

MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 13, 2011

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

YIG Present: Jekot and Rende

1. 6:30 pm  
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Molinaro in the second floor committee conference room at the Administration Building. Supervisors Michel and Noble are excused and Supervisor Clark will be arriving shortly.
2. 6:30 pm  
Citizen Comments: None
3. 6:31 pm  
Chair, Supervisor and YIG comments:  
YIG Jekot spoke about a service project she is doing at school.
4. 6:33 pm  
Communications: None
5. 6:33 pm  
Approval of minutes of October 11 and November 30, 2011 meetings:  
**Supervisor Breunig made a motion to approve all the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Ekornaas. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.**
- 6a. 6:34 pm  
Report on status of Corporation Counsel budget:  
Frank Volpintesta reviewed his report with the committee. Legal Fees and Trial Costs are problem line items.  
  
Chairman Molinaro requested Volpintesta prepare a handout outlining what his office does and what the criteria is for going to outside counsel. He will give him 10 to 15 minutes to make a presentation to the Board.  
  
**Supervisor Ekornaas made a motion to receive and file the report. Seconded by Supervisor Breunig. All aye. Motion carried.**
- 6b. 6:37 pm  
Discussion and possible action on county wide cell phone ordinance:  
Volpintesta said he sent Molinaro an e-mail and received his comments back. He passed out a copy of that e-mail to the rest of the committee. Because this involves an ordinance that would be prosecuted by the district attorney, he touched base with him. Also, today the NTSB recommended a full ban on the use of cell phones while driving. Volpintesta distributed a copy of the story from CNN.  
  
Ekornaas said Chapter 346 of the statutes is included in our county ordinance by reference. To create another ordinance is redundant.

Volpintesta said his research would concern the use of cell phones and texting and limit it to minors. The district attorney has told him he has concerns about enforcing that.

Molinaro said he will not discuss enforcement. It is a non-issue. Cell phone usage in a car is an epidemic problem. To say it comes under inattentive driving falls short.

Supervisor Clark arrived at 6:52 pm.

Supervisor Elverman said the State has a law for texting already. If we make it a county thing, we can make some money. Ekornaas said if we make it an ordinance violation, it should include a minimum fine of \$500. If we charge under a county ordinance, they are no longer misdemeanors.

YIG Rende said teenagers also use their cell phones as GPS systems. How can you not use your cell phone?

YIG Jekot said if we do create an ordinance, it should not just apply to minors. Adults are just as distracted by their use.

Molinaro said Volpintesta has research to do. He would like it back to the Board before the end of this term.

7:01 pm

6c. Contracting Policy

Volpintesta handed out an updated version of the proposed contracting policy. He highlighted three changes that were made as requested at our last meeting. This policy should talk about the need for written contracts and outlines what the county board's responsibilities are and what are the county executive's responsibilities. It contains samples of the types of contracts the county enters into. You don't want to get into a situation where you look at every contract. That is mostly an administrative function.

Supervisor Clark requested the committee review the proposed contract paragraph by paragraph. The committee requested Volpintesta to come up with language for section CO-1.11.

YIG Jekot left the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Clark requested the county board be provided with some type of report showing the awarded contracts.

Molinaro requested an update at their January meeting. He also requested direction on other policies that should be drafted.

8:03 pm

7. Any other business:

Breunig asked if we knew how the board room was going to be designed. Are they going to take out 5 desks. If not, she questioned if YIG could sit in those seats.

8:07 pm

8. **Supervisor Elverman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Clark. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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