



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

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## Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes January 15, 2020

Members present: Dan F. Drew, James E. Foley, Vern E. Gove, Barry Pufahl, JoAnn Wingers  
Also in attendance during all or portions of the meeting: Adam Field, Kevin Kessler, Bob Koch, Nancy Long, Christopher Polzer, Bruce Rashke (arrived at 8:50 a.m.) Jessica Hale, Sue Moll, Joe Ruf; Jake Curtis from von Briesen & Roper, s.c.

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Gove at 8:47 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed as required by the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. The meeting was held at the Administration building, Meeting Room #113, 112 E. Edgewater Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

### Closed Session:

#### **Update on Health and Human Services Department Investigation by von Briesen & Roper, s.c.**

Motion by Drew to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. State Statute Section 19.85 (1)(c), Stats., Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility [Update on Health and Human Services Department investigation by von Briesen & Roper, s.c.]; and, Wis. State Statute Section 19.85(1)(f), Stats., Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations [Update on Health and Human Services Department investigation by von Briesen & Roper, s.c.]. If the Committee goes into closed session, it will return to open session. Second by Pufahl. The roll call vote was unanimous. The Executive Committee went into closed session at 8:48 a.m. with Drew, Field, Foley, Gove, Kessler, Koch, Long, Polzer, Pufahl, Wingers, Hale, Moll and Ruf attending. Jake Curtis of von Briesen & Roper, s.c. was also in attendance. *Rashke arrived at 8:50 a.m.*

Motion by Pufahl to return to open session. Second by Wingers. Motion carried. The Committee returned to open session at 9:04 a.m.

Motion by Drew to accept the general terms of the Settlement Agreement as presented and give authority to Legal Counsel to proceed as discussed in Closed Session. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

Motion by Drew to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting. Second by Foley. Motion carried.

The meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Wingers  
Executive Committee Secretary

*These minutes were recorded by Sue Moll, County Clerk*