

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 11, 2011

Members Present: Supervisors Molinaro, Ekornaas, Elverman, Clark, Breunig and Noble
Members Excused: Supervisor Michel

YIG Present: Rende
YIG Excused: Jekot

- 6:30 pm
1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Molinaro in the second floor committee conference room at the Administration Building.

- 6:31 pm
2. Citizen Comments: None

- 6:31 pm
3. Chair, Supervisor and YIG comments:
Chairman Molinaro said he had no comments

Supervisor Bruenig received an update from Extension that the Country Thunder report will cost \$2,500. She will reach out to Country Thunder for that expense.

Supervisor Ekornaas said he attended a municipal judge's seminar and the concealed carry law came up. Posting municipal buildings was discussed and concerns were raised regarding liability issues.

YIG comments: None

- 6:35 pm
4. Communications: None

- 6:35 pm
5. Approval of minutes of September 8 and September 13, 2011 meetings:
Supervisor Ekornaas made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Bruenig. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.

- 6:36 pm
- Chairman Molinaro said he would take up item 7d at this time.
- 7d. Presentation, with possible action to follow, by the IT Subcommittee regarding proposed technology upgrades for county board chamber:
Supervisor Hallmon introduced Carl Samuelson, Mary Lacock and Mary Schuch-Krebs in attendance. The committee had three tasks: 1) find a way to go paperless; 2) replace the voting system and put in an infrastructure regarding media presentations; and 3) upgrade the video system. Samuelson said they requested a budget of \$125,000 to replace the voting system and requested \$28,500 for cameras. Roll Call Audio came in at \$101,000. The cameras will cost approximately \$28,000.

Supervisor Ekornaas made a motion to recommend to the Finance/Administration Committee to support the budget requested by IT for this project. Seconded by Supervisor Bruenig. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.

7:08 pm

- 6a. Report on Status of Corporation Counsel 2011 budget:

Frank Volpintesta reviewed his budget with the committee and said Legal Fees and Trial Costs are problem line items. There has been a lot of use of outside counsel. The Finance Department said they may be able to charge some of the legal fees to Human Services for the IM opinion they requested. That one issue has cost over \$40,000 but probably included time for lobbying in Madison. During the RFP process on Brookside's pharmaceutical contract, he got three well-qualified volunteers to do a blind review. Anyone submitting a proposal was asked to kick in \$500 and the county will kick in another \$1,500. \$1,000 will be payable to each of their sunshine funds. That money will also come from Trial Costs which is already running at a deficit.

Supervisor Noble made a motion to receive and file the report. Seconded by Supervisor Elverman. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.

7:16 pm

- 6b. Review proposed 2012 budget for Corporation Counsel:

Volpintesta recapped his proposed budget for 2012. Supervisor Clark questioned if enough money has been budgeted for Legal Fees.

Supervisor Elverman made a motion to recommend to the Finance/Administration Committee that it approve the proposed budget. Seconded by Supervisor Ekornaas. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.

7:24 pm

- 6c. Contracting Policy:

Volpintesta reviewed the proposed policy that was presented to the former Legislative Committee. He pointed out that he reviews hundreds of contracts every year and it would not be feasible for the county board to approve each of those contracts. If you put money in the budget, that is the county executive's authority to execute.

Supervisor Elverman said when there is an addition made to a contract, he thinks it should go to a committee for approval. Supervisor Clark said the budget book under capital improvements is where the project is defined and gives the county executive the authority. Elverman mentioned a demolition contract for the old Brookside building and a procedure being performed on site that is costing us more money. He was under the impression that doing it on site would save us money. It would be nice to have someone representing the county board auditing these contracts. That could be the position we discussed. Possibly that would have been reported to a committee. Chairman Molinaro would like to see something in the policy about reporting. There has to be a checks and balance for the county board. He suggested a third column in the body of the policy to send the contracts to the county board liaison. Supervisor Noble mentioned the dog park in Randall. That particular location was locked in the budget book but got moved by the county executive. Our position in the committee was we should have looked at alternate sites. If you are locked into the description in the budget book, how was the county executive able to move the park? Volpintesta suggested the committee should look at the Administrative Appeals Board. You may want to make modifications to that Board. Chairman Molinaro requested Volpintesta to incorporate concerns mentioned tonight into the proposed policy and requested it be placed on the agenda for December.

7:50 pm

- 6d. County-wide cell phone ordinance:

Supervisor Clark said he was requesting an ordinance that would prohibit a driver with a probationary license from having a cell phone in the vehicle. He'd like to proceed if we can legally do it, otherwise withdraw it from future agendas. Supervisor Noble said we could do a resolution requesting a modification to state law. Volpintesta said he will research it.

7:54 pm

- 6e. On-line publication of public notices:

Volpintesta said you have a copy of my opinion request and the response from the attorney general. The IT department could set up a website for publication purposes but would you need a gatekeeper to keep track of everything. There is a good reason to go on-line because your publication is there forever. But how do we prove when it was posted? Perhaps Lacock and Hallmon should look into this further.

Supervisor Clark said his thought was to save the county money so that we were not publishing in the newspaper. He would like a resolution where the county board urges the state legislature and the governor to address this issue. He requested Volpintesta to have something ready by January to act on and send it to the WCA as well.

8:00 pm

- 7a. Discussion on priority driven budget process:

Supervisor Clark said this is something we should look at. Chairman Molinaro said it does not look promising that administration will look at this.

8:02 pm

- 7b. Discussion regarding job description for Taxpayer Advocate position in county board budget:

Chairman Molinaro said currently, this is not in the administration's budget. I intend to lobby the Finance/Administration Committee to keep it. We probably would not fill the position until after the 2012 election. We can draft the job description at that time.

8:05 pm

- 7c. Review/approve proposed county board 2012 budget:

Chairman Molinaro reviewed the proposed budget and pointed out the reductions due to downsizing the board next year. Regarding the county board position, we are talking about reinstating a position that has been in the county board budget since the county executive was created. He urged the committee to support the position in the 2012 budget and fund it for a half year. The commitment needs to be for full funding. Supervisor Clark said there was discussion about the retirement contribution and the budget reflects that. Molinaro said he requested a corporation counsel opinion. He received it but he doesn't agree with it. Volpintesta said he is confident in his opinion. The attorney general's office advised they will not opine on anything that is currently in court and Act 10 is in court. While the attorney general will not say one way or the other, he was left with the impression that there is agreement with the opinion he rendered. The opinion on the county board was based on a statute which states you cannot increase wages during the term but it does not say you cannot decrease wages or benefits.

Supervisor Clark made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Ekornaas. All aye. YIG aye. Motion carried.

8:22 pm

8. Economic Update:

Chairman Molinaro said he will be in touch with Mr. Battle and will schedule something for a later meeting. Supervisor Clark asked if they are borrowing \$500,000 to replenish the fund. Molinaro said yes. It will only be done if funds are spent down and will be with the approval of the Finance/Administration Committee and the county board. I support the number. The questions that may arise is how do you allocate when you have not spent the first money? This will allow us to build this fund to \$1.5 Million if the board supports it.

8:24 pm

YIG Rende left the meeting at this time.

Supervisor Clark made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes and to include Supervisors Underhill, G. Gentz, Kubicki and

staff of corporation counsel. Seconded by Supervisor Noble. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Molinaro, Ekornaas, Clark, Bruenig, Elverman and Noble. No one voted no. Motion carried.

Return to open session

8:56 pm
10. Any other business: None

8:56 pm
11. **Supervisor Elverman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Bruenig. All aye. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Haney
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