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Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes April 12, 2021

Members present: James E. Foley, Vern E. Gove, Bob Koch, Barry Pufahl, JoAnn Wingers

Also in attendance during all or portions of the meeting: Nancy Long, Eric Shimpach, Rebekka Cary, Heather Gove, Chris Hardy, Dean Kaderabek, Cathy Karls, Lisa Krintz, Sue Moll, Joe Ruf

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.

Public Input

None.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Foley to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 and March 17, 2021 Executive Committee meetings. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

Operational Review: Veterans Service Officer

Motion by Koch to approve the March, 2021 Expenditure Report from 3/5/2021 through 4/8/2021 for the Veterans Service Office. Second by Foley. Motion carried.

Cary reported budgets and compensatory time are in line. She reported the Assistant Veterans Service Officer was able to attend an online NACVSO Accreditation class. There was no out of county travel.

Motion by Pufahl to approve the conference/training expense in the amount of \$350 for the NACVSO Accreditation class. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

Jess Ethington, the newly hired Administrative Assistant, was introduced to the Committee.

Operational Review: Register of Deeds

Motion by Wingers to approve the March, 2021 Expenditure Report from 3/5/2021 through 4/8/2021 for the Register of Deeds Office. Second by Foley. Motion carried.

Krintz reported the budgets are in line and there was no out of county travel. She stated the recording of documents continues to increase and the back scan project has started.

Operational Review: Land Information

Motion by Wingers to approve the March, 2021 Expenditure Report from 3/5/2021 through 4/8/2021 for the Land Information Office. Second by Koch. Motion carried.

Kaderabek stated budgets and compensatory time are on target for the year to date and there was no out of county travel. He also stated the Land Information Council will need to be formed to review the priorities of the Land Information Office. Kaderabek will work with Chair Gove to establish council members, as outlined in the Wisconsin Statutes, for the Executive Committee to approve.

Operational Review: County Clerk

Motion by Pufahl to approve the March, 2021 Expenditure Report from 3/5/2021 through 4/8/2021 for the County Board. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

Motion by Pufahl to approve the March, 2021 Expenditure Report from 3/5/2021 through 4/8/2021 for the County Clerk and Elections. Second by Foley. Motion carried.

Motion by Wingers to approve the March, 2021 Expenditure Report from 3/5/2021 through 4/8/2021 for Insurance. Second by Foley. Motion carried.

Moll reported budgets are in line and there was no out of county travel. Staff earned compensatory time on Election night. Moll reported a 21% turnout of eligible voters at the Spring Election. She also mentioned the possibility of the Governor calling a Special Election for Assembly District 37, involving the City of Columbus.

Appointments:**ADRC Board**

Motion by Foley to recommend the re-appointment of Shelby Carter and Karen Schluter to the ADRC Board for a 3 year term to April, 2024. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

Local Library Boards

Motion by Wingers to recommend the re-appointment of Eleanor McLeish to the Portage Library Board for a 3 year term to May, 2024. Second by Koch. Motion carried.

Motion by Foley to recommend the re-appointment of Darcy Miller, Linda Ross, and Meghan Visgar to the Poynette Library Board for a 3 year term to May, 2024. Second by Koch. Motion carried.

Pufahl questioned the appointment of county representatives to the Pardeeville Library Board. Moll will follow up with the resource librarian regarding the status of the appointment confirmations.

Resolution: Columbia County Website Reorganization

Moll gave an explanation of the resolution, stating the MIS Department contacted the County Clerk's Office regarding the retention period of existing committee minutes and County Board minutes posted on the County's public website. Currently 16 years of County Board and Committee minutes are posted. The large volume of documents has a security risk potential and hinders searching ability within the website. The Information Services and Property Committee recommended the proposed changes for the Executive Committee's approval.

Motion by Foley to approve the resolution for the Columbia County Website Reorganization. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

Impact of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Decision in *Fabick v Evers*

Ruf stated the Supreme Court decision invalidated the statewide mask mandate effective March 31st and makes it a local concern. The Executive Committee may determine mask rules for the county buildings, with the exception of the Courthouse and Columbia Health Care Center, which are determined by other authority.

Motion by Pufahl to recommend masks to be worn in county buildings, with the exception of the Courthouse and Columbia Health Care Center which are determined by other authority. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

Ruf will work with staff to post new signage for the county buildings impacted by the Executive Committee's decision.

Grant Funded Non-Employee Training

V. Gove stated, per Accounting, in-state training paid through grant funds is approved for county employees. H. Gove explained grant funds for non-employee in-state training was put on hold during budget hearings. She explained the importance of non-employee training and the benefit to the County.

Motion by Pufahl to approve the use of grant funding for non-employees to attend in-state training. Second by Foley. Motion carried.

***CTH G Right-of-Way**

***Interview Applicant for County Supervisor – District 11**

Motion by Foley to go into closed session pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(e) and (g), Wis. Stats., Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; and Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved [CTH G Right-of-Way]; and sec. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stat., 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. [Interview Applicant for County Supervisor – District 11]. If the Committee goes into closed session, it will return to open session. Second by Wingers. The roll call vote was unanimous. The Executive Committee went into closed session at 1:39 p.m. with Foley, Gove, Koch, Pufahl, Wingers, Long, Shimpach, Moll, and Ruf attending. Chris Hardy was present for discussion on the CTH G Right-of-Way item; Kim Manley was present for the interview.

Motion by Pufahl to return to open session. Second by Koch. Motion carried. The Committee returned to open session at 2:01 p.m.

Motion by Pufahl to approve the resolution of the CTH G right-of-way as discussed in Closed Session. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

Motion by Koch to forward the appointment of Kim Manley, to fill the Supervisory District 11 vacancy, to the full County Board for consideration. Second by Foley. Motion carried.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on May 10, 2021 at 1 p.m.

Motion by Pufahl to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting. Second by Koch. Motion carried. The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Koch
Executive Committee Secretary

These minutes were recorded by Sue Moll, County Clerk