

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
July 7, 2009

Call to Order. Chair Podzilni called the meeting of the County Board Staff Committee to order at 4:30 P.M., on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Podzilni, Kraft, Bussie, Jensen, Joiner, Ott, Peer, Yankee.

Committee Members Excused: Supervisor Arnold.

Staff Members Present: Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Jeff Smith, Finance Director; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; John Becker, Human Resources Director; Phil Boutwell and Josh Smith, Assistants to the County Administrator; Mike Jones, Human Services Administrative Services Manager; David Somppi, Senior Planner.

Others Present: Ellen Trewartha, League of Women Voters.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Jensen moved approval of the agenda with the addition of Item 7 - Discuss and Take Possible Action on Changing Rock County's Third Party Administrator for Worker's Compensation, second by Supervisor Kraft. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Joiner moved approval of the minutes of June 23, 2009, second by Supervisor Bussie. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Chair Podzilni welcomed Ellen Trewartha and thanked her for coming.

Supervisor Bussie asked about Oshkosh Truck and one billion dollars in funding, with Mr. Knutson advising our representative has heard nothing further.

Chair Podzilni asked the possibility of the courts demanding that GM dispose of this Janesville Plant when they come out of Chapter 11. Mr. Knutson said when the new GM is formed, they will leave the liability with the old GM. He thinks this plant will be going with the new GM.

Supervisor Yankee read a prepared statement regarding the number of additions/corrections/changes (July 2, 2009) to the Land and Water Resource Management Plan, distributed at the June 25th County Board meeting.

Supervisor Bussie advised Phil Boutwell and Sherry Gunderson made a very productive trip to the Capital in late May, with their lobbying efforts resulting in a \$371,000 benefit to Rock Haven.

Mr. Knutson said a Press Release on the GM incentives was released at 11:00 A.M. today and he and the staff have been fielding numerous media questions since then.

Mr. Knutson asked the Committee if a Joint CBS/Finance Committee meeting could be scheduled on Friday, July 24th, 8:00 A.M., to hear the Human Services Department 2010 pre-budget presentation. The Committee was in agreement with this date and time.

Bills/Encumbrances. None.

Resolutions

Authorizing 2009 Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant Mutual Cooperation Agreement Between Rock County and the Cities of Beloit and Janesville.

“**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this _____ day of _____, 2009 hereby enters into a mutual cooperation agreement to administer the Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant with the Cities of Beloit and Janesville; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are authorized to sign the respective Cooperation Agreement on behalf of the County of Rock.”

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

To Modify the 2009 Human Services Budget to Accept SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Grant Funding, To Create a 1.0 FTE Psych Tech Position, and to Reconcile the Project for the Assistance in the Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program Budget to Actual Allocation

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors this _____ day of _____, 2009, to accept a net increase of \$14,104 in state and federal revenues, a net increase of \$14,139 in Medical Assistance revenues, create a 1.0 FTE Psych Tech position, and amend the 2009 Human Services Budget as follows:

....”

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

Authorizing Sale of Tiffany Pit to the Town of La Prairie

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2009, hereby

authorizes the sale of those lands known as Tiffany Pit (Parcel #6-10-241-18) totaling 17 acres, as is, to the Town of La Prairie for the sum of One-Hundred Dollars (\$100) and the Town will assume the lease of property agreement (including paying a one-time transfer fee to the grantor) for the parcel with the Union Pacific Railroad Company.”

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

COMMENDING Jan Michele Cruickshank

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2009 does hereby recognize **Jan Michele Cruickshank** for her dedicated service to the citizens of Rock County for over 26 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 **Jan Michele Cruickshank**.”

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

Supporting the 2010 Census and Establishing a Complete Count Committee

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2009 does hereby recognize the importance of the 2010 Census and agrees to form an Ad Hoc Complete Count Committee, in order to plan for and promote the 2010 Census in Rock County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Rock County Board of Supervisors be authorized to appoint up to twenty-one (21) individuals to serve on this committee and designate the chair person.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee shall be authorized to meet until May 31, 2010, after which time the committee shall be dissolved.”

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

Semi-Annual Training, Convention and Conference Expense. The Committee accepted reports from the County Administrator, Corporation Counsel and Human Resources and directed they be placed on file.

Discuss and Take Possible Action on Changing Rock County's Third Party Administrator for Worker's Compensation. Mr. Kuglitsch distributed copies of proposals from Willis HRH Wisconsin and CCMSI. He reminded the Committee that Cambridge has done Workers Compensation for Rock County for 25 years. Our contract expired April 19th and we have been operating on a month-to-month basis since that time. We were informed by Cambridge that they were being sold to Xchanging, a British company, and our claims would be handled out of their Dallas, Texas, office. They have no Midwest branches.

Mr. Becker commented that this company has never done Workers Compensation in the United States. He said it appears our claims are being handled, however, they just now received contact names of the persons handling Rock County's claims in Texas.

Mr. Kuglitsch said Dodge County is currently in the process of selecting a Worker's Compensation carrier. Rather than duplicating the process, he is asking the Committee for authority to "piggyback" onto their proposal. The proposals will be reviewed by our insurance consultant, T. J. Brennan. Mr. Kuglitsch is also asking the authority to use his discretion with regard to the 60-day notice of termination to Cambridge (Xchanging). He hopes to have the information to make a decision at the next County Board Staff Committee meeting (July 28th).

Supervisor Bussie moved approval of giving the Corporation Counsel the discretion to give the 60 day notice to Cambridge and to piggyback onto the Dodge County proposal, second by Supervisor Yankee. ADOPTED.

Executive Session: Supervisors Jensen and Peer moved to go into Executive Session at 5:32 P.M. per Section 19.85(1)(e) – Setting Bargaining Parameters.

Chair Podzilni announced that the Committee would meet in closed session for Setting Bargaining Parameters as authorized by Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Supervisor Ott moved to go out of Executive Session at 6:37 P.M., second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Adjournment. Supervisor Yankee moved adjournment at 6:37 P.M., second by Supervisor Ott. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Milligan
Confidential Administrative Assistant

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