

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 31, 2021

Executive Committee

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Rinard at 10:00 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Members present: Conor Nelan, Secretary, Amy Rinard, Chair; Steve Nass; Michael Wineke

Members present via ZOOM: Jim Braughler, Vice Chair

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Supervisor Anita Martin, Matt Zangl, Audrey McGraw, Oral Roland; J. Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel, Nichol Ostopowicz, GIS.

Others present via ZOOM: Whitney DeVoe, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Supervisor Laura Payne, Supervisor Walt Christensen, Gerry Kokkonen, GIS.

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

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. **Review of Agenda**

Item 10 was moved up to accommodate staff.

5. **Public Comment**

Supervisor Martin would like a list of possible exceptions related to redistricting listed on our website.

6. **Approval of July 28, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes**

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Nelan/Wineke to approve the committee meeting minutes from July 28, 2021 as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

7. **Approval of August 10, 2021 County Board meeting minutes**

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Nelan/Wineke to approve the county board minutes from August 10, 2021 as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

8. **Communications**

None

9. **Discussion and possible action on Supervisor Salary & Compensation Ordinance**

Current salary information for Jefferson County and comparison salary information from other counties was provided for review.

Wehmeier talked about the data that was provided. The data from other counties is inconsistent. Nass suggested increasing the salary to \$110 per month and not make a change to the per diem amount. Braughler and Nelan prefer an increase in meeting per diem fees. The Committee discussed the options. They considered increasing the salary to \$110 and increasing the per diem amount to \$65.00. This would be a cost increase of approximately \$34,000.

Motion by Nass/Rinard to increase the salary of county board supervisors to \$110 per month and increase the per diem amount to \$65.00. Motion passed 5-0.

10. **Discussion and possible action on meeting per diem and mileage payment process**

Roland from our IT department wrote a software application to be used for recording per diem and mileage payments. The software application was demonstrated.

Motion by Nass/Rinard to support using this software application and present it to supervisors at the October County Board meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

11. **Discussion and possible action on Jefferson County redistricting timeline**

Wehmeier gave an update on the timeline. A survey was conducted with municipalities. The timeline was adjusted as follows: No action taken.

- **Week of August 30<sup>th</sup> and week of September 6<sup>th</sup>:** Executive Committee will meet to discuss the tentative supervisory district plan and provide feedback to County Staff
- **September 14<sup>th</sup>:** County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing and review the tentative supervisory district plan. Following the public hearing, County Board will review and approve the tentative plan
- **September 15<sup>th</sup>:** Following County Board approval, the tentative supervisor district plan will be released to local municipalities for their review and approval. This step includes the review of ward districts and town supervisor areas
- **September 15<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>:** Stage 2 - Local municipalities review and approve municipal wards/Town supervisor areas
- **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** (date to be confirmed): County Board of Supervisors holds a Public Hearing on the final supervisory district plan which includes municipal wards and town supervisor areas
- **November 9<sup>th</sup>** (date to be confirmed): County Board of Supervisors reviews and approves the final supervisory district plan.

12. **Discussion and possible action on preliminary Jefferson County census data for redistricting and policy guidance for district parameters**

Maps of current and proposed boundaries were provided for review. Zangl reviewed the maps, population changes and deviations. The proposed redistricting map will be shared with the county board and the municipalities. There will be a special Executive Committee meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> to review the proposed redistricting maps. No action taken.

13. **Discussion and possible action on amendments to the county board rules**

Wehmeier said that they have a list of amendments that are being considered. Staff is looking at ideas for resolving issues with having committee quorums. A list of proposed amendments will be provided for review at the next meeting. No action taken.

14. **Discussion and possible action on non-departmental annual reports**

The committee would like to continue having annual reports given by these groups. These include the Library, Free Clinic, Domestic Violence Group, Literacy Council.

