

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, December 10, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

Chair Jim Schroeder presiding.

County Clerk Audrey McGraw called the roll, all members being present except Tietz.

District 1	Richard C. Jones	District 2	Mike Kelly
District 3	Greg David	District 4	Augie Tietz
District 5	James B. Braugher	District 6	Dan Herbst
District 7	Dwayne C. Morris	District 8	Michael Wineke
District 9	Amy Rinard	District 10	Lloyd Zastrow
District 11	Jeff Johns	District 12	Peter A. Hartz
District 13	Ed Morse	District 14	Kirk Lund
District 15	Steven J. Nass	District 16	Laura Payne
District 17	Russell Kutz	District 18	Brandon White
District 19	Jim Schroeder	District 20	Jim Mode
District 21	John C. Kannard	District 22	Blane Poulson
District 23	George Jaeckel	District 24	Roger Lindl
District 25	Matthew Foelker	District 26	Joan Fitzgerald
District 27	Conor Nelan	District 28	Dick Schultz
District 29	Mary K. Roberts	District 30	Walt Christensen

County Administrator Wehmeier led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Attorney Ward certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Approval of the Agenda. Schroeder proposed moving agenda item #15, to right after public comment so that it would be agenda #9. There being no objection, the agenda will otherwise proceed as printed.

Rinard, Chair of the Executive Committee, moved that the minutes of the November 12, 2019, meeting be approved as presented. Seconded and carried.

Communications.

County Clerk McGraw presented the following communications:

1. Notice of Public Hearing from the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for a hearing to be held on December 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205 of the Jefferson County Courthouse.
- 2.

GENERAL FINANCIAL CONDITION
JEFFERSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
December 01, 2019

Available Cash on Hand	
November 1, 2019	\$ (254,220.04)
November Receipts	\$ <u>5,905,331.16</u>

Total Cash		\$ 5,651,111.12
Disbursements		
General – November 2019	\$ 4,081,432.77	
Payroll – November 2019	<u>1,485,119.62</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ _____
<u>5,566,552.39</u>		
Total Available Cash		\$ 84,558.73
Cash on Hand (in bank) December 01, 2019	\$	668,810.11
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>584,251.38</u>	
Total Available Cash		\$
84,558.73		
Local Government Investment Pool - General		\$
7,275,568.42		
DANA Investments		\$ 29,794,298.17
Local Government Investment Pool - Clerk of Courts		\$ 27,392.82
Local Government Investment Pool - Farmland Preservation		\$ 178,906.07
Local Government Investment Pool - Parks/Liddle		\$ 86,008.70
Local Government Investment Pool - Highway Bond		<u>\$ 16,668.24</u>
		\$ 37,378,842.42
2019 Interest - Super N.O.W. Acct.		\$ 1,277.96
2019 Interest - L.G.I.P. - General Funds		330,179.71
2019 Interest – DANA Investments		784,066.19
2019 Interest - L.G.I.P. - Parks/Carol Liddle Fund		1,778.00
2019 Interest - L.G.I.P. - Farmland Preservation		3,698.43
2019 Interest - L.G.I.P. - Clerk of Courts		566.27
2019 Interest - L.G.I.P. - Highway Bond		<u>38,110.07</u>
Total 2019 Interest		\$ 1,159,676.63

JOHN E. JENSEN, JEFFERSON COUNTY TREASURER

3. Town of Sumner handout.

Public Comment. Sandy Hynez, Richard Hynez, Edward Klinzman, Glendan Rewoldt, Mike Waller, Barb McGann, Sam Meyers, Cindy Hamre Incha, Bruce Steffus, Lindsay Jilek, Franz Weigdad, Ryan Cardinal, Frankie Fuller, spoke regarding Ordinance 2019-12, petition R4179A-19 re-zoning from A-1, Exclusive Agricultural to A-2, Agricultural and Rural Business. Anita Martin, spoke in reference to County Board Rules.

Nass, Planning & Zoning Committee Chair, introduced the following report:

The Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee, having considered petitions to amend the official zoning map of Jefferson County, filed for public hearing held on September 19 and November 21, 2019 as required by law pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, notice thereof having been given, and being duly advised of the wishes of the town boards and persons in the areas affected, hereby makes the following recommendations:

APPROVAL OF PETITIONS: R4179A-19, R4189A-19, R4190A-19, R4191A-19, R4192A-19, R4193A-19, R4194A-19, R4195A-19, R4196A-19 AND R4197A-19.

