

COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 28, 2024

Executive Committee

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Wineke at 8:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Walt Christensen, Steve Nass, Blane Poulson, Brandon White, Michael Wineke

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Danielle Thompson, Corporation Counsel; Audrey McGraw, County Clerk, Tammie Jaeger, Administration; Patricia Cicero, Land and Water Conservation Director; Anita Martin, Lake Mills; Lianna Spencer, Town of Oakland; Susan Trier, Lake Mills; Tom Krjecie, Lake Mills.

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review of Agenda

Review of the Wisconsin Counties Association resolutions was moved up to accommodate citizens.

5. Public Comment

Leanna Spencer talked about wake boat concerns on Lake Ripley and supports WCA Resolution 3 – Enhanced wake regulations

Susan Trier, Lake Mills, encouraged the Executive Committee to support WCA Resolution 3 – Enhanced wake regulations

Tom Krejcie, Lake Mills, talked in favor of WCA Resolution 3 – Enhanced wake regulations

Anita Martin, Lake Mills, asked the Executive Committee to support WCA Resolutions 2, 3, 4, 6, 12, 25 and 28. She also talked about the status of a solar ordinance

6. Approval of August 10, 2024 County Board meeting minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Poulson/White to approve the August 10, 2024 County Board meeting minutes as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Approval of July 31, 2024 Executive Committee minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Christensen/White to approve the July 31, 2024 Executive Committee minutes as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Update on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and possible action on next steps

Wehmeier and Luckey conducted regional meetings with the towns. Wehmeier talked about common issues related to contracts, boundaries, levels of service among the towns and local municipalities. They would like to create a working group to work on these issues. Notes from the regional meetings will be compiled and will be shared with the municipalities.

Motion by Christensen/Poulson to authorize a Resolution to Create an EMS working group.
Motion passed 5-0.

9. Strategic Plan – Implementation Plan Quarterly Update

Wehmeier said we are working on a dashboard for our website. A demonstration will be given at County Board. Implementation meetings will begin again in September. Developing a Strategic Messaging plan. Energy Audit was approved to help with facility needs going forward. Planning on engaging with key legislators. Resolutions now include a reference to the Strategic Plan. Priority Based Budgeting has been completed. No action taken.

10. Discussion and possible action on Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Conference Resolutions

- a. Resolution 1 – Providing \$18.7 million in stable, core funding support for county conversation department staffing

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt as amended by the Resolutions Committee

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support as amended

- b. Resolution 2 – Supporting the continued protection of water

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support

- c. Resolution 3 – Enhanced wake regulations

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support

- d. Resolution 4 – Supporting local control over concentrated animal feeding facilities’ operations
Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support and amend to include recommendations from the expert committee

Motion by Nass/Poulson to support the resolution and amend to include recommendations from the expert committee. Motion passed 5-0.

- e. Resolution 5 – Enacting stronger regulations to limit the spread of chronic wasting disease

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt as amended by the Resolutions Committee

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support as amended.

- f. Resolution 6 – Per- and Poly- Fluoroalkyl testing for biosolids

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt as amended by the Resolutions Committee

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support as amended.

- g. Resolution 7 – Requesting a moratorium on refugee resettlement under the Refugee Act of 1980 (8 U.S.C. 1522) within Washburn County

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone

Executive Committee Recommendation: Postpone

- h. Resolution 8 – Opposing COVID-19 mandates

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone

Executive Committee Recommendation: Postpone

- i. Resolution 9 – Supporting legislation to require a person convicted of homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle to pay child support for each child of the victim until the child turns 18 years of age (or 19 if still enrolled in school)

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone

Executive Committee Recommendation: Postpone

- j. Resolution 10 – Requesting that the Wisconsin Legislature provide additional judges, assistant district attorneys and public defenders to address the current historical backlog of court cases in counties across Wisconsin

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support

- k. Resolution 11 – Requesting state legislature action to stop unfunded mandates from the State Department of Corrections, or incorporate and fund their implementation

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support

- l. Resolution 12 – Supporting the need for statewide efforts to enhanced regulation and enforcement prohibiting puppy mills

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support

- m. Resolution 13 – Requesting changes to Wisconsin State Statutes – per diem payment authority for county board members serving on municipal library boards and number of county board members to serve

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support

- n. Resolution 14 – Removing statutory obstacles to the formation of a joint library

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone

Executive Committee Recommendation: Postpone

- o. Resolution 15 – Supporting Wisconsin Senate Bill 102 relating to eligibility threshold for property tax credit for an eligible veteran, the spouse of an eligible veteran, and the unremarried surviving spouse of an eligible veteran

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support

- p. Resolution 16 – Supporting housing for homeless veterans

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support

- q. Resolution 17 – Supporting the CARE Act and the RIDE Act

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support

- r. Resolution 18 – Creating new state funding for demolition of blighted property for the purpose of new housing construction
Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Executive Committee Recommendation: Support
- s. Resolution 19 – Advocating for continued state support to impacted counties with loss of tax base due to state and federal legal decisions
Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Executive Committee Recommendation: Support
- t. Resolution 20 – Redistributing .5% state sales tax to counties
Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone
Executive Committee Recommendation: Postpone
- u. Resolution 21 – Supporting a realistic federal definition of “rural”
Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Refer to Board of Directors
Executive Committee Recommendation: Refer to Board of Directors
- v. Resolution 22 – Supporting two-year campuses
Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Executive Committee Recommendation: Support
- w. Resolution 23 – Conducting additional research on chronic wasting disease to improve testing, treatment, and management options
Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Executive Committee Recommendation: Support
- x. Resolution 24 – Objecting to the State of Wisconsin purchasing lands or interest in lands (such as the Pelican River Forest Conservation Easement) without the approval of affected county and town governments
Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Executive Committee Recommendation: Support
- y. Resolution 25 – Modernizing and improving the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program
Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Executive Committee Recommendation: Support
- z. Resolution 26 – Supporting funding for County Child Support IT Modernization Project
Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Executive Committee Recommendation: Support
- aa. Resolution 27 – Requesting the State of Wisconsin use a portion of the 2023 budgetary surplus for the maintenance, repair and replacement of country trunk highway system
Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Executive Committee Recommendation: Support
- bb. Resolution 28 – Urging the Wisconsin State Legislature to increase the local road maintenance budget
Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee Recommendation: Support

11. Financial Reports

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

Financial Reports were provided for review. No action taken.

12. County Administrator's monthly report

Wehmeier highlighted the following: EMS meetings, 2025 Budget meetings, projects with Uniquely Wisconsin, Local Community initiatives with Michael Best, Working with CJCC on grants in absence of coordinator, Emergency Management Director started, possible creation of Deputy Emergency Management Director, Fair Appreciation Dinner, neighborhood meeting related to old highway site. No action taken.

13. Assistant to the County Administrator's monthly report

No action taken.

14. Convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats. To consider employment, compensation, or performance evaluation data of a County employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility:

Motion by Poulson/White to convene in closed session. Roll Call 5-0.

15. Reconvene in open session to take action on closed session if necessary

Motion by Poulson/Nass to reconvene in open session.

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

Regular Meeting – September 25, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Items:

- Approval of August 28, 2024 Executive Committee minutes
- Approval of September 10, 2024 County Board minutes
- Strategic Plan – Implementation Plan Quarterly Update
- Financial Reports
- Update on Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- County Administrator's Monthly Report
- Assistant to the County Administrator's Monthly Report

17. Adjourn

Motion by White/Christensen to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Motion passed 5-0.