

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**August 28, 2019**  
Executive Committee

1. **Call to Order**  
Meeting was called to order by Rinard at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call**  
**Administration and Rules Committee Members**  
Members present: Jim Braughler, Amy Rinard, Jim Schroeder and Steve Nass.  
Excused: Jim Mode  
  
Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Anita Martin, Lake Mills; Supervisor Walt Christensen; Audrey McGraw, County Clerk; J. Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel and Frankie Fuller.
3. **Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements**  
Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
4. **Review of Agenda**  
No Changes.
5. **Public Comment**
  - Anita Martin asked for support of Resolutions 8 & 9
  - Christensen asked the committee to support Resolution 43.
  - Frank Fuller asked to set up a committee to evaluate what Jefferson County has and what we can do better on climate control.
6. **Approval of the July 31, 2019 committee meeting minutes**  
Draft minutes were provided for review.  
  
Motion by Schroeder/Braughler to approve the July 31, 2019 committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 4-0.
7. **Approval of the August 13, 2019 county board minutes**  
Draft minutes were provided for review.  
  
Motion by Braughler/Nass to approve the August 13, 2019 County Board minutes as corrected. Motion passed 4-0.
8. **Communications**  
None
9. **Comprehensive Plan Update**  
Wehmeier said that every municipality and township is meeting with the consultants this week. There will be another round of regional meetings scheduled. No action taken.
10. **Discussion and possible action on Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Resolutions**  
The following resolutions were reviewed:
  - Resolution 1 – Support the Continuation of the Knowles – Nelson Stewardship Program  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
  - Resolution 2 – Support Funding Renewal for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
  - Resolution 3 –Support of Reforming Wisconsin’s Eminent Domain Laws  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt as Amended  
Executive Committee: Support

- Resolution 4 – Requesting a Change in the Definition of “Forester”  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
No action taken.
- Resolution 5 – Executive Committee: Supporting a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) Designation for Northeast Wisconsin  
WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
Executive Committee: Support if needed.
- Resolution 6 – Conducting Additional Research on Chronic Wasting Disease to Improve Testing, Treatment and Management Options  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support.
- Resolution 7 – Enacting Stronger Regulations to Limit the Spread of CWD  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support.
- Resolution 8 – Recommending Modifications of Wisconsin Administrative Rule NR 210 to Improve Surface Water Quality and Address Public Health concerns when Sewage is not Required to be Disinfected Seasonally  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 9 – Executive Committee: Supporting Provisions in Both SB 137 and AB 21 Which are Beneficial in Combatting the Contamination of Groundwater by Nitrates and Other Sources  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 10 – Requesting Additional State Funding for Child Protective Services  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 11 – Requesting Support for Legislation Aimed at Decreasing the Level of Child Poverty and Racial Disparities in the State of Wisconsin  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 12 – Support Requiring All Tobacco or Nicotine Products Be Kept Behind the Counter to Protect the Health of Youth  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 13 – Requesting and Supporting the Efforts of Wisconsin the Federal Government, Cities and Villages in Eau Claire County to Regulate Conversion Therapy by Mental Health Professionals to Persons Under the Age of 18  
WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
No action taken.
- Resolution 14 – Human Services/Health Services Expansion  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 15 – Executive Committee: Supporting the Improvement of Instructional Programs for Nursing Aids  
WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
No action taken. Executive Committee: Support if needed.

- Resolution 16 – Opposing 2019 Assembly Bill 76 and 2019 Senate Bill 103 Relative to Hours of Instructional Program for Nurse’s Aides  
WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
No action taken. Executive Committee: Support if needed.
- Resolution 17 – Certified Nursing Assistant Training Requirements  
WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
No action taken. Executive Committee: Support if needed.
- Resolution 18 – Executive Committee: Supporting Reforms for Family Care Funding  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 19 – Executive Committee: Supporting Medicaid Reimbursement for Senior Living Facilities  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 20 – Requesting that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consider an Increase in Reimbursement Rates for the Five Lowest Labor Rate Regions to the Statewide Direct Care Target by Reinvesting Unexpected Medicaid Funds Within the Nursing Home Budget  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 21 – Executive Committee: Supporting the State of Wisconsin Fully Funding Operating Costs of Secured Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCY)  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 22 – Regional Emergency Detention Bed Need  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 23 – Urging the State Legislature to Change State Law to Allow the Transportation of Individuals Under Protective Custody of Emergency Detention  
WCA Recommendation: Refer to the Board of Directors  
No action taken. Executive Committee: Support if needed.
- Resolution 24 – Executive Committee: Support for Legalization of Medical Cannabis  
WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
No action taken.
- Resolution 25 – Opposing the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana  
WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
No action taken.
- Resolution 26 – Executive Committee: Supporting Increasing State Funding for and Expanding Access to the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Program  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 27 – Encouraging Wisconsin Counties Association to Work with Wisconsin State Legislature to Provide for Additional Programs and Funding for Combating and Treatment of Methamphetamine Abuse  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support