15. **Discussion on resolutions received by Jefferson County from other Wisconsin Counties for referral to the 2021 Wisconsin Counties Association business meeting for consideration**

The resolutions were emailed for review. The committee reviewed the resolutions with the following results:

#	Title	Support	Postpone
1	Supporting efforts of four statewide organizations to introduce “clean water” measures legislatively this term	X	
2	Supporting legislative action to protect the Wolf River Watershed from the impacts of metallic sulfide mining		X
3	Requesting the State Senate convene to address 13 “water bills” passed by assembly earlier this year.	X	
4	Requesting that the Wisconsin Sate Senate convene into an extraordinary session to address the 13 “water bills” passed by the assembly earlier this year.	X	
5	Supporting a change in state regulations and legislation to require meaningful local input in the state of concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs)	X	
6	Clean drinking water		X
7	Support of wolf conservation in Wisconsin		X
8	Opposition to the relocation of problem wolves in Langlade County		X
9	Enacting stronger regulations to limit the spread of chronic wasting disease	X	
10	Supporting effective federal carbon fee & dividend legislation to mitigate the climate crisis	X	

11	Requesting the Wisconsin state legislature to convene a special session to provide COVID-19 direction for the State of Wisconsin		X
12	Supporting pending legislation that will establish more circumstances under which the Department of Health Services reimburses a provider for a complex rehabilitation technology prescribed for a recipient of medical assistance who resides in a nursing home	X	
13	Requesting elimination of BadgerCare eligibility cliff	X	
14	The acceptance of Medicaid expansion funds and placing healthcare advisory referendum on the spring 2021 county ballot	X	
15	Supporting the transfer of the fiscal responsibility of subsidized guardianships to the State of Wisconsin	X	
16	Supporting Governor Evers' 2021-2023 executive budget proposals for caregivers	X	
17	Authorizing the lobbying of the Wisconsin State Legislature to create community-based inpatient and outpatient substance abuse treatment facilities	X	
18	Authorizing the lobbying of the Wisconsin State Legislature to create a state substance abuse database	X	
19	Supporting legislation to amend hearing timelines for juveniles taken into custody (Chapter 938, Wis. Stats.)	X	
20	Supporting pending legislation to amend hearing time frames for juveniles taken into custody under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 838 to coincide with hearing timelines for children taken into custody under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 48	X	
21	Authorizing the lobbying of the Wisconsin State Legislature to increase funding to the Attorney General for drug crime prosecution	X	
22	Opposing pending legislation that would revoke extended supervision, parole, or probation if a person already under supervision is charged with a new crime; and oppose further limits on an offender's ability to obtain expungement of a crime.	X	
23	Supporting changes in state regulations and legislation to support rural emergency medical services in rural areas	Referred to Board of Directors	
24	Supporting any effort by the Wisconsin Legislature to protect the rights of all qualified Wisconsin voters, and oppose any effort by the Wisconsin Legislature to alter the ability for all qualified voters to participate in our elections	Referred to Board of Directors	
25	Supporting legislation to allow for greater broadband expansion	X	
26	Supporting LRB 3342/1 to increase state's minimum wage	X	
27	Supporting pending legislation that would allow the Department of Revenue to spend \$10 million in order to compensate local taxing jurisdictions that were underpaid in 2019, as well as not requiring those counties that received overpayments in 2019 to be required to return the excess funds to the Department of Revenue		X
28	Requesting the State of Wisconsin allow counties to impose a sales tax to support county government services	X	
29	Supporting state legislative changes to require state shared revenue and transit operating assistance payments to counties be indexed for inflation in every biennial budget	X	
30	Asking Governor Tony Evers to include an inflationary increase to utility aid payments in the 2021-2023 budget proposal	X	

31	Supporting an amendment to the Wisconsin Statutes authorizing an exemption to the public works contract requirements for counties that receive donated improvements, materials or labor	X	
32	Requesting the State of Wisconsin allow counties to impose a gas tax to support county government services		X
33	Calling upon the State of Wisconsin and all Wisconsin counties to make positive policy changes which will work toward eliminating systemic poverty and inequality	X	
34	Racism is a public health crisis	X	
35	Door County's vision of diversity, equity and inclusion	X	
36	Condemning George Floyd death, supporting peaceful demonstrations, calling for action on racial reconciliation		X
37	Requesting the State of Wisconsin strengthen its hate crime statute, Wis. Stat. §939.645, to provide enhanced security to members of Wisconsin's marginalized communities	x	
38-68	These have all been reviewed previously.	No action taken	

16. **Financial Reports**

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

Financial reports were provided for review. No action taken.

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

Wehmeier gave a report highlighting the following: Worked with first responders, WE Energies and our highway department staff to clear debris after storms. No action taken.

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

Joint meeting with the Finance Committee on September 2, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Special Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

- a. Approval of August 30, 2021 Executive Committee minutes
- b. Approval of September 14, 2021 County Board minutes
- c. Financial Reports
- d. County Administrator's Monthly Report

14. **Adjourn**

Motion by Nelan/Wineke to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. Motion passed.