

Executive Committee

July 10, 2006

9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair Baumgartner, V. Chair Wopat, Secretary Pufahl, Supervisor Martin and Ross,

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Deputy Babcock, Supervisor Lloyd, Ken Ramminger, Veterans Officer Donna Chrzas, Clerk Jeanne Miller and Paul Ferguson Daily Register.

Addition to the agenda: Local Library Board Appointment – Rio Library

Agenda was approved as revised on motion by Supervisor Martin, second by Supervisor Wopat. Motion carried

Minutes

Minutes of June 12 and 21 meetings was approved on motion by Supervisor Pufahl, second by Supervisor Martin. Motion carried.

Informational

Pat Beghin, Emergency Management Director solicited advice pertaining to holding a public hearing prior to his receiving authorization from the County Board as required by the Community Development Block Grant. Time constraints were tight in addition to fact that the County Board would not be meeting in August. Beghin indicated the application cannot wait until the September Board meeting.

Chair Baumgartner suggested that a resolution go before the board, to approve the grant contingent on the public hearing and review by the Executive Committee. He also suggested Beghin contact Corporation Counsel Ruf to determine if that meets the requirements for the application.

Beghin indicated no County funds are involved and Community Action Council will administer the program. He indicated the grant application would aid two (2) families.

This item will be on the July County Board Agenda.

Replacement Positions

Health Care Center:

Amy Yamriska was not in attendance due to a Federal audit at the Health Care Center. Motion to approve request to replace Personnel Analyst position was made by Supervisor Pufahl, second by Martin. Motion carried.

Sheriff:

Request to replace Deputy Sheriff and Jailer positions as a result of resignations. Both positions are currently budgeted. Motion was made by Supervisor Martin, second by Supervisor Wopat to approve of the Sheriff's replacement positions. Motion carried.

Operational Reviews

Veterans Service Office:

CVSO Chrzas reported on the upcoming training for the Veterans Service assistant. VSO Chrzas estimated the learning curve for this position at two years.

Vouchers: Motion made by Supervisor Pufahl, second by Supervisor Martin to approve of vouchers as submitted. Motion carried.

Out-of-County Travel: VSO Chrzas requested out-of-county travel for the third Friday in August to attend the Southwest CVSO meeting in Monroe County. Motion made by Supervisor Pufahl, second by Supervisor Martin to authorize out-of-county travel for the Veterans Service Officer. Motion carried.

County Clerk's Office:

LTE has started duties related to Statewide Voter Registration. Progress is being made on address ranges for the thirty municipalities that the county is a provider for. Clerk Miller indicated this is an ongoing project and will not be completed during her term of office.

Vouchers: Motion was made by Supervisor Martin to approve vouchers for the County Clerk Department as submitted, second by Supervisor Wopat. Motion carried.

Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Program Grant

Supervisor Lloyd explained that the Community Corrections Council had previously discussed programs that could be offered reducing recidivism rates and reintegrating offenders back into the communities.

Currently, Madison Urban Ministries has a program of volunteers that are trained and supervised by professional alcohol and drug counselors working with offenders. The Office of Justice Assistance has made funds available (\$750,000 in 2007) for counties to start implementing alternative treatment programs. With that said, Supervisor Lloyd requested support for the Community Corrections Council's intention to submit a proposal for \$30,000 for training volunteers and funding program assistants from both CESA5 and Pauquette Center. Training of volunteers will be done in Madison. Supervisor Lloyd indicated 50-

60 volunteers would be needed to potentially service eight offenders coming out into the community. This would be a starting point for a larger program. Funding is for one year, but has the opportunity for two subsequent years of funding.

Certain components are necessary: applications needs to be signed by the County Board Chair; the formation of an oversight committee consisting of District Attorney, Judges, H&HS agency, public defender, local law enforcement, AODA and county representative. Participation in a countywide audit is also required. Supervisor Lloyd indicated that Supervisor Boockmeier had been the liaison representative. Costs involved in the formation of this oversight committee were discussed.

Supervisor Wopat suggested the oversight group would benefit by appointing current members to this committee. Further, she felt these members are key players if this program is to be approved.

Supervisor Martin asked if there was a method for measuring this program. Supervisor Lloyd indicated that was something that needed to be addressed; but suggested that entrance and exit interviews could be conducted or that a reduction in returning offenders would be measurable. The current recidivism rate is over 70%. Family support is an important facet of support that Supervisor Martin feels has been missing in programs of this type. Supervisor Lloyd agreed that it is a key part of the circle of support.

This program will not serve violent offenders; the grant focuses on alcohol and drugs abuse offenders. Supervisor Martin supports this program but would like a better handle on the expenses related to the program.

Chair Baumgartner stated that the County is not in a position to hire a full-time social services staff person for the jail system. Supervisor Martin seconded the Chairman's comments; there should be no expectation for funding by the county. Supervisor Lloyd indicated that was understood.

Chair Baumgartner said that the Executive Committee could pass a motion of support. After Judiciary has an opportunity to review this proposal, the two committees could partner a resolution. Supervisor Martin made a motion to support this grant application and jointly sponsor a resolution with the Judiciary Committee. Second by Supervisor Ross, motion carried.

One additional matter to be researched was the liability coverage on the citizen volunteers. Supervisor Lloyd agreed to make the appropriate inquiries.

WCA Conference

Members attending include: Chair Baumgartner, Sarah Lloyd, Jack Sanderson and Doug Richmond. Supervisor Pufahl felt it was a great opportunity for new board members to attend sessions that tend to recycle periodically.

NACO

The payment of NACo dues by the Wisconsin Counties Association was discussed. Benefit to the county was seen as little or none. Dues reportedly are increasing 9.1 percent. They are currently about \$848. Supervisor Martin admitted that this is not a high dollar amount, but questioned why the WCA should pay dues for the 20 counties in Wisconsin who are not NACo members while the other 52 have paid their dues in good faith. She agreed to raise the topic at the July 17 ICC meeting to get in-put from the other member counties on the topic.

Appointment

County Library Board:

Heidi Schmidt, Fall River School District, to replace Ken Bates, Columbus School Dist., term to expire 12/07.

Local Library Board:

Rio Library – Wanda Kacziak, term to expire 2009.

Motion made by Supervisor Martin, second by Supervisor Pufahl to approve of both appointments. Motion carried.

Communications

Sales Tax: Chair Baumgartner reported that sales tax collections are about \$30,000 below what was received at the same time 2006.

Resolutions: Waushara County – Aquatic Species
Brown County – Fuel Tax

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Supervisor Martin, second by Supervisor Wopat at 9:00 a.m.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

Barry Pufahl

Jeanne Miller