



Minutes - May 6, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Brien called the General Services Committee meeting to order at 8:00 am in the Rock County Courthouse conference room N1/N2.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Brien, Bobzien, Homan, Cullen and Wilson.

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Brent Sutherland, Facilities Director; Michael Parille, Facilities Superintendent; David Froeber, Facilities Superintendent; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator;

Others Present: Brian Zobel, UW Rock County; Chuck Flynn

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:

Approval of Minutes:

April 15, 2025 Minutes: Supervisor Cullen moved to approve the April 15, 2025, minutes, second by Supervisor Bobzien. ADOPTED.

Approval of Transfers:

Review of Payments:

April 2025 Payments: The committee reviewed the presented payments.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Approval of Alliant Energy Easement: Supervisor Cullen moved to approve the Alliant Energy Easement, second by Supervisor Wilson.

Brent explained Alliant requested to install a new gas regulator in the southeast corner of a parking lot on the UW Rock County Campus. The location was negotiated to avoid interfering with any potential

parking lot expansion. Alliant will pay the County \$10,000.00 for the easement.
ADOPTED.

Follow Up on Climate Action Plan : Brent explains that they are analyzing the best return on investment for various initiatives. The DWRC appears to be the most promising opportunity to add solar panels. Brent explained that the DWRC has multiple skylights and staff have had difficulty with glare on their computers. Brent noted the solar panels may help to remove the glare while still allowing the natural light to come through. Brent also mentioned the County has the opportunity to purchase solar blocks from Alliant, which could provide significant savings after a 10-year payback period. The plan aims for carbon neutrality by 2050, which may require purchasing renewable energy credits. The county will continue to develop the action plan, prioritizing improvements to their system and reducing consumption before relying on renewable energy credits to meet their goals.

Quarterly Budget Review: The committee reviewed the Quarterly Budget Review. Supervisor Cullen questions how reviewing the budget quarterly has helped. Brent acknowledges that the process helps him be more accountable and proactive in managing the budget.

Update on Law Enforcement Services /Jail Renovation:

Schedule update: The demolition of the Pinehurst Building has begun, starting with interior work before moving to the exterior. The project is on schedule, with demolition expected to be complete by the end of June, followed by parking lot work and landscaping finishing up at the end of July. Supervisor Wilson asked if the Jail was fully occupied. Brent answered that the jail is now fully occupied, with some final work being done on the conference rooms and the maintenance shop.

Next meeting date and time- May 20, 2025, at 8:00 AM:

Adjournment: Supervisor Cullen moved adjournment at 8:28 AM, second by Supervisor Wilson.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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