

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MAY 20, 2014

Members Present: Supervisors Kubicki, Breunig, Elverman, Rose, Hallmon and Noble

Members Absent: Supervisor Esposito

- 7:00 pm
1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kubicki in the second floor committee conference room at the Administration Building.
- 7:00 pm
2. Citizen Comments: None
- 7:00 pm
3. Approval of minutes of March 11, 2014 meeting:
Supervisor Breunig made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Rose. All aye. Motion carried.
- 7:00 pm
4. Ordinance #1 to amend section 2.05 of the Municipal Code of Kenosha County entitled "Standing Committees":
Chairman Kubicki indicated he is shelving the Executive Committee and combining legislative matters with the Judiciary and Law Committee.

Supervisor Noble said with Youth in Governance activities tonight, we have not had enough time to vet this matter. We should hear arguments pro and con.

Supervisor Breunig said we have already decided what we are going to do with the two YIG members appointed to the Executive Committee. One will go to Finance and one to Judiciary and Law.

Supervisor Rose said past chairmen had an Executive Committee. He thinks this is a matter of style. If the chairman wants an executive committee, that's okay. If he does not feel it's necessary, that is up to the chairman.

Supervisor Elverman said as long as we get things done, that's what's important. The Legislative Committee always had plenty of things to do two years ago. If it is combined with another committee and you can get things done, he's fine with that. Committee of the Whole meetings are also an option to get things done.

Supervisor Gentz said he agrees with Supervisor Noble. You may not need to debate it. We are an arm of the State and we have legislative issues. He doesn't know if that warrants its own committee. Legislatively, someone needs to be looking out for things and he doesn't know if Judiciary and Law can handle everything. He is not in favor of disbanding the Executive Committee.

Supervisor Hallmon arrived at 7:05 pm.

Supervisor Dodge said having reports to the Committee of the Whole would be better for the entire group. Committee information does not always get to the entire board.

Kubicki said he is asking for support in what he is trying to do over the next two years. He wants more meetings of the whole and wants to be more inclusive. Give it a chance. Just because it is shelved does not mean he won't come back to it if it is needed. This is my style, give me an opportunity.

Supervisor Grady said he would like to have it properly vetted and not pushed through in such a short time frame. That is his issue. On its face, he thinks it will be fine.

Supervisor Noble made a motion to table the ordinance. Supervisor Elverman said maybe he will second the motion but he wants to hear more.

Noble said he understands the stylistic part of it. We had a Legislative Committee and turned it into the Executive Committee. Without any conversation, how is Legislative and Judiciary and Law going to mix? He doesn't think we're prepared to make this decision. We should research it and find out why other counties choose to have an executive committee and the advantages of it.

Elverman said it is the quality of the chairman and the quality of the committee chairmen, not how many committees we have. A strong committee and chairman can take on the functions of the Legislative Committee. He did not see aggressiveness come out of the Executive Committee.

Rose said the old Legislative Committee brought forth a lot of resolutions on state-wide issues. The chair of the Legislative Committee always went to the Washington Conference and brought back a report. It was also the oversight committee for corporation counsel. It hosted a meeting with our State legislators. Whether it is part of Judiciary and Law or a separate committee, it should be what the chairman wants to have.

Supervisor Anita Johnson said a lot of issues have come up in the past couple of hours and she thinks there is some validity to asking you to wait so that we are comfortable with it.

Chairman Kubicki said he will table the item until our next regularly scheduled meeting.

7:28 pm

5. Any other business: None

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6. **Supervisor Breunig made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Rose. All aye. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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