

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

August 27, 2014

Administration & Rules Committee

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Rinard at 8:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Administration and Rules Committee Members

Members present: Jim Braughler, Jennifer Hanneman, Steve Nass, Amy Rinard, Jim Schroeder.

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier - County Administrator; Connie Freeberg - Paralegal II; J. Blaire Ward - Corporation Counsel; Barb Frank - County Clerk; Supervisor George Jaeckel; Andy Erdman - Land Information Director.

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the open meeting law.

4. Review of Agenda

Item #10 was moved up to accommodate Supervisor Jaeckel.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Approval of July 30, 2014 Administration & Rules Committee meeting minutes

Motion made by Schroeder; Second by Hanneman to approve the July 30, 2014 Administration & Rules Committee meeting minutes as printed. (Ayes-All) Motion carried.

7. Approval of August 11, 2014 County Board minutes

Corrections were distributed for the committee members to review.

Motion made by Braughler; Second by Hanneman to approve the August 11, 2014 County Board meeting minutes as corrected. (Ayes-All). Motion carried.

8. Communications

None

9. Discussion and possible decision on the Election of Council Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary of the Land Information Council and other Boards, Commissions, Councils and Committees that are not specified in the County Board Rules.

Wehmeier informed the committee that this originated from the Land Information Council. It was suggested that this information be included the next time that the Board Rules are updated. This will be discussed again at the October meeting. No action taken.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding having two public comment periods at County Board meetings

Jaeckel proposed the idea of having two public comment periods at County Board meetings. He provided a sample of a meeting notice which showed two public comment periods. The first public comment period would focus on items that are on the agenda, the second would be on other topics. The committee discussed the length of time allowed for these public comment periods. It was suggested that this be done on a trial basis after the budget.

Motion made by Nass; Second by Braughler to recommend two public comment periods on a pilot basis for a couple of months starting in December. (Ayes-All) Motion carried.

11. **Discussion and possible action on draft resolution “Opposition to proposed lapse in state funding to circuit court system”**

Ward provided a resolution for the committee to review.

Motion made by Nass; Second by Schroeder to support this resolution “Opposition to proposed lapse in state funding to circuit court system” and forward to the County Board for their consideration (Ayes-All) Motion Carried.

12. **Discussion and possible action on draft resolution “Supporting state funding for county 911 services/one designated public service answering point per county”**

Ward provided a resolution for the committee to review. The Committee made some minor changes.

Motion made by Nass; Second by Hanneman to support this resolution “Supporting state funding for county 911 services/one designated public service answering point per county” and forward to the County Board for their consideration (Ayes-All) Motion Carried.

13. **Discussion and possible action on draft resolution “Opposing actions by the Wisconsin state Legislature which abrogate or significantly modify or decrease local authority and control by counties, towns, and municipalities in matters related to the health, safety and well-being of residents”**

Motion made by Nass; Second by Hanneman to support this resolution “Opposing actions by the Wisconsin state Legislature which abrogate or significantly modify or decrease local authority and control by counties, towns, and municipalities in matters related to the health, safety and well-being of residents” and forward to the County Board for their consideration (Ayes-All) Motion Carried.

14. **Discussion and possible action on draft resolution “Commending Margaret Burlingham on receiving the 2014 Rod Nilsestuen Award for Working Lands Preservation”**

A draft resolution was provided for the committee to review.

