



Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes November 3, 2008

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

Excused: Richard Boockmeier

Also Present: Susan Moll, Donna Chrzas, Karen Nelson, Kathleen Haas, Erik Pritzl, H&HS Intern, Joe Ruf

Meeting called to order by Chair Wopat at 9:00 am. The meeting was properly noticed as required by the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by O'Neil to approve the agenda as printed. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Baumgartner to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2008 Executive Committee regular meeting. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

Operational Review – Veterans Service Officer

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

Donna Chrzas will be out of county on the following dates: November 14th for a CVSO South East Regional Association meeting in Johnson Creek; November 18th to the Capital in Madison to present a CVSO Advocacy Award to Representative Terry Musser and to have a meeting of the CVSO Association Officers with the Governor's office; December 11-12th for the Wisconsin Dept. of Veterans Affairs Board and Committee meetings in Union Grove; and December 19th for a CVSO South West Regional Association meeting in Baraboo.

Operational Review – County Clerk

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

Sue Moll will be out of county on December 5th in Wausau conducting a statewide mentoring training for newly elected county clerks.

Position Replacement Request

Motion by Baumgartner to approve Karen Nelson's request to replace the Agriculture Educator position in the UW-Extension office. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

Discussion on Planned Symposium

Kathleen Haas from UW-Extension gave an overview and timeline of a proposed Columbia County Changing Populations Summit. Haas is asking for the county board's support of this event. The UW-Extension Office will provide the planning and do the work associated with the meetings. They may also conduct a pre-survey of department heads to determine current and future issues associated with the changing demographics.

Mark O'Connell from the Wisconsin Counties Assoc. (WCA) discussed this topic at the recent WCA Conference. Wopat has asked if Mark O'Connor would be available to give a similar presentation to the County Board at the December 2008 or January 2009 meeting.

Motion by Baumgartner to support the Columbia County Changing Populations Summit. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

County Board Committee Attendance

There have been recent situations where county board committees are unable to conduct business due to a lack of a quorum. One reason for this is when committee meetings are re-scheduled from their normal meeting time which creates a conflict with other committee meetings or work schedules. Sue Moll will send an email to county staff that prepare agendas to inform the County Clerk's office as soon as possible of a committee meeting change. Chair Wopat will also comment on this at county board.

Standing Rules #17 (6) states that "Absences from a committee meeting must be approved by the committee chair prior to the meeting". There are no consequences if a member fails to obtain approval. This issue will be addressed during the next review of the Standing Rules.

Chair's Comments

The Land Information Department is working on a deal with the software company. A non-disclosure agreement has been signed. Andy Ross has been selected to work on committee to review the WCA rules. The WCA President has asked that counties sign a Statement of Support on Veterans Day. Information should be received by mail soon.

Set Next Meeting Date

A next meeting has been set for Monday, December 8th at 9 am.

Motion by Westby to adjourn at 10:34 am. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Westby
Executive Committee Acting Secretary

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