DATED THIS 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019, Blane Poulson, Secretary. THE PRIOR MONTH'S AMENDMENTS, R4180A, R4181A-19, R4182A-19, R4183A-19, R4184A-19, R4185A-19, R4186A-19, R4187A-19 AND R4188A-19 ARE EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE BY COUNTY BOARD, SUBJECT TO WIS. STATS. 59.69(5)

Nass, Planning & Zoning Committee Chair, introduced Ordinance No. 2019-12.

Nass, moved for the adoption of the proposed Petition R4179A-19 re-zoning from A-1, Exclusive Agricultural to A-2, Agricultural and Rural Business, part of Ordinance 2019-12. Seconded and passed.

Mode moved for the adoption of the rest of Ordinance No. 2019-12. Seconded and passed.

Nass, Planning & Zoning Committee Chair, introduced Ordinance No. 2019-13.

Amending Ordinance No. 2019-05 to remove the requirement that rezoning is conditioned on recording a certified survey map

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2019-05 is hereby amended to remove the language that approval of rezoning Petitions R4154A-19 and R4160A-19 is conditioned upon receipt and recording of a final certified survey map:

Nass moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-13. Seconded and passed.

Nass, Planning & Zoning Committee Chair, introduced Ordinance No. 2019-14.

Amending Ordinance No. 2019-03 to remove the requirement that rezoning is conditioned on recording a certified survey map

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2019-03 is hereby amended to remove the language that approval of rezoning Petition R4139A-19 is conditioned upon receipt and recording of a final certified survey map:

Nass moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-14. Seconded and passed.

Nass, Planning & Zoning Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2019-53.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Administrator to contract with the Wisconsin Regional Orthoimagery Consortium and Ayers Associates Inc., to acquire new orthoimagery of Jefferson County which will be updated in the spring of 2020.

Nass moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-53. Seconded and passed. Ayes 29 (Jones, Kelly, David, Braughler, Herbst, Morris, Wineke, Rinard, Zastrow, Johns, Hartz, Morse, Lund, Nass, Payne, Kutz, White, Schroeder, Mode, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Foelker, Fitzgerald, Nelan, Schultz, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 0, Absent 1 (Tietz).

Nass, Planning & Zoning Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2019-54.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Ayres Associates, Inc. for additional services related to the 2019 LiDAR Terrain Mapping Project at a cost of \$34,300.

Nass moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-54. Seconded and passed.

Special Order of Business:

1. Wehmeier gave a presentation on Countywide Communication Project

The Board took a 15 minute recess.

2. Wehmeier provided an update on County Board Topics of Interest
 - a. 2020 Census and Complete County Committee
 - b. County Board Rules Update Process
 - c. Comprehensive Plan & Update on Focus Groups

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Payne, Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2019-55.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to enter into a contract with Jefferson Glass in the amount of \$63,700 for the removal of existing glass windows and partitions and installation of new glass windows and partitions in the Jefferson County Jail.

Payne moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-55. Seconded and passed. Ayes 29 (Jones, Kelly, David, Braughler, Herbst, Morris, Wineke, Rinard, Zastrow, Johns, Hartz, Morse, Lund, Nass, Payne, Kutz, White, Schroeder, Mode, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Foelker, Fitzgerald, Nelan, Schultz, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 0, Absent 1 (Tietz).

Rinard, Executive Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2019-56.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to execute the attached Joint Development Agreement with Bader State Solar on behalf of Jefferson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is authorized to make minor changes to this agreement that do not materially affect the terms and conditions stated therein and report such changes to the Executive Committee.

Rinard moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-56. Seconded and passed.

Rinard, Executive Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2019-57.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consolidation of the three health care entities stated herein, the County Administrator is authorized to execute a budget adjustment to reallocate dedicated funds in the 2020 Budget for health care to uninsured and underinsured residents of Jefferson County to the Rock River Community Clinic, Inc., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to enter into contracts for the purpose of authorizing use of county facilities and maintaining support of the Rock River Community Clinic Inc.

