

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

September 22, 2009

Call to Order. Chair Podzilni called the meeting of the County Board Staff Committee to order at 4:00 P.M., on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

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

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Members Present: Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Jeff Smith, Finance Director; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; John Becker, Human Resources Director; Phil Boutwell, Assistant to the County Administrator; Lori Williams, Parks Director.

Others Present: None.

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 September 8, 2009, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Supervisor Bussie advised she recently attended the Wisconsin County Highway Association Conference. The news from the DOT and the State is that General Transportation Aids for Rock County will be down 11%. Supervisor Bussie also commented on the good turn out for the "Day of Caring" Picnic, where she was a server.

Supervisor Ott said he read that National County Government Week will be expanded to National County Government Month. Supervisor Ott mentioned a reduction in WCUTA funding. Mr. Boutwell explained that the Shared Utility Payment went down from \$2,019,000 to \$2,012,000. Supervisor Ott said he thought this year's WCA Conference was a good one.

Bills/Encumbrances

Human Resources	\$ 1,945.44
Risk Management	50.00
Employee Related	1,724.54

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

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendment – Human Resources

Compsych	\$ 740.00
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Supervisor Ott moved approval of the above Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendment for Human Resources, second by Supervisor Joiner ADOPTED.

Resolution

Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Visit to Rock County

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2009 does hereby officially celebrate the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's visit to Rock County and encourages all citizens of the County to commemorate this event in Rock County history.”

Supervisor Arnold moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Use of 9236 County Road F, Fulton, WI. Chair Podzilni explained he requested this item be placed on the agenda and asked the Committee what we should do with this property?

Mr. Boutwell said when the Committee last discussed the property in April, the following issues came up:

- 1) Steepness of access to the lake.
- 2) Would there be interest by the Fire Department in razing the structures? Mr. Boutwell said he talked with the Edgerton Fire Chief and they have no interest in doing a controlled burn. Rock County will have to hire someone to remove the asbestos and take down the buildings. Mr. Boutwell estimated the cost at \$30,000.
- 3) Would there be any interest on the part of the Lake District to take this property in exchange for the \$250,000 (5 annual payments of \$50,000) still owed by Rock County? Vice Chair Kraft said she talked with Brian Christiansen and the only way the Lake District is interested in the property is if Rock County “gifts” it to them.

Chair Podzilni said he anticipates the property value will increase down the road and asked if we should wait. Supervisor Joiner asked the appraised value, with Mr. Smith advising it was \$457,200 on December 31, 2008.

Ms. Williams said the Parks Department could use the property as a boat landing, a camping site or as green space.

Supervisor Bussie said we should either sit on the property for a while or offer it to the Lake District again for \$250,000. Mr. Boutwell will issue an RFP to determine the cost of removing the buildings. Supervisor Ott suggested a formal letter be sent to the Lake District with the proposal.

Adjournment. Supervisor Jensen moved adjournment at 4:42 P.M., second by Supervisor Arnold. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Milligan
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