

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE & HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
Ives Grove Office Complex
Peter L Hansen County Board Chambers
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177

The Joint Meeting of the Racine County Board of Supervisors-Committee of the Whole & Health and Human Development Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Roanhouse and Supervisor Maier presiding.

Miss Jallow read the YIG statement.

The following Supervisors were in attendance:

Demske, Eckman, Grove, Harmon, Hopkins, Horeth, Kaprelian, Kelly, Kramer, Maier, Malacara, Miller, Roanhouse, Rutkowski, Spencer, Shakoor II, White, Trottier, Wisch, and Wishau.

Supervisors Grove, Kaprelian, Kramer, Miller, and Wishau attended virtually.

The following Health and Human Development Committee members were in attendance:

Supervisors Hopkins, Maier, Miller, Shakoor II, Spencer, and White.

The following Human Services Board members were in attendance:

Brenda Danculovich, Supervisors Maier, Shakoor II, and Trottier.

Youth in Governance members Jamillah Jallow and Madhura Patel attended.

The following staff were in attendance:

Tony Chavez, Jonathan Delagrave, Melvin Hargrove, Ed Kamin, Hope Otto, Travis Richardson, Sarah Street, Amberlyn Yohn, and Gwen Zimmer.

Others in attendance were:

Luke Clinard, Project Executive, Gilbane Building Co.

The Human Services Board and Youth In Governance members were not required to attend.

Presentation on the Status of Construction of the Youth Development and Care Center

Sup. Maier expressed his enthusiasm about the Youth Development and Care Center (YDCC) updates. Construction is ahead of schedule and within budget. He praised the Racine County team, Gilbane, and the construction management company. The Milwaukee Business Journal recognized the Youth Development Care Center (YDCC) in its 2023-2024 list of Notable Construction Projects.

Sup. Trottier accredited the strong commitment made from the County Executive, to staff, and the people of Racine County that this facility is being built. He listed all who will be positively impacted, expressed his excitement and eagerness for the facility to open.

County Executive Delagrave explained the history of this project that started with changing legislation at the state level. He reiterated the cost is where it needs to be, and the schedule is on time, he

accredited that to the Racine County team, and all involved in construction. \$7.4M of this project is being distributed to local businesses involved in construction. Amanda Roman, Dominik Consulting, was hired to engage and build a pipeline of local contractors, especially from the minority community. He expressed how proud he is of those goals being met and progress to date. He expressed how proud he is of this construction and the effort and teamwork to make it all happen. County Executive Delagrave introduced Luke Clinard, Gilbane Project Executive.

Mr. Clinard presented a rendering of the facility as well as an arial view of the site and floor plan. He described the areas of the building and the progress of construction in each area. The site is environmentally sustained. The plan is to be completed in the Fall of this year.

Ms. Zimmer reiterated the project is on time and on budget. She presented the financials, the number of vendors, and construction companies including the percentage of local and regional minority owned businesses. Thirty-eight of forty contracts have been executed. She described the state reimbursement grant process. The County bonded for its 5% match for the project.

Ms. Zimmer explained that the YDCC services are being reviewed to determine if current vendor contracts can be amended to add this facility or if an RFP is needed to avoid a laps in operations.

Director Otto referenced those who have been involved in this process, as well as the need for additional administration and support for this 24/7 operation for safety and security. She introduced Amberlyn Yohn, the YDCC Administrator.

Administrator Yohn shared that juvenile justice has always been her passion. She expressed her excitement for being in her role, and the new facility. She presented the organizational chart and described the added positions and services. She described the current facility compared to the new facility. The ACE (Alternative to Corrections through Education) program will be rebranded and elevated to RISE UP (Respect Integrity Service Excellence and Unlimited Potential).

Superintendent Chavez expressed his excitement of being in his position and being involved in the impact for the youth in the new facility. He described a recording studio and how self-expression is beneficial to the youth. He also described the new direct supervision process, the training involved, and trauma informed policies.

Administrator Yohn described the new mental health process.

Next Meeting Date

The next Joint Meeting of the Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2024, at Ives Grove Office Complex.

Adjournment

Chairman Roanhouse adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Action

- The presentation will be sent to all members.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel