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Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes June 9, 2022

Members present: Denise Brusveen, Adam R. Field, Chris Polzer, Matthew L. Rohrbeck, Darren W. Schroeder

Also in attendance during all or portions of the meeting: Eric Shimpach, Henry St. Maurice, Roger Brandner, Jessica Hale, Chris Hardy, Dean Kaderabek, Greg Kaminski, Lisa Krintz, Sue Moll, Shonna Neary, Cheryl Fahrner (CCEDC), Cooper Johnson & Melissa Hahn (Invenergy), Jonathan Stefonek (Lodi Enterprise)

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Polzer at 9:30 a.m. A quorum of the committee was present. 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

Cooper Johnson, representative from Invenergy, provided information on the proposed High Noon Solar Project in Columbia County in the Towns of Arlington, Leeds, and Lowville areas.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Rohrbeck to approve the revised agenda as published. Second by Brusveen. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Schroeder to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022 Executive Committee meeting. Second by Rohrbeck. Motion carried.

Rohrbeck requested ARPA Fund Review to be added to future Executive Committee agendas.

Operational Review: Veterans Service Officer

Motion by Field to approve the May, 2022 Expenditure Report from 5/6/2022 through 6/2/2022 for the Veterans Service Office. Second by Brusveen. Motion carried.

Cary was not able to attend the meeting. She reported to Chair Polzer that budgets were in line and there was no compensatory time or out of county travel.

Operational Review: Register of Deeds

Motion by Brusveen to approve the May, 2022 Expenditure Report from 5/6/2022 through 6/2/2022 for the Register of Deeds Office. Second by Field. Motion carried.

Krintz reported the budgets are on target and there was no compensatory time or out of county travel.

She reported on the Daniel's Law, which is currently being considered at the federal level and may be considered by the state legislature. The law protects judges and other officials by shielding documents containing addresses. If passed, it will also impact the Register of Deeds Office as well as other county offices.

Operational Review: Land Information

Motion by Schroeder to approve the May, 2022 Expenditure Report from 5/6/2022 through 6/2/2022 for the Land Information Office. Second by Rohrbeck. Motion carried.

Kaderabek reported budgets are on target and there was no compensatory time or out of county travel. He reported Senate Bill 673 was signed into law as Wisconsin Act 261 which creates a Next Gen 911 grant funding program for county land information offices. No guidelines are available yet. Kaderabek will continue to monitor this.

Operational Review: County Clerk

Motion by Rohrbeck to approve the May, 2022 Expenditure Report from 5/6/2022 through 6/2/2022 for the County Board. Second by Field. Motion carried.

Motion by Rohrbeck to approve the May, 2022 Expenditure Report from 5/6/2022 through 6/2/2022 for the County Clerk and Elections. Second by Brusveen. Motion carried.

Motion by Field to approve the May, 2022 Expenditure Report from 5/6/2022 through 6/2/2022 for Insurance. Second by Brusveen. Motion carried.

Moll reported budgets and compensatory time are in line. She reported out of county travel June 26-29th to Chippewa County for the annual Wisconsin County Clerks Association Conference.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Update

Neary gave an update on the ARPA funding and provided a handout.

The following department requests were considered:

County Clerk/County Board

OpenMeeting Software \$ 16,500.00

Members had additional questions to be addressed by the vendor before a decision could be made, concerning support, when to switch to the new program, and costs.

Motion by Rohrbeck to table the OpenMeeting software for further review. Second by Brusveen. Motion carried.

Highway

Roads \$4,900,000.00 Small bridges/culverts \$ 504,000.00

Motion by Rohrbeck to approve \$4,900,000.00 in ARPA funds to proceed with the road resurfacing projects and \$504,000.00 in ARPA funds to proceed with the small bridge/culvert structure replacement projects as presented. Second by Brusveen. Motion carried.

Solid Waste

Baler \$270,000.00

Motion by Schroeder to approve \$270,000.00 in ARPA funds to purchase a baler for the Solid Waste Department. Second by Polzer. Motion failed.

Sheriff

License plate reader cameras \$ 147,000.00

Brandner recommended awarding the bid for the stationary ALPR Camera System to Flock Safety in the amount of \$78,500. The bid submitted was \$28,500, the additional funds would cover support through December 31, 2024. The remaining funds are to be used to purchase stand alone equipment and equipment for the squad cars. He is in the process of obtaining quotes for the final costs. Brandner will report back to the committee on the final costs.

Motion by Rohrbeck to approve the bid of \$78,500 from Flock Safety and the remaining funds for additional stand alone and squad cameras, not to exceed \$147,000 for the total project. Second by Brusveen. Motion carried.

Out of State Travel Requests

None.

Appointments:

Columbia County Library Systems Board

Troy Ryan is currently appointed to the Columbia County Library Systems Board as a citizen member with a term to January 2024. As Ryan is now a county supervisor, the proposal is to change his representation to county board, replacing Nancy Long's appointment with a term to January 2023. Ryan must resign as citizen member prior to accepting the county board appointment.

Motion by Rohrbeck to approve Troy Ryan as the County Board representative to the Columbia County Library Systems Board to January, 2023, pending receipt of his resignation as a citizen member. Second by Brusveen. Motion carried.

CCEDC Idle Sites Redevelopment Program

Cheryl Fahrner gave a brief explanation of the Idle Sites Redevelopment Program and a request by a potential developer who would like to apply for the program. She asked if the County could assist with the grant application process which would require a development agreement or a signed resolution. Neary shared concerns with the amount of county staff time to monitor the grant.

Motion by Rohrbeck to deny the request. Second by Brusveen. Motion carried.

Resolution: Authorize American Rescue Plan Act Expenditures

Motion by Rohrbeck to approve the resolution authorizing American Rescue Plan Act expenditures in the amount of \$5,551,000 to purchase identified items. Second by Brusveen. Motion carried.

Chair's Comments

Polzer thanked the committee for changing the meeting time. He encouraged members to ask questions to help in making the best decisions.

Rohrbeck has been made aware of some issues/concerns to include possible committee appointments with a potential conflict of interest. He would like the Executive Committee to meet in

closed session to discuss the appointments. Chair Polzer stated he will take any concerns under consideration, however, as County Board Chair, he is solely responsible for determining appointments.

Motion by Rohrbeck to request a closed session to discuss committee assignment concerns. Second by Polzer. Motion carried.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on July 14, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Schroeder to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting. Second by Field. Motion carried. The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darren W. Schroeder

Executive Committee Secretary

These minutes were recorded by Sue Moll, County Clerk

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