

**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – January 24, 2017**

**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, Brill, Bussie, Mawhinney, Peer, Sweeney, and Thomas.

**Committee Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; Duane Jorgenson, Interim Public Works Director; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director.

**Others Present:** None.

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

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements.** Supervisor Bussie said she and Mr. Jorgenson just returned from the Road School Conference which had a lot of very good training. She added that she came away with the conclusion that the governor is not planning on funding any more road projects and that he would like to go to a road toll system.

**Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2017.** Supervisor Peer moved approval of the minutes of January 10, 2017, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

**Transfers.** None.

**Resolution.**

**Amending the 2016 Developmental Disabilities board Budget to Increase Funding to the CESA-2, Birth-to-Three Program**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, does hereby amend the 2016 Rock County DD Board Budget as follows:

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

**Discussion and Possible Action on Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin Request for County Property.** Chair Podzilni asked for input from the Committee on how they would like to proceed with this request.

Supervisor Sweeney said he had a conversation with Mr. Sweeney, Land Conservationist, and he said there is not a conservation easement on the property located by the Health Department but there are other concerns about invasive species on it.

Supervisor Mawhinney said she agreed with Supervisor Sweeney and added that she also feels we, the County, need to look at creating a policy on donations to non-profits.

Supervisor Thomas said he does not know why they cannot build where they are located now.

Supervisor Bussie said she agrees with what has already been said and added that she feels they have sufficient room where they are located now. She added that when creating the policy for donating to non-profits that the types of non-profits also needs to be addressed.

Supervisor Brill said he feels the County should never donate or sell land.

Supervisor Arnold agreed that the County should never divest itself of any land.

Supervisor Peer said he agrees and that a donation policy is needed.

Supervisor Kraft said part of the reason the Humane Society wanted the donation was so they could sell the one they currently have and use those funds to build on the donated property.

Supervisor Kraft moved to not gift or sell land to the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin, second by Supervisor Mawhinney.

Chair Podzilni said he agrees with everyone and said what he heard was: 1) any gift would cause a problem; 2) any land we have we have for a reason; 3) they have ample room where they are at currently to continue operations while they build a new facility; 4) with GPS devices, finding them at their current location is more an issue of marketing.

ADOPTED.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations for County Seal Approval Process.** Mr. Osborne went over the recommendations for the County Seal approval process with the Committee.

Supervisor Kraft asked where the policy would reside. Mr. Smith said it could probably be included in the Policy and Procedure Manual. He added that this process would be shared with department heads after adopted so they will be aware of the conditions for use.

Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the Recommendations for County Seal Approval Process as presented, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Facilities Superintendents Taking County Truck Home at Night.**

Supervisor Arnold moved approval for the Facilities Superintendents to take a County truck home at night, second by Supervisor Brill.

Mr. Sutherland said he discontinued the practice of the Facilities Superintendents to take a truck home at night when he first started in June because he did not think it had any merit. He said he has since seen that it would have value to do this as the two Facilities Superintendents would be able to check various facilities on their way to work and even plow some of them if needed. Mr. Sutherland added that there is a policy in place for this and that it is a benefit of value for tax purposes.

Supervisor Brill said there is a great deal of running around the County done by the Facilities Superintendents.

ADOPTED.

**Executive Session:** Supervisors Mawhinney and Peer moved to go into Executive Session at 4:41 P.M. per Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats. – to Deliberate and Set Negotiating Parameters for the Possible Purchase of Public Property. ADOPTED on a roll call vote with the following: Ayes – Supervisors Mawhinney, Sweeney, Thomas, Bussie, Brill, Arnold, Peer, Kraft and Podzilni. All present.

Supervisor Mawhinney moved to go out of Executive Session at 5:11 P.M., second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Arnold moved adjournment at 5:11 P.M., second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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