

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
April 27, 2010

Call to Order. Chair Podzilni called the meeting of the County Board Staff Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Podzilni, Kraft, Arnold, Bussie, Jensen, Peer, Yankee.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; Lori Pope, Acting Human Resources Director; Phil Boutwell, Assistant to the County Administrator; Ben Coopman, Public Works Director; Vicki Brown, Treasurer; Eldred Mielke, Clerk of Court; Robert Spoden, Sheriff; Jenifer Keach, Coroner.

Others Present: Eric Hanson, Executive Director, Consolidated Koshkonong Sanitary District.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Arnold moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Yankee. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Jensen moved approval of the minutes of April 13, 2010 as presented, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Knutson said the Committees seem to prefer Mondays and Fridays for pre-budget meetings. Therefore, he would like to schedule the first pre-budget meeting on Friday, May 28, 2010. The Committee agreed on a start time of 8:30 A.M. This meeting will be the financial overview.

Bills/Encumbrances

Corporation Counsel	\$ 1,200.00
Human Resources	3,639.06
P & L Insurance	80.00
Risk Management	1,527.68

Supervisor Kraft moved approval of the above Bills and Encumbrances for the County Board Staff Committee, second by Supervisor Arnold. ADOPTED.

Resolution

Approving Lease Agreement with Consolidated Koshkonong Sanitary District for Radio Tower Space

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this _____ day of _____, 2010, hereby approves a Lease Agreement with the Consolidated Koshkonong Sanitary District for the placement of a radio tower on lands known as the “59 Shed” for the annual rental sum of

One Dollar (\$1.00) per year, for twenty-five years, with two possible renewals of up to five years each.”

Supervisor Yankee moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Bussie. With regard to what type of lights will be on the tower, Mr. Hanson said there will be two “dusk-to-dawn” red lights at the top of the tower. ADOPTED.

Supervisor Kraft said she has talked with some of the neighbors and they will not object to these lights. However, they did ask if the dusk-to-dawn lights on the salt shed could be repositioned. Mr. Hanson did not see a problem with this being done.

Consideration of Elected Officials Salaries. Mr. Knutson said it is time to set elected officials salaries (Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, Coroner) for the new four-year terms that start January, 2011. Historically, the County Board Staff Committee has made recommendations to the County Board by resolution. Mr. Kuglitsch said elected officials salaries must be set prior to June 1st which is the first day for taking out nomination papers for the November election. If the County Board takes no action, the current salaries will remain in effect for the next four years (2011 through 2014).

Chair Podzilni asked the elected officials present for their comments. Sheriff Spoden commented that while the Cities of Beloit and Janesville have smaller budgets, their Police Chiefs make more than the Sheriff. He said they also do not have the responsibility of the Jail and the Courts. Rock County is the 8th or 9th largest county in the State, giving the Sheriff’s Department duties greater than those in smaller counties.

Mr. Mielke said he thinks what is fair at this time is to continue the pattern set two years ago for the County Clerk, County Treasurer and Register of Deeds, i.e., 2.75% for 2011 and 2012. If there are no increases after that, then there will be no increases for any elected position.

Supervisor Jensen moved the Sheriff continue to receive a 4% increase for each year (2011-2014), the Clerk of Court and the Coroner receive 2.75% for 2011-2012, and 2% for 2013-2014, second by Supervisor Yankee.

Supervisor Bussie moved to amend the motion and give the Sheriff a lump sum of \$4,000 for 2011 and 2.75% for 2012-2014. After some discussion, Supervisors Bussie and Jensen withdrew their motions.

Supervisor Jensen moved a 2.75% increase for 2011-2012 and 2.0% increase for 2013-2014 for the Clerk of Court and the Coroner, second by Supervisor Bussie. ADOPTED on a vote of five ayes (Bussie, Jensen, Kraft, Peer, Podzilni) and two nos (Arnold, Yankee).

Supervisor Jensen moved a lump sum of \$4,500 for the Sheriff for 2011, and 4% for 2012-2014, second by Supervisor Peer. Supervisor Bussie moved to amend the motion to \$4,500 for 2011, 2.75% for 2012 and 2.0% for 2013-2014, second by Supervisor Kraft. Supervisor Peer moved to amend the above motion to a lump sum of \$5,000 for the Sheriff for 2011.

Supervisor Jensen withdrew her motion. Supervisors Bussie and Peer withdrew their amendment.

Supervisor Bussie moved a lump sum of \$5,000 for the Sheriff for 2011, 2.75% for 2012 and 2.0% for 2013-2014, second by Supervisor Jensen. ADOPTED on a vote of six ayes (Bussie, Jensen, Kraft, Peer, Podzilni, Yankee) and one no (Arnold).

Mr. Knutson said elected officials will be on the same health insurance plan as unrepresented employees. If there are changes to the plan during their four-year term, the changes will apply to the elected officials' health insurance as well.

Adjournment. Supervisor Arnold moved adjournment at 5:14 P.M., second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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