

**MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE & JUDICIAL COMMITTEE
MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021
6:00 p.m.
County Board Room**

Mr. Bier called the meeting to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Members present were: Barney Bier (Chairman), Raquel Piazza, Todd Duesterhaus and Theresa Bockhold.

Others present were: Gary Farha, Todd Eyler, Ryan Niekamp, Lori Geschwandner, and Anthony Foster.

The Committee reviewed the bills and they all appeared to be in order. Chairman Bier did state that he noticed the minute orders cost \$0.42 per minute order. Mr. Farha stated that until COVID came, he was under the impression we were working to get away from the minute orders. Chairman Bier stated he wasn't complaining, but it was more so mind opening.

The Committee tabled approval of the last month's meeting minutes.

Mr. Niekamp talked about the change of polling locations for the February 23, 2021 primary. Mr. Niekamp stated that the change would impact St. Vincent's Home, IL. Veteran's Home and Good Samaritan Home. St. Vincent's Home and the IL. Veteran's Home would be moving to the National Guard Armory just like they did in the November General and April Primary due to COVID-19. Chairman Bier asked Mr. Niekamp if he would be presenting this to the County Board at their next meeting and Mr. Niekamp replied that he would under the Legislative Committee. Chairman Bier thought there should be no issues approving the resolution.

Chairman Bier stated that there were no appointments, firework permits, or liquor licenses to approve this month, or county code changes.

Chairman Bier asked if everyone received a copy of the resolution he sent out earlier today – around 3PM. Chairman Bier presented Resolution# 2021-01-401-002 – Case Management Software Contract for the State's Attorney's Office. Chairman Bier stated that the overall cost of the program is in excess of \$70,000.00 but stated \$40,000.00 would be paid for this year and is included in the budget. It's a state-of-the-art program and will be presented at the next county board meeting along with the finance committee as we would be on the hook for \$30,000.00 next year as well. Gary Farha wanted to thank Chairman Bier for all of this help on the project. Mr. Farha mentioned that their old system, Just Ware, which has been eliminated. The developers wanted to upgrade the old system to their new system which wasn't cloud based as this new software is. Mr. Farha mentioned that this is the system that most State's Attorney's are using now throughout the state along with many public defenders. In July, Just Ware goes offline, so they will need something by then. Chairman Bier asked Mr. Farha what "offline" meant. Mr. Farha stated that technically, the program will still be working; however, the developer will not be servicing the product after July of 2021.

Chairman Bier entertained a motion to present the resolution to the County Board – motioned by Ms. Piazza and seconded by Mr. Duesterhaus. The motion to present the resolution to the County Board passed unanimously.

Chairman Bier entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting until the first Tuesday of February. Motioned by Ms. Piazza and seconded by Mr. Duesterhaus. The committee will stand in recess until February 2, 2021.

End of Minutes