

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2018

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

Chairman Bernberg called the meeting of the Government Services Committee to order at 6:03 p.m.

The meeting was attended by Supervisors Buske, Maier, Kaprelian-Becker, Dawson and Youth Reps Craig and Schlicht.
Excused: Supervisor Roanhouse. Absent: Supervisor Johnson-Harden.
Also attending: Jen Reese representing Racine County UW Extension.

#1 – Public Comments

None.

#2 – Chairman Bernberg Comments

Chairman Bernberg announced the absent and excused members and requested youth member Craig read the Youth in Governance Statement.

#3 – Approval of Minutes from previous meeting(s)

Action: To approve the minutes from the February 6, 2018 meeting as printed.

Motion passed. Moved: Supervisor Buske. Seconded: Supervisor Dawson. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Ayes.

#4A- Ms. Jen Reese presents Youth in Governance-application screening and interview schedule

Ninety-one nominations were received for youth in governance positions; 26 applications were received, four of those cannot attend the bus tour date, two of those did not follow the direction not to type the application or submit extra pages. The four will be interviewed and their standing will be determined during the selection process, the application states the tour is required, not mandatory.

Action: To interview the applicants who cannot make the bus tour and to not accept the applications of the two who did not follow directions. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Kaprelian-Becker. Seconded: Supervisor Buske. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Ayes.

Further discussion will be held regarding the wording on the Youth in Governance application, and whether or not to remove the handwritten requirement and if the bus tour should be required.

#4B- Youth in Governance project update

The group wrote scripts for and made a video in the Ives Grove Auditorium for the recruiting of Youth in Governance members. It was sent to their mentor to be looked over. The project may be with Dan Chiappetta of Racine County Human Services. It may be focused on foster care.

#5-New Business Boyd Schwartz, Supervisor Racine County Alternatives Program

Mr. Schwartz and Judge Timothy Boyle arrived at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Schwartz began with a handout outlining each of the Racine County Jail Alternatives Programs and statistics for January 1st through December 31st, 2017.

The departments are: *RCAP – Pre-Trial Bond Monitoring*, people were interviewed/monitored in jail or through the office. *Day Reporting Center* –jail bed days were saved and after conviction the sheriff's department monitors this program. *2nd Judicial District Veterans Treatment Court* – Typically an 18-month program. There were 24 veterans in this court in 2017 from three counties. *Racine County Alcohol and Drug Treatment Court* – usually used instead of prison and all have a probation officer and meet every two weeks. *Racine County Jail AODA Program*. It's a 120-hour program for male jail inmates run in the jail gym. Both men thought the county and the participants are better served having the services in-house now versus having an outside service. When court is in session and a judge needs information, Mr. Schwartz can be called into open court and has the facts on the individual on hand. The same thing applies when a judge wants an individual drug tested, it can be done immediately in the same building so no need to reschedule the court's calendar. Mental Health treatment is also available, there is a six-month program available and the Behavioral Health department can set up counseling. The programs are funded by Racine County.

#6 Adjournment

Action: To adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Buske. Seconded: Supervisor Kaprelian-Becker. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Ayes.