

# COLUMBIA COUNTY

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## **Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes July 12, 2021**

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

Also in attendance during all or portions of the meeting: Nancy Long, Mike Weyh, Roger Brandner, Rebecca Cary, David Drews, Heather Gove, Dean Kaderabek, Lisa Krintz, Sue Moll, Shonna Neary, Joe Ruf, James Stilson, Char Holtan, James Nelson, Patrick Scully (Marquette-Adams Cooperative)

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 Foley. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Pufahl to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 Executive Committee meeting and July 2, 2021 joint meeting with the Human Resources Committee. Second by Foley. Motion carried.

### **Marquette-Adams Cooperative Broadband Project**

Patrick Scully from Marquette-Adams Cooperative gave a brief presentation on a proposed broadband project in the Town of Lewiston, which would have a residential impact on 174 eligible subscribers. The total cost of the project is \$1,393,679. Grant funds (\$655,029) would be used to cover a portion of the costs with matching funds from other entities covering the remaining costs. Marquette-Adams has pledged \$362,106 and the Town of Lewiston has pledged \$129,893.68. Columbia County was asked to pledge \$246,650.32 from Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds awarded to the County. Without a commitment of ARPA funds, the proposed expansion project will likely not be financially feasible for Marquette-Adams to pursue. The deadline for the grant application is July 27, 2021.

Gove stated timing was an issue. Neary has questions concerning the project qualification from ARPA funds. She is waiting for clarification from the Federal Government. She also questioned the bid process for the project and stated five other requests have been received. Koch shared support of the project, however, a decision could not be made within the short timeline.

Motion by Foley to table the request until further information is obtained. Second by Koch. Motion carried.

**Operational Review: Veterans Service Officer**

Motion by Koch to approve the June, 2021 Expenditure Report from 6/4/2021 through 7/8/2021 for the Veterans Service Office. Second by Foley. Motion carried.

Cary stated compensatory time is in line and there will be out of county travel to Middleton on July 16<sup>th</sup> for the American Legion Conference. With the signing of the state budget, Columbia County will receive an additional \$1,150 per year through the CVSOS grant.

**Operational Review: Register of Deeds**

Motion by Foley to approve the June, 2021 Expenditure Report from 6/4/2021 through 7/8/2021 for the Register of Deeds Office. Second by Koch. Motion carried.

Krintz reported the budgets are in line and there will be no out of county travel. Staff earned an hour of compensatory time.

**Operational Review: Land Information**

Motion by Pufahl to approve the June, 2021 Expenditure Report from 6/4/2021 through 7/8/2021 for the Land Information Office. Second by Koch. Motion carried.

Kaderabek stated budgets and compensatory time are on target and there was no out of county travel. With the Governor's veto of the revised redistricting timeline, he will be monitoring for any future redistricting schedule proposals.

**Operational Review: County Clerk**

Motion by Pufahl to approve the June, 2021 Expenditure Report from 6/4/2021 through 7/8/2021 for the County Board. Second by Koch. Motion carried.

Motion by Koch to approve the June, 2021 Expenditure Report from 6/4/2021 through 7/8/2021 for the County Clerk and Elections. Second by Foley. Motion carried.

Motion by Foley to approve the June, 2021 Expenditure Report from 6/4/2021 through 7/8/2021 for Insurance. Second by Koch. Motion carried.

Moll reported budgets are in line and there was out of county travel. There will be a special election held on July 13<sup>th</sup>, although no compensatory time will be earned by staff.

**Line Item Transfer**

Moll requested a line item transfer of \$860.00 from Office Supplies to Computer Support to cover the hardware support for 3 laptops purchased through a grant during the pandemic.

Motion by Koch to approve the line item transfer request of \$860.00 as presented. Second by Foley. Motion carried.

**Appointments:**

**Ageing Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Governing Board**

Marilyn George-Burton, who was re-appointed to a term to end in April, 2023, was not eligible for re-appointment as she had more than 2 consecutive appointments. Rosemary Minnema was recommended for appointment by the ADRC Board to complete the remaining term.

Motion by Koch to recommend the appointment of Rosemary Minnema to the ADRC Board for a 2 year term to April, 2023. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

## **Board of Adjustment**

Motion by Pufahl to recommend the re-appointment of Alan Kaltenberg and E. Kevin O'Neill to the Board of Adjustment for a 3 year term to July, 2024. Second by Koch. Motion carried.

## **Local Library Board – Lodi**

Motion by Foley to recommend the appointment of Stephanie Beckman to the Lodi Local Library Board, to complete Melissa Card's remaining term to May, 2022. Second by Koch. Motion carried.

## **Position Requests:**

### **Social Workers (2) Children's Long Term Support**

Heather Gove requested two Children's Long Term Support Social Workers. The positions will be fully funded by the State.

Motion by Foley to approve the position request for two Children's Long Term Support Social Workers as presented. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

### **Request to Revise Position for Public Health Nurse to Nurse Supervisor**

### **Request to Revise Position for Public Health Nurse to Health Educator**

With the challenges of hiring Public Health Nurses, H. Gove requested to hire a Public Health Nurse Supervisor and a Public Health Educator to replace the open Public Health Nurse positions.

Motion by Pufahl to approve the position requests for a Public Health Nurse Supervisor and Public Health Educator as presented. Second by Koch. Motion carried.

### **Resolution: Accept 2021 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant**

Motion by Foley to approve the resolution to accept the 2021 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

## **Closed Session:**

### **Protective Status for Jailers**

### **Compensation Adjustment for Facilities Management Staff – Janitors, Facilities Maintenance Worker and Facilities Maintenance Mechanics**

### **Interview Applicants for County Supervisor – District 9**

Motion by Pufahl to go into closed session pursuant to sec. 19.85 (1)(c), Wis. Stats., Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility [Jailer Protective Status; Compensation Adjustment for Facilities Management Staff]; 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 Applicants for County Supervisor – District 9]. If the Committee goes into closed session, it will return to open session. Second by Koch. The roll call vote was unanimous. The Executive Committee went into closed session at 1:27 p.m. with Foley, Gove, Koch, Pufahl, Long, Moll, and Ruf attending. Brandner and Stilson were also in attendance for a portion of the meeting. James Nelson and Char Holtan were in attendance during the interview process.

Motion by Koch to return to open session. Second by Foley. Motion carried. The Committee returned to open session at 1:58 p.m.

Motion by Koch to approve the Protective Status for Jailers. Second by Foley. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Motion by Foley to approve the compensation adjustment for Facilities Staff – Janitors, Facilities Maintenance Worker and Facilities Maintenance Mechanics. Second by Pufahl. Roll call vote was unanimous.

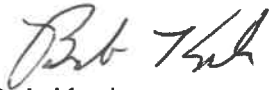
Motion by Koch to forward the appointment of Char Holtan, to fill the Supervisory District 9 vacancy, to the full County Board for consideration. Second by Foley. Roll call vote was unanimous.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on August 9, 2021 at 1 p.m. The 2022 Budget Requests will be reviewed.

Motion by Foley to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting. Second by Koch. Motion carried. The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Koch  
Executive Committee Secretary

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