Rinard moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-57. Seconded and passed. Ayes 29 (Jones, Kelly, David, Braughler, Herbst, Morris, Wineke, Rinard, Zastrow, Johns, Hartz, Morse, Lund, Nass, Payne, Kutz, White, Schroeder, Mode, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Foelker, Fitzgerald, Nelan, Schultz, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 0, Absent 1 (Tietz).

Jones, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2019-58.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Clerk is authorized to enter into contracts with Chubb through insurance broker M3 to provide insurance coverage for Real and Personal Property and Contractor's Equipment to Jefferson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this coverage will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Jones moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-58. Seconded and passed. Ayes 29 (Jones, Kelly, David, Braughler, Herbst, Morris, Wineke, Rinard, Zastrow, Johns, Hartz, Morse, Lund, Nass, Payne, Kutz, White, Schroeder, Mode, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Foelker, Fitzgerald, Nelan, Schultz, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 0, Absent 1 (Tietz).

Mode, Human Services Board Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2019-59.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes John McKenzie for his dedication, leadership, and many years of service to the people of Jefferson County.

Mode moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-59. Seconded and passed.

Morris, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2019-60.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with General Communications to design and install a P25 digital radio communications system as the lowest responsible bidder at a cost not to exceed \$3,035,007.12 plus an additional 10 percent of the contract price for costs associated with final design of the system to ensure compliance with system requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator shall report to the Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee with the final contract and system design.

Morris moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-60. Seconded and passed. Ayes 29 (Jones, Kelly, David, Braughler, Herbst, Morris, Wineke, Rinard, Zastrow, Johns, Hartz, Morse, Lund, Nass, Payne, Kutz, White, Schroeder, Mode, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Foelker, Fitzgerald, Nelan, Schultz, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 0, Absent 1 (Tietz).

Appointments.

Wehmeier, County Administrator, introduced the following appointment:

By virtue of the authority vested in me under Section 59.18 of the Wisconsin Statutes, I respectfully request confirmation of the following appointments:

Joan Fitzgerald, Fort Atkinson, WI, to the Bridges Federated Library System Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Joan Fitzgerald, Fort Atkinson, WI, to the Jefferson County Library Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Linda Ager, Jefferson, WI, to the Jefferson County Library Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2022.

William Gaugert, Sullivan, WI, to the Sheriff's Civil Service Commission for a 5-year term ending January 01, 2025.

Braughler moved to confirm the above appointments. Seconded and passed.

Public Comment (General). None

Announcements.

Supplemental information presented at the December 10, 2019, Jefferson County Board meeting will be available at the County Clerk's office upon request or on the County's website at www.jeffersoncountywi.gov.

There being no further business, Jaeckel moved that the Board adjourn. Seconded and carried at 9:18 p.m.

Proposed County Board Rules

Proposed Language

(d) FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE - Seven members appointed by the County Board Chair consisting of seven County Board Supervisors. This Committee shall receive the proposed County budget from the County Administrator and shall conduct hearings necessary in the review of the proposed budget. The Committee shall make necessary permitted transfers as authorized by the provisions of §. 65.90(5)(b), Wisconsin Statutes. The Committee shall propose utilization of contingency budget and necessary budget transfers and amendments requiring County Board action. [Am. 03/14/06, Ord. 2005-48d; Am. 05/11/04, Ord. 2004-04; 03/09/10, Ord. 2009-24; Ord. No. 2014-11, 07/08/2014; Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018].

The Committee shall recommend to the Board the auditors to be employed, and shall report to the Board the results of such audits. This Committee shall meet each month to audit and approve for payment proper vouchers, expenditures and claims against the County, except vouchers, expenditures and claims pertaining to the Highway Department, Human Services Department and Veterans Service Commission. [Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018]

The Committee shall review insurance to be carried and also the insurance carrier to which such insurance shall be awarded. The Committee shall be authorized to renew insurance contracts without bidding same, when it finds renewal is in the best interest of Jefferson County, select investment advisors/brokers, select vendors for professional services related to financial matters if required by the Jefferson County Purchasing Policy and select P-Card vendors. [Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018].

The Committee shall have the authority to resolve claims against the County in amounts over \$25,000 up to the County's self-insured retention (SIR) amount after consulting with the County's insurance carrier, the County Administrator and Corporation Counsel. [Cr. 04/16/02, Ord. 2002-04; Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018].

