



Minutes - May 20, 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, Homan, Cullen and Wilson.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Bobzien

Staff Members Present: Brent Sutherland, Facilities Director; Michael Parille, Facilities Superintendent; David Froeber, Facilities Superintendent; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; James Otterstein, Economic Development 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: None.

Approval of Minutes:

May 6, 2025 Minutes: Supervisor Cullen moved to approve May 6, 2025, minutes, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Awarding the Contract for Exterior Wall Restoration at the Courthouse and Youth Services Center: Supervisor Cullen moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Homan. Brent explained this would finish up the Courthouse tuckpointing and repair a portion at the YSC that was leaking. Brent noted four bids came in and the lowest bidder was approved by the consultant that does the specification. Supervisor Cullen questioned if the contractor had been used by the County before. Brent answered no, but IRS who does the specifications has worked with them. ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Comittee approval to contract with Sun Mechanical Inc to relocate the Medical Examiner walk - in cooler & walk-in freezer: Supervisor Cullen moved to approve to contract with Sun Mechanical Inc. to relocate the Medical Examiner walk-in cooler & freezer, second by Supervisor Wilson.

Brent explained that the manufacturer needs to approve the contractor in order to dismantle and reconstruct the coolers on site. Sun Mechanical was approved and will do the relocation of the coolers, except for the electrical work.

ADOPTED.

Update on Bid Limits- SB-216 & AB-217: Brent updated the committee on legislation to increase sealed bid limits from \$25,000 to \$50,000, and Class 1 notice from \$5,000 to \$10,000. It has passed through the Senate and the House and is awaiting final readings before going to the governor, noting this would reduce costs and improve project timelines. Brent explained they included an escalator and would have the legislation reviewed every 5 years.

Update on the Law Enforcement Services/Jail Renovation Project:

Birds Nesting in the Pinehurst Building Roof: Brent explained a bird's nest was discovered during demolition at Pinehurst. A concerned citizen identified the bird as the potentially protected bank swallows, which led to a temporary halt in demolition. After further investigation involving the sheriff's department, DNR, and a wildlife preserve, it was determined the nest belonged to house sparrows, which are not protected. Demolition resumed, and Brent shared his findings with the concerned citizen. Supervisor Cullen questioned if this delayed the project. Brent explained that this did not result in any further delays.

Completion Schedule: Project is still on schedule to be completed end of July.

Next meeting date and time-June 3, 2025, 8:00 AM:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate on the negotiation on the sale of public property, the Rock County Health Care Center, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.: The committee voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:14 AM with Supervisor Bobzien being absent.

Adjournment: Supervisor Cullen moved adjournment at 9:01 AM, second by Supervisor Wilson.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wolf
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