- Resolution 28 –Supporting a Comprehensive Response to Methamphetamine and Opioid Addiction  
 WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
 No action taken. Executive Committee: Support if needed.
- Resolution 29 - Urging the State of Wisconsin to Implement a Comprehensive Communications Infrastructure Solution  
 WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
 Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 30 – Requesting an Actuarial Analysis of Creating a “County Jailer” WRS Occupation as Proposed in LRB 0856/1  
 WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
 No action taken. Wehmeier Executive Committee: Supports.
- Resolution 31 – Urging the State of Wisconsin to Comprehensively Review State Laws Pertaining to the Sale and Use of Fireworks  
 WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
 Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 32 –Supporting Legislation Addressing Illegal Activities Associated with Adult Entertainment Establishments  
 WCA Recommendation: Adopt as amended by the Resolutions Committee.  
 Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 33 –Support for the Expansion of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Opening Avenues to Re-Entry Success (OARS) Program to the Entire State of Wisconsin  
 WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
 Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 34 - Supporting Legislation Encouraging Regionalization of Emergency Medical Services and Incentivizing Emergency Medical Services Volunteers  
 WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
 Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 35 – Volunteer Emergency Medical Response  
 WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
 Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 36 – Requesting Elimination of the 0% Levy Cap Imposed on Wisconsin Counties  
 WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
 Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 37 –Supporting County or Regional Based Property Tax Assessments  
 WCA Recommendation: Refer to the Board of Directors  
 Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 38 – Supporting State Legislative Changes that Would Permit Wisconsin County Governments to Generate New Revenue and Reduce the Reliance on Property Taxes Through a Binding Referendum Process  
 WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
 Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 39 – Supporting State Legislative Changes to Require that State Mandates be Fully Funded  
 WCA Recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee: Support

- Resolution 40 – Supporting Updating Statutory Provisions for Bidding Requirements, County’s Ability to Utilize Design-Build Construction Method and Public Private Partnerships  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 41 – Supporting Legislation to Create a Statewide Library System  
WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
No action taken. Wehmeier Opposes.
- Resolution 42 – Supporting Expansion of Amtrak Services Chicago-Milwaukee-LaCrosse-Twin Cities  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 43 – Encouraging the Modification of State Law to Clarify that Revenues Generated by Forfeitures for Overweight Vehicles are to be Paid to the Highway Department Responsible for Maintaining the Road upon Which the Violation Took Place  
WCA Recommendation: Refer to the Board of Directors.  
Oppose- Additional studies/clarification needed.
- Resolution 44 – Supporting the UW-Eau Claire Science and Health Sciences Building Project  
WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
No action taken.
- Resolution 45 – Supporting Affordable Higher Education and Lower Student Debt  
WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
No action taken.
- Resolution 46 – Requesting the Next Commissioned Submarine be Named After the State of Wisconsin  
WCA Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone.  
No action taken.
- Resolution 47 – Recommending Changes to the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 48 – Increased Payments to Towns with County forest from \$0.30 to \$2.00 Per Acre  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 49 – Requesting Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Environmental Fee Exemption for Municipal Solid Waste, 30% Residual Disposal  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 50 – Requesting that Medicaid Funding for Nursing Home Facilities be Increased Significantly in each Fiscal Year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin State Budget in Order to Address Shortcomings Related to Nursing Home Staff Shortages and Overall Funding Deficits  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support

- Resolution 51 – Requesting that the Legislature Work to Address the Workforce Crisis in the 2019-21 Wisconsin State Budget  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 52 – Support of Increased County Child Executive Committee: Support Funding  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 53 – Supporting an Increase in County Child Executive Committee: Support Funding  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 54 – Urging the State of Wisconsin to Increase Funding for County Child Executive Committee: Support Agencies  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 55 – Support for Increased County Child Executive Committee: Support Funding  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 56 – Requesting Increased Annual Funding for Child Executive Committee: Support Program  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 57 – Requesting that State Funding for County Child Executive Committee: Support Agencies be Increased by \$1.50 Million General Purpose Revenue (GPR) in Each Fiscal Year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin State Budget  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 58 – Requesting Increased Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin’s Child Protective Services System  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 59 – Requesting Increased Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin’s Child Protective Services System  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 60 – Requesting Increased Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin’s Child Protective Services System  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 61 – Requesting that the State of Wisconsin Increase the Children and Family Aids Allocation to Counties in the 2019-21 State Biennial Budget by \$30 Million Annually  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 62 – Medicaid Expansion  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support

