



Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes June 9, 2008

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

Also Present: Kurt Dey, Joe Ruf, NaDeanna Giuffre, John Hartman, John Bluemke, Susan Moll

Meeting called to order by Chair Wopat at 9:02 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 Westby. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2008 Executive Committee regular meeting and May 21, 2008 Executive Committee meeting prior to County Board. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

Disposal of Highway Property

Kurt Dey distributed information regarding the potential sale of a parcel of land, owned by Columbia County, to Alliant Energy Center.

Motion by Boockmeier to sell Parcel 137, located in the Village of Wyocena and owned by the Columbia County, to Alliant Energy Center for the amount of \$500. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Harlan Baumgartner arrived at 9:12 am.

Replacement Position Requests

Joe Ruf and NaDeanna Giuffre, representing the Sheriff's Department, requested a replacement position request for a jailer.

Motion by Westby to approve the Sheriff's Department request to replace a jailer position. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

Motion by O'Neil to approve John Hartman's request to replace the Infrastructure Support Specialist-Level 1 position in the Management Information Services Department. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Operational Review – Veterans Service Officer

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

Operational Review – County Clerk

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

The department budget and out of county travel were reviewed. Wopat stated that upon hearing no objection from the committee, future out of county travel requests will be reviewed with no formal approval needed by the committee unless the request exceeds the budget limit.

Committee Appointments

Motion by Westby to approve the reappointment of William Escher, Beverly Hoffmann and Lucille Wopat to the Local Library Board for a 3 year term to end July 2011. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumgartner to recommend Bernard Spink to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a 3 year term to end July 2011. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Tourism Committee Update

The Committee reviewed the Tourism Committee and its relationship with Columbia County.

Motion by Baumgartner to recommend that the Columbia County Economic Development Committee replace the Agriculture and Land and Water Conservation Committee as the oversight committee for the Tourism Committee. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Conference Resolutions

Resolutions to be submitted for review at the WCA Conference were determined. The Committee recommended the Highway Resolution re-emphasizing the transportation user fee concept by segregating the fuel tax revenues and vehicle registration fees specifically for the transportation fund. Boockmeier was asked that the Judiciary Committee consider recommending the E911 Resolution.

Chair's Comments

Due to severe weather this past weekend, John Bluemke, Planning and Zoning Director, has asked if zoning permit fees should be waived for citizens requesting permits to repair or replace buildings damaged by the storms. Bluemke stated that residents will still need a zoning permit; however, the County Board Chair could request that the fees be waived. Criteria for waiving the zoning permit fees were discussed as follows: Buildings will need to remain in the same location and be the same size (or smaller); Proof of storm damage is needed, either by the Emergency Management officials, insurance claims, or inspection by the Planning and Zoning Department; Establish a 6 month period to waive fees, effective on the date the Chair declared a state of emergency. Based on discussion, Bluemke will prepare a policy, outlining the criteria to waive the zoning permit fees for storm damages structures, for the County Board Chair to sign.

The WCA is asking for nominations for board of director positions and steering committees. Jack Sanderson had previously asked to be on the Taxation and Finance Steering Committee. Robert Westby indicated interest to the Judicial and Public Safety Steering Committee and Tim O'Neil to the Human Services Steering Committee. Chair Wopat distributed nomination forms to the interested members.

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

Wopat reminded members interested in attending the WCA Conference to contact her. Tim O'Neil expressed an interest in attending.

Correspondence was received from the Department of Military Affairs stating that they have reviewed the Columbia County Emergency Management Plan.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, July 7th at 8 am, followed by a joint meeting with the Human Resource Committee to review 2009 new position requests.

A meeting has been set for Thursday, July 31st at 9 am to review and approve the 2009 budget requests. There will be no regularly scheduled meeting in August.

Motion by Baumgartner 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.