

# COLUMBIA COUNTY

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## **Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes February 11, 2019**

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: Tom Borgkvist, Susan Fisher, Sue Moll, Joe Ruf; Lyn Jerde (Portage Daily Register); Eric Shimpach

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Gove at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed as required by the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. The meeting was held at the Administration building, Meeting Room #115, 112 E. Edgewater Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Drew to approve the agenda as published. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Foley to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 Executive Committee regular meeting. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

### **Land Swap Lots 1 and 2 on Hurelle Street in Columbus**

Fisher gave an explanation of the property in question. The County owns a triangle portion of property the neighboring owners would like to swap for their triangle portion of property. The swap would clean up parcel lines.

Motion by Pufahl to approve the land swap of Lots 1 and 2 on Hurelle Street in Columbus between Columbia County and the neighboring owner as presented. Second by Foley. Motion carried.

### **Transfer of Tax Delinquent City of Portage Parcel No. 1203 (114 & 116 W. Cook Street) to City of Portage**

Ruf explained a property in the City of Portage, the former Antique Mall, is tax delinquent. The owners are not interested in retaining the property. The City of Portage has expressed an interest in the property. If the County proceeds with the tax delinquent foreclosure, the County could transfer the ownership of the property to the City. Unpaid property tax of approximately \$20,000 would not be collected by the County. The County would not be interested in the building due to potential structural and environmental issues.

Motion by Drew to proceed with the tax delinquent foreclosure of Parcel No. 1203 and transfer ownership to the City of Portage. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

### **Liability Insurance Dividend**

Moll reported the County received a dividend check in the amount of \$7,683 from the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corp. for the 2017 liability policy year.

### **2019 Public Employee Blanket Bond Renewal**

Motion by Foley to approve the 2019 renewal of the Public Employee Blanket Bond/Crime insurance and to amend the expiration date to January 1 to coincide with other insurance policies. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

### **Token of Appreciation**

The McGee Family gave a small monetary gift as a token of appreciation to county staff who assisted with Supervisor Konkell's memorial. The gift was distributed between the staff and was within the acceptable limit guidelines, as advised by Corporation Counsel Ruf.

Motion by Foley to accept the token of appreciation. Second by Drew. Motion carried.

### **Appointments**

Gove named Tom Borgkvist to the Planning and Zoning Committee to fill the vacancy created by Supervisor Konkell.

Motion by Drew to approve the appointment of Tom Borgkvist to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

Gove named Bob Koch to the Information Services and Property Committee.

Motion by Foley to approve the appointment of Bob Koch to the Information Services and Property Committee. Second by Drew. Motion carried.

Gove announced the formation of the Ad Hoc 911 Radio Upgrade Committee and appointed James Foley as Chairperson, along with Dan Drew, Bob Koch, Barry Pufahl, Mike Weyh, and JoAnn Wingers as committee members.

Motion by Drew to approve the Ad Hoc 911 Radio Upgrade Committee and member appointments as presented. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

Motion by Foley to approve the list of Emergency Fire Wardens for 2019 as presented. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

### **Retain Attorney Andrew T. Phillips of the von Briesen & Roper, S.C. law firm to the assist the County with personnel matters concerning the County Health and Human Services Department and County Veterans Service Office**

#### **Closed Session:**

Motion by Foley 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; 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. [Retain Attorney Andrew T. Phillips of the von Briesen & Roper, S.C. law firm for personnel matters concerning the County Health and Human Services Department and County Veterans Service Office]. If the Committee goes into closed session, it will return to open session. Second by Drew. The roll call vote

was unanimous. The Executive Committee went into closed session at 1:20 p.m. with Gove, Drew, Wingers, Foley, Pufahl, Borgkvist, Moll, and Ruf attending.

Motion by Foley to return to open session. Second by Drew. Motion carried. The Committee returned to open session at 2:02 p.m.

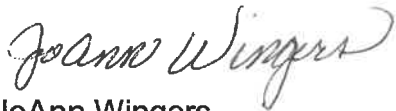
Motion by Foley to retain Attorney Andrew T. Phillips of the von Briesen & Roper, S.C. law firm to assist the County with personnel matters concerning the County Health and Human Services Department and the County Veterans Service Office. Second by Drew. Motion carried.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was scheduled for March 11, 2019 at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room #115 of the Administration building.

Motion by Foley to adjourn the meeting. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried. The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



JoAnn Wingers  
Executive Committee Secretary

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