



Minutes - June 19, 2023

Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the hybrid County Board Staff Committee meeting to order at 4:32 P.M. in Conference Room N1/N2.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Bostwick, Podzilni, Peer, Wilson, Beaver, Towns, Brien, Leavy, and Sweeney.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk; Amy Spoden, Interim Human Resources Director; Fredd Carr, Communications Center Director; Terri Carlson, Risk Manager; Andrew Baker, Director of Land Conservation, Planning and Development; Kate Luster, Human Services Director.

Others Present: Sheila Williams; Chuck Flynn; Sheryl; Supervisors Crary, Whitledge, Zoril; Misti; Carolyn Brandeen; Stephanie Hormig; Ali Larson; Kim Valenta; Mark Warren; Elizabeth Tinder; Mark Bobzien; Dannis Hilgendorf; Anthony Capozziello.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Wilson moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Brien. Removing item 7.H. per Supervisor Zoril's request. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the agenda removing item 7.H., second by Supervisor Leavy. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Stephanie Agnew submitted public comment in support of item 7.G.

Sheila Williams submitted public comment in opposition to items 7.F., 7.G., and 7.H. She asked that the committee keep the governor's salary in mind when setting the Administrator's salary.

Supervisor Zoril submitted public comment in opposition to items 7.H., 7.F., and 7.G. He also spoke about District 21 candidate, Anthony Capozziello. Supervisor Zoril let committee members know that he had withdrawn the Stand Against Illegal Immigration resolution.

Stephanie Hormig spoke to LGBTQ+ stats and resources. She supported item 7.G.

Kim Valenta spoke to her experience an LGBTQ+ individual in the community.

Ali Larson spoke to the history of Janesville Pride, personal experiences as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, and expressing her support for item 7.G.

Misti Witacre expressed support for item 7.G.

Approval of Minutes:

June 5, 2023 Minutes: Supervisor Brien moved approval of the June 5, 2023 minutes, second by Supervisor Towns. ADOPTED.

Approval of Transfers: None.

Interviews of District 21 Candidates: Chair Bostwick announced that there are 4 candidates. The committee members will be asking questions to candidates. At the conclusion of the last interview, the committee will discuss, and ballots will be filled and tallied. The committee will vote until a majority is received (5 votes).

Mark Warren: The committee interviewed Mark Warren.

Anthony Capozziello: The committee interviewed Anthony Capozziello.

Dennis Hilgendorf: The committee interviewed Dennis Hilgendorf.

Mark Bobzien: The committee interviewed Mark Bobzien.

Appointment to District 21: Supervisor Sweeney exited the meeting prior to the vote. The committee voted by paper ballots. There were two rounds of voting due to a lack of a majority for the first round of voting. After the second round of votes, Mark Bobzien was chosen to be appointed to District 21. This will go to County Board on Thursday, June 22, for approval.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Recognizing Chief Deputy Craig L. Strouse: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023, does hereby recognize Chief Deputy Craig L. Strouse for his over 29 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Chief Deputy Craig Strouse along with best wishes for the future."

Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED.

Recognizing Administrative Assistant Sherry S. Jackson: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023, does hereby recognize Administrative Assistant Jackson for her over 18 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Administrative Assistant Sherry Jackson along with best wishes for the future."

Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Leavy. ADOPTED.

Recognize Kathleen Lawver: "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023, does hereby recognize Kathleen Lawver for her 25 years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors."

Supervisor Leavy moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Brien. ADOPTED.

Recognizing Kimberly Williams: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023, does hereby recognize Kimberly Williams for her 15 years of service and extend their best wishes to her in her future endeavors."

Supervisor Peer moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Leavy. ADOPTED.

Confirmation of Appointment of Communication Center Director: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this _____ day of _____ June _____ 2023, confirms the appointment of Fredd Carr as the Communications Center Director in accordance with the attached conditions of employment."

Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Leavy. ADOPTED.

Recognizing June 19, 2023 as Juneteenth Celebration: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023 does hereby proclaim June 19, 2023 as Juneteenth Day and call upon the residents of Rock County to acknowledge and condemn the history of slavery in our Nation and recognize how the impact of America's original sin remains; to celebrate the emancipation of all Black Americans and commit together to eradicate systemic racism and inequity that can never be tolerated and must always be fought against."

Supervisor Leavy moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Brien.

Supervisor Crary spoke to her resolution. She provided background on Juneteenth.

Supervisor Towns and Supervisor Peer expressed the need for unity.

ADOPTED.

Designating June Pride Month in Rock County: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this _____ day of June 2023, does hereby proclaim the month of June as Pride Month and encourages Rock County residents to learn about the contribution of LGBTQ+ people in Rock County and reflect on ways that we can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding."

Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Wilson.

Supervisor Crary highlighted the need for this resolution.

Supervisor Towns expressed that she does not believe that this is County Board business. She stated that all groups should be treated equally.

Supervisor Wilson spoke to the need for this to pass on behalf of children in the LGBTQ+ community.

YES - Supervisors Brien, Bostwick, Peer, Wilson, Leavy, Podzilni, and Beaver.

NO - Supervisor Towns..

ADOPTED.

Amending Rule III-F. of the Rock County Board Rules of Procedure (Supervisor Farrell): Item removed.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Appointments to the Traffic Safety Commission: Supervisor Leavy moved approval of the appointments, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED.

Appointment to the Rail Transit Commission: Supervisor Wilson moved approval of the appointments, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Rail Development: The committee were provided ballots for voting for 4 community members to fill vacancies. The committee votes resulted in the appointments of Henry Londo, Judith Robson, Brian Rose, and Joseph Stadelman.

Appointments to Local Emergency Planning Commission: Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the appointments second, by Supervisor Leavy. ADOPTED.

Appointments to Board of Adjustment: Supervisor Brien moved approval of the appointments, second by Supervisor Towns. ADOPTED.

Appointments to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the appointments, second by Supervisor Leavy. ADOPTED.

County Administrator Performance Evaluation and Compensation: Supervisor Bostwick reminded the committee of the previous steps that had been taken by the committee. Amy Spoden provided salary history, comparables, and a recommendation on salary adjustment. Amy asked the committee for direction moving forward.

Supervisor Wilson was supportive of the recommended salary adjustment to step 2 or step 3. Supervisor Beaver expressed support for step 3.

Supervisor Wilson to recommended leaving expense allowance, car allowance, and deferred compensation as is, a 3% increase retroactive to 1/1/2023, and salary adjustment to step 3 effective October 1, 2023, second by Supervisor Leavy.

Supervisor Towns asked for information on how this percent increase compares to other positions in the county. Amy will provide additional information.

ADOPTED.

Next meeting date and time: Monday, July 10, at 4:30 P.M.

Adjournment: Supervisor Leavy moved to adjourn at 6:31 P.M., second by Supervisor Wilson.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Thompson
Office Coordinator

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