

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
March 6, 2012

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 Arnold, Brill, Bussie, Jensen, Kraft, Owens, Podzilni and Yankee.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Peer.

Staff Members Present: Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; Sherry Oja, Finance Director; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Dave O'Connell, Human Resources Director.

Others Present: Jordyn Rufer, Beloit Memorial High School; Larry Arft, City Manager, City of Beloit; Tom Casper, City Attorney, City of Beloit; Tony Farrell, Sr., Volunteer with Rock County; Tom Springer, Ho-Chunk Nation, Outside Counsel; Bill Louse, Ho-Chunk Nation, Business Department; Rev. Jerry Amstutz, First Baptist Church; Gina Duwe, Janesville Gazette; John Holst, Ho-Chunk Nation; Jim Van De Bogart, City Councilman, Beloit; Alan Sweeney, Rock County Board Supervisor; Rick Brunton, Beloit Wisconsin.

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

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the minutes of February 23, 2012 as presented, second by Supervisor Jensen. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Chair Podzilni welcomed Jordyn Rufer, a high school student from Beloit Memorial.

Bills/Encumbrances. None.

Resolutions.

Establishing the Salary for the Rock County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Treasurer for the 2013-2016 Term

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2012, set the increase in salary for the Rock County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Treasurer as per the below schedule: 0.0%, effective January 1, 2013, 1.00%, effective January 1, 2014, 1.5%, effective January 1, 2015, and 2%, effective January 1, 2016, said salary to be paid over a period of 26 regular pay periods throughout each year.

	<u>01/01/2013</u>	<u>01/01/2014</u>	<u>01/01/2015</u>	<u>01/01/2016</u>
County Clerk	\$70,301.09	\$71,004.10	\$72,069.16	\$73,510.54
Register of Deeds	\$70,301.09	\$71,004.10	\$72,069.16	\$73,510.54
Treasurer	\$70,301.09	\$71,004.10	\$72,069.16	\$73,510.54

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned County elected officials are entitled to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with law and the County shall pay only its share of contributions required by law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned County elected officials are entitled to participate in the County’s health insurance program subject to the terms and conditions of the program, which may be modified from time to time, under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial County employees who are not law enforcement managerial employees or non-represented managerial employees described in Wis. Stat. Section 111.70(1)(mm).”

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

Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Beloit, the County of Rock and the Ho-Chunk Nation

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors, in session this _____ day of March, 2012, that they approve the current proposed IGA between the City of Beloit, the County and the Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County hereby authorizes Class III Gaming consistent with the IGA and also authorizes the delivery of this resolution of support to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, declares that it deems the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Rock, City of Beloit, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, and Nizhoo Akiing to be of no further force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all prior County resolutions approving the Intergovernmental Agreement with the above-named Chippewa Tribes, and the amendments thereto, be rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chair and County Clerk be authorized to execute the current IGA on behalf of the County of Rock.”

Discussion and concerns opposing the casino began with Mr. Brunton and Reverend Jerry Amstutz. Mr. Brunton stated that the Beloit Casino doesn't make economic sense in so far as Rockford IL has a casino license pending and will draw the Beloit casino prospective gamblers. Additionally, the Secretary of the Interior can't recognize the Ho-Chunk Tribe as it was not an established tribe before 1934 per a federal court ruling. Reverend Amstutz handed out articles regarding the Village of Hobart, outside of Green Bay, and all the problems the Village has encountered regarding the Oneida Nation and the land trust. He urged the supervisors to research this and speak with the members from the Village of Hobart.

Supervisor Jensen had several questions including the difference between trust land versus fee land; compulsive gambler services; audit access; minimum mark-up language; and about local church bingo fundraisers and how the casino would affect them.

Supervisor Alan Sweeney had several questions including whether the agreement covered all county services/costs, net win payment definition and background of the 70-30 City-County split of the net win payment.

Mr. Kuglitsch stated that the Hobart village situation is very different from what Rock County has here. In Hobart, the Oneida nation is operating on reservation land and in Beloit, the Ho-Chunk would be operating the casino off-reservation land.

Mr. Arft mentioned if the Nation purchased any nearby land it would remain a fee property. Mr. Arft informed the committee of the percentage of net winnings that the County would receive and the amount of people the facility would employ. The tribe doesn't have enough members to serve this facility, so it is estimated that 80% of employment will come from the local communities. Representatives of the Ho-Chunk Tribe also provided responses to questions.

Discussion continued in regards to streets, curbs, traffic lights and turning lanes, Problem Gambling Program, city services (police, fire) and County Health Department inspections for the hotel, food service and swimming pool and the major access points to the casino.

Supervisor Brill moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Arnold. ADOPTED on the following vote: Ayes – Supervisors Podzilni, Kraft, Arnold, Brill, Bussie, Owens and Yankee; No – Supervisor Jensen.

Recognizing Billie Zielke for Service to Rock County Health Care Center/Rock Haven

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ of _____, 2012 does hereby recognize Billie Zielke for her 34 years, 9 months 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 Billie Zielke.”

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

Adjournment. Supervisor Jensen moved adjournment at 5:56 P.M., second by Supervisor Arnold. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Zastoupil
Human Resources Secretary

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