

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
March 8, 2011

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, Collins, Peer, Yankee and Jensen.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; Jeff Smith, Finance Director; Dave O'Connell, Human Resources Director.

Others Present: None.

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

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Jensen moved approval of the minutes of February 22, 2011 as presented, second by Supervisor Bussie. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Supervisor Arnold said she talked to Mike Maddox, UW Extension, and three fourths of the garden plots were already rented as of today.

Supervisor Bussie just wanted to mention, since there was some concern, that Dr. Rao's contract comes up for renewal every year and he is on-call 24/7 at Rock Haven. She said he refused increases a couple of years. Supervisor Jensen felt that there should be a cap on how much we pay a position. Mr. Knutson commented that this has never been discussed and there are market rates for these services.

Bills/Encumbrances.

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County Board	\$	733.38
Corporation Counsel		50.00
Human Resources		4,679.98
Employee Related		300.00

Supervisor Kraft asked Mr. O'Connell what the \$3,000 for training was for. Mr. O'Connell replied that the money was for a trainer to come in and do two sessions of a nine session leadership training that was just started with the County managers and supervisors. He said there were 29 going through this training.

Supervisor Kraft moved approval of the above Bills and Encumbrances for the County Board Staff Committee, second by Supervisor Yankee. ADOPTED.

Transfers/Pre-Approved Encumbrances: None.

Resolutions.

Recognizing Julie Haese for Services to Rock Haven.

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2011 does hereby recognize Julie Haese for her 20 years, 2 months of service and extend their best wishes to her 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 Julie Haese. ”

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

Preserving the State of Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative and Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program.

Mr. Knutson explained that basically the Governor’s proposed budget takes money out of the budget for this program and we would be going on record opposing those changes.

“NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2011, requests the State of Wisconsin to preserve the Working Lands Initiative, the FPP, the PACE Program, the AEA Program and the Working Lands Fund in their current form, and not modify or amend said Initiative, Programs, or Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Rock County Board of Supervisors oppose Assembly Bill 34, Senate Bill 24 and the language identified in the Governor’s Proposed Budget.”

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

Supervisor Yankee wondered how they determined how much to pay for these agricultural conservation easements. After a brief discussion, Mr. Knutson asked Mr. Terronez to contact Tom Sweeney to make sure he would be at the County Board meeting this Thursday to answer questions as this item was on the agenda.

Update on Governor's Budget Bill Proposal. At this time Mr. Knutson gave an update on the Governor's budget bill proposal. Phil Boutwell arrived. Mr. Boutwell also commented on the Governor's budget bill proposal in regard to Human Services.

Adjournment. Supervisor Collins moved adjournment at 4:50 P.M., second by Supervisor Arnold. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rabe
HR Secretary

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