The Committee shall supervise the collection of delinquent taxes and is authorized to sell foreclosed properties in accordance with Resolution No. 2002-16. [Am. 08/13/02, Ord. 2002-16; 03/14/06, Ord. 2005-48d, effective 04/18/06; 03/13/12, Ord. 2011-24].

The Committee, on a case by case basis, shall recommend to the Board of Supervisors the allocation of the proceeds from the sale of county-owned farmland to possibly increase the acreage of farmland permanently protected from development, and to leverage state and federal funds for the acquisition of conservation easements to protect farmland (Resolution No. 2008-15). [Ord. 2016-01, 04/19/2016].

Unless otherwise provided by statute or ordinance, the Committee shall oversee the sale of county-owned land in addition to land obtained through tax foreclosure, and shall present contracts for sale of such land to the Board for approval. [Ord. No. 2007-39, 03/11/2008; Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018].

The Committee provides policy oversight of the County Treasurer, Finance Department and Child Support Office in handling policy matters related to those offices and shall present matters to the County Board on behalf of said offices whenever necessary. [Am. 3/13/12, Ord. 2011-24; Ord. 2016-01, 04/19/2016, Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018].

[Ord. No. 2002-05, 04/15/2002; Ord. No. 2002-16, 08/13/2002; Ord. No. 2004-04, 05/11/2004; Ord. No. 2005-48d, 03/14/2006; Ord. No. 2009-24, 03/09/2010; Ord. No. 2011-24, 03/13/2012; Ord. No. 2014-11, 07/08/2014; Ord. No. 2016-01, 04/19/2016]. The structure and function of this Committee shall be reviewed annually by the County Board.

The Committee shall provide policy guidance in the administration of the Safety Program and Personnel Ordinance. The Committee shall hear grievances in accordance with provisions of union contracts, the Jefferson County Civil Service Ordinance pursuant to § 59.26(8)(b), Wisconsin Statutes., as the Grievance Committee or the Personnel Ordinance. The Committee shall recommend to the County Board the creation or removal of positions of the various departments. The Committee shall also review the statutory requirements and make recommendations to the Board concerning benefits, pay classifications and employment law policies, as well as make recommendations to the County Board concerning union negotiations. The Committee shall also have the powers and duties set forth in the Jefferson County Personnel Policy [Am. 03/12/02, Ord. 2001-34; 05/14/02, Ord. 2002-07; 03/14/06, Ord. 2005-48e; 03/11/08, Ord. 2007-40; 3/13/12, Ord. 2011-29; Ord. 2016-01, 04/19/2016; Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018].

Current Language

(d) FINANCE COMMITTEE - Five members appointed by the County Board Chair consisting of County Board Supervisors. This Committee shall receive the proposed County budget from the County Administrator and shall conduct hearings necessary in the review of the proposed budget. The Committee shall make necessary permitted transfers as authorized by the provisions of s. 65.90(5)(b), Wisconsin Statutes. The Committee shall propose utilization of contingency budget and necessary budget transfers and amendments requiring County Board action. [Am. 03/14/06, Ord. 2005-48d; Am. 05/11/04, Ord. 2004-04; 03/09/10, Ord. 2009-24; Ord. No. 2014-11, 07/08/2014; Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018]

The Committee shall recommend to the Board the auditors to be employed, and shall report to the Board the results of such audits. The Finance Committee shall meet each month to audit and approve for payment proper vouchers, expenditures and claims against the County, except vouchers, expenditures and claims pertaining to the Highway Department, Human Services Department and Veterans Service Commission. [Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018]

The Committee shall review insurance to be carried and also the insurance carrier to which such insurance shall be awarded. The Committee shall be authorized to renew insurance contracts without bidding same, when it finds renewal is in the best interest of Jefferson County, select investment advisors/brokers, select vendors for professional services related to financial matters if required by the Jefferson County Purchasing Policy and select P-Card vendors. [Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018]

The Committee shall have the authority to resolve claims against the County in amounts over \$25,000 up to the County's self-insured retention (SIR) amount after consulting with the County's insurance carrier, the County Administrator and Corporation Counsel. [Cr. 04/16/02, Ord. 2002-04; Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018]

