



COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
Minutes – July 6, 2021

Call to Order. Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the County Board Staff Committee to order at 4:30 P.M. via telephone conference.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Beaver, Richard Bostwick, Peer, Podzilni, Sweeney, Leavy, Yeomans, and Davis.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Brien

Staff Members Present via Phone: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to County Administrator; Richard Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Bridget Laurent, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Annette Mikula, Human Resources Director; Katrina Harwood, Health Officer; and Terri Carlson, Risk Manager.

Others Present: Supervisor Schulz; Supervisor Mawhinney; Jim McMullen, Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin Executive Director.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Podzilni moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Davis. ADOPTED.

Public Comment. None.

Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2021. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the minutes of June 21, 2021, second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Transfers. None.

Review of Payments. The committee accepted the report.

Resolutions and Committee Action.

Creating a 0.5 FTE Nursing Staff Coordinator Position and Deleting a 0.5 FTE Administrative Assistant Position

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021 does hereby approve the creation of a 0.5 FTE Nursing Staff Coordinator position and the deletion of a 0.5 FTE Administrative Assistant position at the Rock Haven Nursing Home.”

Supervisor Davis moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Yeomans. Annette Mikula spoke to this. This would allow staffing later into the day to help with afternoon call-offs. There is money in the 2021 budget to cover additional costs. ADOPTED.

Providing Funding to Support the Construction of a New Facility for the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021, does hereby direct the County Administrator to include in the 2022 budget’s Community Agency Initiatives funding a one-time payment of \$100,000, to be funded with sales tax proceeds, to the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin for its capital campaign, with the intent that this funding be matched by the Hendricks Family Foundation.”

Supervisor Peer moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Davis. Jim McMullen spoke to the committee about the new facility for the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin. Jim informed the committee that the groundbreaking will be July 12. The new facility is located between Janesville and Beloit. There are also more plans to expand the facility in the future. Jim answered questions about the facility and the animals that they serve and will serve in the future. AYES – Supervisors Bostwick, Peer, Sweeney, Leavy, and Davis. NO – Supervisors Beaver, Podzilni, and Yeomans. Supervisor Brien absent. ADOPTED.

Establishing A \$15 Per Hour Minimum Wage for All Employees of Rock County Government

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this ____ day of ____, 2021, does hereby establish a minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour for all employees of Rock County government, effective with the first pay period covered by the 2022 Rock County Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Rock County Administrator is directed to include these wage increases in the 2022 Budget.”

Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Bostwick. Supervisor Schulz spoke to this resolution. She addressed the need to raise the minimum wage to a living wage. Annette addressed concerns of compression. AYES – Supervisors – Beaver, Bostwick, Peer, Podzilni, Leavy, Yeomans, and Davis. NO – Supervisor Sweeney. Supervisor Brien absent. ADOPTED.

Creating an Ad Hoc Broadband Committee

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this ____ day of ____, 2021, does hereby create an Ad Hoc Broadband Committee to evaluate potential uses of American Rescue Plan Act funding for broadband expansion throughout Rock County; coordinate with other local units of local government, the State, and private sector organizations; and serve as the focus of public input into broadband needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ad Hoc Broadband Committee will be composed of five County Board supervisors appointed by the Chair and confirmed by the County Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee will be sunset by December 31, 2026, which is the final date for ARPA funded-projects to be completed, unless otherwise extended or ended sooner by the County Board.”

Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Create the Positions of Public Health Planner, a Public Health Policy Specialist, and a Public Health Data Scientist

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021 moves to create the position of a 1.0 FTE Public Health Planner, a 1.0 FTE Public Health Policy Specialist, and a 1.0 FTE Public Health Data Scientist; create class descriptions; and establish the positions in Pay Range 22 (\$63,120 -\$76,776) in the unilateral pay grid as Unilateral C positions (under the Fair Labor Standards Act).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2021 Rock County Public Health Department budget be amended as follows:

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Supervisor Peer moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Beaver. AYES- Supervisors Beaver, Bostiwkc, Peer, Podzilni, Sweeney, Leavy, and Davis. NO – Supervisor Yeomans. Supervisor Brien absent. ADOPTED.

To create the position of a Health Educator (Health Equity Alliance of Rock County Coordinator

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021 moves to create the position of a 1.0 FTE Health Educator (Health Equity Alliance of Rock County Coordinator).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there are no budget implications for the current budget year.”

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

Review, Discussion and Possible Action. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Beaver moved adjournment at 5:28 P.M., second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Hoffman
Office Coordinator

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