

**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE**  
**August 10, 2010**

**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, Collins, Jensen, Peer, and Yankee.

**Committee Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Jerome Long, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Jeff Smith, Finance Director; Dave O'Connell, Human Resources Director; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Ben Coopman, Public Works Director; Lori Williams, Parks Director.

**Others Present:** None.

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

**Approval of Minutes.** Supervisor Jensen moved approval of the minutes of July 27, 2010, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements.** Mr. Knutson informed the Committee the SEIU ratified the contract the prior day and this has been added to the County Board agenda for Thursday.

Supervisor Yankee congratulated Chair Podzilni on the article Wisconsin Counties magazine did on him.

**Bills/Encumbrances.**

County Administrator	\$ 163.00
County Board	1,514.02
Corporation Counsel	13.44
Human Resources	2,493.69
P&L Insurance	271.00
Employee Related	218.70

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

**Resolutions.**

**To Approve Referendum Question on the Office of Coroner Versus Medical Examiner for the November 2, 2010 General Election**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 that they place the following advisory referendum on the County wide general election ballot scheduled for November 2, 2010:

**(History:)** Currently, the electors of the County of Rock elect a County Coroner to a four-year term. The County Board of Supervisors has previously considered changing the Office of the County Coroner to a County appointed medical examiner system. The Rock County Board of Supervisors voted on May 27, 2010 to place this advisory referendum on the ballot.

**(Question:)** Should the County of Rock exercise its authority under Article VI, § 2 of the Wisconsin Constitution to replace the existing elected Office of County Coroner with a County appointed medical examiner system, effective January 2015?

**(Instruction:)** Effect of Vote: A yes vote would favor abolishing the Office of County Coroner and establishing an appointed medical examiner system. A no vote indicates you are opposed to the question and the current system should remain.”

Supervisor Bussie said she would like to see a profile of what the ballot will look like to see if it is worded clearly. She said she would ask Ms. Stottler about this.

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

**Jury Appreciation Month**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, does hereby supports the goals of Juror Appreciation Month:

- Educate the public about Jury duty and the importance of jury service, and
- Applaud the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty, and
- Ensure that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to all employers who pay employees their normal wages while allowing them to serve as jurors, preventing, financial hardship and fostering community strength.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors honors the service and commitment of citizens who perform jury duty, who by participating in the judicial process aid those elected to serve the citizens of Rock County by preserving the rule of law, the basis for a free society.”

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

**Recognizing Larry Nehls**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, that a sincere expression of recognition be given to Larry Nehls for his twenty-five years of service and best wishes for the future; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Mr. Nehls.”

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

**Authorizing Purchase of Joel & Ann Barrett Boys & Girls Club Property and Amending the Department of Public Works – Parks Division Budget**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 does hereby authorize the purchase of the former Joel & Ann Barrett Boys & Girls Club property located at 6528 S. Smith Road in Clinton, WI, from Stateline Boys & Girls Clubs for the sum of \$135,000; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk be authorized to execute legal documents related to the sale transaction on behalf of the County; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following contingencies will have been met prior to closing: 1) the results of an investigation of the subject property found it to not be environmentally contaminated, 2) the Towns of Turtle and La Prairie approved a Conditional Use Permit and Rezoned the property and 3) a memorandum of understanding was made with the sellers for the seller to use the property after closing on occasion for club outings; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that procurement of and payment for necessary building improvements by the Department in conformance with the County’s Purchasing Ordinance shall be made upon receipt and acceptance by the Public Works Committee; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Department of Public Works Parks Division budget be amended as follows:

...”

Supervisor Brill said he would like to have an easement to the 5-arch bridge. Mr. Coopman said the snowmobile club has one along the creek.

Chair Podzilni asked about the use of the buildings on the property. Ms. Williams said there is nothing definite at this time, but they have a number of ideas with many opportunities.

Supervisor Yankee said this will be purchased using \$56,371 in the capital improvement budget and for the remaining \$82,519 they will use ATC funds.

Supervisor Brill felt fencing should be put in to keep people from climbing up to the bridge.

Supervisor Kraft asked if they were required to keep the name. Ms. Williams said she did not believe so.

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

**Claim.** Chair Podzilni called upon Mr. Long to explain the claim. A detainee of the Rock County Health Care Center for emergency detoxification was verbally abusive and attempted to leave the facility without authorization. The detainee was physically restrained by security staff. The detainee claims that a Rock County Crisis worker and Diamond Security officers caused injury by assault and battery. The Rock County employee denies the allegations. Mr. Long said he recommends denial.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jensen to deny the claim, second by Supervisor Arnold. ADOPTED.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Arnold moved adjournment at 4:39 P.M., second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen  
Secretary II

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