

# GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2016

AUDITORIUM  
IVES GROVE OFFICE COMPLEX  
14200 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
STURTEVANT, WISCONSIN 53177

Chairman Osterman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The meeting was attended by Supervisors Buske, Johnson-Harden, Maier, and Youth Representatives Novak. Also attending were Racine County Board Chairman Russell Clark, Racine County Chief of Staff M.T. Boyle, Racine County Treasurer Jane Nikolai, Tracy Strother and Bev Baker from UW Extension and Michael Lechner, City of Racine Housing Technician.

Excused: Supervisor Kaprelian-Becker, Dawson, Roanhouse, Youth Rep Marnell

Absent: Intern Gorman

## **#1. Public Comment**

None.

## **#2. Chairman Osterman Comments**

Chairman Osterman announced excused and absent members and read the Youth in Governance statement.

## **#3. Approval of minutes from July 26, 2016 meeting**

**Action:** To approve the minutes from the July 26, 2016 meeting as printed. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Harden-Johnson. Seconded: Supervisor Buske. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.

## **#4a. Presentation by John Hochkammer of the Wisconsin Counties Association and Jason Stringer of WECC regarding PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) financing**

Mr. Hochkammer gave an overview of the program explaining the commission is still being formed. Mr. Stringer gave a more in-depth explanation of how a county can work with the commission to offer financing to businesses in its county. Five counties in the state have approved PACE. One lender has already done \$20 million dollars in loans in Milwaukee and \$50 million dollars nationwide. In the eight years the program has been in existence nationwide, there has not been one loan default. Mr. Stringer took many questions from the Supervisors. A resolution would need to go to the County Board to move this process forward for Racine County. Appointments to the commission are needed; a question was asked regarding who makes the appointments. Mr. Hochkammer said he would get that information back to the committee.

## **#5a Old. Discussion and action on changes to committee chairs' statement for Youth in Governance existing statement**

Youth Rep Novak read the proposed Youth in Governance statement. Chairman Osterman related that he had shared the proposed statement with all committee chairs at an Executive Committee meeting and all were in favor of the statement changes.

**Action:** Approve statement change as presented and add to the Youth in Governance Handbook. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Buske. Seconded: Supervisor Johnson-Harden. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.

## **#5b Old. Reconsideration of Resolution 2016-67 By the Government Service Committee establishing a line item in the budget to accommodate the receipt of proceeds and donations for the sale of the official Racine County flag to raise money for the Racine County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard**

**Action:** Reconsider previous recommendation on Resolution 2016-67 By the Government Service Committee establishing a line item in the budget to accommodate the receipt of proceeds and donations for the sale of the official Racine County flag to raise money for the Racine County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Buske. Seconded: Supervisor Johnson-Harden. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.

**Action:** To refer Resolution 2016-67 By the Government Service Committee establishing a line item in the budget to accommodate the receipt of proceeds and donations for the sale of the official Racine County flag to raise money for the Racine County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard back to the County Board at their meeting on August 8, 2016 with the recommended action to deny the resolution. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Buske. Seconded: Supervisor Johnson-Harden. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.

Chairman Osterman recessed the Government Services Meeting for a three-minute break and then reconvened the meeting.

**#5a New. Youth in Governance Annual Report by Tracy Strother and Bev Baker.**

A handout was distributed and reviewed with the committee. Youth feedback in the report was discussed, that the previous group of youth had participated in the design of the Racine County Flag. It was discussed that the opportunities to become a YIG should be going to a more diverse audience and not just schools. There was a request from the committee that the mentors be given more support and direction.

**Action:** To send to the Youth in Governance Annual Report to the County Board as a Communication at their meeting on August 8, 2016. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Maier. Seconded Supervisor Johnson-Harden. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.

**#5b New. Unity Project Discussion**

Bev Baker distributed a handout of the previous YIG's responses to questions they were asked about their time in the program. The questions covered how they felt about how they and their ideas were accepted and how they worked with the mentors. There was discussion regarding the idea of the YIG's being involved in something besides just the county committees. No consensus was reached and it was noted there was nothing in the handbook that speaks to that issue. Chairman Osterman didn't want any project to overshadow the core values. He then took the opportunity to thank Mr. Strother for all the good work he has done with and for the youth of Racine County and expressed how privileged he felt to have worked with him and wished him the best in the future.

**#6. Intern report**

No report was given.

**#7a. 2016 WCA Annual Business Meeting**

**#7b. Resolution No. 14-2016-17 from Outagamie County Board**

**#7c. Resolution No. 15-2016-17 from Outagamie County Board**

**#7d. Resolution No. 32 (2016) from St. Croix County**

**Action:** To receive and file items #7a, #7b and #7c. and 7d. **Motion Passed.** Moved: Supervisor Buske. Seconded: Supervisor Johnson-Harden. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.

**# 8. Adjournment**

**Action:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. **Motion Passed.** Moved: Supervisor Johnson-Harden. Seconded: Supervisor Roanhouse. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.