

** MINUTES **
** OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD **

Office of the County Clerk, January 22, 2013

The Board met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by Chairperson Schuette at 6:30 p.m. in the County Board Room, located in the City Center East, 122 East College Avenue, Appleton, WI.

ROLL CALL: 35 present, 1 absent. Members present: Rabec, Nagler, C. Schmidt, Patience, Iverson, Hammen, Krueger, Trentlage, Karl, L. DeGroot, Mc Daniel, Van Asten, D. De Groot, VandenHeuvel, Lemanski, Groat, Gosse, Stueck, Thomas, Thyssen, Hagen, Hofacker, Pleuss, Nooyen, Duncan, Culbertson, Sturn, Buchman, Griesbach, Thern, Rahmlow, Austin, Rettler, Schuette, Anthony. Member absent: Mahan.

Board Chairperson Schuette requested the Board's confirmation to excuse Supervisor Mahan. No objections; so ordered.

Board Chairperson Schuette requested a roll call of those supervisors who parked in the parking ramp.

ROLL CALL for parking: 26 aye, 9 nay, 1 absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Chairperson Schuette.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2013

Supervisor Duncan moved, seconded by Supervisor Rahmlow, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013, County Board meeting.

ROLL CALL: 34 aye, 1 abstain, 1 absent. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2013, BOARD MEETING ARE APPROVED.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Presentation on the Child Advocacy Center's Mission and Collaborative Work with County agencies, police and other community agencies - Jesse F. Kusserow, Taylor Hermann, Lindsey Koehler, Ignacio (Nacho) Enriquez, and Nina Maroszek-Brennan.

Jesse Kusserow gave a brief explanation of the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) project in which they worked collaboratively with the CAC as advocates to secure donations for the children that use CAC services. Mr. Kusserow introduced Nacho Enriquez, UW Oshkosh master's student and Appleton Police Officer and Nina Maroszek-Brennan, interim manager at the CAC.

Ms. Maroszek-Brennan gave the board members an overview of what the CAC is and how it is a vital part of the community. CAC is part of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, with its main campus in Milwaukee and several other centers throughout Wisconsin. CAC works with any child where there is an allegation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, and neglect or drug endangerment. The County Department of Health and Human Services or law enforcement agencies determine who gets referred to the CAC. The Health and Human Services Department and law enforcement agency look at crimes to children from two different perspectives: law

enforcement from a criminal perspective and Health and Human Services from a child safety perspective. Children that are referred to CAC are able to talk to one person about the allegations rather than having to go to several different agencies. In 2012, 417 kids were referred to CAC, of which 190 received medical exams and 304 received interviews. Of the 190 kids that received medical exams, 43 were from Outagamie County. Of the 304 that received interviews, 75 were from Outagamie County.

Questions were directed to Ms. Maroszek-Brennan regarding the number of cases in Outagamie County being fewer per capita. Ms. Maroszek-Brennan explained that there is another CAC in Green Bay which may be more convenient for those living in the northern portion of Outagamie County and the Outagamie County Health & Human Services Department has workers that can conduct their own forensic interviews. Another question centered on how the CAC is funded, in which Ms. Maroszek-Brennan responded that the CAC is funded by Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, grants from the National Children's Alliance, and private donors. The CAC does not charge for forensic interviews; however, there is a charge for medical exams which in turn are billed through the child's insurance company. There was a question regarding on-going counseling for the children. Ms. Maroszek-Brennan responded that the CAC does not have a staff person to conduct on-going counseling; however, there is a therapist in the office one day per week. CAC was questioned if the CAC determines if the children's allegations are substantiated. Ms. Maroszek-Brennan reported that a member Health and Human Services Department makes that decision. The forensic interviews at the CAC are recorded and made available to law enforcement agencies and the Health and Human Services Department. CAC's goal is to provide a neutral, unbiased place for children to be interviewed and/or examined. The CAC will accept any children that are referred to them regardless of residency.

ESTABLISH ORDER OF THE DAY

Supervisor Griesbach requested that Resolution 121—2012-2013 be held in committee. No objections; so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Referral List distributed in the packet mailing.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN MINUTES (PERTINENT TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY) – None.

APPOINTMENTS

A letter was received from County Executive Thomas Nelson recommending the appointment of Ms. Sarah Van Camp to serve the remainder of Janice Flenz' term on the Land Information Council, said term expiring April 2014.

Supervisor Pleuss moved, seconded by Supervisor Hofacker, for approval of the appointment listed above.

ROLL CALL: 35 aye, 1 absent. APPOINTMENT OF SARAH VAN CAMP TO THE LAND INFORMATION COUNCIL IS APPROVED.

A letter was received from County Executive Thomas Nelson recommending the appointment of Ms. Julie Loeffelholz to serve the remainder of Christina Muller's term on the Local Emergency

Planning Committee (LEPC) as the Emergency Management Representative, said term expiring June 2014. The letter further recommends the appointment of Mr. Andy Schmitt as the facility representative to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to serve the remainder of Rene Botsoe's term expiring June 2014.

