

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
Minutes –April 14, 2015

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

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Kraft.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; Amy Spoden, Acting Human Resources Director; Joyce Lubben, Director of Council on Aging; Ben Coopman, Public Works Director.

Others Present: Terry Nolan, City of Janesville.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Arnold moved approval of the amended agenda, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Coopman reminded everyone Wednesday is Rock County Day at the Capitol.

Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2015 and March 24, 2015. Supervisor Thomas moved approval of the minutes of March 17, 2015 and March 24, 2015 as presented, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Bills/Encumbrances.

County Board	\$ 918.80
Corporation Counsel	727.50
Human Resources	3,477.68
Employee Recognition	1,218.00

Pre-Approved Encumbrances None.

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

Resolutions.

Recognizing Deputy Patrick J. Garvin

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____,

2015, does hereby recognize Deputy Patrick J. Garvin for his over 27 years of faithful service and recommend that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Deputy Patrick J. Garvin along with best wishes for the future.

BLE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Deputy Patrick J. Garvin.”

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

Recognizing Lucinda Kopp

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2015, does hereby recognize Lucinda Kopp for her over 25 years of service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Lucinda Kopp 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 Lucinda Kopp.”

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

Opposing the State Budget Proposal for Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Funds and “Complete Streets” Legislation

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2015 does hereby authorize that this resolution be sent to the Wisconsin State Legislature requesting that 1) the two million dollar (\$2,000,000) budget cut to the Transportation Alternatives Program and 2) the “Complete Streets” legislation be restored.”

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

Ms. Nolan explained the 14% cut and said the Rock County Transportation Coordinating Committee is asking to have the cuts restored as well as the freezing of the stewardship fund support restored.

Mr. Coopman said he has concerns on the Highway side as this drives up the costs by about 25% due to the purchases/improvements to the right of way. He said on the Parks side he understands the importance of the trails and bicycle transportation.

Supervisor Thomas asked Ms. Nolan how many trail users there are. Ms. Nolan said they have an estimate of 260,000 trips on the Janesville trails.

Supervisor Bussie said she would prefer to have this resolution looked over for conflicts of interest by Corporation Counsel, Administration, etc.

Supervisor Peer moved to have the resolution forwarded to the Public Works Committee for recommendations and then have it come back to the County Board Staff Committee, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

County Municipal Agreement between Rock County and the City of Janesville for Construction of Innovation Drive onto County Highway G (Beloit Avenue)

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Rock County assembled this ____ day of _____, 2015 approves the entering of said County-Municipal Agreement for Innovation Drive Design & Construction; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board of Rock County authorizes the County Board Chair to execute the County-Municipal Agreement with the City of Janesville.”

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

Mr. Coopman said this is part of the TIF project.

ADOPTED.

Authorizing Sale of Easement to Wisconsin Power and Light Company, DBA Alliant Energy to Install a Natural Gas Regulator Station at the Highway 59 Garage

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this ____ day of _____, 2015, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are authorized to sign the agreement for right of way and easement with Wisconsin Power and Light Company.”

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

Mr. Coopman said the County retains ownership of the land.

ADOPTED.

Creating Ad Hoc Board Organization Review Committee

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors hereby creates an Ad Hoc Board Organization Review Committee with the express duties being to recommend changes or support current structure of county board procedures:

- Review the membership of the County Board and determine if the number of supervisors is at an appropriate number to achieve effective and efficient operations for future years to come.
- Review County Board rules of procedures and recommend any changes and reorganization of the current rules for clarity and to meet the charge of the County Board of Supervisors.
- Review each current standing and advisory county board committee, board or commission. Investigate scope of services, membership and identify if each committee is properly meeting purpose and intended responsibilities. Each committee should be closely reviewed to evaluate if committees can remain as currently operating or if committees can be restructured for more effective and efficient actions.
- Review whether County Board Supervisors should serve four year terms versus the current two year term.
- Review if a change should be enacted for Board Supervisors to be elected in staggering terms during different election cycles versus the current process of the whole board membership being elected during the same election cycle.
- Investigate options for televising County Board meetings.
- Review compensation of Board Supervisors and evaluate if it is comparable with similar counties.
- Offer recommendations for process and procedural improvements of the County Board that may arise during its review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ad Hoc Committee shall consist of 7 County Board Supervisors, and further that said supervisors shall receive compensation for per diems and mileage reimbursement pursuant to county policies. A completed report detailing the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee should be completed and presented to the whole County Board of Supervisors for consideration in time to enact any proposed changes allowed to become effective following the April 2016 Supervisor Election cycle.”

Supervisor Thomas moved approval to put this resolution on the floor for discussion, second by Supervisor Arnold.

Mr. Kuglitsch said this resolution will be going to the next County Board meeting on April 23, 2015.

The Committee discussed what other counties have done; that some of the items listed have been looked into before and were not feasible and some could not be done per state statutes. Also, that much of what the County does is mandated.

Supervisor Arnold called for a vote.

Motion FAILED unanimously.

Discussion of County Board Resolutions Honoring Non-County Employees.

Mr. Smith said the Administrator's Office was contacted by one of the towns regarding the retirement of a long term town chair and whether the County would author a resolution honoring her.

The Committee discussed and decided that in the Rules of Procedure, Rule III.J., it states the resolution is in recognition of a County employee with a minimum of 15 years of service. The Committee suggested having the District Supervisor, where the town is located, verbally honor the town chair at the County Board meeting under item 7.

Review and Approval of Cricket Wireless Decommissioning Request at Court Street Tower. Mr. Terronez said the County received notification from Cricket they are terminating their lease and offered a \$10,000 lump sum to transfer ownership of the equipment. The recommendation is for the County to accept the proposal.

Moved by Supervisor Sweeney to accept the proposal from Cricket, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Claim. Mr. Kuglitsch went over the claim by Susanne Herman for \$6,816.37 for damage to her vehicle by a County plow. He added that WMMIC recommends denial of the claim as she was cited for following too close to the plow.

Moved by Supervisor Peer to deny the claim, second by Supervisor Brill. DENIED.

Executive Session: Supervisors Mawhinney and Arnold moved to go into Executive Session at 4:55 P.M. per Section 19.85(1)(g) Wis. Stats. Confer with Legal Counsel Regarding Possible Litigation and per Section 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats. Update on Collective Bargaining. ADOPTED on a roll call vote with the following: Ayes – Supervisors Arnold, Brill, Bussie, Sweeney, Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni and Thomas. Supervisor Kraft was absent.

Chair Podzilni announced that the Committee would meet in closed session per Section 19.85(1)(g) Wis. Stats. Confer with Legal Counsel Regarding Possible Litigation and per Section 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats. Update on Collective Bargaining.

Supervisor Arnold moved to go out of Executive Session at 5:15 P.M., second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Adjournment. Supervisor Arnold moved adjournment at 5:15 P.M., second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
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