



## Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes April 12, 2010

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

Also in Attendance: Susan Moll, Donna Chrzas, Joe Ruf, Angela Hinze, Karen Nelson, Kathleen Haas, Lyn Jerde (Portage Daily Register)

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by O'Neil to approve the revised agenda as published. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 Executive Committee regular meeting and the March 17, 2010 Joint Executive & Human Resources; and Joint Executive & Finance committee meetings. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

### **Operational Review – Veterans Service Officer**

Motion by Baumgartner to approve payment of the March, 2010 expenditure report for the Veterans Service office. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Donna Chrzas reported out of county travel for the next couple of months. On May 17-21, Chrzas will attend the Spring Conference in Green Bay which was scheduled in conjunction with the LZ Lameau, honoring Wisconsin Vietnam War Veterans.

The next step for the Department Head Performance Planning Review will be to set new goals for the next 2 years. The goals will be reviewed with the new Executive Committee members at the May or June meeting.

### **Operational Review – County Clerk**

Motion by Westby to approve payment of the March, 2010 expenditure report for the County Clerk's office. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

Moll gave a report on the recent election and results. A recount petition was filed for County Supervisor, District 20 and will be conducted on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committee Appointments**

Motion by Boockmeier to approve Attorney Vytas Salna and Neal James, as alternate, to the Ethics Inquiry Board for a 3 year term to April 2013. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Motion by O'Neil to approve John Klingbiel to the Harmony Grove Lake District; John Tramburg to the Lazy Lake Management District; Barry Pufahl to the Park Lake Management District; and Clark Hodgson to the Wyona Lake Management District, each for a 2 year term to April, 2012. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Motion by Westby to approve the following citizen members to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2 year term to April, 2012. Members are: James Foley, Judy Haase, Mike Hudgens, Kathy Johnson, Paul Nadolski, Susan Lorenz, Pam Oxman, Clayton Simonson, Jr., Phil Tegen, David Tracey and Suzi Yenchensky. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

### **Marsh Country Health Alliance Commission**

Baumgartner gave a report on organizational meeting he attended for the Marsh Country Health Alliance Commission. A meeting will be scheduled at the end of May with the commission representatives to select officers and review the final revised agreement.

### **Masonic Temple**

Boockmeier reported that the Masonic Temple, adjacent to the courthouse, is available for purchase. The Property and Insurance Committee toured the building in December. Boockmeier asked that the committee consider the potential of acquiring the adjacent property near the courthouse for additional office space or parking. The new Executive Committee may want to consider the purchase as an option.

### **Adams County Agreement**

Angela Hinze, Medical Examiner, updated the committee on a possible arrangement with Adams County to share a medical examiner with Columbia County. Adams County currently has a coroner and will need to decide by May 31, 2010 to end the elected coroner position if Columbia County is willing to enter into an agreement. Adams County was agreeable to a \$20,000 yearly contract.

Ruf will draft a resolution authorizing the intergovernmental agreement for Columbia County to provide medical examiner services to Adams County. The Executive and Judiciary Committees will review the resolution prior to county board for action by the full board. If the resolution is approved, Ruf stated that an agreement will need to be drafted and approved, with the agreement to take effect in January, 2011.

### **Resolution Supporting SB-430**

Ruf gave a brief overview of SB-430, which would allow municipal employers, such as Columbia County, to change health care providers without bargaining as long as the benefits stay the same. Changes in benefits would require bargaining with unions. The Human Resources Committee has approved this resolution. Motion by Westby to approve the resolution supporting SB-140 allowing municipal employers to change health care coverage plan providers. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

The committee took a break from 10:22 am to 10:29 am.

### **Resolution from the F.L.A.G. Program**

Kathleen Haas and Karen Nelson, from the UW-Extension office, presented a resolution on behalf of the students currently in the F.L.A.G. program. Motion by Westby to approve the resolution supporting the continuation of the Columbia County Future Leaders Active in Government (F.L.A.G.) youth leadership program for the 2010-2011 school year. Second by Baumgartner . Motion carried.

### **Resolution Honoring Ollie Mielke**

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the resolution honoring Ollie W. Mielke. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

### **Resolutions to be Considered at WCA Annual Conference**

The deadline for submitting resolutions for consideration at the WCA conference is June 28<sup>th</sup>. Possible resolutions would be the resolution supporting SB-430 and the resolution to sunset the mill rate freeze. This item will be placed on the agenda for June.

### **Chair's Comments**

Chair Wopat reported on recent legislative hearings she attended with Jack Sanderson and John Tramburg; Correspondence received from State Representative Fred Clark regarding SB-399, and from WI County Mutual Insurance Corp. for continued support; and resolutions received from other counties that were referred to the appropriate committees for consideration.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, May 10, 2010 (pending any changes made at the April 20, 2010 organizational meeting).

Motion by Boockmeier to adjourn at 10:50 am. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard C. Boockmeier  
Executive Committee Secretary

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