

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 23, 2023

Executive Committee

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

Members present: Joan Fitzgerald, Steve Nass, Blane Poulson, Michael Wineke.

Members present via ZOOM: Brandon White, present at 10:20 a.m.

Members excused: Brandon White

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Supervisor Anita Martin, Tom Buechel, Town of Lake Mills Chair.

Others Present via ZOOM: Sarana Stolar, Corporation Counsel; J. Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel, Catherine Bishop, Dan Russler, Steve Fields, Greg Waters, Supervisor Walt Christensen.

**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**

None

**6. Approval of the January 25, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Draft Minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Poulson/Fitzgerald to approve the January 25, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

**7. Approval of January 30, 2023 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes**

Draft Minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Fitzgerald/Poulson to approve the January 30, 2023 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

**8. Approval of February 14, 2023 County Board minutes**

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Poulson/Fitzgerald to approve the February 14, 2023, County Board minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

**9. Update on Next Steps to address Air, Surface Water, Groundwater, and Health Concerns Relating to Animal Operations and their Regulation**

The committees are working on the appointments to their related work groups. No action taken.

**10. Discussion on County Board Rules 3.02 ORGANIZATION, electing a County Board Chair, First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair by secret ballot at the Organizational Meeting**

Ward shared a draft of revised County Board Rule 3.02 Organization for review. The committee suggested revisions. Ward will make the changes and it will come back to the committee for review. The revised rule will be included as a communication on the next County Board agenda. No action taken.

**11. Discussion on Strategic Planning Process**

Wehmeier developed a draft timeline for review. The committee directed administration to interview consultants and bring back a recommendation at the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Wehmeier discussed a tentative plan on the planning process. The goal is to provide an update to the County Board in August or September. No Action taken.

**12. Discussion on State Budget Process**

Wehmeier met with our legislators and discussed the State Budget Process. No action taken.

**13. Discussion on County's Role in Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**

Wehmeier reviewed notes from the last Executive Committee meeting. Nass said that Lake Mills and Jefferson have scheduled meetings related to referendums for EMS. There has been some discussion on using state funds to reward municipalities for consolidating. Wehmeier is looking for feedback on moving forward. The chair asked for input from meeting participants. The committee heard comments from Tom Buechel, Greg Waters, Catherine Bishop, Supervisor Christensen, and Steve Fields. No action taken.

**14. Financial Reports**

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

Financial Reports were provided for review. No action taken.

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

Wehmeier gave a verbal report highlighting the following: Nestle expansion, Palermo, final negotiations on highway property sale, broadband expansion meetings, opioid settlement and resolution to County Board, fentanyl awareness and education, Lt. Governor visit, meetings with legislators, building project, moving forward to hire Director of Facilities, Youth Crisis Stabilization, and partnership with Watertown Health Foundation, working with presiding judge on court rotation. No action taken.

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

Regular Meeting – March 29, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Items:

- Approval of December 28, 2022 Executive Committee minutes
- Approval of February 23, 2023 Executive Committee minutes
- Approval of March 14, 2023 County Board minutes
- Update on Air, Surface Water, Groundwater, and Health concerns Relating to Animal Operations and their Regulation
- Discussion on County Board Rules 3.02 ORGANIZATION, electing a County Board Chair, First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair by secret ballot at the Organizational Meeting
- Discussion on County's Role in Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Strategic Plan Update
- Financial Reports
- County Administrator's Monthly Report

**17. Adjourn**

Motion by Nass/Poulson to adjourn at 11:33 a.m. Motion passed 5-0.