The Committee shall supervise the collection of delinquent taxes and is authorized to sell foreclosed properties in accordance with Resolution No. 2002-16. [Am. 08/13/02, Ord. 2002-16; 03/14/06, Ord. 2005-48d, effective 04/18/06; 03/13/12, Ord. 2011-24]

The Committee, on a case by case basis, shall recommend to the Board of Supervisors the allocation of the proceeds from the sale of county-owned farmland to possibly increase the acreage of farmland permanently protected from development, and to leverage state and federal funds for the acquisition of conservation easements to protect farmland (Resolution No. 2008-15). [Ord. 2016-01, 04/19/2016]

Unless otherwise provided by statute or ordinance, the Finance Committee shall oversee the sale of county-owned land in addition to land obtained through tax foreclosure, and shall present contracts for sale of such land to the Board for approval. [Ord. No. 2007-39, 03/11/2008; Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018]

The Committee provides policy oversight of the County Treasurer, Finance Department and Child Support Office in handling policy matters related to those offices and shall present matters to the County Board on behalf of said offices whenever necessary. [am. 3/13/12, Ord. 2011-24; Ord. 2016-01, 04/19/2016, Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018]
[Ord. No. 2002-05, 04/15/2002; Ord. No. 2002-16, 08/13/2002; Ord. No. 2004-04, 05/11/2004; Ord. No. 2005-48d, 03/14/2006; Ord. No. 2009-24, 03/09/2010; Ord. No. 2011-24, 03/13/2012; Ord. No. 2014-11, 07/08/2014; Ord. No. 2016-01, 04/19/2016]

(f) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE - Five members appointed by the County Board Chair consisting of five County Board Supervisors. The Human Resources Committee shall provide policy guidance in the administration of the Safety Program and Personnel Ordinance. The Committee shall hear grievances in accordance with provisions of union contracts, the Jefferson County Civil Service Ordinance pursuant to s. 59.26(8)(b), Wisconsin Statutes., as the Grievance Committee, or the Personnel Ordinance. The Committee shall recommend to the County Board the creation or removal of positions of the various departments. This Committee shall also review the statutory requirements and make recommendations to the Board concerning benefits, pay classifications and employment law policies, as well as make recommendations to the County Board concerning union negotiations. The Human Resources Committee shall also have the powers and duties set forth in the Jefferson County Personnel Policy [Am. 03/12/02, Ord. 2001-34; 05/14/02, Ord. 2002-07; 03/14/06, Ord. 2005-48e; 03/11/08, Ord. 2007-40; 3/13/12, Ord. 2011-29; Ord. 2016-01, 04/19/2016; Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018]

Proposed Language

(g) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION/ UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Seven members appointed by the County Board Chair consisting of not less than five County Board Supervisors. The Chair of the FSA (Farm Service Agency or his/her designee) shall serve on this Committee and shall have the powers and duties as set forth in Chapter 92, Wisconsin Statutes. This Committee shall serve as the designated land conservation committee as required in Wisconsin Statutes 92.06(1)(a) and as the Committee on agriculture and extension education as outline in Wisconsin Statutes 59.56 (b).

This Committee shall also be responsible for acquiring conservation easements, reviewing applications to grant such easements and recommending action thereon to the County Board when appropriate. [Am. 03/12/02, Ord. 2001-33; 09/08/08, Ord. 2008-19; Ord. 2016-01, 04/19/2016; Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018]

This Committee shall also manage, supervise and be responsible for County farmland not held for future parks development. Leases of farmland shall be approved by the County Board. [Am. 03/14/06, Ord. 2005-53; 03/11/08, Ord. 2007-41; Ord. 2016-01, 04/19/2016].

This Committee shall have the powers and duties as set forth in Section 59.56(3), Wisconsin Statutes. [Created 03/12/02, Ordinance No. 2001-36; re-lettered 07/10/07, Ord. No. 2007-11; Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018].

