



COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
Minutes – February 28, 2017

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, Peer, Sweeney, and Thomas.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Mawhinney.

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.

Others Present: Supervisor Yeomans.

Approval of Agenda. Chair Podzilni informed the Committee that an updated copy of Administrative Policy No. 5.37 Shift Differential was handed out. Supervisor Arnold moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. None.

Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2017. Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the minutes of February 14, 2017, second by Supervisor Arnold. ADOPTED.

Transfer. None

Resolution.

Supporting Efforts to Close Commercial Property Assessment Loopholes

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2017, does hereby urge the Governor and State Legislature to protect homeowners and main street businesses from having even more of the property tax burden shifted to them by passing legislation clarifying that:

1. Leases are appropriately factored into the valuation of leased properties; and
2. When using the comparable sale method of valuation, assessors shall consider as comparable only those sales within the same market segment exhibiting a similar highest and best use rather than similarly sized but vacant properties in abandoned locations.”

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

Chair Podzilni went over the reasoning behind this request from the Wisconsin Counties Association. The Committee discussed how this affects other taxpayers when a commercial property owner uses this assessment loophole.

ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Administrative Policy No. 5.37 – Shift Differential. Ms. Mikula went over the changes with the Committee using the updated copy handed out earlier.

Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the changes to Policy No. 5.37, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Update on Wellness Committee Workout Center and Approval to Accept Donation. Mr. Terronez showed pictures of the workout room located on the ground floor of the Health Care Center and explained the equipment was donated. He mentioned a County Board Supervisor has requested use of the workout center and explained the need to get badges for all Supervisors, particularly in light of the Courthouse Security Project. Mr. Terronez said there had been another possible donation of equipment that has since been removed.

Discussion of Town of Beloit Incorporation. Chair Podzilni, Mr. Smith and Mr. Osborne explained about the incorporation process the Town of Beloit is looking into doing and the impact to the County on the loss of revenue. The Committee suggested staff contact Andy Phillips and Alice Connors to see if they had any suggestions.

Supervisor Brill asked to let the Supervisors know when the Town of Beloit meetings are.

Adjournment. Supervisor Arnold moved adjournment at 5:04 P.M., second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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