

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

July 30, 2014

Administration & Rules Committee

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Rinard at 8:33 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Administration and Rules Committee Members

Members present: Jim Braughler, Jennifer Hanneman, Steve Nass, Amy Rinard, Jim Schroeder.

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier - County Administrator; Connie Freeberg - Paralegal II; J. Blaire Ward - Corporation Counsel; Brian Lamers - Finance Director; Carla Robinson - Clerk of Courts; Amy Smith, Reporter - Jefferson Daily Union; Supervisor Kirk Lund.

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the open meeting law.

4. Review of Agenda

No changes

5. Public Comment

Ben Wehmeier introduced Amy Smith, the new Jefferson Daily Union Reporter.

6. Approval of June 25, 2014 Administration & Rules Committee meeting minutes

Motion made by Braughler; Second by Schroeder to approve the June 25, 2014 Administration & Rules Committee meeting minutes as printed. (Ayes-All) Motion carried.

7. Approval of July 8, 2014 County Board minutes

Corrections were distributed for the committee members to review.

Motion made by Schroeder; Second by Hanneman to approve the July 8, 2014 County Board meeting minutes as corrected. (Ayes-4 Braughler abstained). Motion carried.

8. Communications

- County Administrator's Monthly Activity Report
- Draft Resolution - "Moving Farmland Preservation Program Administrative Responsibilities from Planning & Zoning to Land & Water Conservation"
- Referendum Information
- Draft Resolution "Place Health Care Advisory Referendum on the November 4, 2014 General Election"

9. Discussion and possible action on a resolution moving Farmland program from Planning & Zoning to Land & Water Conservation

A draft of the resolution was provided for the committee to review. Wehmeier discussed this change. Both departments have met and are supportive of this change. The Farmland Conservation Easement Commission recommends this change. The administrative duties as well as budget oversight should be included in the resolution.

Motion made by Nass; Second by Rinard to approve this resolution with suggested changes and forward on to the County Board for their approval. (Ayes-All) Motion carried.

10. Discussion of referendum process

A draft resolution and additional information regarding the referendum was provided for the committee to review. Ward discussed the referendum process and timelines. No action taken.

11. Discussion and possible action on resolution "Place Health Care Advisory Referendum on the November 4, 2014 Jefferson County Ballot"

Ward recommended using more neutral language in the referendum question. The following language was suggested: "Shall the State of Wisconsin accept funding for the expansion of Medicaid/Badger Care in Wisconsin to cover persons up to 138% of the federal poverty

level?" The committee supports the language. It was also suggested that "legislature" be changed to "State of Wisconsin." Supervisor Lund will prepare a draft explanation of the referendum question and forward it to Corporation Counsel for review. The resolution should include the question that will appear on the ballot followed by the explanation.

Motion made by Nass; Second by Schroeder to approve this resolution with suggested changes and forward to the County Board for their consideration (Ayes-4 Noes -1 Braughler) Motion Carried.

12. Discussion and possible action on resolutions, letters or reports from other governmental agencies

- a. **Door County Resolution** "In support of state funding for county emergency dispatch ("911") services / one designated public safety answering point per county"
- b. **Dodge County Resolution** "Supporting state funding for county 911 services/one designated public service answering point per county"
- c. **Juneau County Resolution** "Endorsement of legislative action regarding funding of 911 Services"

Wehmeier and the committee discussed the resolutions from Door, Dodge and Juneau Counties.

Motion made by Nass; Second by Hanneman to support this resolution and have Ward provide a final draft of the resolution for review at their next meeting. (Ayes-All) Motion Carried.

- d. **Price County Resolution** "Support of changes to the state statutes regarding protective occupation participation status of county correction officers"
The staff discussed this resolution with the committee. No action taken.
- e. **LaCrosse County Resolution** "Opposition to proposed lapse in state funding to circuit court system"
- f. **Trempealeau County Resolution** "Opposition to proposed lapse in state funding to circuit court system"
- g. **Shawano County Resolution** "Opposition to proposed Lapse in State Funding to circuit court system"
- h. **Kenosha County Resolution** "Opposition to the lapse of Wisconsin Judicial Branch Funding to the State General Fund"

Robinson supports these resolutions. The Lacrosse County version of the resolution was preferred with some suggested changes to the language and the fiscal note.

Motion made by Braughler; Second by Hanneman to support this resolution and ask Ward to draft a resolution with suggested changes for committee review at their next meeting. (Ayes-All) Motion Carried.

- i. **Grant County Resolution** "Opposing actions by the Wisconsin State Legislature which abrogate or significantly modify or decrease local authority and control by counties, towns and municipalities in matters related to the health, safety, and well-being of residents"

Staff discussed this resolution with the committee and supports this resolution with suggested changes.

Motion made by Nass; Second by Braughler to support this resolution and have Ward provide a final draft of the resolution, with suggested changes, for review at their next meeting. (Ayes-All) Motion carried

13. Review Financial Reports

- a. Administration
- b. Clerk of Courts
- c. Corporation Counsel
- d. County Board

e. Register of Deeds

Financial reports were provided for the committee to review. No action taken.

14. County Administrator's monthly reports

Wehmeier provided a report for the committee to review. He went over the report and addressed questions and comments from the committee. No action taken.

15. Convene in closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1)(c) to consider the County Administrator's performance evaluation data

Motion made by Nass; Second by Hanneman to convene in closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1)(c) to consider the County Administrator's performance evaluation data (Roll call vote was taken – Ayes-All) Motion Carried.

16. Reconvene in open session to take possible action on item discussed in closed session

Motion made by Nass; Second by Hanneman to reconvene in open session.

Motion made by Nass; Second by Hanneman to approve the results at the additional step increase and authorize Rinard and Schroeder to discuss results with the Administrator. (Ayes-All) Motion Carried.

17. Set next meeting date

July 30, 2014

18. Tentative Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

- Approval of July 30, 2014 Administration & Rules Committee meeting minutes
- Approval of August 11, 2014 County Board meeting minutes
- Discussion and possible action on resolutions, letters or reports from other governmental agencies
- Draft Resolution "Opposition to proposed lapse in state funding to circuit court system"
- Draft Resolution "Supporting state funding for county 911 services/one designated public service answering point per county"
- Draft Resolution "Opposing actions by the Wisconsin State Legislature which abrogate or significantly modify or decrease local authority and control by counties, towns and municipalities in matters related to the health, safety, and well-being of residents"
- Discussion and possible action with Supervisor Jaeckel regarding public comment at County Board meetings
- Discussion and possible action on WCA Resolutions

19. Adjourn

Motion made by Nass; Second by Hanneman to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. (Ayes-All) Motion Carried.

Future Tentative Meeting Dates-

August 27, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.