane McGinnis, Dennis Brault, Tim Hundt, Roger Call, Nate Campbell, Pam Eitland, Serena Inman, Adrian Amelse, Rachel Hanson, Michael Windle and Ron Hoff.

**Affirmation of proper public notice of meeting was given.**

**Review of the April 11, 2019 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as written by Eggen, second by Stanek. Motion carried.**

**Review/approval of vouchers/budget status. Motion by Eggen, second by Running to approve the vouchers presented at the May 9, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.**

**Audience to Visitors – None**

**Dave Stouvenel regarding discrimination and response to Corporation Counsel Letter.** Stouvenel stated he has three issues to bring to the committee. #1 Discrimination against my family and myself. Stouvenel stated he has been prevented from voting twice and subtle slander and defamation. #2 Corporation Counsel failed to answer his question on what is prohibited by Article 1 section 14 in our Wisconsin Constitution. #3 Discussed four page document on continuing litigation that involves serious national security issues from 1998 court case. Leis stated he should contact our State and Federal Representatives.

**Resolution Citizens United. Motion by Eggen, second by Running to approve the resolution and present it to the full County Board at their next meeting. Motion carried.** Eggen would like this on the April 2020 ballot.

**Loss Control report & Workers Compensation report.** Hoff reported loss control stating we still have open claims for the Nursing Home (1) and Human Resources (2). The Highway claim has been discontinued. For 2019 Workers Compensation we have 10 claims, zero lost time and \$3,532.52 total paid.

**Corporation Counsel Survey.** Leis stated the survey was a surprise and Legal Affairs Committee did not know the questions on the survey. Phil Hewitt stated Swayne does excellent service. Nate Campbell stated he is very happy with their work. Connie McCullick stated she is very satisfied with their work. Ron Hoff stated he is very happy with their work. Amanda Hoff is satisfied with her work. Darcy Rood stated Swayne is an excellent Attorney and appears in court regularly and is always prepared. Rood is very impressed with her work. Rood stated Swayne won a case for Vernon Manor and collected \$80,000. Rood stated the Clerk of Courts and Register in Probate are very happy with her work.

**Review of Corporation Counsel Evaluation/Survey.**

The Chair will entertain a motion to enter into closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c), "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." **Motion by Running, second by Stanek to enter into closed session. All in favor.** The Committee entered into closed session. **Motion by Eggen, second by Running to reconvene into open session. Motion carried.** The Committee Reconvened in open session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(2).

**Nikki Swayne, Abt Swayne Law Conferring with Legal Counsel with Respect to Kica ERD Claim.** The Chair will entertain a motion to enter into a closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. **Motion by Running, Second by Stanek to enter into closed session. All in favor.** The Committee entered into closed session. **Motion by Running, second by Eggen to reconvene in open session. Motion carried.** The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(2). May act on items in closed session.

**Board Rules – Concerning Land Sales.** Brault stated he would like to amend the Board Rules as follows: Quit Claim Deeds requires a majority vote and County farm land annexed to the City of Viroqua within the Tax Incremental District a majority vote of the Buildings and Facilities Committee shall oversee the sale of this property. **Motion by Running, second by Stanek to amend the County Board Rules as follows: Quit Claim Deeds requires a majority vote and County farm land annexed to the City of Viroqua within the Tax Incremental District a majority vote of the Buildings and Facilities Committee shall oversee the sale of this property. Motion carried.**

**Corporation Counsel Update with Nikki Swayne.** Swayne will give an update at next month's meeting.

**Set next meeting.** June 13, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 309, third floor Courthouse Annex.

**Motion by Eggen, second by Running to adjourn at 1:58 p.m. Motion carried.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Ron Hoff, County Clerk