

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
Minutes – June 10, 2014

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, Sweeney, Mawhinney and Peer.

Committee Members Absent: 1 vacancy.

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

Others Present: Cathy Idzerda, Janesville Gazette.

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

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the minutes of May 27, 2014 as presented, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. None.

Bills/Encumbrances

County Board	\$ 1,407.36
Corporation Counsel	390.00
Human Resources	242.39

Transfers None.

Pre-Approved Encumbrances None.

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

Resolutions.

To Recognize Carolyn Teague

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

2014, does hereby recognize Carolyn Teague for her 34 years of service and extend 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 Carolyn Teague.”

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

Placing Health Care Advisory Referendum on the November 4, 2014 County Ballot

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2014 does hereby direct the Rock County Clerk to place the following advisory referendum question on the countywide ballot at the election to be held on November 4, 2014:

“Shall the next State Legislature accept available federal funds for BadgerCare to ensure that thousands of Wisconsin citizens have access to quality and affordable health coverage?”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Rock County legislative delegation, Governor Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Counties Association.”

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

Mr. Osborne said on December 12, 2013 a lobbying resolution for the Affordable Care Act, which was passed, went to the Wisconsin Counties Association to lobby on our behalf. Governor Walker chose to turn this down. This resolution is requesting a referendum question be added to the fall ballot: “Shall the next State Legislature accept available federal funds for BadgerCare to ensure that thousands of Wisconsin citizens have access to quality and affordable health coverage?”

Supervisor Bussie said there are still certain guidelines that will need to be met and asked what this resolution would really accomplish. Mr. Knutson said this is a policy decision for the Committee to make. Chair Podzilni said the WCA is not going to pursue this and they are not anticipating many other counties will either.

Supervisor Sweeney said he feels we need to allow the new qualifications in place now for BadgerCare to play through before we change them again.

Supervisor Mawhinney moved to table the resolution, second by Supervisor Bussie. TABLED.

Confirming the Appointment of County Administrator

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this _____ day of _____, 2014, confirms the appointment of Joshua M. Smith, as County Administrator in accordance with the attached employment contract.”

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

Mr. O’Connell went over the negotiation process of the contract; the salaries of other counties in Wisconsin who have a hired Administrator as opposed to an elected Executive (Rock County is the largest County in the State with a County Administrator.); base salary comparisons to comparable counties and the top unilateral employees for Rock County; and a comparison of Mr. Knutson’s present contract and Mr. Smith’s proposed contract.

Supervisor Kraft said she felt it would be a good idea to have Mr. Smith attend all the standing committee meetings to introduce himself.

ADOPTED.

Discussion on the Buck Property Mr. Terronez said the County has received an inquiry to purchase the Buck property. He handed out copies of the map of the property along with the background and options for the property and went over them.

Mr. Knutson said the first thing may simply be to get an appraisal done on the property. Mr. Kuglitsch said he recommends an appraisal of the property be done as he felt it would better position the County on what we may want to do.

Supervisor Sweeney asked if it could be appraised as both residential and commercial, then the County could apply to re-zone if they wished to. Mr. Knutson said we could get a cost for doing an appraisal. The Committee all agreed this would be good to go. Supervisor Kraft said she knows some of the neighbors are hoping it be re-zoned to residential.

Claim. Mr. Kuglitsch went over the claim made by Christopher Anderson. He said the claim is about the Jail denying refill of prescription medications and refusal to render medical aid. Mr. Anderson is in the Racine Correctional Facility and was in the Rock County jail for nine days. Rock County contracts out for medical needs in the Jail. He said WMMIC has denied this claim.

Moved by Supervisor Brill to deny this claim, second by Supervisor Arnold.
DENIED.

Adjournment. Supervisor Arnold moved adjournment at 4:41 P.M., second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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