

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 9, 2015

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

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Russell Clark.

Meeting attended by: Supervisors Zenner-Richards, Shakoor, II, Dawson, Miller, Cooke and Lumpkin. Also attending were Supervisors Snow and Osterman, County Clerk Wendy Christensen, Chief of Staff Lorna George, Corporation Counsel Jon Lehman, and Public Works & Development Services Director Julie Anderson.

Excused: Supervisors Gleason and Buske.

Absent: None.

#1 – Public Comments

There were no other public comments.

#2 – Approval of minutes from previous meetings

Action: To approve the minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Miller. Seconded: Supervisor Cooke. **Vote:** All Ayes, No Nays.

#3 – Recommendation on report Authorizing the Renewal of the Youth In Governance Program for 2015

Supervisor Osterman explained that the 2015 Budget included funds for this program to continue. It had initially been approved as a one-year program, and would need annual renewals. Corporation Counsel Lehman indicated that practically, this happens as part of the budget process. Discussion was held regarding having the renewal coincide with the budget.

Action: To approve the Report and forward it to the County Board at their February 24, 2015 meeting. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Miller. Seconded: Supervisor Dawson. **Vote:** All Ayes, No Nays.

#4 – Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding conveyance of a remnant, land-locked Racine County owned property to the Caledonia Conservancy

Ms. Anderson said she had been approached by a member of the Caledonia Conservancy requesting if the county would consider conveying this piece of property to them. The county acquired this parcel through an in-rem foreclosure back in 1983, so it had already been off the tax roll for some time. She further explained that the planning staff used to review those in the past.

Action: To endorse drafting a resolution to convey this property to the Caledonia Conservancy. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Miller. Seconded: Supervisor Cooke. **Vote:** All Ayes, No Nays.

Ms. Anderson indicated that this item would come back to the committee at some point in the future once a meeting with the Conservancy had been held and a document drafted.

#5 – Discussion, recommendation and possible action on a Resolution Reaffirming Racine County's Position that the Kenosha Casino be Approved for the Economic Benefit of Racine County and All of Wisconsin

Supervisor Miller said since the Governor had announced his decision regarding a Kenosha casino, there has been a lot of public reaction to that. He then referred to a letter from the area's State Legislators to the Governor urging him to reconsider. The County Board had previously taken a position in support. Discussion was held regarding the resolution.

Action: To approve the Resolution Reaffirming Racine County's Position that the Kenosha Casino be Approved for the Economic Benefit of Racine County and All of Wisconsin and forward it to the County Board for 1st and 2nd Readings and adoption at their meeting on February 10, 2015. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Miller. Seconded: Supervisor Shakoor, II. **Vote:** All Ayes, No Nays.

#6 – Recommendation on Resolution Designating the Month of March as "Women's History Month"

Corporation Counsel explained the history of the Racine County designation in honor of women's historical contributions. Supervisor Miller suggested adding another "whereas" clause to the resolution honoring the late Supervisor Daniel Sharkozy. The committee members gave unanimous consent to including the additional language in the resolution.

Action: To approve the Resolution Designating the Month of March as “Women’s History Month”, with the amended language, and to forward it to the County Board for 1st Reading at their meeting on February 10, 2015. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Shakoor, II. Seconded: Supervisor Zenner-Richards. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

#7 – Discussion regarding order of succession on County Board

Supervisor Snow thanked Chairman Clark for putting this on the agenda and taking the topic up quickly. He said he thought the succession planning and language was disjointed. He then referred to outdated language in the ordinances regarding the names of committees. Chairman Clark indicated there was no action for the committee to take this evening and that he would have the Corporation Counsel do some more research on this. He also referred to language in state statutes that allowed a County Board to have a second Vice-Chairman. Supervisor Miller said this had been something that the County Board had in the past, but that it had been eliminated many years ago because it was thought at the time that it was not needed. Corporation Counsel Lehman indicated that there are other areas of the ordinances that could be reviewed and updated as well. This was something that was going to be brought up at the cabinet meeting to ask departments to look through their related ordinances. He would work with the County Clerk on this particular topic. This could be something that was taken up in pieces and updated, rather than revamping the entire code.

#8 - Adjournment

Action: Adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. **Motion Passed.** Moved: Supervisor Cooke. Seconded: Supervisor Zenner-Richards. Vote: All Ayes No Nays.