

COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 31, 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, Michael Wineke

Members present via ZOOM: Brandon White

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Tammie Jaeger, Administration

Others Present via ZOOM: Chief Deputy Hunter; Brian Udovich; Anita Martin, Lake Mills; Terri Palm, Human Resources; Sarana Stolar, Corporation Counsel; Ryan Spoehr, Daily Union.

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review of Agenda

5. Public Comment

6. Approval of October 8, 2024 County Board meeting minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Nass/Poulson to approve October 8, 2024 County Board meeting minutes as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Approval of October 22, 2024 County Board meeting minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Christensen/Poulson to approve October 22, 2024 County Board meeting minutes as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Approval of September 25, 2024 Executive Committee minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Poulson/Nass to approve the September 25, 2024 Executive Committee minutes as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Approval of October 22, 2024 Executive Committee minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Nass/Poulson to approve the October 22, 2024 Executive Committee minutes as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Wehmeier said the county requested input from the Towns Association on who should be a part of the EMS working group, but their meeting was canceled until after the elections. There will be changes in municipality leadership in the spring election. No action taken.

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: 2025 Budget Presentation, Opioid Litigation meetings for collaboration with other counties, working through transition calendar, land issues, licensing agreements, utility easements, building project, ventilation project in jail, meetings with Michael Best and We Energies, CJCC Treatment Court Coordinator started, upcoming CJCC pilot programs, THRIVE Annual meeting, personnel issues, broadband projects with Bug Tussel. No action taken.

13. Assistant to the County Administrator's monthly report

Luckey highlighted the following: Employee Appreciation Picnic, energy audit contract signed, THRIVE Annual meeting, WEDC did a Transcript with Deb Reinbold that will be published, 2nd video from Uniquely Wisconsin on Hoard's Dairyman, various donations from local business will be a part of a Sweepstakes that will take place between November 1 – December 1 that can be used for marketing, monitoring Fair, working with Bridges Library related to library board appointments, Whitewater solar open records request, communications team, working on media reach for press releases, website redesign, Financial Empowerment Center counseling, Legislative Breakfast – December 5th, broadband project, budget engagement page and posting/sharing social media on personal pages. No action taken.

14. Discussion and possible action on Resolution – Appointing Michael Luckey as Interim County Administrator effective December 15, 2024

A draft resolution was provided for review.

Motion by Poulson/Christensen to approve the Resolution – Appointing Michael Luckey as Interim County Administrator and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion passed 5-0.

15. Consider motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat s. 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 performance evaluation

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

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

Motion by Poulson/White to reconvene in open session. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Nass/Poulson to approve step increase and bonus. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Regular Meeting – November 27, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Items:

- Approval of October 30, 2024 Executive Committee minutes
- Approval of November 12, 2024 County Board minutes
- Discuss talking points for Legislative Breakfast
- Financial Reports
- Update on Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- County Administrator's Monthly Report
- Assistant to the County Administrator's Monthly Report

18. Adjourn

Motion by Poulson/Christensen to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.