



COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
Minutes – July 24, 2018

Call to Order. Chair Podzilni called the meeting of the County Board Staff Committee to order at 4:02 P.M. in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Podzilni, Mawhinney, Brill, Bussie, Peer, Sweeney and Yeomans.

Committee Members Excused: Supervisors Bostwick and Thomas.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; and Richard Greenlee, Corporation Counsel.

Others Present: Supervisor Tom Brien.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Greenlee informed the Committee that Jodi Timmerman, Deputy Corporation Counsel, has accepted the Probate Court Commissioner position. The Committee and Staff all expressed their happy wishes for her, but said they would all miss her greatly.

Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2018. Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the minutes of July 10, 2018 as presented, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Transfers. None.

Resolutions.

Recognizing Pamela Crandall

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ___ day _____, 2018, does hereby recognize Pamela Crandall for her fifteen (15) years of service and wishes to express their sincere appreciation on behalf of Rock County along with best wishes for the future.”

Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Recognizing Mickey Crittenden – Information Technology Director

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ___ day _____, 2018, does hereby recognize Mickey Crittenden for his over 17 years of service and extends their best wishes in his future endeavors.”

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

Recognizing John Reid

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting this ___ day _____, 2018, directs that a sincere expression of recognition be given to John Reid for his sixteen years and six months of services and expresses to him best wishes for the future.”

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

Urging the Governor and Legislature to Pass Legislation to Sustainably Fund Wisconsin’s Transportation System

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ___ day _____, 2018 urges the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin’s transportation system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, Rock County Legislative Delegation and to Governor Scott Walker.”

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

Supervisor Sweeney said he sits on a rail transportation committee at the State level and feels they (the State) seems to find a way to fund road projects.

Chair Podzilni said he attended the Public Works Committee meeting that morning and relayed the Committee was uncomfortable with the wording of the resolution. Mr. Osborne said the County Board passed a resolution with the same wording two years ago.

Supervisor Yeomans said he feels if the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) is for this, and we want to stay in good standing with the WCA, we should vote for it.

Supervisor Sweeney said he feels it is worth passing at this level to keep moving forward.

ADOPTED.

Authorization to Opt-In to Federal Class Action Lawsuit Involving the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT)

“NOW, THEREFORE, the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 9th day August, 2018, does hereby authorize the Corporation Counsel’s Office to complete and file a Class Action Opt-In Notice Form on behalf of the County prior to the deadline of September 14, 2018, as the official act of the County.”

Mr. Greenlee explained this is both a state and national issue and this would include Rock County in the class action lawsuit

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

Updates.

Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Town of Beloit Incorporation. Mr. Smith said he heard back from the Town of Beloit’s attorney that day and handed out copies of the memo. He said the date for the public hearing with the Board of Incorporation has been set for August 20, 2018 at Turner High School.

Discussion was had on if an agreement would be binding, if an agreement would irreparably damage the relationship between the County and the City of Beloit, and to have Mr. Smith ask the Town for an offer.

Mr. Greenlee said the County Board has until the August 9, 2018 meeting to reverse the opposition and until August 30, 2018 to let the Board of Incorporation know the County’s position.

Supervisor Mawhinney moved to direct Mr. Smith enter into negotiations with the Town of Beloit regarding the utility tax split, second by Supervisor Bussie. PASSED on the following vote: YES - Supervisors Brill, Bussie, Mawhinney, Peer, and Podzilni; NO - Supervisor Yeomans; ABSENT – Supervisors Bostwick and Thomas.

Discussion and Possible Action on Cell Tower Proposal for the Fairgrounds
Supervisor Yeomans handed out copies of a memo from American Tower and Crown Castle International Corp giving an overview of fiscal year 2017. He said he had met with Mr. Grafft earlier, relayed that Mr. Grafft felt the County should stay with the same contract we currently have and that anything over a 2% increase per year is good.

Supervisor Sweeney moved to accept option #3 for the cell tower at the Fairgrounds which extends it contract to 2068, second by Supervisor Bussie. ADOPTED.

Adjournment. Supervisor Mawhinney moved adjournment at 5:42 P.M., second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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