Supervisor Trentlage moved, seconded by Supervisor Rettler, for approval of the appointments listed above.

ROLL CALL: 34 aye, 1 nay, 1 absent. APPOINTMENTS OF JULIE LOEFFELHOLZ AND ANDY SCHMITT TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) ARE APPROVED.

A letter was received from County Executive Thomas Nelson recommending the re-appointments of Mr. Peter Gilbert and Ms. Theresa Rechner to serve on the Outagamie Waupaca Counties Federated Library System (OWLS) Board, said terms expiring December 31, 2015. The letter further recommends the appointments of Mr. Terry Dawson and Mr. John Signoretti to fill two vacancies on the Outagamie Waupaca Counties Federated Library System (OWLS) Board, said terms expiring December 31, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively.

Supervisor Stueck moved, seconded by Supervisor Pleuss, for approval of the re-appointments and appointments listed above.

ROLL CALL: 33 aye, 1 nay, 1 abstain, 1 absent. RE-APPOINTMENT OF PETER GILBERT AND THERESA RECHNER AND APPOINTMENTS OF TERRY DAWSON AND JOHN SIGNORETTI TO THE OUTAGAMIE WAUPACA COUNTIES FEDERATED LIBRARY SYSTEM (OWLS) BOARD ARE APPROVED.

REPORT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Thomas Nelson reported the following:

- UW–Extension – Kevin Jarek, Crops, Soils & Horticulture Agent, has been awarded the Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau 2012 Convention Award for his work on Farm Technology Days. Additionally, Kevin Jarek and Jessica Wickland, Horticulture Assistant, received a Wisconsin Arborist Association Project Partnership Award for their work in developing multi-county arboriculture workshops. County 4-H Youth Development and County 4-H Leaders are hosting over 90 volunteers on January 26 at Fox Valley Technical College for a day long volunteer development program. The 38th annual Joy Conference will be held on February 9 at Fox Valley Lutheran High School.
- Health & Human Services – The first review of the Mental Health Court Grant went very well. The team has been asked to present at a national conference this spring.
- Maintenance – The Administration Building project continues to move along well with all demolition scheduled to be completed in the next two weeks. Some office areas will pick up additional square footage due to unusual structural issues uncovered during the demolition. The County Board Room renovation portion of the project is out for bids with a mandatory walk thru scheduled for January 29 and bids due February 6.
- Finance – The Risk Administrator and Controller positions have been filled. Staff is working on the year-end audit. Training for staff on the new JD Edwards System will be held next week, with the system scheduled going live mid-February.

- Planning – Traci Meulemans, GIS Technician, has been working on a tourism website application in which all major and minor attractions, from golf course to trails to supper clubs and dog parks will be listed on this interactive county-wide map.
- Highway – The AA/Bluemound Project is a key focus of Highway staff, with construction staging being planned carefully in conjunction with FVTC and other local impacted businesses.
- Airport – The recent cold weather is slowing construction activities somewhat, but the K-C hangar is still expected to be completed in February and the GA Terminal is on schedule for June completion. Staff is working with the FAA on the South apron expansion project; however, project completion is uncertain due to the uncertainty of the federal budget.
- MIS – Staff has completed the guest wireless project, which has received very positive feedback from several departments, notably UW-Extension, for the convenience this affords meeting participants. The new fiber optic connection to the Airport should go live by June which will allow Airport access to high speed internet.
- Solid Waste – The Recycling Center is recovering from holiday tonnages. Strategic planning with partner counties Brown and Winnebago continues with a report from the consultant forthcoming.
- Land Conservation – The Land Conservation Department will be receiving \$23,645 in unanticipated revenue via a contribution agreement with federal Natural Resources Conservation Service for technical assistance provided to landowners by Land Conservation staff for the Environmental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP).
- Unfinished Business – Supervisor Thomas had requested notification of upcoming Lean Project Reports. Executive Nelson reported that on February 13 at 8 a.m. in Meeting Room A of the City Center. Staff from the Airport and Highway will report on recent projects.

A question was directed to Executive Nelson regarding a recent article in The Post-Crescent that listed about 100 workers from Outagamie County that worked for the Federal government, some of which work for the Soil Conservation Department and the names were not recognized. Executive Nelson reported that there are Soil Conservation employees that are funded with federal grant monies that are not considered county employees. There is a mix of both county and state employees at the UW-Extension department and Land Conservation department. Executive Nelson will follow-up with the number of county employees and state employees at each of these departments.

REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF COUNTY LOBBYIST

County Lobbyist Mark Wadium reported (website links in parenthesis):

- Local Government Lobbyist Meeting discussions – The League of Municipalities is pursuing county reimbursement of municipal library capital costs, fairly apportioning cost of property tax assessments among all taxing jurisdictions and eliminating double taxation of municipal property owners. The Wisconsin Towns Association is advocating for changes to the recall process and weight limits for town roads. The Wisconsin Municipal Utilities Association is interested in limiting open records issues. The City of Milwaukee is pursuing license plate data protection and police data protection. It was reported that the City of Milwaukee is getting sued for pushing protective status into certain health plans based on Act 10. There are many Act 10 lawsuits that are still not settled.
- Government Accountability Board (GAB) meeting – Lobbyist Wadium attended a meeting with the GAB regarding updates on state lobbying laws.

