



Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes June 6, 2011

Members Present: Kenneth W. Hutler, Andy Ross, Fred C. Teitgen, Robert R. Westby, Debra L. Healy Wopat

Also In Attendance: Susan Moll, Jane Kohlwey, Mike Babcock, Joe Ruf, Lyn Jerde (Portage Daily Register)

Meeting called to order by Chair Westby at 9:00 am. The meeting was properly noticed as required by the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hutler to approve the agenda as published. Second by Teitgen. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Teitgen to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2011 Executive Committee meeting. Second by Hutler. Motion carried.

Replacement Request

Kohlwey is requesting to replace the secretary position in the District Attorney's office. The position was vacated due to retirement. As a cost savings for the county, Kohlwey has kept the position open and asking for the replacement to begin in January, 2012. The Judiciary Committee has approved the request. The Human Resource Committee postponed approval until July with the direction that the request be included with new position requests as part of the budget process. The Executive Committee postponed approval with the understanding that it will be reviewed through the 2012 budget process.

Operational Review – Veterans Service Officer

Motion by Teitgen to approve the May, 2011 expenditure report for the Veterans Service office. Second by Ross. Motion carried.

Operational Review – County Clerk

Motion by Wopat to approve the May, 2011 expenditure report for the County Clerk's office. Second by Teitgen. Motion carried.

Sue Moll reported out of county travel to Ladysmith at the end of June for the annual county clerk's conference.

Replacement Requests

Mike Babcock is requesting to replace 2 jailer positions. One vacancy is due to termination and the other vacancy is due to resignation. Funding for both positions is included in the 2011 budget. Motion by Ross to approve the two (2) jailer position requests. Second by Hutler. Motion carried.

Appointment

Motion by Wopat to recommend appointment of Cathy Brunt to the Health and Human Services Board to complete Jan Gardner's remaining term to April, 2014. Second by Hutler. Motion carried.

Replacement Requests

Joe Ruf, on behalf of Erik Pritz, is requesting to move forward with the hiring process for an Economic Support Specialist position replacement. Motion by Teitgen to approve the request to proceed with the hiring of an Economic Support Specialist position replacement at the Health & Human Services Department. Second by Ross. Motion carried.

Proposed Revenue Bond Issue for the Benefit of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

Motion by Teitgen to approve the resolution on the proposed revenue bond issue for the benefit of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative. Second by Wopat. Motion carried.

Ad Hoc Health Insurance Committee

Chair Westby would like to appoint a committee to put together a health insurance proposal and send it out for bids. Bids would need to be received back in time for consideration during the budgeting process. Committee members would include Doug Richmond, Barry Pufahl, Don De Young, Mark Sleger, and Andy Ross. Motion by Teitgen to recommend that Chair Westby appoint an Ad Hoc Health Insurance Committee to research the health care package for county employees and send out a request to solicit proposals. Second by Wopat. Motion carried.

Chair's Comments

Chair Westby has contacted Ayres Associates to conduct a walk-through of the Divine Savior property to determine if the County should consider proceeding with the project. He would like to appoint an ad hoc committee for this project. The Chair shared correspondence he has received regarding registration information for the WCA annual statewide ITBEC Conference at the Lake of the Torches in Lac du Flambeau; The Madison College board minutes; A request from an UW-Stevens Point graduate student for GIS data, which was forwarded to the Land Information office. The Chair also discussed possible changes to upcoming county board meetings and/or scheduling an August meeting for consideration of the final redistricting plan. The Chair was advised to contact the Planning & Zoning office regarding an ordinance that has a timetable that may also impact county board dates. Chair Westby also shared a citizen's concern about the flag not at half-staff on Memorial Day. The Property and Insurance Committee is looking into possible solutions.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, July 11, 2011, beginning at 9 am.

Motion by Teitgen to adjourn at 10:13 am. Second by Ross. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth W. Hutler
Executive Committee Secretary

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