

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
April 13, 2010

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, Bussie, Jensen, Joiner, Ott, Peer, Yankee.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Jeff Smith, Finance Director; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; Lori Pope, Acting Human Resources Director; Phil Boutwell, Assistant to the County Administrator; Ben Coopman, Public Works Director; Lori Williams, Parks Director..

Others Present: Supervisor Larry Wiedenfeld; Eric Hanson, Executive Director, Consolidated Koshkonong Sanitary District.

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

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Jensen requested the following corrections to the March 25th minutes. On page 2, the second resolution title should be, "Supporting Aggressive Action to Prevent Asian Carp From Entering Lake Michigan and Great Lake Watersheds". The last sentence in the first paragraph of this resolution should read, "create new storm flood barriers; and,". Supervisor Jensen moved approval of the minutes of March 25th with these changes, second by Supervisor Joiner. ADOPTED as amended..

Supervisor Ott moved approval of the minutes of March 26th as presented, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Eric Hanson was introduced to the Committee. He said the Consolidated Koshkonong Sanitary District is doing a project to upgrade lift stations. They are also trying to improve communications to the main water stations. He said they have been working with Mr. Coopman trying to make sure the 110' tower will not interfere with the new Edgerton Hospital. The FAA okayed the tower but recommended a light be placed on it. Supervisor Kraft said the area homeowners are not happy with having lights on the tower. Mr. Coopman explained this will be one red light.

Chair Podzilni thanked Mr. Hanson for coming today and said the resolution will be on the May 11th County Board Staff Committee agenda and the May 13th County Board agenda.

Supervisor Ott requested more information in the Supervisors' Review on the upcoming Earth Day at U.W. Rock County.

Supervisor Yankee said the Welty Environmental Center is having an Earth Day Clean-up on Saturday, April 17th from 9:00-Noon. They will be accepting scrap metal, i.e., stoves, cars. etc., at Beckman Mill.

Supervisor Arnold reminded the Committee about the Rock County Rx Round Up in Beloit, Janesville and Edgerton on Saturday, April 17th from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Mr. Knutson asked the Committee about again holding Pre-Budget Meetings. The Committee indicated their interest in having these meetings for the 2011 Budget.

Bills/Encumbrances

County Board	\$	1,491.85
Corporation Counsel		495.00
Human Resources		5,033.75

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

Resolutions

Supporting a Statewide Competitive & Positioning Study

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this _____ day of _____, 2010 hereby supports and endorses the preparation of this statewide Competitiveness & Positioning Study; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors believes that this type of information will be critically important to the forthcoming public policy discussions regarding the State of Wisconsin’s economy; and directs the County Clerk to provide copies of this Resolution to Rock County’s state level Elected Delegation, the Assembly Speaker and the Senate Majority Leader, respectively.”

Supervisor Jensen moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Kraft. ADOPTED.

Recognizing William “Billy Bob” Grahn

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby recognize William “Billy Bob” Grahn for his service and extends best wishes in his future endeavors.”

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

Recognizing James Joiner

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby recognize James Joiner for his service and extends best wishes in his future endeavors.”

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

Recognizing Richard K. Ott

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby recognize Richard K. Ott for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Rock County and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.”

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

To Recognize Stephanie Stavn

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby recognize Stephanie Stavn for nearly 19 years of service and extends best wishes to her in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Stephanie Stavn.”

Supervisor Jensen moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Joiner.
ADOPTED.

Commending Regina Maltese

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby recognize Regina Maltese for her dedicated service to the citizens of Rock County for over 29 years and wishes her well in her future endeavors; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Regina Maltese.”

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

Commending Charlotte M. Austin

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby recognize Charlotte M. Austin for her dedicated service to the citizens of Rock County for over 33 years and wishes her well in her future endeavors; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Charlotte M. Austin.”

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

Commending Tucker Fredricks for Representing the USA in the 2010 Winter Olympics

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby commend Tucker Fredricks for representing our country on the world stage at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we have collectively cheered his many successes, eagerly look forward to his future successes, and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.”

Supervisor Arnold moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Bussie. ADOPTED. Mr. Boutwell said Tucker Fredricks is planning to be in Janesville in June and asked if the Committee would like to have this resolution on a June County Board meeting. The Committee was in agreement.

