

MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

APRIL 10, 2012

Members Present: Supervisors, Ekornaas, Elverman, Noble and Breunig

Members Excused: Supervisors Molinaro, Clark and Michel

YIG Absent: Rende and Jekot

1. 6:30 pm  
The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Ekornaas in the second floor committee conference room at the Administration Building.
  
2. 6:31 pm  
Citizen Comments: None
  
3. 6:31 pm  
Chair, Supervisor and YIG comments: None
  
4. 6:31 pm  
Communications: None
  
5. 6:31 pm  
Approval of minutes of March 13, 2012 meeting:  
**Supervisor Bruenig made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Elverman. All aye. Motion carried.**
  
6. 6:32 pm  
Report on status of Corporation Counsel's 2012 budget:  
Bernard Vash reviewed the budget and said at this time, there are no problem line items.
  
7. 6:35 pm  
Resolution appointing Bernard Vash Corporation Counsel:  
**Supervisor Elverman made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by Supervisor Noble.**

On the question, Supervisor Elverman said the county cannot be in a better position than we are with the retirement of a long-time corporation counsel than to have the advantage of Mr. Vash here and ready to take that position. We are not taking a step back at all with Mr. Vash. He is showing a commitment to Kenosha County because he was actually going to retire himself but is taking on this commitment to help Kenosha County so that we have no lapses and have effective representation.

Supervisor Noble said he has known Vash for 22 years. He has always been professional. He has big shoes to fill but is capable of filling them. He is prepared for this and looks forward to serving as lead counsel for as many years as he wants to.

Bernard Vash said he has not made a commitment for any set number of years but he wants to see this through so that the county has a good core to take over when it's time.

**All aye. Motion carried.**

- 6:37 pm
8. Ordinance to amend Chapter 19, Ethics Code for County Board Supervisors:  
Vash reviewed the proposed changes and said this ordinance is cleanup of the existing code.

Supervisor Noble said the ordinance has language that says provides service or products for anything of value. What is anything of value? He gave an example where his employer has done \$115 of business with the county over the past 7 years. Vash said you need to use the rule of common sense. His office will give advice on an individual supervisor's situation. Noble said he is afraid the ordinance is too loose. Supervisor Bruenig said it still falls back on the supervisor to contact corporation counsel. It is our responsibility to ask the question.

**Supervisor Elverman made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Supervisor Bruenig. All aye. Motion carried.**

- 6:45 pm
9. Any other business: None

- 6:45 pm
10. **Supervisor Bruenig made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Noble. All aye. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Haney  
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