



COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
Minutes – May 22, 2018

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, Bussie, Thomas, Brill, Bostwick, Yeomans, Peer, Mawhinney and Sweeney.

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Annette Mikula, Human Resources Director; Richard Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; and Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director.

Others Present: Supervisor Brien.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Supervisor Brill asked if anything was salvaged from the old Rock Haven. Mr. Sutherland said they were able to remove some exit lights and handrails, but no mementoes.

Supervisor Bussie shared an article on how Oregon, Illinois, was awarded a \$1 million grant and said she would be sharing this with the Parks department.

Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2018. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the minutes of May 8, 2018 as presented, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Transfers. None.

Resolutions.

Recognizing Correctional Officer Mary K. Vukovich

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ___ day _____, 2018, does hereby recognize Correctional Officer Mary K. Vukovich for her over 17 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Correctional Officer Mary K. Vukovich along with best wishes for the future.”

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

To Recognize Elizabeth Austin

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this ___ day _____, 2018, does hereby recognize Elizabeth Austin for her 38 years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors.”

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

Update.

Discussion and Possible Action on Town of Beloit Incorporation Proposal.

Mr. Smith said at the last meeting the Committee requested this item be put back on the agenda to discuss the request for a gap payment if the opposition to incorporate is dropped.

The Committee members discussed the attached information the Town of Beloit published on why they are seeking incorporation, what they feel will happen, the Rock County and Alliant Energy shared revenue payment, and what the Town currently pays for County services. The Committee feels the Town does not fully comprehend what services the County provides for all Rock County citizens, including the current Town of Beloit.

Mr. Smith said the Committee has four options to consider: 1) take no action; 2) make a counter-offer; 3) take action and oppose the incorporation; and 4) let them know we are not interested at this time, but may in the future if they come to terms with the City of Beloit. He added that the Town of Beloit would prefer to have a decision made prior to their meeting on June 11 with the State Incorporation Board.

Supervisor Mawhinney said we cannot hold the future Village to any offers, that they could change their mind at any time. Mr. Greenlee said that we would be putting our faith that they would honor any agreement(s) after election. He added that he cannot see a legal remedy to this.

Chair Podzilni asked for a show of hands on the three parties negotiating. The vote was unanimous to have the Town of Beloit, City of Beloit and County negotiate.

Supervisor Yeomans moved to have Mr. Smith attempt to negotiate with the City of Beloit and the Town of Beloit, second by Supervisor Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Discussion on Livestreaming of Committee Meetings Mr. Smith explained that Supervisor Rashkin was intending to livestream using his phone. Supervisor Bostwick

said he spoke with Supervisor Rashkin, who intends to have another person there filming to free him up.

Mr. Smith said no matter what the County intends to do that Supervisor Rashkin would still be able to continue livestreaming. Mr. Smith added that he has asked the IT department to look into video or livestream of County Board meetings, but they are not at a point to report back.

Supervisor Bostwick said he feels this may be a good way to educate the public on what the County Board does.

Mr. Greenlee added that if Supervisor Rashkin chooses to continue livestreaming that he is the custodian of his own records.

Supervisor Brill said that at the May 15 General Services meeting Supervisor Rashkin used his phone to video during the tour and it was very distracting. This brought up concerns on possible resident privacy issues.

Supervisor Yeomans said he sees two situations; 1) County Board, and 2) Committee meetings.

The Committee said they would like to see what IT comes up with and then put this item back on the agenda for further discussion.

Review and Possible Action on Policy 5.08, Employee Identification Badges

Ms. Mikula went over the handout of the updated policy. She added that these changes need to be made due to the upcoming updates to Courthouse security.

Mr. Sutherland explained that tailgating is allowing others (other employees or visitors) to follow you through a door after you have activated the card reader with your badge.

Supervisor Yeomans moved to approve these changes to Policy 5.08 – Employee Identification Badges, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

Adjournment. Supervisor Yeomans moved adjournment at 5:27 P.M., second by Supervisor Bussie. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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