



Minutes - March 24, 2025

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

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Bostwick, Tillman, Brien, Mawhinney, Towns, Peer, Wilson, Leavy, and Gorman.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: John Light, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; Amy Spoden, Human Resources Director; Shanna Sanders, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Katrina Harwood, Health Officer; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Katherine Luster, Human Services Director; Lynette Scharine, Economic Support Specialist; Tricia Stilen, Human Services Professional I; Tera O'Connor, HSD Deputy Director; Terri Carlson, Risk Management Administrator; Julie Butz, CLTS Manager; Benjamin Dobson, HSD Supervisor I; Shelby Puppe, Human Services Lead Supervisor; Hannah Ehrke, Human Services Professional Lead; Laurie Elliott, Registered Nurse Pool; Melissa Genz, Economic Support Supervisor; Gregory Winkler, HSD Deputy Director; Sarah Nelson, Human Services Professional III; Sandra Williams, Human Services Professional I;

Others Present: Supervisor Boehlke; Sheila Williams; Darcy Siefert; Jennifer.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Sheila Williams spoke about the Resolution on naming the building after J. Russell Podzilni, and felt it did not meet the requirements of the resolution. Shelia also spoke about the telework policy, and mentioned getting the new County Administrator's input.

Lynette Scharine spoke in favor of the teleworking policy, and gave input on how employees benefit from having that flexibility.

Supervisor Towns gave the committee members a heads-up that the Ad-Hoc committee on health insurance had completed their charge and had published their recommendations. Supervisor Gorman requested an electronic copy of the information.

Approval of Minutes:

February 24, 2025 Minutes: Minutes were not attached and March 10, 2025, minutes will be moved to the next agenda for approval.

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Recognizing Denise Elder: Supervisor Tillman moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED.

Recognizing Gary Cerny: Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Brien. ADOPTED.

Naming of the Blackhawk Curling Club Building After J. Russell Podzilni: Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED.

To Ratify the 2025 Labor Agreement Between Rock County and the Correctional Officers Association: Supervisor Tillman moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Mawhinney.

Amy Spoden explained the correctional officers agreed to a 1-year contract, which includes a 3.5% increase effective January 1, 2025 and a 2.5% increase effective July 1, 2025. Supervisor Towns verified the amounts were the same as previously agreed upon. ADOPTED.

Amending the 2025 Human Services Department Budget to Accept Additional Children's Long-Term Support Funding and Create 11.0 FTE Positions: Supervisor Peer moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Gorman.

Katherine Luster explained the additional positions will be fully funded by the state Medicaid program. The state has required a "no wait list" and to uphold the requirement, additional staffing is needed to manage the case load. Katherine noted that the CLTS program is now fully staffed.

Supervisor Towns questioned the funding and what guarantees, if any, the County has in receiving the funds for the additional positions. Katherine explained it is like most of the state programs they accept funding for, and if the state decides to stop funding the program, the county would no longer deliver those services. Shanna Sanders commented that the County works as an agent of the state through these programs and submits their expenses to the state for reimbursement.

Adopted, with 8 votes of aye, and Supervisor Towns voting nay.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Telecommuting Policy Updates: The committee reviewed the policy in depth and made suggested changes throughout.

Committee Appointments:

Board of Health: Supervisor Brien moved to approve the Board of Health appointments, second by

Supervisor Wilson.

Then committee voted via ballot with Rachel Bergstrom, Eric Gresens, Deb Kolste, Blaine Nowak, and Kimberly Ward receiving the majority of votes. Appointments will be forwarded to the County Board for confirmation on Thursday.

ADOPTED.

Local Emergency Planning Committee: Supervisor Tillman moved to approve the appointment of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, second by Supervisor Wilson.

The committee voted via ballot. Jason Burt received the majority of votes. His appointment will be forwarded to the County Board for confirmation on Thursday.

ADOPTED.

Next meeting date and time: Monday, April 7, 2025, at 4:30 PM

Adjournment: Supervisor Towns moved adjournment at 6:17 PM, second by Supervisor Brien.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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