



LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday, December 12, 2019

The Legal Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Leis, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2019 in Room 102 of the Courthouse Annex.

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

Others in attendance were Ron Hoff, Nikki Swayne and Rachel Hanson.

Affirmation of proper public notice of meeting was given.

4. Review of the November 14, 2019 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as written by Stanek second by Strudthoff. Motion carried.

5. Review/approval of vouchers/budget status. Motion by Running, second by Eggen to approve the vouchers presented at the December 12, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

6. Audience to Visitors – None

7. Committee Members reports/questions – Eggen asked if Abt Law could check so see if the County could keep a larger share of dollars of citations issued. Abt Law will research the law on this.

8. Rules of the Board – The committee discussed the number of signatures needed for County Advisory Referendums. Leis feels 2,500 signatures is a fair number of signatures. The committee discussed the pros and cons.

9. 11:45 a.m. open bids, discuss and act on bids received on tax deed parcel sales. 1. Town of Wheatland – parcel #040-00217-000. 2. Town of Wheatland – parcel #'s 040-00120-0005 & 040-00122-000. City of Hillsboro – parcel # 236-00137-000. 4. Village of DeSoto – parcel # 116-00047-000. 5. Village of Readstown – 176-00009-000. Approve and sign resolution to accept approved bids on the above parcels. Resolution to go to the full County Board on January 28, 2020.

Hanson stated we only received one bid. The bid received was in the City of Hillsboro, parcel #236-00137-000. Hanson stated the minimum bid was \$5,000 and the bid was for \$5,001.00. Motion by Stanek, second by Strudthoff to accept the bid for \$5,001.00 for parcel #236-00137-000 in the City of Hillsboro. Motion carried. Hanson stated a bid was sent overnight FedEx which was supposed to be here at 8:30 but has not arrived yet for the 3.7 acres. Hanson stated there are no other bids for that parcel and asked once received if she could accept the bid. Motion by Running, second by Eggen to accept offers over minimums until December 16, 2019 at 4:30 and then post any extras on Wisconsin Surplus Auctions. Motion carried.

The committee moved back to Item 8, Rules of the Board. The Committee continued the discussion of the number of signatures that are needed. The committee will continue to discuss this at next month's meeting.

10. Review and possible action regarding amendment to Ordinance 58 – Taxation in order to make ordinance consistent with State Law. Swayne explained the County Ordinance is stronger than the State Statutes, 1% versus 5% interest on delinquent taxes. Swayne stated she has been working with Rachel Hanson. Swayne stated the counties are empowered by statute to enact an ordinance adding an additional penalty of 0.5 percent per month. Hanson feels this is a hardship on citizens. Swayne stated it is in the best interest for the County to repeal the

ordinance. Motion by Running, second by Eggen to approve the resolution and send to the full County Board for approval at their January 28, 2020 full County Board meeting. Motion carried.

11. Ron Hoff, County Clerk – Loss Control Report & Workers Compensation report - Hoff reported loss control stating we still have open claim for the Nursing Home (1), Volten case trial date is set for July 13 – July 17, 2020, Human Resources (2), Human Services (1) and Sheriff (1). For 2019 Workers Compensation we have 49 claims, zero lost time and \$26,770.55 total paid. Lost time does not count until the third day. County Mutual has given us a dividend of \$3,400.86. Hoff stated we are \$38,000 over budget.

12. Corporation Counsel Update with Nikki Swayne, Abt Swayne Law. Swayne stated she has been working with the Sheriff's Department on the radio towers and purchase of used tower or small parcel of land. Swayne stated she has been working with the Highway Department on the melter machine that was purchased new and does not work and with the Zoning department on issues on enforcement. Swayne stated she would like to attend two conferences. The committee feels Swayne should attend the two conferences.

13. Set next meeting. Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 102, first floor Courthouse Annex.

Motion by Running, second by Eggen to adjourn at 12:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Ron Hoff, County Clerk