

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**August 29, 2018, 2018**  
Executive Committee

1. **Call to Order**  
Meeting was called to order by Rinard at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call**  
**Administration and Rules Committee Members**  
Members present: Jim Braughler, Jim Schroeder, Jim Mode and Amy Rinard.  
  
Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; J. Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel; Connie Freeberg, Paralegal; Supervisor Walt Christensen; Anita Martin; Terri Palm-Kostroski and Barb Frank, County Clerk.  
  
Excused: Steve Nass
3. **Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements**  
Wehmeier certified compliance with the open meeting law.
4. **Review of Agenda**  
No changes made.
5. **Public Comment**  
None
6. **Approval of the July 25, 2018 Committee meeting minutes**  
Motion by Schroeder; Second by Mode to approve the July 25, 2018 Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.
7. **Approval of the August 13, 2018 County Board minutes**  
Motion by Mode; Second by Braughler to approve the August 13, 2018 County Board minutes as corrected. (Ayes-All) Motion carried.
8. **Communications**
  - WCA Resolution Summary Spreadsheet
  - Correspondence from Anita Martin regarding meeting minutes
9. **Update on Strategic Plan Check-In**  
Wehmeier updated the committee. Funds will be set aside in the 2019 budget to work on the following Strategic Plan goals: Comprehensive /Farmland Preservation Plan, Transportation Plan, Housing Study, Broadband and Priority Based Budgeting. No action taken.
10. **Review of Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (WRRTC) 2019 Budget**  
A copy of the WRRTC Budget was provided for review. Wehmeier talked about the WRRTC. The budget includes a Jefferson County contribution of \$16,000 from the County Board Indirect fund and \$14,000 from the JCEDC. The committee supports this contribution. No action taken.
11. **Discussion and possible action to authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement to Authorize a Consortium for Joint Purchasing of Employer Benefits**  
Wehmeier asked that this be postponed. No action taken.
12. **Discussion and possible action on approving an explanatory statement to be published as a Type C Notice of referenda for the county-wide advisory referendum on Requiring Accurate Value Comparisons When Establishing the Assessed Value of National Retail Stores (Dark Store Legislation ) to be held at the November 2018 general election**  
A copy of Resolution 2018-34 "Conducting an Advisory Referendum to Require Accurate Value Comparisons When Establishing the Assessed Value of National Retail Stores (Dark Store Legislation) was provided for review. Frank talked about the -Statute requiring -Type C Notice of Referenda publication The committee discussed the language in the explanation - - and suggested some revisions.

Motion by Schroeder; Second by Mode to approve the language in the explanation - for the Type C Notice of Referenda publication (Ayes-All) Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action on Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Resolutions  
The following resolutions were provided for review:

a. Resolution 1 – Recommending Changes to the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program

The committee supports this resolution.

b. Resolution 2 – Urging the Federal Government to Support the Agricultural Economic Sector by Maintaining and Strengthening Trade Ties with Canada and Mexico

The committee does not support this resolution.

c. Resolution 3 – Supporting Reform of Wisconsin’s Eminent Domain Laws and Prohibiting the Use of Eminent Domain for Forcible Land Takings by For-Profit Oil Pipeline Companies

The committee does not support this resolution.

d. Resolution 4 – Supporting the Reformation of Wisconsin’s Eminent Domain Laws

The committee does not support this resolution.

e. Resolution 5 – Maintaining Funding for the Coastal Management Program

The committee supports this resolution.

f. Resolution 6 – Recognizing Climate Change and Urging Congress to Levy a Revenue-Neutral Fee on Carbon in Fossil Fuels

The committee does not support this resolution.

g. Resolution 7 – Opposing Any Mining Project Which Does Not Implement Sufficient Safeguards to Mitigate the Potential Negative Impacts of the Mining Project on the Natural Resources, Public Health, Cultural Heritage and Economy in Wisconsin

No action taken.

h. Resolution 8 – Opposing Changes to County Shoreland Zoning Proposed in the State of Wisconsin 2017-2019 Budget Bill

The committee supports this resolution.

i. Resolution 9 – Opposing Assembly Bill 479 and Senate Bill 387

The committee supports this resolution.

j. Resolution 10 – Opposing Senate Bill 309 and Assembly Bill 399 Regarding Lower St. Croix Riverway Zoning Regulations

The committee supports this resolution.

k. Resolution 11 – Opposing Senate Bill 506 and Assembly Bill 599

The committee supports indefinite postponement.

l. Resolution 12 – Supporting an Increase in Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) for County Forest Lands

The committee supports this resolution.

m. Resolution 13 – Increasing the Payments to Towns with County Forest Land from \$.30 to \$2.00 Per Acre

The committee supports this resolution.

n. Resolution 14 – Requesting Increased Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin’s Child Protective Services System

The committee supports this resolution.

