

MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JUNE 11, 2013

Members Present: Supervisors Gentz, Kubicki, Rose, Esposito, Breunig and Elverman

Members Absent: Supervisor Hallmon

YIG Present: Bleil and Bell

- 6:30 pm
1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gentz in the second floor committee conference room at the Administration Building. Gentz had introductions made for the two new Youth in Governance members.

- 6:35 pm
2. Citizen Comments: None

- 6:35 pm
3. Chair, Supervisor and YIG comments: None

- 6:35 pm
4. Communications: None

Supervisor Rose arrived at 6:35 pm.

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5. Approval of minutes of May 14, 2013 meeting:  
**Supervisor Kubicki made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Breunig. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.**

- 6:36 pm
6. Update from Todd Battle on KABA activities:  
Battle said he was asked to give an update or overview of what's new in the County. He recently made a presentation to the Finance Committee. He prepares a quarterly newsletter and has a summary report which gets updated from time to time. He mentioned Meyer Stores bought Supervalu in Pleasant Prairie. Manufacturing has added several companies including, Good Food Group, Handiramp, Kona Cranes, Emco Chemical Distributors, L&M Corrigated Container and TaChen International. Unemployment has fallen from a high of approximately 13% to its current level of approximately 8%. He is seeing steady improvement in expansion and hiring. There has been no notices of mass layoff in the county over the last 12 months. Discussion followed on plans for the old Chrysler site. Battle said it is an important cite but will need to be cleaned up first. It has to be marketed properly given its location and infrastructure. Supervisor Esposito said larger manufacturers prefer to locate closer to I-94.

6:58 pm  
Chairman Gentz said at this point he will be taking a couple of items out of order.

8. Report on status of corporation counsel budget:  
Bernie Vash reviewed the report he provided to the committee. Outside legal fees and Trial Costs have not been spent to date because we have not had as many lawsuits filed as in the past. Joint Services revenue should be up a little by the end of the year.

7:00 pm

9. Creation of a small business study group:

Chairman Gentz announced he is creating a small business task force. He thinks stimulus money was spent on big business and should have been spent on small business across the country. He is creating a 7-member panel and they will meet probably 8-10 times. Members will include: Anita Johnson, Ed Kubicki, Dan Esposito, James McPhaul, Jessica Sorenson, Todd Battle or his designee and Eric Hougard from the City Council. He is looking to shine a light on small business and see how we are doing as a county helping them to be viable and sustainable.

7:03 pm

7. Resolution re: Policy to honor county board supervisors with memorial:

**Supervisor Elverman made a motion to table the resolution until our next agenda. Seconded by Supervisor Kubicki. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.**

7:04 pm

10. Committee Chairs update on committee activities:

Supervisor Elverman said we are getting closer on the 60<sup>th</sup> Street Tower. Paving season is starting. The parks are very busy. The biggest project for Facilities will be the Administration Building. We are going to do the waterproofing when they open up these two sites. When the purchase of the property next door comes through, we will begin work. The AC at Brightondale should be started now. The parking ramp is working well.

Chairman Gentz asked Elverman if he had done anything regarding the liquor license at the golf courses. Elverman said it will take a political effort of the county board to do it. Other golf courses in Kenosha County have lobbied against it. Supervisor Rose thinks we should draft a resolution and bring it to the Board. Elverman said we had RFP's drafted and had no responses. We make our RFP's so complicated. We approached the only license holder in Brighton and they did not want anything to do with it. It will not be someone from this area taking over the food service. He does not think the staff are opposed to it, (Dan or Dave). Rose asked the Chairman to put a resolution together. Gentz asked Vash to get started on a resolution and he will work with him.

Chairman Gentz asked about the Emerald Ash Borer problem. Elverman said the tree involved was removed that day. We are going to apply for a grant for EAB control. A couple of our parks are 60% Ash so we will have deforestation. Rudie is being very proactive.

Supervisor Breunig said the State has done a lot of tree cutting at Bong. They drained the lake to fix the dam. The lake is drained and the dam is not fixed. She said Country Thunder will come to her committee tomorrow night for their activity control license. They promised to get their paperwork in sooner next year. Regarding the bike plan, we received an 85-page plan two days before the meeting and no one had a chance to look it over. It will be at our next meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> before the county board meeting and they will also be at the county board to answer questions.

Supervisor Esposito said there was an emergency notice for the laptops in the squads. Vash said there is only one vendor to replace the damaged equipment. A new system would be too expensive. They wanted to replace the one we had so we declared an emergency in order to get the contract out to get that piece of equipment. Gentz said when it happened initially, we should have been informed. Taking 60 days to inform us is not good. It should not need an executive order to declare an emergency.

Supervisor Rose sent an e-mail to everyone regarding the annual levy objective resolution. We are proposing it not to exceed 2%.

7:30 pm

11. Any other business: None

- 7:30 pm
12. **Supervisor Elverman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Esposito. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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