



Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes February 11, 2013

Members Present: Richard C. Boockmeier, Mary Cupery, Vern E. Gove, Andy Ross, Robert R. Westby

Also In attendance during all or portions of the meeting: Susan Moll, Rich Hasse, Joe Ruf, Dennis Richards, Darrel Kuhl, JoAnn Wingers

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Ross at 1:00 pm. The meeting was properly noticed as required by the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Westby to approve the agenda as published. Second by Cupery. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Gove to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 regular Executive Committee meeting. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Operational Review – Veterans Service Officer

Motion by Cupery to approve the January, 2013 expenditure report for the Veterans Service Office. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Hasse reported out of county travel. He also reported out of state travel to attend the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) training conference in Reno, NV. Rebekka Cary will be attending the NACVSO training conference in Denver, CO.

Motion by Westby to allow the Veteran Service staff to proceed with the registration process to attend the NACVSO training conference. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Appointments

Motion by Cupery to recommend appointment of the list of Emergency Fire Wardens for 2013. Second by Gove. Motion carried.

Motion by Boockmeier to recommend appointment of Nathan Sievers to the Local Emergency Planning Committee, replacing Phil Tegen, term to expire April 2014. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Replacement Requests

Dennis Richards is requesting to replace a secretary position, which became vacant due to retirement. He is also requesting to replace a deputy sheriff position, due to a resignation.

Motion by Gove to approve the replacement request for a Secretary in the Sheriff's Department. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Motion by Cupery to approve the replacement request for a Deputy Sheriff. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Clothing Allowance for Highway Employees

Ruf stated that the \$50 annual clothing allowance was approved at the January County Board meeting and no further action was required.

MATC Training Update

Mike Baldwin and Barb Martin, from Madison College, shared the results from the Department Head interviews and the Management and Leadership Questionnaire. The results will be used to develop the potential curriculum for training. The first phase of training is scheduled for mid-March through May, with the possibility to two additional training phases throughout the year. The training is tentatively set to be held at the Law Enforcement Center. The 2-3 hour session will be held once every two weeks.

Close the County Buildings for Safety Training

Judge Voigt gave a brief overview of the Courthouse Security Committee discussions and the proposed outline for formal training to be conducted on March 29, 2013. Voigt is requesting that the courthouse be closed from 8 am to Noon for training.

Motion by Boockmeier to allow the county buildings to be closed to the public on March 29, 2013 from 8 am to Noon for formal security training. Second by Cupery. Motion carried.

Public Firearms Range Update

Darrel Kuhl, from the Sheriff's Office, gave an update on the potential shooting range on Columbia County owned property. He also presented maps of the property located in the Town of Springvale and a draft design of the shooting range. The Public Safety Committee and/or the Judiciary and Property Committee will make a recommendation to be presented to the full County Board for review. Ross indicated that there could be a public hearing held sometime in early March, possibly an evening meeting. The County Board meeting will be held on March 20th. County Board approval would only be stating an interest in developing a shooting range in Columbia County so that the DNR could conduct an engineering study of potential sites. If the Board does not approve, the process for considering a shooting range in Columbia County stops.

Operational Review – County Clerk

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the January, 2013 expenditure report for the County Clerk. Second by Cupery. Motion carried.

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the January, 2013 expenditure report for the County Board. Second by Gove. Motion carried.

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the January, 2013 expenditure report for the Insurance. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Moll reported out of county travel on March 4-6, 2013 in Madison for the WCCO Conference.

WCA Regional Legislative Meeting

The WCA Regional Legislative Meeting for the Southern Region will be held on Monday, March 11th in Barneveld. Ross will approve expenses for two board members to attend.

Chair's Comments

Ross and Gove shared comments regarding the CAP program they recently attended in Madison. Campaign Finance Reform was discussed and it was decided not to pursue the issue at this time. Election Day Registration was also discussed. Legislators are considering eliminating Election Day registration or proposing registration takes place in the County Clerk's Office. Moll reported almost 3,000 Election Day registrations were processed during the November 2012 election throughout the 35 polling locations in Columbia County. The legislative activity on this topic will be closely monitored.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee will be March 11, 2013. The meeting will start at 2 pm to accommodate board members who may be attending the WCA Regional Legislative Meeting held earlier in the day.

Motion by Cupery to adjourn at 3:32 pm. Second by Gove. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Cupery
Executive Committee Secretary

These minutes were recorded by Susan M. Moll, Columbia County Clerk.