



EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes – December 18, 2018

Call to Order. Chair Richard called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, in Conference Room, N-1, fifth floor, Courthouse East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Pleasant, Richard, Brien and Gramke.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Owens.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Richard Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Joyce Lubben, Director of Council on Aging; and Lachel Fowler, Elder Benefit Specialist.

Others Present: Bob Harlow and William Anderson, Jr., RSVP.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Brien moved approval of the agenda; second by Supervisor Pleasant. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2018. Supervisor Pleasant moved approval of the minutes from November 20, 2018 as presented, second by Supervisor Brien. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. Ms. Lubben told the committee she had applied for three vehicles for 2019 and all three were granted. The vehicles will be delivered in early 2020. One vehicle was granted for 2018 and the delivery of that vehicle will be soon.

Mr. Greenlee said there was a recent Janesville Gazette article on a lawsuit filed by Annette Miller against Rock County due to a vehicle accident that resulted in her husband's death. Mr. Greenlee said while the litigation is pending he will not provide comments to the media.

Ms. Lubben introduced Ms. Fowler as the new interim Director of Council on Aging.

Transfers. None.

Review of Payments. The committee accepted the report.

Updates and Possible Action.

Introduction of New RSVP Executive Director. Mr. Harlow introduced Mr. William Anderson, Jr. as the new RSVP Executive Director as of December 17th. Mr. Anderson provided some background on himself to the committee.

Council on Aging Transition and Future Organizational Structure. Mr. Smith said with Ms. Lubben's upcoming retirement, they have begun a conversation on the future organizational structure. For a few years, the State has been urging counties to integrate their aging programs with the ADRC. The timing provides an opportunity to pause and re-evaluate. Mr. Smith will be requesting input from the State and other counties. One benefit to integration would be to eliminate confusion on where seniors would seek services. If integrated, both departments would need to be in the same location. There may be some state funds available to assist with integration. Nothing is broken at this time. Both departments work very well together. Chair Richard asked what timeframe Mr. Smith was looking at. Mr. Smith said he would like to take enough time to make a mindful decision but also not draw out too long for the interim. There is no fiscal advantage to integration as state statutes require an Aging director so this position could not be eliminated. This will remain as a standing agenda item for the coming months.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Brien moved adjournment at 4:20 P.M., second by Supervisor Gramke. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
Human Resources Secretary

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