

COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 31, 2021

Executive Committee

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Rinard at 9:00 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Members present: Amy Rinard, Chair; Jim Braughler, Vice Chair; Steve Nass; Michael Wineke

Members present via ZOOM: Conor Nelan, Secretary

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Carl Jaeger, Jr., Town of Ixonia; Stan Riffel, Attorney for Town of Ixonia; Ronald Griebenow, Joel Griebenow, Matt Zangl, Zoning Director; Dave Schilling, Ixonia Fire Chief; Rick O'Connor and Kate Phillips, We Energies.

Others present via ZOOM: Mary Rupnow, Andy Jorgensen, Marc DeVries, Renee Bowerman, Jennifer Zierer, James Barry, Anita Martin, Sarana Stolar, Whitney DeVoe, Nancy Zastrow, Robert Potter, Dyan Pasano, Jeanine Griebenow, Laura Payne, Karin D, Tiffany Carey

3. **Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements**

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. **Review of Agenda**

No changes were made.

5. **Public Comment**

Mary Rupnow, Dyan Pasano and Tiffany Carey expressed their concerns with the JDA.

The following people are in favor of moving forward with the JDA for the LNG plant: Robert Potter, Southern Trades Building Council, Andrew Jorgensen is in favor of the JDA on behalf of the Southern Trades Building Council, Carl Jaeger, Attorney Stan Riffel, Joel Griebenow, Dave Schilling.

6. **Approval of February 19, 2021 Joint Executive, Building and Grounds and Finance Committee meeting minutes**

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Nass/Braughler to approve the joint committee meeting minutes from February 19, 2021 as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

7. **Approval of February 24, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes**

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Nelan/Nass to approve the committee meeting minutes from February 24, 2021 as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

8. **Approval of March 9, 2021 County Board meeting minutes**

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Braughler/Nass to approve the County Board minutes from March 9, 2021 as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

9. **Communications**

- Updated JDA was distributed for review.
- There were Emails to the committee regarding the Joint Development Agreement with We Energies.

10. **Discussion and possible action on Joint Development Agreement with We Energies**

Ward discussed the changes that were made to the Joint Development Agreement. Chief Schilling responded to questions related to the fire department and the independent study. Nass discussed his concerns with the authority of the Ixonia Fire Department in the JDA. The committee talked through this concern.

Motion by Braughler/Wineke to approve the revised Joint Development Agreement with We Energies and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion passed 4-0. (Rinard no)

There was discussion on committee approval prior to sending the JDA to the county board for their consideration. There is concern on adding this to the April County Board meeting. Wehmeier suggested that Ward give the County Board an introduction and overview to the County Board.

11. **Convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1)(e) Wis. Stats. For deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, for the purpose of discussion and possible action on entering into a Joint Development Agreement with the Town of Ixonia and We Energies for the development of a Liquefied Natural Gas facility in the Town of Ixonia.**

The committee did not go into closed session

12. **Reconvene in open session for discussion and possible action on closed session items.**

13. **Discussion and possible action on U.S. Census data delay and redistricting process**

Wehmeier discussed the Census delay and redistricting process. The county will not have census information until September and nomination papers are due at that same time. This will be discussed as new information is available. No action taken.

14. **Discussion and possible action on department annual reports**

Wehmeier discussed past practice for annual reports. Annual reports were suspended during COVID. The committee discussed annual reports and would like them to continue. The annual reports should be sent out in advance for review. Department Heads should not rehash the entire printed annual report, but instead talk about highlights and goals for the future. Shorter three-minute presentations was suggested, with time for questions. No action taken.

15. **Discussion and possible action on pre county board meeting procedure**

No action taken.

16. **Discussion on County Board orientation**

No action taken.

17. **Discussion on American Rescue Plan Act Funds**

Wehmeier did a presentation on the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds need to be spent by December 31, 2024. Jefferson County will receive \$16.4M and our Jefferson County communities will receive \$8.27M. The county needs to decide how to best prioritize these resources to recover and move forward. Wehmeier would like to see a resolution that puts this policy guidance and oversight in place moving forward. No action taken.

18. **Financial Reports**

- Clerk of Courts
- Corporation Counsel
- County Administrator
- County Board
- County Clerk

Financial reports were provided for review. No action taken.

19. **County Administrator's monthly report**

Wehmeier gave a report highlighting the following: working on relocating the vaccine clinic, talking about future of telecommuting, continued work on the courthouse/sheriff renovation project. No action taken.

20. **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 contract, including but not limited to, the method and criteria used for evaluating the County Administrator's performance.**

Motion by Nass/Wineke to convene in closed session. Motion passed by Roll Call vote.

21. Reconvene in open session for discussion and possible action on closed session items.

Motion by Nass/Wineke to reconvene in open session at 12:15 p.m.

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

The next meeting will be on April 28, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

- a.** Approval of March 31, 2021 Executive Committee minutes
- b.** Approval of April 20, 2021 County Board minutes
- c.** Financial Reports
- d.** County Administrator's Monthly Report
- e.** Discussion and possible action on American Rescue Plan Act Funds resolution

14. Adjourn

Motion by Wineke/Nass to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Motion passed.