- Department of Corrections – Lobbyist Wadium continues to talk with legislators about Department of Corrections reforms.
- Transportation Finance & Policy Commission – A meeting on January 23, 2013, will be held to discuss recommendations regarding an increase to the state motor fuel tax by \$.05/gallon and possible adoption of a new mileage-based registration fee of \$.0102/per mile (the first 3,000 miles are free and costs are capped at 20,000 miles). Additional proposals include increasing annual registration fees for commercial vehicles in proportion to the increases for average passenger vehicle, increasing the fee for an eight-year driver license by \$20, and eliminating the sales tax exemption on the trade-in value of vehicles. If the Commission's recommendations are adopted, the fuel taxes and registration fees on a typical Wisconsin passenger vehicle will increase by \$120 per year, or about \$.33 per day. (<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/about/tfp/> ; <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/about/tfp/docs/recommendations.pdf>)
- Fiscal Cliff – Tax exempt municipal bonds are an item of concern. Tax exempt municipal bonds make up about \$3.6 trillion in the market, and the concern is that if the tax exempt status were to be eliminated, it would significantly increase our local government borrowing costs. If the tax exemption were rolled back, state and local governments would likely be forced to offer bonds at higher interest rates to investors. (<http://thehill.com/blogs/on-the-money/domestic-taxes/278155-bond-dealers-see-here-and-now-threat-to-century-old-tax-break>)
- Federal Budget – Members of the White House staff have informed House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan that the legal deadline for sending a budget to Congress will be missed. The Wisconsin budget deadline will most likely be missed also. (<http://thehill.com/blogs/on-the-money/budget/276969-obama-budget-delayed-again-white-house-tells-paul-ryan#ixzz2HzHCFgS6>)

A question and answer period followed. Discussion took place on the proposed increase to the state motor fuel tax, the deadline for the state budget to be complete, and municipal bonds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. Z-6 —2012-2013 – Agriculture, Extension Education, Zoning, & Land Conservation Committee. Approval of a proposed rezoning change for DG Feller Investments from a General Agriculture District to a Residential Two-Family District. The property is 12.42 acres of land located at the southeast corner of Gillett Street and CTH JJ (Edgewood Drive) in the Town of Grand Chute.

Supervisor Anthony moved, seconded by Supervisor Nooyen, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 33 aye, 2 nay, 1 absent. RESOLUTION NO. Z-6—2012-2013 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 119 —2012-2013 – Property, Airport, Recreation & Economic Development Committee. Approval and adoption of the December 2012 Outagamie County Government Sustainability Action Plan: An Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy, a copy of which is attached.

Supervisor Culbertson moved, seconded by Supervisor Thyssen, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 34 aye, 1 nay, 1 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 119—2012-2013 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 120 —2012-2013 – Public Safety Committee. Authorize the Outagamie County Lobbyist to request the state legislature re-examine Wisconsin State Statute 968.255 regarding strip searches and to clarify the language contained therein in light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Florence v. Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington*, April 2012, and to consider permitting strip searches of newly incarcerated inmates who have been taken into custody on existing warrants, probation holds or who are returning from work release instead of restricting those searches to persons newly arrested for felonies or certain misdemeanors.

Supervisor Duncan moved, seconded by Supervisor Krueger, for adoption.

Supervisor Pleuss moved, seconded by Supervisor Schmidt, to refer Resolution No. 120—2012-2013 to the Legislative/Audit and Human Resources Committee for review.

ROLL CALL: 33 aye, 2 nay, 1 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 120—2012-2013 IS REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE/AUDIT AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW.

Resolution No. 121 —2012-2013 – Legislative/Audit & Human Resources Committee. Approve Administrative Rule No. 13-01 Union Interim Personnel Policy regarding AFSCME Local 980 (Brewster Village); AFSCME Local 455 (Highway & Solid Waste); Justice Center Association (Jail & Emergency Management); AFSCME Local 2416 (Professional Employees); and AFSCME Local 2046 (General Employees).

This resolution was held in committee; see Establish Order of the Day.

REPORTS

The following rezoning petition has been received by Timothy P. Roach, Zoning Administrator:

From the Town of Freedom

- Petitioner: DGI-Freedom, LLC
- Proposed rezoning from General Agriculture to Local Commercial District.
- Notice of public hearing concerning the above will take place at the Highway Garage, 1313 Holland Road, Appleton, at 10:30 a.m. on January 22, 2013.

Supervisor Iverson moved, seconded by Supervisor Rabec, to adjourn until Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. VOICE VOTE CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Sara Hickey, Deputy County Clerk