- o. Resolution 15 – Supporting the Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable (CARE) Act, a Tax Credit for Family Caregivers & Expanding Dementia Care Specialist Services  
The committee supports this resolution.
- p. Resolution 16 – Requesting the State Legislature to Explore all Solutions Including Legislation to Address the Long-Term Care Workforce Crisis  
The committee supports this resolution.
- q. Resolution 17 – Opposing the Reallocation of Current Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Funding  
The committee supports this resolution.
- r. Resolution 18 – CNA Training  
The committee does not support this resolution.
- s. Resolution 19 – Emergency Medical Response: A Rural Crisis  
The committee does not support this resolution.
- t. Resolution 20 – Supporting Legislation to Create an Independent Prosecutor Board  
The committee supports this resolution.
- u. Resolution 21 – Legislation that Makes Changes to the Requirements for Claims for State Compensation by Wrongfully Imprisoned Persons  
The committee supports indefinite postponement.
- v. Resolution 22 – Opposing Any Legislation That Automatically Revokes a Person’s Probation if that Person is Charged with a Crime  
The committee supports this resolution.
- w. Resolution 23 – Legislation Reducing the Forfeiture to \$100 for Possessing or Attempting to Possess Not More Than 10 Grams of Marijuana  
No action taken.
- x. Resolution 24 – Proposed Legislation to Allow a Person, Meeting Certain Requirements, to File a Petition for Expungement with the Sentencing Court After He or She Completes Their Sentence  
The committee supports this resolution.
- y. Resolution 25 – Supporting Proposed Legislation Allowing a Person Who Meets Certain Requirements to File a Petition for Expungement with the Sentencing Court After Completion of Their Sentence  
The committee supports this resolution.
- z. Resolution 26 – Expansion of the Department of Justice Administrative Subpoena Process  
The committee supports this resolution.
- aa. Resolution 27 – Opposing Any Legislation Proposing the Selling of the Current Green Bay Correctional Institution and Building a New, Privately-Owned Facility  
The committee supports indefinite postponement.
- bb. Resolution 28 – Opposing any Legislation Proposing the Selling of the Current Green Bay Correctional Institution and Building a New, Privately-Owned Facility  
The committee supports indefinite postponement.
- cc. Resolution 29 – Requesting the State of Wisconsin Full Fund Treatment Courts  
The committee supports this resolution.

- dd. Resolution 30 – Requesting Action to Address the Mental Health/Drug Addiction Epidemic in County Jails  
The committee supports this resolution.
- ee. Resolution 31 – Supporting Proposed Legislation Permitting Inmates Confined to County Jails Under a Department of Corrections Contract to Leave the Facility to Participate in Employment-Related Activities  
The committee supports this resolution.
- ff. Resolution 32 – Supporting Legislation to Create a Statewide Library System  
The committee does not support this resolution.
- gg. Resolution 33 – Supporting a Constitutional Amendment to Allow Limits on Campaign Contributions and Conducting a Non-Binding Statewide Referendum  
The committee supports this resolution.
- hh. Resolution 34 – Requesting State Law Change Allowing Counties the Use of the Design-Build Construction Method and Update the Statutory Bidding Requirements  
The committee supports this resolution.
- ii. Resolution 35 – Requesting State Law change Allowing Counties the Use of the Design-Build Construction Method and Update the Statutory Bidding Requirements  
The committee supports this resolution.
- jj. Resolution 36 – Recommending Amendment to Wisconsin Statute 59.22  
The committee supports indefinite postponement.
- kk. Resolution 37 – Opposing the Elimination of the J-1 Visa Program  
The committee supports this resolution.
- ll. Resolution 38 – Wisconsin Worker Shortages and Need for Immigration Reform  
The committee supports this resolution.
- mm. Resolution 39 – Worker’s Compensation for Public Safety Employees Diagnosed with PTSD  
The committee supports this resolution.
- nn. Resolution 40 – Requesting a Change in Wisconsin Law to Allow the State and Local Governments to Access Wisconsin Retirement Fund Accounts of Public Employees Who are Convicted of Stealing Money from their State or Local Government Employer  
The committee supports this resolution.
- oo. Resolution 41 – Opposing Sections 52 and 53 of Assembly Bill 456 and Senate Bill 374 Relating to Vehicle Registration Fees  
The committee does not support this resolution.

