



**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – June 22, 2020**

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

**Committee Members Present via Video/Phone:** Supervisors Purviance, Richard Bostwick, Brien, Leavy, Peer, Podzilni, Sweeney, Yeomans and Zajac.

**Committee Members Excused:** None.

**Staff Members Present via Video/Phone:** Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to County Administrator; Annette Mikula, Human Resources Director; Richard Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Bridget Laurent, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Terri Carlson, Risk Manager; Noel Sandoval, Health Officer; Tera O'Connor, HSD Deputy Director.

**Others Present:** Supervisors Stephanie Aegerter and Kaelyb Lokrantz; Greg Turco; Katy Grogan, Janesville Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby.

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

**Approval of Minutes – June 8, 2020.** Supervisor Peer moved approval of the minutes of June 8, 2020 as presented, second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

**Public Comment.** Three public comments were submitted and read from citizens; Jamie Swenson, Eugene Bier and Paula Colling. All three residents expressed their support for the Carbon Fee and Dividend resolution that is on today's agenda. Ms. Grogan and Mr. Turco both shared statements with the committee expressing their support of the Carbon Fee and Dividend resolution as well.

**Transfers.** None.

**Resolutions and Committee Action.**

**To Recognize Linda Graf**

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

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

**To Recognize Linda Najdowski**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ does hereby recognize Linda Najdowski for her 27 years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavor.”

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

**Authorizing Double Fill of Planning Director Position**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 does hereby approve and authorize double filling the Director of Planning and Development position.”

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

**In Support of Effective Federal Carbon Fee & Dividend Legislation to Mitigate the Climate Crisis**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Rock County does hereby urge the United States Congress to pass effective carbon fee and dividend legislation without delay; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Rock County send copies of this resolution to Senator Tammy Baldwin, Senator Ron Johnson, and Representative Bryan Steil and Representative Marc Pocan, as well as the County’s State Legislative Delegation and Governor Tony Evers.”

Supervisor Yeomans said he is concerned that the dividends would not partially be going back in to federal and local efforts. Ms. Grogan said there are plans out there where the dividends are split but her organization and the resolution before us today supports dividend distribution to citizens. She explained this would create jobs and grow the economy. Supervisor Sweeney said he is against this resolution. He has data that shows that the DNR directive was not followed.

Supervisor Zajac moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Richard Bostwick. PASSED on a roll call vote: YES - Supervisors

Richard Bostwick, Purviance, Brien, Leavy and Zajac; NO – Supervisors Sweeney, Yeomans, Peer and Podzilni.

**Authorizing Temporary Double Fill of One Lead Worker CPS Position**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 does hereby authorize the temporary backfill of one Child Protective Services Human Services Professional into a Lead Worker Role.”

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

**Support LRB 3342/1 To Increase in State’s Minimum Wage**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 does hereby support LRB 3342-1 that would in part, increase the State’s minimum wage, gradually increasing over a five-year period to \$15 per hour.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Evers, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Rock County Legislative Delegation.”

Supervisor Sweeney said he believes it is bad timing for this resolution and questioned why \$15 per hour and not \$20 or \$25.

Supervisor Brien moved to table this resolution until the next County Board Staff meeting when Supervisor Schulz can be present to answer questions, second by Supervisor Peer. TABLED on the following vote: YES – Supervisors Richard Bostwick, Purviance, Brien, Sweeney, Leavy, Peer, Podzilni and Zajac. NO – Supervisor Yeomans.

**Create the Position of Public Health Communications Specialist, Create a Class Description, Establish a Pay Range, and Amend the 2020 Budget**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 moves to create the position of a 1.0 Public Health Communications Specialist, create the class description, and establish Pay Range 19 (\$55,311.12 - \$67,150.08) effective June 25, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2020 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 Zajac. ADOPTED.

**Creation of New Policy 5.54 Work – Telecommuting**

Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of new Policy 5.54 Work - Telecommuting, second by Supervisor Richard Bostwick.

Supervisor Sweeney asked if there is a benchmark of when employees will return to work. Ms. Mikula said our current work environment is fluid. Mr. Smith said this policy will be re-evaluated in the fall when the other policy and procedures are reviewed. Ms. Mikula said this new policy would be sent out to employees through an IT blast but it would also be communicated to employees through their supervisors.

ADOPTED.

**Adjournment**. Supervisor Zajac moved adjournment at 5:38 P.M., second by Supervisor Brien. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt  
Human Resources Secretary

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