



**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – June 14, 2016**

**Call to Order.** Chair Podzilni called the meeting of the County Board Staff Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. in Conference Room N1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Podzilni, Kraft, Bussie, Sweeney, Thomas, Arnold, Mawhinney, Brill and Peer.

**Committee Members Excused:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; Annette Mikula, Human Resources Director; Duane Jorgenson, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Lori Williams, Public Works - Parks Director.

**Others Present:** Supervisor Bostwick; Norm Aulabaugh, Mark Fuller and Tim Sager, Wisconsin United to Amend.

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

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements.** Supervisor Bussie said at the Public Works Committee – Parks Division meeting that morning the Parks Advisory Committee were asked to make their remarks under Citizen Participation. She said she does not feel this is the appropriate place and asked if there would be a better place to recognize them on the agenda. Mr. Smith said he would look into it.

Supervisor Bussie informed the Committee that Mr. Coopman announced his retirement date of December 27, 2016. She added that this will give time to overlap the position with a new Public Works Director.

**Approval of Minutes – May 24, 2016.** Supervisor Arnold moved approval of the minutes of May 24, 2016 as presented, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

**Review of Payments.** The Committee accepted the report.

**Transfers.** None.

**Resolutions.**

**Recognizing Carl Varga**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 does hereby recognize Carl Varga for his 30 plus years of service and extends best wishes to his future endeavors.”

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

**Recognizing Deputy Richard J. Negus**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, does hereby recognize Deputy Richard J. Negus for his over 19 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Deputy Richard J. Negus along with best wishes for the future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Deputy Richard J. Negus.”

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

**Recognizing Public Safety Utility Clerk Donisia L. Engeman**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, does hereby recognize Public Safety Utility Clerk Donisia L. Engeman for her over 21 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Donisia L. Engeman along with best wishes for the future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Donisia L. Engeman.”

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

**Recognizing Hazel Podawitz**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, does hereby recognize Hazel Podawitz for her fifteen (15) years of service and extend best wishes in her future endeavors; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Hazel Podawitz.”

Supervisor Thomas moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Bussie. ADOPTED.

**Opposing Citizens United Court Ruling**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the following advisory referendum to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot:

**“Shall the County of Rock adopt the following resolution?**

**Resolved** that “We the People” of the County of Rock, Wisconsin, seek to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

- 1. Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights – not corporations, unions, nonprofits or other artificial entities, and**
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting speech.”**

Supervisor Kraft moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Thomas.

The Committee discussed with Supervisor Bostwick and the other three representatives from the Wisconsin United to Amend group about the wording of some of the resolution before them.

Chair Podzilni moved to recess at 4:26 P.M. for the group to discuss the possible rewording of the resolution, second by Supervisor Arnold. ADOPTED.

Chair Podzilni moved to reconvene at 4:33 P.M., second by Supervisor Bussie. ADOPTED.

Supervisor Bostwick asked Mr. Kuglitsch to read the proposed amendment to the resolution.

Mr. Kuglitsch read the proposed amendment as follows:

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the following advisory referendum to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot:

“We the People” of the County of Rock, Wisconsin, seek to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate and union personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

- 1. Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights — not corporations, unions, nonprofits or other artificial entities, and**
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting speech.**

**A YES vote on this referendum, supports a constitutional amendment.**

**A NO vote on this referendum would indicate opposition to a constitutional amendment.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that following the referendum, the County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution and the referendum results to our state and federal representatives instructing them to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.”

Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the above proposed amendment to the resolution, second by Supervisor Thomas. ADOPTED.

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#### **Requesting State Action to Provide more Transportation Funding**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors meeting this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 urges the Governor and Legislature to “Just Fix It” and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin’s transportation system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Rock County Board of Supervisors directs the Rock County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.”

Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Options for the Buck Property.** Mr. Terronez handed out copies of a comparative market analysis put together by Best Realty and Pat’s Realty, both of Edgerton, WI, went over them briefly, and said the feeling is

that the County was a bit high on the valuation of the (Buck) property. He said the property would be put on multiple listing services, listed in the local paper, on their websites, and signage will be placed on the property.

Ms. Williams and Mr. Jorgenson said they were asked to put together a couple options for a park with a boat launch. Ms. Williams went over the two options, both include a 25% contingency for unknowns. The first option came in at \$236,330.42 and the second option came in at \$287,420.67.

The Committee discussed the three options for the property of making it into a park, selling it, or holding onto it. The Committee was not in favor of making it into a park and felt there were some issues they would like some clarification on.

Moved by Supervisor Mawhinney to postpone action until all information is in, second by Supervisor Bussie. POSTPONED to a future meeting.

**Update on Policy 3.03 – Breastfeeding Employees.** Moved by Supervisor Bussie to approve the changes to Policy 3.03, second by Supervisor Arnold.

Ms. Mikula went over the changes to the policy and said they are requesting to have the locations listed on the intranet so the policy would not have to be changed each time a locations is changed.

ADOPTED.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Peer moved adjournment at 5:18 P.M., second by Supervisor Arnold. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen  
Confidential Administrative Assistant

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