

**RACINE COUNTY
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Thomas Roanhouse, Chairman
Melissa Kaprelian, Vice Chairman
Donald J. Trottier, Secretary

Supervisor Valena Lena Coleman
Supervisor Tony Veranth
Supervisor Renee Kelly
Supervisor Tom Preusker

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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

DATE: THURSDAY, June 6, 2024
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
PLACE: Auditorium at Ives Grove
14200 Washington Avenue, Sturtevant, WI 53177

A G E N D A

1. Public Comments
2. Chairman Comments
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)
4. New Business
 - A. Report No. 2024-4 By County Executive Making Appointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - B. Presentation regarding the Court System
5. Referrals from the County Board
 - A. Resolution No. 13 Supporting Wisconsin Senate Bill 916 related to refugee settlement from St. Croix County
6. Adjournment

**AUDITORIUM
AT IVES GROVE OFFICE COMPLEX
14200 WASHINGTON AVENUE, STURTEVANT 53177
March 7, 2024**

The meeting of the Government Services Committee was called to order at 5:13 p.m. by Chairman Kaprelian.

Meeting attended by: Chairman Kaprelian, Supervisor Trottier and Chairman Roanhouse. Supervisor Rutkowski attended virtually. Also attending was Maria Gayton-Martinez, from the U.W. Extension office.

Excused: Supervisors Demske, Kelly and Wishau and YIG Representative Reddy.

Absent: Supervisor Harmon and YIG Representative Turek.

#1 – Public Comments

None.

#2 – Chairman Comments

None.

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

Action: To approve the minutes from the February 1, 2024, Government Services Committee meeting, as printed. **Motion passed.**
Moved: Supervisor Trottier. **Seconded:** Supervisor Rutkowski. **Vote:** All Ayes, No Nays.

#4 – Review and discussion regarding Youth and Governance program including possible amendments

Chairman Kaprelian proposed a change to the rating system for the applicants and stated the information would be shared with current committee members. Discussion was held regarding the interview questions and potential changes. It was explained that mentors are assigned by the Government Services Committee Chairperson. Discussion was also held regarding the possibility of having some of the youth not selected for the program be involved in the group project.

#5 - Adjournment

Action: Adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. **Motion Passed.** **Moved:** Supervisor Trottier. **Seconded:** Supervisor Rutkowski.
Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

May 14, 2024

REPORT NO. 2024-4

**REPORT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAKING
APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

Due to changes in staffing in various organizations that contribute members to the Local Emergency Planning Committee, it is necessary to make certain appointments to that body. Therefore, I hereby appoint as a member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee:

LORENZO SANTOS
717 Wisconsin Avenue
Racine, WI 53403

CHAD SAMPSON
14200 Washington Ave
Sturtevant, WI 53177

DUSTIN ELLIS
3900 Old Green Bay Road
Mt Pleasant, WI 53403

I ask that you confirm these appointments.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Delagrave
County Executive



Resolution No. 13 (2024)
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WISCONSIN SENATE BILL 916 RELATED
TO REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

COVER MEMO

TO: County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Ken Witt, County Administrator

DATE: March 12, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution Supporting Wisconsin Senate Bill 916 Related to Refugee Resettlement

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On March 5, 2024, the County Board voted to have a resolution drafted supporting the adoption of Senate Bill 916.

RACINE COUNTY CLERK
REC'D MAY 15 '24 AM 10:38



Resolution No. 13 (2024)
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WISCONSIN SENATE BILL 916 RELATED
TO REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

1 **WHEREAS**, the Refugee Act of 1980, located at Title VI, Chapter 2 of the Immigration
2 and Nationality Act, created The Federal Refugee Resettlement Program to provide for the
3 effective resettlement of refugees; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Refugee Act of 1980 states in 8 U.S.C. § 1522(a)(1)(B)(iii) that, “local
6 voluntary agency activities should be conducted in close cooperation and advance consultation
7 with State and local governments;” and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors are concerned with the lack of
10 transparency and communication by voluntary agencies, specifically World Relief of Chippewa
11 Valley, regarding anticipated resettlement of refugees within a 100-mile radius of the City of
12 Eau Claire; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, in January 2024, Wisconsin Senate Bill 916 (SB916) and Assembly Bill
15 1004 (AB1004) were introduced requiring local governments to designate an individual for
16 consultation, and for other purposes relating to proper notice for local government entities
17 related to the federal program regarding refugee resettlement and assistance; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, if passed, a statute would be created requiring an employee or officer of a
20 local government unit, including a city, village, town, county, or school district, to report to the
21 chief elected official (i.e. County Board Chair) if the employee or officer is contacted by the
22 federal government or a private nonprofit voluntary agency regarding proposed placements of
23 refugees in the local governmental unit; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the proposed statute further requires that the chief elected official notify
26 each local governmental unit within a 100-mile radius about the potential refugee resettlement
27 and the local governing body must schedule an open meeting to discuss the potential refugee
28 resettlement and designate a representative from the local governmental unit to consult with the
29 federal government and private nonprofit voluntary agency; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, SB916 was passed by both the Senate and the Assembly in mid-February
32 2024, and is pending before Governor Tony Evers.
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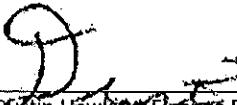
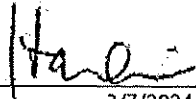
34 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Croix County Board of
35 Supervisors hereby supports the adoption of SB916 to ensure that counties are provided with
36 notice and consultation related to refugee resettlement.
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38 **FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors directs
39 the County Clerk to send copies of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin
40 Counties Association.

Legal – Fiscal – Administrative Approvals:

Legal Note:

Fiscal Impact: Advisory resolution has no fiscal impact.

  
Heather M. Amos, Corporation Counsel 3/8/2024 Dustin Hawkins, Finance Director 3/7/2024


Ken Withers, County Administrator 3/8/2024

Vote Confirmation.

St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Action:

Roll Call - Vote Requirement – Majority of Supervisors Present

RESULT: **ADOPTED [13 TO 6]**
MOVER: Mike Barcalow, Supervisor
SECONDER: Mark Carlson, Supervisor
AYES: Lind, Anderson, Long, Adams, Berning, Ottino, Feidler, Ostness, Counter, Sherley,
 Carlson, Barcalow, VanSomeren
NAYS: Leaf, Koch, Hansen, Telljohn, Swanepoel, Ramberg

This Resolution was Adopted by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on March 12, 2024

Christine Hines, County Clerk