

MINUTES

Executive & Legislative Committee - Special

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: Vedro, Czuprynko, Riek and Kriegl

Members Absent: Hambrecht

County Personnel: Alene Kleczek Bolin, Administrative Coordinator and Becky Evert, Sauk County Clerk

Others Present: Nicole Aimone, Jim Witecha, Bryant Hazard, Aaron Evert, Attorney Oyvind Wistrom, Pat Rego, Chuck Spencer, Steve Pate, Jesse Leichsenring, John Deitrich, Haley Hoffman and Jared Pinkus

Chair Vedro called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and compliance with the open meeting law was verified.

MOTION (Riek/Czuprynko) to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

1) Jim Witecha, re: his administrative leave.

Communications:

1) Letter 02/04/2020, re: Resignation from Catherine Ankenbrandt from the Ethics Inquiry Board – effective immediately.

Possible Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with Legal Counsel for the Governmental Body Who is Rendering Oral or Written Advice Concerning Strategy to be Adopted by the Body with respect to Litigation in Which it is or is Likely to Become Involved. Discussion of Assistant Corporation Counsel Administrative Leave.

MOTION (Riek/Kriegl) to go into closed session Pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with Legal Counsel for the Governmental Body Who is Rendering Oral or Written Advice Concerning Strategy to be Adopted by the Body with respect to Litigation in Which it is or is Likely to Become Involved. Discussion of Assistant Corporation Counsel Administrative Leave.

VOTE: AYES (4): Vedro, Czuprynko, Riek and Kriegl. NAYS (0). ABSENT (1) Hambrecht.

MOTION (Riek/Czuprynko) to reconvene in open session.

Discussion of Interim Staffing of Corporation Counsel's Office and Legal Needs of Sauk County Departments:

Kleczek Bolin brief overview suggesting for the time being, hiring a neutral outside firm or Jim Witecha as interim Corporation Counsel. Kleczek Bolin asked the committee for guidance as how to proceed. Committee consensus was to have Kleczek Bolin and Chair Vedro reach out the City of Baraboo attorney or an outside firm to assist until the issues at hand are resolved. The finding to this consensus will be brought forward at the February 19, 2020 E&L meeting and then taken to the February 19, 2020 County Board meeting.

Discussion of Plan for an Interim Administrative Coordinator and the Process to use for Recruitment:

Kleczek Bolin gave a brief overview suggesting that she has reached out to current Department Heads to see if there is any interest internally and that she has also reached out to GOV HR Temp Agency. Kleczek Bolin announced that she did have one internal Department Head interested, that being Tim Lawther – Public Health Director. Committee consensus was that both Kleczek Bolin and Chair Vedro reach out to Tim Lawther to see if he is interested in taking on this responsibility and then also reaching out to GOV HR Temp Agency to see what they have to offer. The findings to this consensus will be brought forward at the February 19, 2020 E&L meeting and then taken to the February 19, 2020 County Board Meeting. Discussion took place regarding the process for hiring a new Administrative Coordinator, consensus was that the hiring process of a new Administrative Coordinator be on hold until the new board is seated in April.

MOTION (Riek/Kriegl) to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca C. Evert, Sauk County Clerk

