



COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
Minutes – June 26, 2018

Call to Order. Chair Podzilni called the meeting of the County Board Staff Committee to order at 4:01 P.M. in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Podzilni, Bussie, Thomas, Brill, Bostwick, Peer and Mawhinney.

Committee Members Excused: Supervisors Sweeney and Yeomans.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Annette Mikula, Human Resources Director; David O’Leary and Perry Folts, District Attorney’s Office; Colin Byrnes, Director of Planning and Development; and Richard Greenlee, Corporation Counsel.

Others Present: Supervisors Yuri Rashkin and Tom Brien; Abdallah Shaikh, Milton High School intern; Tim Thompson; Brian Kettle; and Nate Jackson, Janesville Gazette.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Bostwick moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Supervisor Podzilni asked for citizen participation. Mr. Tim Thompson said he is here to support the resolution to legalize and regulate the adult use of cannabis. He shared his story and said he is in support of this resolution. He said voters want this referendum on the ballot.

Supervisor Brien said he is in support of the resolution as well.

Mr. Brian Kettle shared his story and said he is in support of the resolution.

Supervisor Rashkin thanked everyone for their consideration of this resolution.

Mr. Smith introduced, Abdallah Shaikh, Milton High School intern.

Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2018. Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the minutes of June 12, 2018 as presented, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Transfers. None.

Resolutions.

Recognizing Captain Gary L. Groelle

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ___ day _____, 2018 does hereby recognize Captain Gary L. Groelle for his over 36 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Captain Gary L. Groelle along with best wishes for the future.”

Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Changing the Title of Legal Stenographer Positions to Legal Support Specialists, Creating 2.0 FTE New Legal Support Specialists, and Amending the 2018 Budget

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ___ day _____, 2018 that they move to retitle the Legal Stenographer position to Legal Support Specialist and approve the creation of additional 2.0 Legal Support Specialists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2018 Budget be amended as follows:

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

To Ratify the 2018-2019 Labor Agreement Between Rock County and Deputy Sheriff’s Supervisors Association

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this ___ day _____, 2018 does hereby ratify the terms and conditions of the 2018-2019 labor agreement between Rock County and the Deputy Sheriff’s Supervisors Association.”

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

Approving County Wide Advisory Referendum on the Legalization and Regulation of the Adult Use of Cannabis

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session this ___ day _____, 2018, that the

following advisory referendum be placed on the countywide general election ballot scheduled for November 6, 2018:

Should cannabis be legalized for adult use, taxed and regulated like alcohol, with the proceeds from the Taxes used for education, healthcare, and infrastructure?"

Supervisor Thomas moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Bussie.

Chair Podzilni asked District Attorney David O'Leary about the current federal and state laws that prohibit use. Mr. O'Leary explained the difference between federal and state enforcement. Mr. O'Leary said that marijuana possession at a certain level is currently enforced as an ordinance violation. Supervisor Thomas said he favors this resolution. He wants to let the community decide where they stand on this issue and if passed then let the state decide how to proceed. Supervisor Bussie agreed with Supervisor Thomas. She feels everyone needs a voice. Supervisor Bostwick agreed and said there is a lot of talk around this issue right now. Supervisor Peer said he would like to see data/research before moving forward. Supervisor Mawhinney asked why the committee should vote on something that is illegal. Supervisor Thomas said it is an advisory referendum to show the legislator how the citizens feel. This is how laws are changed. There are several other counties that are considering a similar referendum on their November ballots. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. AYES- (4) Supervisors Podzilni, Bussie, Thomas and Bostwick. NOES-(3) Supervisors Brill, Mawhinney and Peer. ABSENT-Supervisors Yeomans and Sweeney.

Update.

Review and Possible Action on AT&T Cell Phone Tower Proposal. Mr. Terronez explained the AT&T lease amendment request. AT&T through md7, a third party firm has submitted 3 proposals to consider. A) One option would continue the lease payments but starting with \$12,000 for the first year and continuing a 1.25% escalator for a 25 year period. Comparing the proposal with the current lease, the County would lose approximately \$23,000 through years 2019 – 2027, the expiration date of the current lease. B) A second proposal would provide a lump sum payment of \$110,000 for a 50 year lease term. The County has entertained lump sum proposals in the past for substantially more but did not cash flow to the benefit of the County as compared to the annual lease payments. C) A third proposal would provide a \$120,000 payment over 5 years for a 50 year lease term. The committee discussed the three proposals. Supervisor Mawhinney moved to reapproach md7 about negotiating the rent price on the lease, second by Supervisor Bussie. ADOPTED.

Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Town of Beloit Incorporation. Mr. Smith told the committee he is still waiting on information from the Town in regards to enforceability of an agreement. The Town believes they can enter into an agreement. The Town Legal Advisor was not able to prepare the paperwork yet as they are working

on the July 2nd DOA deadline. Mr. Smith said the committee had asked him to look into the City of Beloit's perspective on this. Mr. Smith spoke with the Beloit City Manager. She said they haven't taken any other action. They continue to negotiate with the Town. TABLED. To be placed on the next agenda.

Adjournment. Supervisor Thomas moved adjournment at 4:43 P.M., second by Supervisor Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
HR Secretary

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