



Minutes - August 7, 2023

Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the hybrid meeting to order in Conference Room N1/N2 at 4:30 P.M.

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

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Amy Spoden, Interim Human Resources Director; Shanna Sanders, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Kate Luster, Human Services Director; Terri Carlson, Risk Manager.

Others Present: Supervisors Mawhinney, Winter, Sutterlin, Farrell, and Zoril; Chuck Flynn; Steven Brown; Sheila Williams; Manuel Casares; Sheryl Hengeveld; Paul Lembrich; Tom Luepinski; Bill Mitchell.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Peer moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Manuel Casares, Sally Horton, James Stevens, Sheila Williams, Michael Schwarz, and Mary Sveom submitted written comments in support of item 7.E. Resolution to Add Rule 11-D and Amend Rule X-C.

Approval of Minutes:

July 10, 2023 Minutes: Supervisor Brien moved approval of the July 10, 2023 minutes, second by Supervisor Towns. ADOPTED.

July 13, 2023 Minutes: Supervisor Towns moved approval of the July 13, 2023 minutes, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED.

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review of Payments:

July Payments: The committee reviewed the payments.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Recognizing Correctional Officer Stephen A. Kreuter: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023, does hereby recognize Correctional Officer Stephen A. Kreuter for his over 16 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Correctional Officer Stephen A. Kreuter along with best wishes for the future."

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

Recognizing Patricia Stringham for Service to Rock Haven: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of August 2023, does hereby recognize Patricia Stringham for her 29 years and 30 days of service and extend their best wishes to her in her future endeavors."

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

Amending County Board Rule III-F and III-J - Department Head Introducing Resolutions Recognizing Retiring County Employees and Limiting Resolutions: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023 does hereby amend Board Rule III-F and III-J of the Rock County Board Rules of Procedure as follows:

..."

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

Supervisor Towns moved to amend the resolution to include Hall of Honor nominees, second by Supervisor Sweeney.

A document containing the amendment in bold and red was provided:

"J (1) Department Heads can initiate a resolution recognizing years of service of employees retiring from their departments. To be eligible for such a resolution, the individual must be employed by the County for a minimum of fifteen (15) years. The resolution shall be referred to the appropriate governing committee and the County Board Staff Committee ~~in the form required in Rule III-E.~~ and does not need to be submitted by a Rock County Supervisor.

J (2) Resolutions submitted by the Hall of Honor Committee that recognize an individual or individuals community service shall continue.

J (3) Except as noted for persons identified in Rule III-J(1) and (2), no resolution may be considered for adoption by the County Board of Supervisors that recognizes any individual, organization, or defined groups of individuals, or proclaims any period-of-time, day, week or month to be in honor of a certain individual, organization or defined group of individuals, or that declares a position on behalf

of the County Board with an individual, organization or group of individuals."

Amendment ADOPTED.

Vote on amended resolution -

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

NO - Supervisor Leavy.

Amended resolution ADOPTED.

Authorizing an Incentive Payment to Direct Care Staff at Rock Haven: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2022, does hereby authorize an incentive payment of \$1.00 per hour for all direct care staff at Rock Haven as identified in the attached executive summary, effective upon implantation of the new wage grid."

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

Josh Smith explained that this was a recommendation that came from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Rock Haven.

ADOPTED.

Resolution to Add Rule 11-D and Amend Rule X-C: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors hereby adds the following as Rule 11-D and amends Rule X-C as follows:

..."

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

Supervisor Zoril explained perceived issues with current budget processes.

Supervisor Towns inquired when levy is set by the County. Josh provided an explanation of current budget processes detailing potential outcomes for borrowing.

Motion fails unanimously.

Obtaining Law Firm Quote to Develop Code of Ethics: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023 does hereby request a quote from the law firm Attolles Law S.C to provide a Code of Ethics for the Rock County Board of Supervisors."

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

Supervisor Farrell spoke to a presentation that he attended on county code of ethics. After the

presentation, Supervisor Farrell expressed interest in getting a quote to develop a code of ethics, so this resolution is coming forward. He explained why the Board should obtain a quote for a code of ethics from the law firm Attolles Law S.C.

Committee members expressed concerns over whether the Board should direct this to be done outside of the Corporation Counsel's Office. Shanna Sanders and Josh Smith indicated that staff would do whatever is directed by the Board. Supervisor Peer advocated for going out for a quote from other law firms. Supervisor Wilson attended this webinar as well, and noted that they have experience with Wisconsin Counties, but thinks there should be some additional discussion on this before moving forward. Supervisor Towns echoed the want to have further discussion on ethics and create a code of ethics. Supervisor Wilson expressed that creating a code of ethics internally may not seem objective.

Supervisor Sweeney moved to postpone action for 60 days, second by Supervisor Wilson. Supervisor Sweeney and Supervisor Wilson agreed to amend their motion to postpone to the October 9 meeting. A consensus to amend was obtained.

Motion to postpone action for 60 days ADOPTED.

Directing the County Administrator to Include a Communications Position in the 2024 Budget:
Motion fails for lack of first.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Semi-Annual Reports of Training, Conferences and Conventions Exceeding \$1,000 per Employee per Event: The committee reviewed the reports.

Corporation Counsel:

Human Resources:

County Administrator:

Appointments to the Land Information Council: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the appointments, second by Supervisor Towns. ADOPTED.

Appoinment to the Human Services Board: Ballots were handed out to committee members. Committee was informed that Jeremy Zajac withdrew. Phil Boutwell received 7 votes. This will be forwarded to the County Board for approval.

Committee Chair Appointment to the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport Board: Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the appointment, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED.

Committee Chair Appointment to the Ad Hoc Airport Planning Committee: Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the appointment of Supervisor Winter, second by Supervisor Towns. ADOPTED.

Next meeting date and time: September 11 at 4:30 P.M.

Adjournment: Supervisor Sweeney moved to adjourn at 5:45 P.M., second by Supervisor Brien. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Thompson
Office Coordinator

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