Current Language

(g) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE - Seven members appointed by the County Board Chair consisting of not less than three County Board Supervisors, including at least two members of the University Extension Education Committee. The Chair of the FSA (Farm Service Agency) (or his/her designee) shall serve on the Land and Water Conservation Committee and shall have the powers and duties as set forth in Chapter 92, Wisconsin Statutes. This Committee shall also be responsible for acquiring conservation easements, reviewing applications to grant such easements and recommending action thereon to the County Board when appropriate. [Am. 03/12/02, Ord. 2001-33; 09/08/08, Ord. 2008-19; Ord. 2016-01, 04/19/2016; Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018]

This Committee shall also manage, supervise and be responsible for County farmland not held for future parks development. Leases of the farmland shall be approved by the County Board. [Am. 03/14/06, Ord. 2005-53; 03/11/08, Ord. 2007-41; Ord. 2016-01, 04/19/2016]

(I) UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Five members appointed by the County Board Chair consisting of five County Board Supervisors. This Committee shall have the powers and duties as set forth in Section 59.56(3), Wisconsin Statutes. [Created 03/12/02, Ordinance No. 2001-36; re-lettered 07/10/07, Ord. No. 2007-11; Ord. No. 2018-01, 04/17/2018]

Note: There are multiple references to the Land and Water Conservation Committee throughout the County Board Rules that will need to be changed to Land and Water Conservation/University Extension Education Committee.

Broadband Working Group.

() Broadband Working Group – Five to Seven County Board members appointed by the County Board Chair, consisting of at least one member of the Finance Committee, one member from the Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium, one member from Planning and Zoning Committee; and one member from the Executive Committee with the remaining members selected by the County Board Chair. Working group will be responsible for policy oversight of the expansion and improvement of Broad Band within Jefferson County. Members will be paid a per diem and mileage for meeting attendance in accordance with County Policy. The Working Group will dissolve at the end of the 2020-2022 County Board term.

Remote Attendance

- a. The County hereby adopts the following rules for electronic attendance of Standing Committees as defined in the County Board Rules under section 3.05 and for certain Boards, Commissions, Committees and other Bodies as defined in 3.06 as follows: (c) Board of Health, (d) Community Justice Collaborating Council, (f) Historic Preservation Council, (h) Human Services Board and (q) Veterans Service Commission.
- b. Remote attendance for County Board meetings is strictly prohibited.

Section 1. Rules statement. It is the decision of the Jefferson County Board that any Member appointed to a Committee or Sub-Board may attend any open meeting via electronic means, such as by telephone, video or internet connection; provided that such attendance is in compliance with these rules and any applicable laws.

- a. Attendance for closed session items is prohibited.
- b. Final Action/Quasi-Judicial - If a Standing Committee, as defined in 3.05 or Board as defined in 3.06 has been delegated final action authorization by the County Board or through statutory requirement, that member of said Committee or Board must abstained from said vote on said action item. A final action/Quasi-Judicial item is defined to be an agenda item that does not need to move forward to the County Board for final approval or authorization.
- c. A Member is defined to be an appointee (County Board Supervisor or member of the public) to said Standing Committee under 3.05 of the County Board Rules by the County Board Chair and an appointee (County Board Supervisor or member of the public) to said Board under 3.06 appointed as determined by County Board Rules and/or State Law.

Section 2. Prerequisites. A Member may attend a meeting electronically if the member meets the following conditions:

- a. The Member should notify the County Clerk, Committee/Board Chair and County Administration at least twenty-four hours before the meeting, unless impractical, so that necessary communications equipment can be arranged. Inability to make the necessary technical arrangements will result in denial of a request for remote attendance.
- b. The member must assert one of the following five reasons why they are unable to physically attend the meeting:
 - 1. The member cannot attend because of personal illness or disability
 - 2. The member cannot attend because of personal employment purposes
 - 3. The member cannot attend due to business of the County
 - 4. The member cannot attend because of a family or other emergency.
 - 5. Preplanned absence.

Section 3. Authorization to participate.

After establishing that there is a quorum physically present at a meeting where a Member desires to attend electronically, the Committee/Board Chair shall state that:

- a. A notice was received by a member in accordance with these rules.
- b. The member will be deemed authorized to attend the meeting electronically unless a motion objecting to the member's electronic attendance is made, seconded, and approved by two-thirds of the members physically present at the meeting. If no such motion is made and seconded or if any such motion fails to achieve the required vote by the members physically present at the meeting, then the request by the member to attend the meeting electronically shall be deemed approved by the Committee/Board and the Committee Chair/Board shall declare the requesting member present.
- c. After such declaration by the Chair, the question of a member's electronic attendance may not be reconsidered.
- d. The Chair of a Committee/Board may remotely participate as authorized by this rule; however, they will not be authorized to Chair the meeting during their time of remote attendance.