Motion made by Nass; Second by Rinard to approve this resolution “Commending Margaret Burlingham on receiving the 2014 Rod Nilsestuen Award for Working Lands Preservation” and forward to the County Board for their consideration (Ayes-All) Motion Carried

15. **Discussion and possible action on resolutions, letters or reports from other governmental agencies**

None

16. **Discussion and possible action on Wisconsin Counties Association Resolutions**

a. Resolution 1 - Dodge County – “Opposing any Future Wisconsin Legislative Proposal to Remove Section 710.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes”

The Committee supports this resolution in principal.

b. Resolution 2 - Washington County – “Supporting Changing County Board Supervisor Term of Office”

The Committee opposes this Resolution.

c. Resolution 3 - Walworth County – “Supporting Legislation Increasing Petitioner Fees Relating to Election Ballot Recounts and Reducing Vote Margin Thresholds when a Payment is Required for a Recount”

The Committee opposes this Resolution.

d. Resolution 4 - Eau Claire County – “Supporting a State Legislative Resolution that Would Authorize a Statewide Vote at the General Election in 2014 Regarding the Citizens United Case”

The Committee Supports this Resolution in principal.

- e. Resolution 5 - Walworth County – “Supporting Creation of a New Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans”
The Committee supports this resolution in principal.
- f. Resolution 6 – Walworth County – “Supporting an Amendment to State Law to Permit a Multi-Vendor Student Information System for Wisconsin School Districts”
The Committee supports this resolution.
- g. Resolution 7 – Eau Claire County – “Opposing Actions by the Wisconsin State Legislature Which Abrogate or Significantly Modify or Decrease Local Authority and Control by Counties, towns and Municipalities in Matters Related to the Health, Safety and Well-Being of Residents”
The Committee supports this Resolution on principal.
- h. Resolution 8 – Eau Claire County – “Opposing Senate Bill 349 and Assembly Bill 476 Limiting Local Control Regarding Nonmetallic Mining, Air and Water Quality and Highway Damage and Use Contracts”
The Committee supports this Resolution on the basis of local control.
- i. Resolution 9 – Eau Claire County – “Opposition to SB349 Limiting Local Control Regarding Highway Damage and Use Contracts”
The Committee supports this Resolution on the basis of local control.
- j. Resolution 10 – Eau Claire County – “Supporting an Increase in the Alcohol Tax for Funding Alcohol Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Alcohol Enforcement”
The Committee supports this Resolution.
- k. Resolution 11 – Ozaukee County – “Supporting State Funding for County 911 Services/One Designated Public Safety Answering Point Per County”
The Committee supports this Resolution.
- l. Resolution 12 – Walworth County – “Opposing Legislative Efforts to Remove Local Control of the Statewide 911 System”
The Committee supports this Resolution.
- m. Resolution 13 – Walworth County – “Requesting the State of Wisconsin to Uphold Its Funding Commitment to County Victim Witness Coordinator Programs”
The Committee supports this Resolution.
- n. Resolution 14 – Walworth County – “Supporting Changes to Section 74.29 of the Wisconsin Statutes Relative to Special Assessments and Special Charges”
The Committee supports this Resolution.
- o. Resolution 15 – Walworth County – “Supporting 2013 Assembly Bill 308 Proposing to Repeal Wis. Stats. Section 66.0602(2m)(b) and Renumber Section 66.0602(2m)(a) Relating to Reduction of Local Levy Limits by the Amount of Certain Fee Revenue Received”
The Committee Supports this Resolution.

17. Review Financial Reports

- a. Administration
- b. Clerk of Courts
- c. Corporation Counsel
- d. County Board
- e. Register of Deeds

Financial reports were provided for the committee to review. No action taken.

18. **County Administrator's monthly reports**

Wehmeier gave a report to the committee highlighting the budget process, bonds and the highway facility project. He addressed questions and comments from the committee. No action taken.

19. **Set next meeting date**

September 24, 2014

20. **Tentative Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates**

- Approval of August 27, 2014 Administration & Rules Committee meeting minutes
- Approval of September 9, 2014 County Board meeting minutes
- Discussion and possible action on resolutions, letters or reports from other governmental agencies
- Discussion and possible action to create a Task Force on County Operations and Organization

21. **Adjourn**

Motion made by Hanneman; Second by Rinard to adjourn at 9:26 a.m. (Ayes-All) Motion Carried.

Future Tentative Meeting Dates-

September 24, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.