



## **LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday, April 10, 2014**

The Legal Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Kevin Gobel, at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014 in room 308 of the Courthouse Annex.

Members Present: Kevin Gobel, Jerry Cade, Sherman Erlandson, Jerry Johnson, and A. Richard Brose.

Others in attendance were Gregory M. Lunde, Tena Fredrickson

**Affirmed proper public notice of meeting.**

**Review of the March 13, 2014 meeting minutes:**

**Motion by Erlandson/second by Brose to approve the minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Next was Review of vouchers and Corp. Counsel Budget status:**

**Motion by Cade/second by Erlandson to approve the vouchers/transfers. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Gobel asked Lunde about whether there were any outstanding legal bills and Lunde stated no, that everything is paid in full with the exception of pending claims not even billed to us yet.

**Next was Audience to Visitors:** None

**Next was closed session regarding legal counsel/litigation:**

**Motion by Johnson/second by Brose to enter into closed session at 11:07 a.m.** Fredrickson left the committee for the duration of the closed session.

**Motion by Erlandson/second by Cade to re-enter into open session at 11:29 a.m.**

**Next, Lunde updated the committee on Robert Rules of Order:** Lunde discussed the Wisconsin Counties Association's Official Handbook and stated that his office has been informed that a new edition will be made available soon and that he had received permission from the County Board Chair to take funds out of his registration and training budget as well as County Board budget to obtain 35 copies so that every County Board member will get one and everyone will have access to the policies and procedures this book describes.

**Next was Committee member's reports/questions and Corporation Counsel update:**

Erlandson stated that he recently questioned the Highway Safety Department about no fishing and no trespassing signs on public roads, inquiring as to the legality of square footage and right-of-way from the roadway and/or bridge where it is legal to fish from. Cade stated that the Department of Natural Resources controls all of that, and Lunde stated that the Highway Safety Committee is the appropriate place to ask a question of that nature.

Lunde informed the committee that guardianships and mental commitments numbers are way up and are legitimate commitments; many being over doses and such, just as they have been for the past 6 months. Johnson asked about juveniles and what's happening with them and where do they go, and Lunde stated they go to a residential treatment facility, though it's hard to find an open bed for them as those places are so full. Cade asked what the biggest problem causing the volume of mental commitments was and Lunde stated drugs (Heroin); "Straight A honor-roll kids are trying it once and then they don't stop".

On another topic, Lunde stated that the last bid for the relocation project will be accomplished tomorrow for the Land and Water Department. He stated there have been some tough situations that have occurred due to the long winter regarding manure pits. Cade stated that manure pits are the hardest to control when you have to abide by weight limits and road bans. Lunde stated that Land and Water is working to get people to put in pits that are more than sufficient for the number of cattle they have because they fill up so fast, especially if we get several inches of rain. Lunde also stated that 99% of farmers in Vernon County are really good about working with the Land and Water Department however, and he has found that they are working to establish a list of farmers that will take excess manure when someone calls in for advice with a full pit.

**Next meeting date** was tentatively set for May 8, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

**Motion by Erlandson/second by Cade to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tena M. Fredrickson, Corporation Counsel Administrative Assistant.