



COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
Minutes – July 25, 2017

Call to Order. Chair Podzilni called the meeting of the County Board Staff Committee to order at 4:00 pm in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Podzilni, Kraft, Arnold, Sweeney, Thomas, Brill, Mawhinney and Peer.

Committee Members Excused: Supervisor Bussie.

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; Jodi Timmerman, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Kate Luster, Human Services Director.

Others Present: Supervisor Schulz.

Approval of Agenda. Chair Podzilni said item 6 will be deleted at this time. Supervisor Arnold moved approval of the agenda with this deletion, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. None.

Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2017. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the minutes of July 11, 2017, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Transfers. None.

Resolutions.

Requesting State Law Change Allowing Counties the Use of the Design-Build Construction Method and Update the Statutory Bidding Requirements

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ___ day _____, 2017 does hereby request that the Rock County Legislators introduce and support legislation authorizing counties to utilize the Design-Build option.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature take action to update the antiquated project limit in Sec. 59.52(29), State Stats., from \$25,000 to

\$250,000, and the requirement of a class 1 notice be raised for any public work to a cost in excess of \$50,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is authorized to send copies of this resolution to the Rock County Legislative Delegation and the Wisconsin Counties Association to elicit support for this requested change in state law.”

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

Mr. Kuglitsch said he was asked to put this resolution together by Supervisor Owens. He added that the counties are the only ones who are prohibited using the Design-Build Construction method. The state law has not been changed since 1991.

The Committee discussed adding the resolution on the list with Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA); we are past the WCA deadline for 2017; waiting to see if this item is on the WCA list for 2017; putting the resolution through at this time and asking WCA add to the 2018 list; and if postponed can we wait to see if it is on the WCA 2017 list and if not then bring it back and put through for 2018.

Moved by Supervisor Mawhinney to postpone indefinitely, second by Supervisor Peer.

POSTPONED indefinitely.

Supporting Access to Health Care

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2017, urge the federal representatives from Wisconsin in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives to support the efforts of NACo to:

- A. Oppose changes to federal health care programs that shift cost to counties or reduce coverage;
- B. Solicit our shared constituency for their views;
- C. Seek input from health care providers on the service delivery impacts of federal legislation;
- D. Work in a bipartisan manner to fix the flaws of the ACA; and
- E. Maintain affordable health care coverage for those who desire and need coverage.”

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

Ms. Luster said this resolution was passed unanimously by the Human Services Board. She said she agreed with Ms. Schulz that people do need affordable coverage, and that we do need to help make sure they are given something they can afford.

The Committee discussed the purpose of this resolution; removing lines 26-30; what is the NACo platform; the NACo report on the Senate Health Proposal; and the resolution does not direct to send to anyone.

Supervisor Kraft said she feels if individual letters were sent to our legislative delegation it would have a bigger impact.

The Committee discussed a slight rewrite to the resolution as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2017, urge NACo to include but not limited to the following:

- A. Oppose changes to federal health care programs that shift cost to counties or reduce coverage;
- B. Solicit our shared constituency for their views;
- C. Seek input from health care providers on the service delivery impacts of federal legislation;
- D. Work in a bipartisan manner to fix the flaws of the ACA; and
- E. Maintain affordable health care coverage for those who desire and need coverage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to the federal representatives from Wisconsin in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.”

Supervisor Kraft moved the above changes to the resolution, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

ADOPTED as amended.

Discussion and Possible Action on Policy 3.06 Personal Furniture. Ms. Mikula said there have been a number of requests from employees to bring in sit/stand desks. This brings up liability issues for the County. She said she felt it best to create a policy on the use of personal property in the work place. Ms. Mikula said she has discussed this with Mr. Sutherland, Facilities Management Director, and he felt his department would be able to do an initial inspection of personal items brought in.

Ms. Timmerman said she felt the Release and Waiver of Liability form needs a little “tweaking”.

The Committee discussed the benefits of bringing in items to help some of the areas not look so sterile; the dangers of electrical items; and the need to protect the County against liability.

Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of Policy 3.06 Personal Furniture with Ms. Timmerman to “tweak” the Release and Waiver of Liability form, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED with Ms. Timmerman making changes to the liability form.

Discussion and Possible Action on Policy 5.37 Shift Differential. Ms. Mikula said she thought the change made to the policy in January 2017 had solved the problem, but it did not cover employees working in the Crisis Unit or AODA Program for the hours worked between 7 pm and 7 am. Ms. Mikula said the employees in these areas helped collaborate on these changes.

Supervisor Kraft asked if these are the only areas affected. Ms. Luster and Ms. Mikula replied they are the only ones.

Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of Policy 5.37 Shift Differential, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Executive Session: Supervisors Brill and Sweeney moved to go into Executive Session at 5:09 pm per Section 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats. – Performance Evaluation – County Administrator. ADOPTED on a roll call vote with the following: Ayes – Supervisors Mawhinney, Sweeney, Thomas, Brill, Arnold, Peer, Kraft and Podzilni. Supervisor Bussie was absent.

Supervisor Sweeney moved to go out of Executive Session at 5:35 pm, second by Supervisor Arnold. ADOPTED.

Adjournment. Supervisor Arnold moved adjournment at 5:36 pm, second by Supervisor Thomas. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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