

COURT COMMITTEE MINUTES
EASTERN COLUMBIA COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT COMMITTEE
MEETING: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018; 6:30 PM
RANDOLPH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roll Call: Present: Chairperson, Chief Mike Klavekoske, Jeff Slotten (Fall River), Ken Ireland (Randolph), James Olrick (Rio), Darren Schroeder (Town of Columbus), Dave Hutchinson (Village of Poynette), Michael Haynes (Village of Pardeeville), Steve Williams, (Village of Friesland), Andy Traxler, (City of Columbus), Eric Hansen, (City of Lodi). Arriving after roll call vote was Marty Stringfield, (Village of Cambria).

Non-voting Members: Clerk Karen Schmitt, Bookkeeper Marie Abegglen, Judge William Breunig, Deb Wells, Westra & Tillema, Patrick Vander Sanden, Chief Van Gysel, Lt. Dennis Weiner.

Approve Agenda: Motion by James Brooks, seconded by Jeff Slotten to approve the agenda. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approve the 7/31/2018 Minutes. Motion to approve the 7/31/2018 Minutes by Ken Ireland, seconded by Jeff Slotten. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2017 Review by Deb Wells, Westra, Tillema & O'Connor: The retained earnings for 2017 were \$30,104.68. Revenues went up 18% from 2016 to 2017. Municipalities that had a decrease were Columbus and Lodi.

Review Proposed Changes to Bylaws: Bylaw changes presented in two ways: 1) A representative from a member municipality would be chairperson and rotate alphabetically by municipality; or 2) the Judge would be the continuous chairperson.

Discussion: It would be better for a representative to be chairperson as opposed to the Judge for more neutrality. Exact wording of Bylaws:

3. Municipal Court Committee.
 - (a) Composition. The Municipal Court Committee shall be comprised of one representative of each Member Municipality that chooses to appoint a voting representative to the committee who shall be appointed by the Mayor, President or Chairman of the Member Municipality, subject to confirmation by the respective governing body. The Chairman of the Committee will be a representative from a member municipality and will rotate on an annual basis, alphabetically, starting with the representative from Rio for 2019. If a representative cannot fulfill or chooses not to fulfill the obligation of committee chairperson for any reason, then the position of Chairperson goes to the next municipality, alphabetically.

Motion to approve the Bylaw changes as stated above in 3(a) by James Olrick, seconded by Andy Traxler. All in favor – aye- motion carried.

Discussion about what constitutes a quorum.

Bylaws 3(c) Voting and Procedure.

Voting and Procedure. The Municipal Court committee shall be governed by Roberts Rule of Order and a majority vote of all representatives of the Municipal Court Committee shall be required to adopt any motion or resolution. **A quorum of voting members or alternates shall be present to vote on any motion or resolution. A quorum consists of 50% plus 1 voting member.**

Motion to approve the definition of quorum as stated in Bylaws 3(c) above made by David Hutchinson, seconded by James Olrick. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

Review 8/23/2018 letter to terminate contract with ECCJMC by the Village of Dane.

Discussion: No action taken. It was discussed that their reason for leaving is that the Village of Dane disbanded their police department and contracted with the Dane County Sheriff's Department and will join a municipal court in Dane County.

Review/Approve the attached Agreement provided by the City of Columbus:

Discussion: Patrick Vander Sanden explains the Agreement and that all the conditions asked for in the 7/31/2018 meeting have been approved. Jeff Sloten is concerned that we are trying to change something that is working very well. Eric Hansen asks Patrick Vander Sanden if Columbus will leave the court if we don't move to Columbus. Andy Traxler states that there has not been any discussion regarding this.

Motion by James Olrick to approve the Agreement provided by the City of Columbus. Seconded by Andy Traxler. Roll call vote:

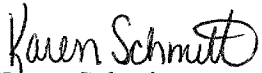
City of Columbus	Yes
Town of Columbus	Yes
Village of Fall River	No
Village of Randolph	No
Village of Rio	Yes
Village of Pardeeville	No
Village of Cambria	No
Village of Poynette	Yes
City of Lodi	No
Town of Lodi	Yes
Village of Friesland	No

Motion denied.

Proposed 2019 Budget and hiring a part-time clerk assistant. Motion to approve the attached budget with 2% wage increase for the Court Clerk and the Judge and for a part-time clerk to be hired in 2019 at \$11,000.00/yr. (cap) by James Brooks, seconded by Steve Williams. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Ireland, seconded by Dave Hutchinson. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15PM.

Sincerely,


Karen Schmitt,
Municipal Court Clerk