

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
Minutes – August 25, 2015

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, Mawhinney, Peer and Sweeney.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Thomas.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; Annette Mikula, Human Resources Director; James Otterstein, Economic Development Manager; Mickey Crittenden, Information Technology Director.

Others Present: None.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Supervisor Kraft informed the Committee that there will be a low cost Rabies Clinic on September 26 at the Craig Center (Rock County Fairgrounds) at a cost of \$10 per pet from 1 – 4 pm. She added that about 50% of animals in Rock County are not vaccinated.

Approval of Minutes – August 11, 2015 and the Joint Meeting with Finance Committee on August 3, 2015. Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the minutes of August 11, 2015 as presented and the joint minutes with the Finance Committee of August 3, 2015 as presented, second by Supervisor Arnold. ADOPTED.

Bills/Encumbrances

Human Resources	\$	80.00
County Board		434.00

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

Transfers. None.

Pre-Approved Encumbrances. None.

Resolutions.

Supporting Expansion of Wisconsin Open Records Laws

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2015, hereby support protection of the Wisconsin Open Records Law and encourage efforts by lawmakers to enact improvements which allow for greater access to information for citizens. Restricting accessibility only create perceptions of intentional blocking the public from discovering what factors drive official actions and provides the elements that could potentially lead to legislative abuse, malfeasance and corruption. To ensure openness, any discussion of changes to the Wisconsin Open Records Law should include numerous, widespread public hearings throughout the State of Wisconsin. Any policy matter changes to the law should be discussed separate from the budget process. Any proposed changes should be available for an appropriate amount of time for public review and comment regarding the changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Rock County Board of Supervisors direct the Rock County Clerk to supply a copy of this resolution to Rock County representatives in state government: Senator Janis Ringhand, Senator Stephen Nass, Representative Amy Loudenbeck, Representative Deb Kolste, Representative Mark Spreitzer, Representative Andy Jorgensen, Governor Scott Walker, and Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel.”

Supervisor Podzilni and Sweeney moved to put this resolution on the floor for discussion.

Discussion on reason for resolution is the Joint Finance Committee tried to pass something through during the end of the last budget and that the media had handled this pretty well; concerns there are no parameters to this resolution and the problem is that not all records can be made public.

Supervisor Mawhinney moved to table this resolution indefinitely, second by Supervisor Bussie. Passed on the following vote: Ayes – Supervisors Mawhinney, Sweeney, Bussie, Brill, Arnold, Peer and Podzilni; Nos – Supervisor Kraft; Absent – Supervisor Thomas.

Requesting the State Legislature to Take Steps to Enact a Constitutional Amendment Regarding Unfunded Mandates

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session this ____ day _____, 2015 that they encourage the Wisconsin State Legislature to take steps to adopt a constitutional amendment to restrict the power of the legislature to mandate requirements upon local governments.,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED for the purposes of this constitutional amendment, local government would include county, city, town, village, technical college or school districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Rock County state legislators and the Governor of the State of Wisconsin.”

Supervisor Kraft and Podzilni moved to put this resolution on floor for discussion.

Mr. Kuglitsch said this resolution is based on one from the State of Texas.

The Committee discussed that this would have more impact if it came from the WCA and that maybe it should be tabled until after the first of the year.

Supervisor Sweeney moved to postpone this resolution until the second meeting in January 2016, second by Supervisor Peer.

Moved by Supervisor Mawhinney to amend the motion to add that the resolution be modified to send to the WCA, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

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Supporting the Expansion of the Riverside Energy Center

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2015, hereby fully requests the Public Service Commission to give favorable consideration to WPL’s application to expand the Riverside Energy Center; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Public Service Commission, as well as to Rock County’s State of Wisconsin Elected Delegation, the Governor’s Office and other relevant entities.”

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

Review and Discussion on Social Media Policy. Mr. Osborne explained that due to the transition from traditional media to electronic form of communication it has become clear that the County needs to have a formal policy to govern the use of social media for work related purposes. Mr. Osborne went over the draft policy with the Committee.

Supervisor Bussie said this issue has been discussed at a state highway meeting and a couple of the issues brought up there were who would be keeping the site(s) up to date and who would do the monitoring.

Mr. Osborne went over the procedures and responsibilities and said that the archive system we are looking at would cost \$149 per month for 10 sites. This could

either be divided up between the departments who have a site or IT may be able to absorb the cost. He also said there may be a possibility for some of the departments to use grant funds to pay for this service.

Discussion that not a great deal of information can be put on these sites; that anything on the site is part of the public record; having a place for comments on the site; putting department head pictures on the site or a copy of the County seal; adding a disclaimer to each site to protect the County on any misuse of the site such as "The opinions on this page do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the County"; the department head would have the right to pull the plug on the site if they feel it is taking up too much time, is not being used, or does not add value; that the policy would need to be able to be changed and updated as needed; that using social media could cut down on advertising and other such costs; that department heads should be monitored as part of their yearly review to make sure they are complying with the policies and procedures; and that there should be a link on the social media site to click on to take the person to the website.

Supervisor Sweeney asked if a box could be added to the sites for the people leaving comments that they agree with the terms. Mr. Osborne said that comments could be deleted or blocked if they are not appropriate.

Supervisor Arnold suggested that after a year this will be reviewed to see if it is worthwhile.

Mr. Smith said that ultimately it would fall to him to follow up with department heads and to have the monitoring of the sites part of their job responsibility.

Supervisor Bussie asked if this has been discussed at a department head meeting. Mr. Osborne said it was brought up and discussed at the last meeting.

Supervisor Peer said to make sure there are procedures in place so the site(s) cannot be sabotaged.

Mr. Osborne said the intention today was to review, discuss and make changes to the policy, and then to bring it back to the next meeting for action.

Adjournment. Supervisor Arnold moved adjournment at 5:00 P.M., second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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