



Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes May 12, 2008

Members Present: Harlan Baumgartner, Dick Boockmeier, Bob Westby, Deb Wopat

Member Absent: Tim O'Neil

Also Present: Sheriff Richards, Mike Babcock, Donna Chrzas, Sue Moll

Meeting called to order by Chair Wopat at 9:08 am. The meeting was properly noticed as required by the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Baumgartner to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2008 Executive Committee regular meeting and April 15, 2008 Executive Committee meeting prior to County Board. Second by Wopat. Motion carried.

Appoint Committee Secretary

Motion by Baumgartner to nominate Richard Boockmeier as committee secretary. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Replacement Position Requests

A dispatcher position was recently vacated by an employee who transferred to another position. Motion by Baumgartner to approve Sheriff Richard's request to replace the dispatcher position in the Sheriff's Department. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Following a review of the County's 911 procedures and staffing, Sheriff Richards would like to request an additional dispatcher. He proposed that an unfilled jailer position could be substituted for the dispatcher position. Both positions have the same union and equivalent benefits and pay scale. By making this change, it will reduce the overtime currently paid to dispatchers. Motion by Boockmeier to approve Sheriff Richard's request to hire a dispatcher in place of the unfilled jailer position. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Operational Review – Veterans Service Officer

Motion by Baumgartner to approve payment of the April 2008 expenditures for the Veterans Service office. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Motion by Westby to approve Donna Chrzas' out of county travel request to Charleston, SC, during the week of June 16th, for the Veteran Service Officer National Conference. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Operational Review – County Clerk

Motion by Baumgartner to approve the payment of the April 2008 expenditures for the County Clerk's office. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Motion by Boockmeier to approve Sue Moll's out of county travel to Verona on May 23rd for a district meeting, and to Manitowoc on June 22-25 for the WI County Clerk's Association annual meeting. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Committee Appointments

Motion by Baumgartner to nominate Robert Westby as an Elected Official member to the Moraine Park Technical College District Board. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried with Westby abstaining from voting.

Andy Ross has indicated a potential scheduling conflict which would make him unavailable to attend meetings of the East Wisconsin County Railroad Consortium. Motion by Baumgartner to appoint Don DeYoung to the East Wisconsin County Railroad Consortium, replacing Andy Ross if he is unable to resolve his scheduling conflict. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Citizen Input/Participation at County Board Meetings

A suggested list of rules regarding citizen participation at County Board meetings was reviewed. Members discussed having citizen input held prior to calling the county board meeting to order.

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the list of rules regarding citizen input to include the following additions:

1 – Citizen input to the assembled body of the County Board will be held before the meeting of the County Board is called to order.

2 - Citizens wishing to speak at the County Board meeting must sign in at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting by recording their name, address and topic they will be speaking on.

Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

The County Clerk will verify if citizen input could be conducted prior to calling the County Board meeting to order. If this is not allowable under the open meeting requirements, citizen input will be included with the "Communications" portion of the agenda.

Discussion on Youth in Government Program

Wopat gave an update on the Youth in Government Program. This program will allow Junior and Senior high school students to participate in committee meetings and have an unrecorded vote. Doug Richmond has contacted Lodi and Portage and will continue to contact other school districts, informing them of this program. The timeline will be to have an introductory meeting by the first of the year with the program up and running by the fall of 2009.

Building Space Needs Report

The Building Space Needs Ad Hoc meeting for Friday, May 2 was cancelled and will be rescheduled in conjunction with the next Property and Insurance Committee meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 11th. Wopat will contact Susan Martin with this date.

WCA Conference

The WCA Conference will be held in Wisconsin Dells on Oct. 12-14, 2008. Westby indicated that he would be interested in attending. Other members should inform Chair Wopat if they plan to attend.

Chair's Comments

A follow up meeting of The Wisconsin Way has been tentatively set for July 28 in Poynette. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the results of what was compiled and determine a priority list.

A Constitutional Convention was discussed. Baumgartner will bring this item up for discussion at the next ICC meeting scheduled in Baraboo.

Jack Sanderson and John Tramburg were re-elected to the WCA Board of Directors.

John Tramburg was re-elected to the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Board of Directors.

The Gibraltar Rock dedication will be held on May 29th. Kurt Calkins was asked to speak. Board members are invited to attend.

Resolutions received from other counties were reviewed and referred to the appropriate committees.

Wopat informed the committee of a meeting she attended that is reviewing ideas for increased enrollment in technical schools. A grant was awarded for this purpose.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, June 9th at 9 am.

Motion by Boockmeier to adjourn at 11:00 am. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Boockmeier
Executive Committee Secretary

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