



EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes – May 19, 2020

Call to Order. Chair Rashkin called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:07 P.M. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 via teleconference.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Rashkin, Pam Bostwick, Peer, Taylor and Wilde.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Paula Schutt, Director of Council on Aging; John Solis, Veteran Service Officer; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Marilyn Bondehagen, Office Coordinator, Administrator's Office.

Others Present: Supervisor Rich Bostwick; Phil Owens; Kristin Fillhouer; UW-Whitewater at Rock County.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Taylor moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Pam Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Election of Vice Chair. Chair Rashkin asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee. Supervisor Pam Bostwick nominated Supervisor Peer; Supervisor Rashkin nominated Supervisor Wilde. Roll call vote on Supervisor Peer's nomination. NO-Rashkin, Wilde, Taylor; YES- Pam Bostwick, Peer. Roll call vote on Supervisor Wilde's nomination. NO-Pam Bostwick; YES-Rashkin, Wilde, Peer, Taylor. Supervisor Wilde was voted as the Vice Chair of the Committee.

Set Meeting Date and Time. Supervisor Taylor moved to hold the meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 4:30 P.M., second by Supervisor Pam Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2020. Supervisor Pam Bostwick moved approval of the minutes from January 21, 2020 as presented, second by Supervisor Taylor. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. None.

Transfers. None.

Review of Payments. The committee accepted the report.

Updates and Possible Action.

Status of 1717 Center Avenue Project. Mr. Sutherland said there have been some concerns raised about spacing issues due to the COVID-19 situation (social distancing and increase in unemployment). He said the resource room can be opened and made larger. He said they can also use a secondary location if needed. Growth space had been worked in to the plan. Some functions are able to work remotely which would free up space as well.

Due to design changes and COVID-19, construction and completion has fallen behind by a few months. Mr. Sutherland reviewed the current timeline with the committee. Because of COVID, they conducted the pre-bid meeting differently. They blocked an entire day and scheduled contractors throughout the day with never more than 10 present at a time. There was a total of 11 general contractors with 48 total contractors. They are looking at improving the green space out front. The city is supportive of this.

Mr. Sutherland said the naming process got put on hold due to COVID. They received 130 possible name suggestions. He explained the background on the naming process to the committee.

Overview of Council on Aging. Ms. Schutt provided a brief overview on the services of Council on Aging. She said they have three new vans going in to use soon. Due to COVID, transit has been operating with fewer people. The committee requested the number of caregivers in Rock County. Ms. Schutt will provide that information at our next meeting. Currently during COVID, the meal program has been the busiest. They have grab and go at the five dining centers. Ms. Schutt said there were 3,550 participants in April 2019. That number rose to 4,277 in April 2020.

The committee discussed the background of the possible merger with the ADRC. This process has been put on the back burner due to COVID. Mr. Terronez said they will be providing a presentation/report soon to the new board members. Supervisor Pam Bostwick said she is familiar with the services offered by both the COA and ADRC and she does not support a merger.

Chair Rashkin asked Mr. Solis if he could provide an overview of the services of the Veterans Services office. Mr. Solis provided an overview. He said because of COVID there will be no walk ins. Individuals will be helped by appointment only for the foreseeable future.

Ms. Fillhouer introduced herself and said she will provide updates on UW-Whitewater at Rock County. She said currently they are creating a plan for reopening.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Pam Bostwick moved adjournment at 5:01 P.M., second by Supervisor Wilde. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracey VanZandt, Human Resources Secretary

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