

**RACINE COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Melissa Kaprelian, Chairman

Donald J. Trottier, Secretary

Supervisor Valena Lena Coleman

Supervisor Tony Veranth

Supervisor Tom Kramer

Supervisor Tom Preusker

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

DATE: THURSDAY, November 7, 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. Referrals from County Board
  - A. Report No. 2024-32 By County Executive Making Reappointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee
5. New Business
  - A. Discussion and consideration of potential amendments to the Youth in Governance Program application details and interview scoring
6. Adjournment

**AUDITORIUM  
AT IVES GROVE OFFICE COMPLEX  
14200 WASHINGTON AVENUE, STURTEVANT 53177  
October 3, 2024**

The meeting of the Government Services Committee was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Chairman Kaprelian.

Meeting attended by: Supervisors Veranth, Preusker and Coleman. Also attending was Maria Gaytan-Martinez, Positive Youth Development Educator, and Youth in Governance Representative Brooks and Desonia.

Excused: Trottier

Absent: None

**#1 – Public Comments**

None.

**#2 – Chairman Comments**

None.

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

**Action:** To approve the minutes from the September 5, 2024, Government Services Committee meeting, as printed. **Motion passed.**  
**Moved:** Supervisor Coleman. **Seconded:** Supervisor Veranth. **Vote:** All Ayes, No Nays. **Youth Vote:** Aye

**#4A – YIG Group 10 Annual Report**

Positive Youth Development Educator Gayton-Martinez gave a report of last year's Youth in Governance group. The number of nominations and applicants were similar to years prior. 52 youth were nominated and 27 completed applications and were interviewed. Ten youths were selected to serve and all ten YIG's completed the program. After completion of the program a survey was given that nine youths fully completed, and one partially completed. According to the survey, they experienced the most growth in three areas: knowledge of Racine County government, awareness of local issues affecting the county, and greater confidence that their opinions can make a difference within the community.

**#4B – Determination of recruitment schedule for YIG Group 12, including discussion regarding interviews and review of process**

Positive Youth Development Educator Gayton-Martinez answered questions about the process of selection. This included what organizations are reached out to within the community to submit nominations. Nomination forms will be due December 13, 2024. To qualify; students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, they may not be seniors and must live within Racine County. There was a recommendation to accept more applicants for the purpose of placing them as alternates and give more youth an opportunity to take part in the program. Discussions are to be had regarding reevaluation of the scoring process during interviews. YIG representative Brooks recommended creating a guide to assist nominees with the interview process. Gayton-Martinez also spoke on the potential of receiving the Baldwin Grant. This grant was applied for prior to the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline and decisions will be made in January 2025. Details of the application can be amended, and Chairman Kaprelian spoke of drawing up an amendment to be voted on at the November meeting.

**Action:** To approve the YIG 2025-2026 calendar as drafted. **Motion passed.**

**Moved:** Supervisor Kramer. **Seconded:** Supervisor Coleman. **Vote:** All Ayes, No Nays. **Youth Vote:** Aye

**#5 – Adjournment**

Chairman Kaprelian adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

October 3, 2024

**REPORT NO. 2024-32**

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

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

The terms of four members on the Local Emergency Planning Committee expired on September 30, 2024. Their contributions have been invaluable, and each member has expressed a willingness to serve another term. Therefore, I hereby reappoint, for terms to expire on September 30, 2026:

**CAPT. JAMES EVANS**  
717 Wisconsin Avenue  
Racine, WI 53403

**THOMAS KARKOW**  
4201 Victory Ave  
Racine, WI 53405

**KEITH HENDRICKS**  
9531 Rayne Road, Suite V  
Sturtevant, WI 53177

**BATTALION CHIEF BRIAN PHILLIPS**  
810 8<sup>TH</sup> Street  
Racine, WI 53403

I ask that you confirm these reappointments.

Sincerely,



Thomas Roanhouse  
Interim County Executive