

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
February 21, 2024

Members Present: Brian Thomas, Jeff Wamboldt, Andy Berg, Daniel Gaschke, Monica Yuhas, John Poole

Excused: Amanda Nedweski

YIG: Present: Garrison Bryant

Excused: Patrick Sterling

Others Present: Joseph Cardamone, Patricia Merrill, Zach Stock, Brian Bashaw, Vice Chair Erin Decker

6:10PM

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Thomas

6:10 PM

3. Reports from Chairperson: No Reports. Chair thanks for patience as the meeting started later than anticipated.

6:10 PM

2. Citizen comments:

None

4. Reports from Committee Members: none

5. Communications: none

6. Approval of minutes: **Supervisor Gaschke makes motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Poole. All Aye. Motion passes.**

6:10pm

7. A Resolution Requesting The State Legislature Increase the Penalties for Harming or Killing a Law Enforcement K9: Vice Chair Decker explains the resolution is written from thoughts and comments from the Sheriff regarding this issue. Class I Felony and want to make it an H Felony. Deputy Tift and K9 Riggs make an appearance at 6:16pm.

Supervisor Wamboldt makes motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Yuhas. All Aye. Motion passes.

Deputy Tift believes the penalties are not harsh enough for harming a K9 as the K9 becomes family. He feels the penalties do not fit the crime. Supervisor Bashaw asks how long K9 Riggs will be in service. Deputy Tift states he has undergone extensive neurological testing and vet testing to ensure he is capable of service, without PTSD. K9 Riggs attends trainings. Deputy Tift would like him to serve longer, but likely it could be his last year. K9 Riggs was involved in an apprehension just this week. Deputy

Bashaw believes that the K9 is an extension to the officer that handles him. That working dog should be respected the same as the Deputy. Deputy Tift thanks the committee and the people who drafted the resolution.

6:12pm

8. A Resolution To Amend Municipal Code of Kenosha County Chapter 2 - Rules of The County Board:

Andy Phillips, of Attolles Law, introduces himself. He has gone through the County Board rules and procedures and would like to help make it easier to understand and apply these rules. Attorney Phillips discusses the rules drafted. He states the final draft of the rules can be prepared for the next meeting. Supervisor Bashaw asks for clarification on 2.04 (a) (2) 59.12?. Attorney Phillips would like to create a separate subsection to define his asks.

Supervisor Yuhas would like the rules to clearly state that Joint Services is not a Kenosha County Board Commission or Committee.

The Committee discusses the rules as drafted.

Vice Chair Decker would like the Filing/Indexing of an Ordinance wording clear and will email Corporation Counsel her version to send to Andy Phillips to revise.

7:13 pm

9. A Resolution To Amend Municipal Code of Kenosha County Chapters 19 and 20 - Kenosha County

Ethics Policy: Attorney Sam Hall introduces himself and explains the ethics draft. Structurally this is set up into two parts, the rules and the enforcement. The enforcement side of it has a great deal of variety between ethics code. Once an incident or violation has occurred, the incident would go to Corporation Counsel, Corporation Counsel would either send it to outside counsel or refer to the District Attorney's Office.

Supervisor Yuhas would like to see an affidavit of residency clause in the ethics ordinance.

Attorney Hall suggests to send all questions to Corporation Counsel for further discussion.

7:30pm

9. Other Matters As May Be Appropriately Brought Before The Committee:

7:30pm

10: Adjourn: **Supervisor Yuhas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Berg. All Aye. Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Peralta
Corporation Counsel