



COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
Minutes – January 14, 2020

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

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to County Administrator; Annette Mikula, Human Resources Director; Richard Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Terri Carlson, Risk Manager.

Others Present: Supervisor Rick Richard; Tim Cullen, and Mark Fuller.

Approval of Agenda. Chair Podzilni said he would like to move item 7.E. up prior to item 7.A. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the agenda with this change, second by Supervisor Bussie. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Supervisor Mawhinney and the Committee wished Mr. Greenlee a belated happy birthday.

Chair Podzilni welcomed Ms. Mikula back.

Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2019. Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the minutes of December 10, 2019 as presented, second by Supervisor Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Transfers. None.

Review of Payments. The Committee accepted the reports.

Resolutions.

Placing Advisory Referendum on the Spring 2020 County Ballot on Creation of Nonpartisan Redistricting Procedure

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2020 does hereby

direct the Rock County Clerk to place the following advisory referendum on the April 7, 2020 county wide ballot:

Question: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps.

YES _____ NO _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Rock County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Rock County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the April 7, 2020 election at which the question will appear on the ballot.”

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

Supervisor Bostwick said a constituent of his had asked for this referendum.

Mr. Cullen said he and Senator Schultz had gone on the road throughout the state, at over 500 meetings to discuss this issue. He brought a few maps and discussed gerrymandering, how the politicians do their jobs, and how it effects the outcome of elections.

Mr. Cullen said the Janesville Gazette had an editorial in today’s paper “*Census must lead to fair voting maps*” and handed out copies as well as a map showing the 50 counties that have already passed a fair map resolution, and 8 counties that have passed a referendum.

Chair Podzilni said that Rock County did everything we possibly could to make the districts as close in population as possible. Mr. Cullen said the legislature had already drawn their maps first and this is what they went with.

ADOPTED.

Recognizing Celease Fox

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2020 does hereby recognize Celease Fox for her dedication to service in the Circuit Courts and extend their best wishes to her in her future endeavors.”

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

Recognizing Lianne Lannon

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2019, does hereby recognize Lianne Lannon for her twenty-eight (28) years of service and extend their best wishes to her in her future endeavors; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Lianne Lannon.”

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

Supervisor Mawhinney suggested a rewrite of lines 9 and 10 as they do not flow well. This will need to be done on the County Board floor as the Human Services Board has already approved the resolution.

ADOPTED.

Transfer of Lot 31 of Nelson’s First Subdivision to the Town of Milton, Rock County for Park and Open Space Land Uses

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2020, approves the transfer of Lot 31 Nelson’s First Subdivision to the Town of Milton contingent upon Town of Milton Board acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed noting the property is restricted to public park and open space land uses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk are authorized to execute required property transfer documents for the good and valuable consideration of \$1.00 from the Town of Milton.”

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

Mr. Smith said this lot is owned by Rock County but the parcels on either side of the lot are owned by Town of Milton. The lot has been used by the citizens as a park, and even has playground equipment on it. The Town of Milton intends to parcel the lots and give them to the neighbors to take care of.

ADOPTED.

Community Strategic Planning 2020

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board will engage a strategy planning facilitator to guide the board through the public opinion input process, board review, and creation and adoption of 5 year community strategic plan. The

facilitator will have experience in community focused strategic planning, and will have facilitated plans that have shown success with achievement of one or more goals or actionable items; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board will collect community input through a telephone, mailed, or online survey. Further input will be collected from focus groups composed of local stakeholders, based on identified areas of concern; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board will review the effect on senior residents, on fixed income, of annual maximum tax levy increases; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the strategic plan created and adopted shall have strategic goals and actionable items for which outcomes can be measured, to the extent possible; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County will seek to have the strategic plan endorsed by local Public Organizations, Academic Organizations, Business Organizations, Non Profit Organizations, Civic Organizations, and local elected state level representatives.”

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

Supervisor Richard said he hopes this will help the drug abuse and drug stream issues as well as look at issues in a global sense.

Supervisor Sweeney asked if this would be limited to the issues listed. Supervisor Richard replied no, that it would include issues brought forward from the community via the facilitator.

Supervisor Bostwick asked what the timeline would be. Supervisor Richard said about 9 months from the start.

Chair Podzilni asked if this would be done by someone from within. Supervisor Richard said he felt it would be someone who has done this before, and focus groups on things that continue to be bad. An RFP should include the facilitators prior projects results/progress.

There was discussion on the new analyst taking part in this; there are not funds budgeted for this in 2020; that the County has not done this before; that for a strategic plan to work the County Board will need to take the information and set priorities, that this is a lot of commitment and involvement for them, and they will have a lot of hard decisions to make.

Supervisor Richard said the facilitator will total the results of where the population is struggling, create relationships, get people involved, and people will learn more about what county government does. He suggested holding some four-to-five hour retreats to talk about the results, bounce ideas around, and work together to create better results.

Supervisor Yeomans said the plan should tell where we want to go, where we are at now, and how to get to where we want to go. He said the plan needs to have action steps. Supervisor Richard said he would like to hear direction on the next steps.

Mr. Greenlee reminded everyone this is a resolution on the floor to approve or not approve community strategic planning in 2020.

There was discussion on the need to have department input; there is a limit to what we can do, that ultimately people will do what they want and not have the governments tell them what to do; people not using services because they don't know about them; and that maybe we need a smaller strategic plan before getting to a bigger one.

Mr. Smith said our governing committees feel the departments are doing well. The County Board would need to address things the outcome of the findings, such as if it comes back that there is more need for public health than public safety and other things, would the County Board be willing/prepared to put more resources to public health than any other department.

Supervisor Bostwick said he feels we need more time to look at and think about this.

Supervisor Bostwick moved to table the resolution to February 11, 2020, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. TABLED to February 11, 2020 on the following vote: YES – Supervisors Bostwick, Brill, Bussie, Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni, Sweeney and Thomas; NO – Supervisor Yeomans.

Semi-annual Reports. The Committee accepted the reports.

Adjournment. Supervisor Sweeney moved adjournment at 5:18 P.M., second by Supervisor Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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