Consideration of Proposed Rule Changes.

(1) Rule III-D shall be amended as follows:

D. In order to provide advanced notice to the Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Rock County, items to be included on the agenda shall be in the office of the County Administrator no later than Wednesday of the week preceding the meeting. ~~By 12:00 noon of the Thursday preceding the meeting with the meeting held on the succeeding Thursday, and by 12:00 noon of the fifth working day preceding the meeting in other cases.~~

Mr. Kuglitsch advised this rule change was proposed by Administration. Supervisors Yankee and Arnold moved the proposed rule change. ADOPTED on a vote of 9-0.

(2) Rule III-B shall be amended as follows:

B. The format for the Agenda shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. ~~Invocation and~~ Pledge of Allegiance (May be preceded by a nonsectarian inspirational message or moment of silence.)

Mr. Kuglitsch advised this rule change was proposed by Supervisor Fizzell. Supervisors Kraft and Joiner moved the proposed rule change.

Mr. Kuglitsch commented that the State Legislature and the Congress of the United States start their meetings with a prayer. Supervisor Bussie said she thinks this is out of place and not necessary. Board members have given a number of things for the invocation, i.e., poems, chants, etc. Supervisor Peer said he feels the majority are willing to let whoever's turn it is do whatever they choose.

Supervisor Jensen moved to amend the rule change from "Invocation" to "Opening Message", second by Supervisor Joiner. Supervisor Arnold moved to table the amendment, second by Supervisor Bussie. TABLED on a vote of 7-2.

The Committee voted on the original rule change which was DEFEATED on a vote of 1-8.

(3) Rule IV-I shall be amended as follows:

1. Committee coordination shall be the responsibility of the County Administrator or a designated agent to provide agenda, meeting and minutes assistance, and administrative and staff follow-up and related matters. All committee agendas are to be submitted to the County Administrator's office at least five working days in advance of the meeting and in the committee member's hands no later than 48 hours before the meeting. All attachments to committee agendas shall be marked to refer specifically to the agenda item to which it corresponds. A majority of the members of any committee shall have the right to add an item to the committee agenda subject to the requirements of the Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Kuglitsch advised this rule change was requested by Supervisor Bussie. After discussion, Supervisor Bussie withdrew the proposed rule change at this time.

(4) Rule I-D shall be amended as follows:

D. The Board shall meet regularly on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month except for the month of December where the Board shall meet only on the third Thursday of the month. All meetings shall begin at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, County Court House, Janesville, Wisconsin. (The dates or times of these meetings may be changed by the Chair and Vice Chair of the County Board.)

Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the proposed rule change. Supervisor Yankee pointed out that the Chair and Vice Chair can do this now. After a brief discussion, this proposed rule change was DEFEATED on a vote of 0-9.

(5) Rule I-F shall be amended as follows:

F. Vacancies during the term of any supervisor shall be filled by the County Board Chair with only the County Administrator's office assistance for securing applicant's biographical data. No other County Board member's direct or indirect assistance shall be used by the County Board Chair in making his or her decision on selectee to fill vacant seat. The Chair's appointment shall be confirmed ~~with confirmation~~ by the County Board. If practicable, this shall be done within 30 working days of the date on which the vacancy was created.

Mr. Kuglitsch advised this rule change was proposed and amended by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Supervisors Joiner and Jensen moved the proposed rule change.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld said he feels this will add more structure to Section F and it is self-explanatory. The Chair elected by the County Board is solely responsible. Supervisor Ott said the current rules state it is the responsibility of the Chair. If he calls anyone else in, it still is the responsibility of the Chair. Mr. Kuglitsch said currently however the Chair wants to do it is his choice. DEFEATED on a vote of 1-8.

Executive Session: Supervisors Yankee and Arnold moved to go into Executive Session at 5:27 P.M. per Section 19.85(1)(e) – Negotiation Regarding the Acquisition of Public Property.

Chair Podzilni announced that the Committee would meet in closed session for Negotiation Regarding the Acquisition of Public Property as authorized by Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Supervisor Joiner moved to go out of Executive Session at 5:54 P.M., second by Supervisor Ott. ADOPTED.

Adjournment. Supervisor Bussie moved adjournment at 5:54 P.M., second by Supervisor Joiner. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Milligan
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