

## MINUTES

### Executive and Legislative Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 2011; 8:00 A.M.

Sauk County West Square Building, 505 Broadway, Room #213, Baraboo, WI

Members Present: Marty Krueger, Joan Fordham, Scott K. Alexander, William F. Wenzel, and Steven Bach

Others Present: Kathryn. Schauf, Todd Liebman, Steve Pate, Beverly J. Mielke, Linda Ellen, Todd Krysiak (editor) and Tim Damos (reporter) from the *Baraboo News Republic*, Peter Murray, Tommy L. Bychinski, Jim Scherneck, and Jeff Seering from the *Reedsburg Independent*.

Chair Krueger called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. and verified compliance with the open meeting law.

Motion by Bach, seconded by Alexander to approve the agenda for this meeting, and allow comments from Linda Ellen and Todd Krysiak to take place during discussion of agenda item #11 (bullying at county meetings and 12/28/10 letter in BNR "Mailbag"). Motion carried.

Motion by Alexander, seconded by Bach to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2010 (regular) and December 21, 2010 (special) meetings, as printed. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment:**

Linda Ellen, author of the 12/28/10 letter in BNR, addressed the Committee and gave details of her personal background, support for "letters to the editor" and varying levels of participation in government. She also stressed the need to separate personalities and issues.

### **Communications:**

Chair Krueger: letter from State of Wisconsin/Department of Natural Resources regarding completeness determination of the feasibility report for the contiguous addition to landfill 3646 (BAAP) and notification of 2011 WCA dues invoice and magazine subscription list.

Administrative Coordinator: relayed the displeasure of citizens Don Lichte and Kurt Muchow regarding lack of support for county representative's recent vote on TID4/City of Reedsburg; Administrative Coordinator will serve on the WCA Conference Planning Committee.

### **Discussion of Incorporation of Comprehensive Planning to Date, Consideration of Future Action:**

The Administrative Coordinator discussed with Committee members the incorporation of comprehensive planning to date and future action, specifically noting its inclusion in the Form 1 process used by county departments. Supervisor Murray, an original member of the County Comprehensive Planning Committee, supported the following concepts: setting priorities through Form 1, pursuing and continuing non-governmental partnerships, and reviewing the plan again by the Comprehensive Planning Committee on a volunteer reimbursement basis.

### **Discussion of Incorporation of Comprehensive Planning to Date, Consideration of Future Action (Continued):**

Chair Krueger suggested he, the Administrative Coordinator, Supervisor Murray and any other interested Supervisors meet to discuss key elements of the plan and assure they remain in the forefront.

**Consideration of Redistricting Process, Timeline and Committee Structure:**

An updated timeline was distributed and reviewed. Chair Krueger noted he has made substantial progress in contacting individuals to serve on the Redistricting Committee and plans to recommend appointment at the January 18, 2011 County Board meeting.

**Consideration of Resolution Recommending Board Size:**

Draft copies of a resolution entitled, "Directing Redistricting Committee to Prepare Plan for a Thirty-one Supervisor County Board" were distributed and discussed. Supervisor Fordham suggested inserting the word "speaking" in the second paragraph of the resolution. Motion by Bach, seconded by Alexander to forward the resolution to the County Board for consideration at the January 18, 2011 meeting, including the following wording for paragraph two: "WHEREAS, a discussion regarding the size of the county board was held at the December 21, 2010 meeting of the Sauk County Board of Supervisors with a large majority of members speaking in favor of retaining the current number of supervisors". Motion carried.

**Consideration of TMG Implementation Process and Committee:**

The Administrative Coordinator discussed the process recently used in consolidation of the Planning and Zoning and Land Conservation Departments. Committee members felt the process worked well and supported the Administrative Coordinator and Board Chair developing a structure and timeline to implement the TMG study, agreeing the matter should be brought back to this Committee and County Board for consideration in February.

**Possible Items for Discussions with State Legislators by Sauk County CAP Delegates:**

The following items were suggested by Committee members:

- \* Maintaining Human Service requirements while funding levels are reduced.
- \* State mandates and lack of appropriate funding.
- \* Consider effect of any State "cuts" on counties and municipalities.
- \* Raid on transportation fund.
- \* Nursing home bed tax.
- \* Creation of the "new economy".
- \* Income tax issues.

**A Discussion of Bullying at County Meetings and 12/28/10 letter in BNR "Mailbag":**

A lengthy discussion took place between Committee members and Linda Ellen, author of a letter which appeared in the December 28, 2010 edition of the *Baraboo News Republic*. Todd Krysiak, aforementioned newspaper editor, replied to various questions and concerns regarding newspaper policy and procedure. Jeff Seering, editor of *The Reedsburg Independent*, addressed the Committee regarding the policy of his newspaper and the use of editor's notes.

**MIS:**

S. Pate, MIS Director, presented the monthly report and list of bills for his department. Motion by Wenzel, seconded by Fordham to receive the report and list of bills in the amount of \$77,779.06. Motion carried.

Pate presented a request from Community Christian School under the County's surplus computer donation program. Motion by Wenzel, seconded by Back to approve the request and furnish up to five computers, if equipment is available. Motion carried.

**County Clerk:**

B. Mielke, County Clerk, presented the monthly report and list of bills for her department. Motion by Bach, seconded by Fordham to receive the report and list of bills in the amount of \$336.94 Motion carried.

**Corporation Counsel:**

Todd Liebman, Corporation Counsel, presented the monthly report and list of bills for his department. Motion by Alexander, seconded by Wenzel to receive the report and list of bills in the amount of \$1,114.16(2010); \$65.00(2011). Motion carried.

**Administrative Coordinator:**

K. Schauf, Administrative Coordinator, presented the monthly report and list of bills for her department. Motion by Fordham, seconded by Bach to receive the report and list of bills in the amount of \$35.55(2010); \$947.16(2011). Motion carried.

**County Board Chair:**

Chair Krueger reported on his monthly activities, specifically noting:

- \* Finishing the ad-hock structure process for P&Z/LCC consolidation.
- \* Resolution of Board of Adjustment issue in November.
- \* Spring Green area flood & county forest matters.
- \* Preparation for Mid-term Assessment & Intergovernmental meetings in April.
- \* Rails/Trails/Economic Development meeting (end of January).
- \* Transitional jobs-Huber Center-WDB.
- \* Departmental structure & study.
- \* 2011 budget process changes.

Supervisor Fordham asked for consideration in deviating from the usual meeting date in March due to a previous commitment. Members agreed to tentatively set the date for Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 8:00 A.M.

Motion by Wenzel, seconded by Bach to adjourn and set the next, regular meeting date for Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 8:00 A.M. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly J. Mielke, Sauk County Clerk/Secretary