



Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes March 9, 2009

Members Present: Harlan Baumgartner, Richard Boockmeier, Tim O'Neil, Robert Westby, Debra Wopat

Also Present: Susan Moll, Kurt Dey, John Hartman, Kris Anderson, Lynn Jerde (Portage Daily Register), Sue Martin, Donna Chrzas

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the agenda as printed. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by O'Neil to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 Executive Committee regular meeting. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried. Motion by Baumgartner to approve the November 12, 2008 Joint meeting minutes with the Human Resource and Highway committees. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Position Replacement Request

Motion by O'Neil to approve Kurt Dey's request to replace the patrol superintendent position in Highway Department. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Operational Review – County Clerk

Motion by Baumgartner to approve payment of the January and February 2009 expenditures for the County Clerk's office. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Sue Moll reported out of county travel on March 12, 2009 in Madison for the Government Accountability Board meeting. The state will reimburse travel costs. Staff will receive compensatory time for the upcoming April election.

Motion by Westby to approve the 2008 County Clerk Annual Report as presented by Sue Moll. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

Moll reported that the Government Accountability Board is requiring that municipal clerks report election and voting statistical information for the April election online. Most municipalities do not have access to high speed internet or are not equipped with the appropriate computers with firewall/virus software protection to perform this requirement. The County Clerk's office will input the April election statistical information online for the municipalities that the county currently provides statewide voter registration system services to. Moll is asking for the committee's approval of an addendum to the current agreement that the county has with these municipalities. Motion by Boockmeier to approve

the addendum to the Statewide Voter Registration System Memo of Understanding Agreement. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Sale of Land Records System

Kris Anderson from the Land Information Department explained a proposal with Transcendent Solutions, LLC to acquire the Land Records System (LRS) developed by the county. The sale of the LRS is an opportunity for the county to realize some return on its investment. Hartman pointed out that the investment comes from money saved on maintenance costs, not necessarily the sale of the software.

Motion by Baumgartner to support the sale of the Land Records System to Transcendent Solutions, LLC. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

Aging Disability Resource Center Update

Christine See gave a status report on the Aging Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Governing Board. Due to resignations and dismissals, the ADRC Board has been reduced from 17 members to 12 members. This still meets the state requirements for the governing board. See and Erik Pritzl will meet with Joe Ruf to clarify who has appointment authority to appoint members to this board. There is a new member that may require appointment. If it is determined that appointment approval is needed by the Executive committee, a meeting could be scheduled prior to the county board meeting for approval.

Building Space Needs Ad Hoc Committee Update

Motion by Boockmeier to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) "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". Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The committee went into closed session at 10 am. Motion by Westby to reconvene in open session. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The committee reconvened in open session at 10:47 am.

Motion by Westby to request that Sue Martin present a preliminary report of the Building Space Needs Ad Hoc Committee to the Finance Committee. Second by Hamele. Motion carried not unanimously. Boockmeier voted against.

Appointments

Motion by Westby to approve the list of Emergency Fire Wardens to serve Columbia County for 2009 as selected by the Department of Natural Resources. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Motion by Boockmeier to appoint Chuck Miller to the Highway Safety Commission to complete the remaining term for Brian Landers to expire in May, 2010. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

No action was taken on Moraine Park or Madison Area Technical College Board appointments.

The Aging Disability Resource Center Governing Board appointment was postponed.

Discuss/Approve Resolution Proclaiming March 16-20 as Flood Awareness Week

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the resolution proclaiming March 16-20, 2009 as Flood Awareness Week. Second by Baumgartner. Discussion followed. Motion by Westby to postpone the motion until it can be determined if a representative from the Red Cross could be present at the county board meeting to address questions from the members. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried. The County

Clerk was able to contact the Red Cross to confirm that a representative will be available at the March County Board meeting. The original motion carried.

Chair's Comments

Wopat shared correspondence received from the State Historical Society; Crime Stoppers thanking the County for their contribution; Public Service Commission regarding wind farms; and a seat belt enforcement resolution from Kewanee County. Several accounts were overdrawn in 2008, a resolution will come before the Board for consideration at the March meeting.

Operational Review – Veterans Service Officer

Motion by Boockmeier to approve payment of the January and February 2009 expenditures for the Veterans Service office. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Chrzas reported out of county travel for March and April.

Motion by Baumgartner to approve the 2008 Veteran Service Annual Report as presented by Donna Chrzas. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

Evaluation goals were discussed with Donna Chrzas.

Wopat left the meeting at 11:49 am.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee will be Monday, April 13 at 9 am.

Motion by Baumgartner to adjourn the meeting. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried. The committee meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Boockmeier
Executive Committee Secretary

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