- Resolution 63 – Encouraging the State Legislature and the Governor to Executive Committee: Support Medicaid Expansion in Wisconsin  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 64 – Requesting Support for Legislative Action to Upgrade Local 911 Centers for Next Generation 911 Transition  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 65 – Action to Address the Mental Health Epidemic in County Jails  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 66 – Requesting Support for Increased State Funding for Circuit Courts, District Attorneys’ Offices and the State Public Defender  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 67 – Supporting Increasing the Compensation for Defense Counsel Appointed by the Wisconsin Public Defender’s Office  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 68 – Urging the State of Wisconsin to Increase Compensation for Defense Counsel Assigned by the State Public Defender  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 69 – Urging the State of Wisconsin to Increase Compensation for Defense Counsel Assigned by the State Public Defender  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 70 – Action to Support Legislation Funding Additional Assistant District Attorney Positions  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 71 – Affirming the Right of All Wisconsin Citizens to Fair and Equal Representation and Requesting the Enactment of a Non-Partisan Process for the preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plan  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 72 – Urging Restoration of Funding for UW-Extension  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 73 – Urging the State Legislature to Increase the Public Work Limit From \$25,000  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 74 – Supporting State Legislative Changes to Require State Shared Revenue Payments to Counties by Indexed for Inflation in Every Biennial Budget  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support

- Resolution 75 – Requesting Legislation to Close the Dark Stores Loophole  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 76 – Urging the State Legislature to Adopt Legislation to Close the Dark Stores Loophole Based Upon the Results of the November 6, 2018 Dark Stores Advisory Referendum  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 77 – Urging the Governor and Wisconsin Legislature to Find a Sustainable Solution to Fund Wisconsin’s Transportation System  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 78 – Urging the State of Wisconsin to “Just Fix It” as it Relates to Funding Wisconsin’s Transportation System  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support
- Resolution 79 – Requesting Funding from the State of Wisconsin for Repairs and Improvements  
WCA Recommendation: Adopt  
Executive Committee: Support

11. **Financial Reports (YTD)**

- a. Clerk of Courts
- b. Corporation Counsel
- c. County Administrator
- d. County Board
- e. County Clerk

Financial Reports were provided for review. No action taken.

12. **County Administrator’s monthly report**

Wehmeier gave a verbal report highlighting the following: department budget meetings, policy review of Personnel Ordinance, meetings with Rock, Walworth and Washington County Administrators, employee appreciation lunch, United Way Strategic Plan, WMMIC Board of Directors, meetings with team of insurance advisors, Comp Plan meetings, Policy Forum on shared services, Joint Review Board meetings, Maas Brothers facility meetings, Broadband meetings. No action taken.

13. **Convene in closed session pursuant to state statute 19.85 (1)(c), “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” to conduct the County Administrator’s annual review and discuss the County Administrator’s 2019 contract, including but not limited to, the method and criteria used for evaluating the County Administrator’s performance.**

Motion by Braughler/Schroeder to convene in closed session at a.m. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed 4-0.

14. **Reconvene in open session to take possible action on items discussed in closed session**

Motion by Nass/Braughler to reconvene in open session at a.m. Motion passed 4-0. No action taken.

Motion by Nass/Rinard to approve the chairman’s recommendation to the administrator’s contract and award the \$5,000 bonus. Motion passed 4-0.

15. **Discussion and possible action on tentative future meeting schedule and agenda items**

- Approval of August 28, 2019 Executive Committee meeting minutes
- Approval of September 10, 2019 County Board meeting minutes
- Comprehensive Plan Update



- Discussion on draft of County Board Rules regarding combination of committees
- Review and possible action on “Our Guiding Principles” from the Strategic Plan.
- Closed Session
- Financial Reports

16. **Next meeting:** September 25, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. October 30, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

17. **Adjourn**

Motion by Nass /Schroeder to adjourn at 9:38 a.m. Motion approved 5-0.