



Minutes - August 6, 2025

Call to Order: Supervisor Wilson called the hybrid Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee to order at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call: Roll Call: Committee Members Present: Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor Sutterlin, Mark Dykstra, Max Olson

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Towns, Mary Gut, Julie Grandeffo

Staff Members Present: Brad Meier

Others Present: none

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Sutterlin noted the meeting time on the agenda was supposed to be 4:30pm, not 12:00pm as posted, otherwise moved approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Max Olson. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes:

June 4, 2025, Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee Meeting Minutes

: June 4, 2025 committee meeting minutes will be included in the next meeting agenda for action.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Report on Pilot Project Progress to Date: Supervisor Wilson provided a brief update to the committee on the program's progress and successes over the past several weeks, which included a reminder that on September 11, 2025, the committee will need to present their recommendations to the County Board regarding the future of the Youth in Governance Program for Rock County. At the committee's meeting on September 3, 2025, the committee will be reviewing a draft of the recommendation report as well as a draft of the resolution. During August, Supervisor Wilson will be reaching out to all the mentors and participants for their thoughts and assessments of the program. Supervisor Wilson also shared that he's requested a small budget be added within the County Administrator's budget to help offset some of the program costs.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Review, Discussion and Possible Action revising and/or refining Pilot Project calendar

: The committee reviewed and discussed the Pilot Project calendar and Supervisor Wilson agreed to update the calendar document to reflect the changes discussed, such as the tentative resolution due

date, from October 9 to September 11, moving up the recruitment efforts from January to December to provide more time for program promotional efforts.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations to County Board Regarding the Future of Youth in Governance Program: The committee discussed the Youth in Governance Pilot Program recommendations and decision points document in detail. Supervisor Wilson described his conversation with the Education & Veterans Committee where he asked them if their committee was interested in hosting the Youth in Governance program in the future. The committee conversation led them to suggest that the Ag & Extension Education Committee might be a better fit. Supervisor Wilson said that he's reached out to the Chair of the Ag & Extension Education committee, Rich Bostwick, asking for thoughts on this from the committee. The committee discussed the merits of the program being part of a standing committee vs a new Youth and Governance standing committee. The committee then went on to discuss the number of program participants, the April to April program calendar, and program fundraising in combination with possible county program funding. Supervisor Wilson said he'd put together a draft of the recommendations and a draft of the resolution for the committee to review/edit at the upcoming September committee meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on Requests for additional resources needed and next steps
: There was no discussion about this item.

Determination of next meeting date and time - Wednesday, September 3, 2025 - 4:30p: The committee agreed that the next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

Adjournment: Max Olson moved to adjourn at 5:18 pm, seconded by Supervisor Sutterlin.
ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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