



**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – January 11, 2021**

**Call to Order.** Acting 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, Brien, Richard Bostwick, Peer, Podzilni, Sweeney, Leavy and Yeomans.

**Committee Members Absent:** One vacancy.

**Staff Members Present via Phone:** Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to County Administrator; Annette Mikula, Human Resources Director; Richard Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Terri Carlson, Risk Manager; Bridget Laurent, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Kate Luster, Human Services Director; Jennifer Thompson, ADRC/APS Division Manager, HSD.

**Others Present:** Supervisor Kathy Schulz.

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

**Public Comment.** None.

**Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2020.** Supervisor Peer moved approval of the minutes of December 14, 2020 as presented, second by Supervisor Brien. ADOPTED.

**Transfers.** None.

**Review of Payments.** The Committee accepted the reports. Supervisor Yeomans asked about post-accident testing. Ms. Carlson will run a safety committee report to share at a future County Board Staff meeting.

**Resolutions and Committee Action.**

**Recognizing Jean Friend for Service to Rock Haven**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 does hereby recognize Jean Friend for her 27 years, 6 months of service and extend their best wishes to her in her future endeavors.”

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

**Recognizing Deputy Sheriff Bryan S. Hanthorn**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, does hereby recognize Deputy Bryan S. Hanthorn for his over 30 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Deputy Bryan S. Hanthorn along with best wishes for the future.”

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

**Endorsing the Acceptance of Medicaid Expansion Funds and Placing Healthcare Advisory Referendum on the Spring 2021 County Ballot**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 does hereby support and endorse the acceptance of Medicaid Expansion funds by the State and urges the legislature to accept such funds as a part of the 2021-2023 biennium budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors does hereby direct the Rock County Clerk to place the following advisory referendum question on the countywide ballot at the election to be held on April 6, 2021:

“Should the State of Wisconsin accept Affordable Care Act Federal Medicaid funds earmarked to expand health insurance coverage to 176,000 additional Wisconsin residents resulting in the state saving \$324.5 million?”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Governor, all members of the Wisconsin State Legislature, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.”

Supervisor Brien moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Leavy.

Supervisor Yeomans asked why the need to do this again. Supervisor Schulz said there is a need due to the rising numbers. Supervisor Yeomans asked how this will save us money and asked if there was examples of any other states’ savings. FAILED on the following vote: YES – Supervisors Richard Bostwick, Brien and Leavy; NO – Supervisors Sweeney, Yeomans, Peer, Podzilni and Beaver; ABSENT – None; VACANT – one.

**Support Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, does

hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 state biennial budget to ensure access to critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin's aging and disability populations:

- Provide an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state's ADRCs. It is important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
- Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
  - ◆ Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
  - ◆ Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
  - ◆ Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
  - ◆ Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
  - ◆ Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
  - ◆ Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
  - ◆ Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all area legislators.”

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

**In Support of a Land Acknowledgement Statement for All Regular Meetings of the Rock County Board of Supervisors**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, does hereby add the following Land Acknowledgement Statement to its regular Thursday meetings after Roll Call and before Adoption of the Agenda:

Land Acknowledgement Statement: We would like to recognize that we are meeting on the ancestral lands of Native Nations. In Wisconsin, where there are 11 federally recognized Native American sovereign nations and one seeking to regain federal recognition, Rock County is built on the ancestral lands of the Miami, Sauk and Meskwaki, Ho-Chunk, and Potawatomi People. We acknowledge these Indigenous communities and their forbears who have stewarded this land through the generations, and pay respect to their elders past and present.”

Supervisor Brien moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Bostwick. **FAILED** unanimously.

**Review, Discussion and Possible Action.**

**Approval of Changes to Administrative Policy and Procedure 5.47 Vacation Schedules** Mr. Greenlee said this would change the way attorneys were distributed their vacation. They would get the same amount of vacation but instead of every six months it would be once per year.

Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the changes to Policy 5.47, second by Supervisor Peer.

Supervisor Yeomans asked about eliminating the differences between employee groups. Ms. Mikula said since ACT 10 they have tried to honor most employee group's policy and procedures that had been previously bargained. She suggested this may be an item the Blue Ribbon Commission may want to discuss.

ADOPTED.

**Semi-Annual Reports.** The committee accepted the reports.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Podzilni moved adjournment 5:08 P.M., second by Supervisor Brien. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt  
HR Secretary

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