

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
December 13, 2011

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, Collins, Peer, Yankee and Jensen (4:02 P.M.).

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Bussie.

Staff Members Present: Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Dave O'Connell, Human Resources Director; Jeff Smith, Finance Director; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; Lori Stottler, County Clerk.

Others Present: Kathy Idzerda, Janesville Gazette.

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

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the minutes of November 22, 2011 as presented, second by Supervisor Yankee. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. None.

Supervisor Jensen arrived at 4:02 P.M.

Bills/Encumbrances - 2011.

Prepaid Budget	\$	9,774.41
County Board		2,224.25
Human Resources		91.16
Employee Related		369.70

Bills/Encumbrances - 2012.

WC Trust	\$	50,400.00
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Supervisor Collins moved approval of the above Bills and Encumbrances for the County Board Staff Committee, second by Supervisor Yankee. ADOPTED.

Transfer. None.

Resolutions.

Recognizing Mark Richardson

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2011, does hereby recognize Mark Richardson for his twenty-four (24) years of service and extend best wishes to him in his future endeavors; and,

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

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

To Recognize Jeanne Larsen

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2011, does hereby recognize Jeanne Larsen for her 21 years of service and extend 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 Jeanne Larsen.”

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

Recognizing Correctional Officer Joanne Bosben

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2011, does hereby recognize Correctional Officer Joanne Bosben for her over 40 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Correctional Officer Joanne Bosben along with best wishes for the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Correctional Officer Joanne Bosben.”

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

To Recognize Mary Thill

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2011 does hereby recognize Mary Thill for 23 years of service and extends best wishes to her in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Mary Thill.”

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

Authorizing Countywide Referendum Question to be Placed on the April Ballot

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2011 hereby directs the County Clerk to place the following referendum question on the countywide ballot at the election to be held on April 3, 2012:

Should all Wisconsin workers have the right to seek safe working conditions and fair pay through collective bargaining?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Rock County Legislative Delegation, Governor Walker and the Wisconsin Counties Association.”

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

Supervisor Brill said he feels this is a State issue.

Supervisor Collins said he feels we need to support this and that the State should not have put the County in this position.

Supervisor Yankee said he feels this is a partisan issue and we are supposed to be non-partisan.

Supervisor Brill asked if this would go on the ballot what would it cost the County. Ms. Stottler said this is a very busy/full ballot and putting this on the ballot may cause it to go to an additional page. With an expected 80%-90% turnout it would cost several thousand dollars.

Supervisor Kraft said the language seems to be similar to the recall petition and what will this really do, where a recall will take action.

Supervisor Arnold said she feels this is a very partisan resolution and as an elected official we are supposed to be non-partisan.

Supervisor Peer said lines 30 and 31 gives the tone of being partisan instead of non-partisan.

Chair Podzilni said many Supervisors have told him they would like the resolution to be more specific, to have a more direct impact locally, and that this is written to be statewide.

FAILED on the following vote: Yes – Supervisors Collins and Jensen; No – Supervisors Yankee, Brill, Arnold, Peer, Kraft and Podzilni; and Supervisor Bussie absent.

Mr. Kuglitsch said by rule this should go to the County Board with the County Board Staff Committee vote recorded on it.

Executive Session: Supervisors Collins and Yankee moved to go into Executive Session at 4:13 P.M. per Section 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats Update on Collective Bargaining. ADOPTED on a roll call vote.

Chair Podzilni announced that the Committee would meet in closed session for Update on Collective Bargaining as authorized by Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Supervisor Collins moved to go out of Executive Session at 4:43 P.M., second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Adjournment. Supervisor Arnold moved adjournment at 4:43 P.M., second by Supervisor Collins. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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