Section 4. Adequate equipment required. The member participating electronically and other members of the Committee/Board must be able to communicate effectively, and members of the audience must be able to hear all communications at the meeting site. Before allowing electronic attendance at any meeting, the County will provide equipment adequate to accomplish this objective at the meeting site where practicable. If unable to do so, the request will not be allowed. The member requesting remote attendance is responsible for appropriate equipment for their attendance from their location.

Section 5. Minutes. Any Member attending electronically shall be considered an off-site attendee and counted as present electronically for that meeting if the Member is allowed to attend. The meeting minutes shall also reflect and state specifically whether each member is physically present or present by electronic means.

Section 6. Rights of remote member. A Member permitted to attend electronically will be able to express their comments during the meeting and participate in the same capacity as those Members physically present, subject to all general meeting guidelines and procedures previously adopted and adhered to. The Member attending electronically shall be heard, considered, and counted as to any vote taken with the exception of Closed Session items and those votes where the Committee/Board is the final action.

Accordingly, the name of any Member attending electronically shall be called during any vote taken, and their vote counted and recorded by the Committee Secretary and placed in the minutes for the corresponding meeting. A Member attending electronically may leave a meeting and return as in the case of any Member, provided the Member attending electronically shall announce their leaving and returning.

Section 7. Compensation. A member will be paid per diem for attendance at the meeting but will not be paid mileage.

Section 8 Report. County Administration will provide a report of Members utilizing remote attendance to the full County Board annually before May 1st, starting May 1, 2021.

http://www.wdtimes.com/opinion/editorials/article_5be2124f-afac-56e5-bb39-81dfc616202d.html

Editorial

Government cooperation: It's refreshing to see it championed here

Scott Peterson

Feb 24, 2020

In this time when government dysfunction seems to be the norm everywhere else, hats off to Jefferson County and its corresponding local governmental bodies, and let's not forget about Dodge County, which is cooperating, too, for their effort to make government more efficient.

Steve Sharp's recent Daily Times story shed light on a new study done by the respected Wisconsin Policy Forum, a state governmental think tank, that explored ways local government, from the town, village and city level up through the county, can share services, cooperate and consolidate to reduce cost and improve services.

That study laid out a range of options, across multiple departments, that give county and local government detailed analysis on what services might be better delivered cooperatively. It's a starting point for bigger discussions.

For instance, the study suggested, rather than have numerous dispatching centers for emergency communications run by local government, a single centralized dispatching center might be a more efficient way to manage expensive technology and difficult-to-find employees, to say nothing of streamlining administrative costs.

Fire protection was another area that looks ripe for greater efficiencies that can improve services and potentially lower costs at the same time, the study pointed out.

The study was quick to explain that it offered no recommendations, but rather deferred decisions to local and county government to explore. This study was merely a way of highlighting the area where government can get the biggest bang for the buck by cooperating more than they are now.

Refreshing is how we would describe this study. It's something you just don't see that often anymore, open discussion about thinking outside the box, knocking down walls and talking about how we can be more efficient.

Jefferson County, which commissioned this study, deserves kudos for kicking this off, and doing it a way that is non-confrontational and more likely to encourage all sides to work together. The sizable contingent of local officials present at the study's public unveiling last week is an encouraging sign that the ideas laid out in this report are not just going to gather dust, but might actually reach fruition.

It would be easy for fiefdoms to carry the day in such discussions. To be sure, turf battles might still be forthcoming, but we welcome the open discussion of this important issue and look forward to seeing this area of the state setting the pace for difficult, but vital discussions that need to happen everywhere.

Governments were formed not to exist, but to provide needed services to the people, and to do so in a way that is well managed. We have to be more flexible in how we deliver them.

Computers, cars and other modern technology has redefined what we think of as communities when Wisconsin became a state 172 years ago. (The post office is facing this same lesson that maybe it no longer makes sense to have an office in every community.) Disruptive demographic sea changes are making new approaches inevitable. New technology, an aging population that has less income and more needs, and a shrinking workforce are going to rock everyone's world over the next few decades. It's exciting to see local government not be fearful about taking the lead, but instead maximizing the potential of these changes that are coming.

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