No action taken on the following resolutions

- pp. Resolution 42 – Maintaining Funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
- qq. Resolution 43 – Requesting and Increase in Wisconsin’s Medicaid Rates
- rr. Resolution 44 – Requesting that the State of Wisconsin Increase Nursing Home Rate Incentives in the Next State Biennial Budget
- ss. Resolution 45 – Supporting Legislation Funding Additional Assistant District Attorney Positions
- tt. Resolution 46 – Supporting Legislation to Staff and Fund County Prosecutor Positions
- uu. Resolution 47 – Requesting that the State Address the Shortage of Prosecutors in the District Attorney Office by Providing Adequate Funding in the Next State Budget for Legal Staff to Prosecute Cases
- vv. Resolution 48 – Supporting Increased Public Defender Access and Compensation
- ww. Resolution 49 – Supporting State Funded Treatment Alternatives
- xx. Resolution 50 – Amending the Wisconsin Constitution Giving the Responsibility of Legislative Redistricting to a Nonpartisan Commission
- yy. Resolution 51 – Supporting Creation of a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans
- zz. Resolution 52 – Supporting Creation of a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans
- aaa. Resolution 53 – Opposition to 2017 Senate Bill 777 and 2017 Assembly Bill 923 Relating to Changing the Authority of County Executives, Administrators and County Boards
- bbb. Resolution 54 – Opposing 2017 Senate bill 777 and 2017 Assembly Bill 923 Relating to Increasing the Authority of a County Executive from a Populous County and Other Counties and Reducing the Authority of a County Board
- ccc. Resolution 55 – Opposing a Reduction in Services and Funding by the University of Wisconsin System
- ddd. Resolution 56 – Supporting Efforts to Close Commercial Property Assessment Loopholes
- eee. Resolution 57 – Supporting Legislation to Close Property Tax Loopholes Used by National Chain Stores
- fff. Resolution 58 – Opposing Continuation of Zero Levy Cap Imposed on Wisconsin Counties
- ggg. Resolution 59 – Supporting a County Biennial Budget

14. **Financial Reports (July)**

- a. Clerk of Courts
- b. Corporation Counsel
- c. County Administrator
- d. County Board
- e. 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: 2019 Department Budget meetings, Sheriff’s Communication System Project, Employee Appreciation Lunch, meeting with Walworth County on transportation issues, WMMIC Board of Director’s meeting and Joint Review Board TID Review meetings. No action taken.

16. **Convene in closed session pursuant to state statute 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 discuss the performance evaluation of the County Administrator.**  
Motion by Braughler; Second by Mode to convene in closed session. Roll Call Vote; (Ayes-All)  
Motion Carried
17. **Reconvene in open session for possible action on items discussed in closed session**  
Motion by Mode; Second by Schroeder to reconvene in open session (Ayes-All) Motion carried.  
Motion Schroeder; Second by Mode to award county administrator the annual performance bonus.  
(Ayes-All) Motion carried.
18. **Discussion and possible action on tentative future meeting schedule and agenda items –**  
(September 26, 2018)
  - Approval of August 29, 2018 Executive Committee meeting minutes
  - Approval of September 11, 2018 County Board meeting minutes
  - Report from Barb Frank on minute taking guidelines
  - Discussion and possible action on Broadband Forward! Ordinance
  - Financial Reports (August)
19. **Next meeting:** September 26, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.
20. **Adjourn**  
Motion made by Mode; Second by Schroeder to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. (Ayes-All) Motion Carried.