



Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes October 12, 2009

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

Also Present: Susan Moll, Kurt Dey, Lyn Jerde (Portage Daily Register)

Meeting called to order by Chair Wopat at 8:00 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 Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Baumgartner to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2009 Executive Committee regular meeting and the August 19, 2009 committee meeting and joint committee meeting with the Human Resources Committee prior to County Board. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumgartner to amend the minutes of the August 3, 2009 Executive Committee regular meeting indicating that Tim O'Neil was absent, unduly noticed. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Operational Review – Veterans Service Officer

Motion by Westby to approve payment of the August and September 2009 expenditures for the Veterans Service office. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Donna Chrzas was not able to attend the meeting. Wopat gave an update of out of county travel on Chrzas' behalf.

Position Replacement Request

Kurt Dey reported that there are currently nine open positions in the Highway Department. He is asking to fill one master mechanic position and four equipment operators full-time. Limited term employees will be used to fill the remaining positions during the winter months. Tim O'Neil arrived at 8:12 am.

Motion by Baumgartner to approve Kurt Dey's request to replace one master mechanic position and four equipment operator positions. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

O'Neil addressed some concerns he has with receiving email attachments and notification of committee meetings. Future meeting notices will be sent to Supervisor O'Neil by mail.

Operational Review – County Clerk

Motion by Boockmeier to approve payment of the August and September 2009 expenditures for the County Clerk's office. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Moll reported that budgets and compensatory time are in order and reported out of county travel for October.

Motion by Westby to approve the County Clerk's request to enter into an agreement with VitalChek as a debit and credit card vendor, pending a review of the VitalChek agreement by Corporation Counsel. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the County Clerk's request to offer additional DNR services by providing recreational vehicle registration services for a one year trial period. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

High Speed Rail Network

Motion by Westby to direct Chair Wopat to sign a letter of support for high speed rail network in the Wisconsin region. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

Discussion on CCEDC/Tourism Oversight

Motion by O'Neil to recommend oversight for Columbia County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC)/Tourism from UW-Extension and the Agriculture Committee to the Finance Committee. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Resolution for Breast Cancer Awareness

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the resolution proclaiming October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Columbia County. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

A spokesperson from the Pink Ribbon Angels, Inc. will be asked to give a brief overview of Columbia County activities to supervisors at the October board meeting.

2010 Furlough Days

Wopat gave an explanation of the proposed furlough days and the impact to various departments. February 15th may be a conflict with the County Clerk's office, as it is the day before the spring primary. Moll stated that it doesn't cause a major problem at this time, however, it may need to be reviewed as the election date gets closer and all candidate paperwork is filed. Moll plans to be in the office that day to address any election inquiries. If necessary, another staff person could work that day and designate another day as unpaid leave.

Motion by O'Neil to approve the proposed 2010 furlough dates of January 18, February 15, July 2, and September 3. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Chair's Comments

Chair Wopat reported correspondence received from the State Historical Society and resolutions from other counties. She also received a notice of a meeting on Wednesday, November 4th on the proposed wind farms. A report has been compiled by the Accounting Department showing the breakdown of state block grant dollars received by each municipality and county. The WI County Mutual Insurance Corp. is looking for nominations for their 2010 advisory committees. A DVD from WCA will be available for supervisors to checkout. Westby reported that the plaque recognizing former chairpersons is almost complete and asked for input on the title design and location of the plaques.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee has been set for Monday, November 2, 2009 at 8 am.

Motion by Boockmeier to adjourn a 9:32 am. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard C. Boockmeier
Executive Committee Secretary

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