

Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes

March 12, 2007

Members Present: Harlan Baumgartner, Debra Wopat, Barry Pufahl, Susan Martin, Andy Ross

Also Present: Donna Chrzas, Joseph Ruf, Dennis Richards, Mike Babcock, Sarah Lloyd, Marc Playman, Sue Moll

Meeting called to order by Chair Baumgartner at 9:00 am.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Martin to approve the agenda as printed. Second by Ross. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ross to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2007 Executive Committee regular meeting and January 17, 2007 Joint Executive and Judiciary Committee meeting. Second by Wopat. Motion carried.

Replacement Position Request

Motion by Wopat to approve Lois Schepp's request to replace the Accounting Aide position in the Accounting Department at the Health Care Center Office. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

Operational Review – Veterans Service Officer

Motion by Ross to approve payment of the January and February 2007 vouchers for the Veterans Service office. Second by Martin. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin to approve April travel for Donna Chrzas. Second by Wopat. Motion carried.

Motion by Pufahl to approve the Veteran Service 2006 Annual Report to include an additional paragraph addressing the increased workload. Second by Ross. Motion carried.

Motion by Wopat to approve a resolution requesting that Wisconsin's elected representatives provide increased financial support and services for veterans returning from armed conflicts throughout the world. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

Committee Appointments

Motion by Ross to approve the Emergency Fire Wardens for 2007 as recommended by the Department of Natural Resources. Second by Wopat. Motion carried.

Motion by Pufahl to approve Deb Urschlitz as the Lodi representative to the Local Library Board. Second by Ross. Motion carried.

Motion by Pufahl to table the Railroad Consortium Appointment until next month. Second by Martin. Motion carried.

Central Wisconsin Community Action has reduced the number of county board representatives from 2 members to 1 member, effective April 1, 2007. Motion by Pufahl that John Stevenson shall continue as the county board representative to the Central Wisconsin Community Action. Second by Martin. Motion carried.

Motion by Pufahl to appoint the Columbia County Sheriff to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Second by Ross. Motion carried. Joe Ruf will draft a resolution stating that the Columbia County Sheriff will hold a permanent appointment to this committee, eliminating the need to appoint an individual holding the office of Columbia County Sheriff.

Jones Tower Lease

The Committee advised the Sheriff's Department to work with Joe Ruf to draft a document containing the proper language necessary to increase payment on the Jones Tower lease. Upon completion of the document, the committee will review it for approval.

Fitness for Duty Standards Update

Chair Baumgartner has asked for an update from the Sheriff's Office to be discussed at the April meeting.

Circles of Support Contract

Supervisor Lloyd presented the Circles of Support Contract and asked for input from the committee.

Staffing Shortage in Medical Examiner's Office

Marc Playman reported that he is negotiating to fill the Chief Deputy position and clerical support duties.

Chair's Comments

Supervisor Lloyd has announced that she will be resigning from the Columbia County Board of Supervisors following the March county board meeting on March 21, 2007.

Chair Baumgartner shared correspondence that he has received. The Chair also discussed the opportunity for county departments to give a brief presentation during monthly county board meetings.

Operational Review – County Clerk

Motion by Ross to approve the payment of the January and February 2007 vouchers for the County Clerk's office. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin to approve March travel for Sue Moll. Second by Ross. Motion carried.

Motion by Pufahl to approve the County Clerk 2006 Annual Report as presented. Second by Wopat. Motion carried.

SVRS Memorandum of Understanding will be extended 90 days with all Columbia County reliers. The extension will be from April 1 to June 30, 2007. The current MOU was extended 90 days from December 31, 2006.

Due to the lack of staff on Friday, April 6, the County Clerk's office will be closed.

Evaluation Review for Veterans Service Officer

Motion by Martin to go into closed session pursuant to state statutes 19.85 (c). Second by Ross. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Closed session began at 11 am.

Motion by Pufahl to reconvene in open session at 11:20 am. Second by Martin. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Martin to adjourn at 11:23 am. Second by Ross. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Moll
Columbia County Clerk

Barry Pufahl
Secretary