



Columbia County Executive Committee Minutes December 8, 2008

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

Also Present: Susan Moll, Donna Chrzas, Karen Nelson, Kathleen Haas, Lyn Jerde (Portage Daily Register)

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2008 Executive Committee regular meeting. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried. It was noted that Boockmeier should be recorded as excused. It was also noted that the correct spelling is Mark O'Connell. The corrections were made.

O'Neil arrived at 9:03 am

Operational Review – Veterans Service Officer

Motion by Westby to approve payment of the November 2008 expenditures for the Veterans Service office. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried. Boockmeier abstained from voting.

Donna Chrzas reported that there is no out of county travel scheduled in January at this time.

Appointments

Motion by O'Neil to appoint Keith Miller to the Veterans Service Commission for a three year term to expire in November 2011. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Operational Review – County Clerk

Motion by Baumgartner to approve payment of the November 2008 expenditures for the County Clerk's office. Second by O'Neil. Motion carried.

Staff acquired some compensatory time during the recount of the 47th Assembly District. There will be some line items over budget in the Election account. The final amounts will be determined after all the invoices have been processed.

Update on Future Leaders Active in Government (F.L.A.G.) Initiative

Kathleen Haas and Karen Nelson from the UW-Extension office gave an update of the Future Leaders Active in Government (F.L.A.G.) Initiative. At this time the school districts of Lodi, Poynette, Fall River, Randolph and Portage have expressed an interest to participate.

The first session of the F.L.A.G. Initiative is set for Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center. A timeline and session content for the day was distributed. Board members are encouraged to participate in the sessions.

Update on Changing Population Summit

Kathleen Haas gave an update on the Changing Population Summit. The Summit is set for January 21, 2009. Terry Ludeman, retired Chief Economic Advisor from the Department of Workforce Development, will present demographic information about the county. A letter inviting colleagues to attend the summit was sent on December 1st.

Recount Update

Clerk Moll gave a report of the recent recount of the 47th Assembly District. The recount took an entire week to conduct. Twenty-seven volunteers worked various days during the 50 hour plus week. Overall, the polling location election materials were in very good order with few problems. A follow-up meeting to discuss the recount and election procedures will be scheduled for Tuesday, December 16th. Chair Wopat and Vice Chair Westby will plan to attend to personally thank the volunteers for their time and commitment to the election process. A certificate of appreciation will also be presented.

Position Replacement Requests

There are no position replacement requests for this month.

Appointments

Motion by Baumgartner to appoint Gisela Hamm and Patricia Westby to the County Library Systems Board for a three year term to expire in December 2011. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried. Westby abstained from voting.

Motion by O'Neil to appoint Patricia Westby to the South Central Library Systems Board for a three year term to expire in December 2011. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried. Westby abstained from voting.

Resolution

Motion by Boockmeier to approve the resolution in memory of former county board member, Willis Trapp. Second by Westby. Motion carried.

Chair's Comments

Correspondence was received from MATC regarding the appointment of the Board of Directors; the planning committee for the fall WCA Conference in LaCrosse are asking for topic suggestions; Kristen is working with a private company for land information software; DNR correspondence regarding an updated outdoor conservation plan was referred to Kurt Calkins for further review; Westby will be attending a Workforce Development meeting on Friday, December 12th; the WI Emergency Management Dept. has informed the County that it will be receiving the 3rd installment of grant money, following review of the County's plan.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next Executive Committee meeting has been set for Monday, January 12, 2009 at 9 am. It was noted that the Executive Committee will not meet in February, unless necessary. There will also be no County Board meeting scheduled in February.

Motion by Baumgartner to adjourn at 10:27 am. Second by Boockmeier. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Boockmeier
Executive Committee Secretary

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