

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
April 8, 2014

PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM
IVES GROVE OFFICE COMPLEX
14200 WASHINGTON AVENUE
STURTEVANT, WISCONSIN 53177

The meeting of the Government Services Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Rusty Clark.

The meeting was attended by County Board Chairman Pete Hansen, Supervisors Dawson and Wisch. Supervisors Hall and Snow arrived at 5:40 p.m. and Supervisor Johnson arrived at 6:00 p.m.

Also attending were: Chief of Staff Lorna George, County Treasurer Jane Nikolai, Supervisor Pam Zenner-Richards and Communications Director Tom Christensen.

Excused: Chairman Molnar

Absent: None

#1 – Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#2a – Approval of Minutes from 03-04-2014

Action: To approve minutes from the March 4, 2014 meeting as printed.

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

#3ai – Discussion with Racine County Treasurer, Jane Nikolai Tax collection report

Ms. Nikolai provided the committee with a handout on lottery and gaming credit issues and tax collection efforts.

The treasurer's office collected a total of \$51,599,703.81 for the year of 2013. The treasurer's office collects delinquent taxes only. Approximately 5% of taxpayers are delinquent, which means 95% of taxpayers pay on time. The treasurer's office also collects postpone property taxes on the 2nd installment for all municipalities in the county except for the city of Racine.

This year was the first time tax intercept was introduced by Racine County. Parcels with delinquent taxes from years 2009 and older were eligible for tax intercept. This program has been very successful. The office also accepts payment arrangements on past due accounts. Letters are sent out to the public to set up a monthly payment plan. They can pay by mail, in the office, and by automatic withdrawal.

Ms. Nikolai updated the committee on the lottery and gaming credit. The County has to recertify every 5 years with the state for this credit. The treasurer's office is sending out internal audit letters to home owners making them aware that their mailing address does not match the property address. The two different addresses would suggest the home is not used as the owner's primary residence and therefore could not be used for the lottery and gaming credit. With help from the County's IT department this office has found over 2000 mismatches. The deadline to claim the lottery credit is October 1. If this credit is claimed incorrectly, the state can audit and fine with interest and penalty. Lottery credit week is the week of May 12th.

#3b – Discussion with Racine County Communications Director, Tom Christensen

Mr. Christensen provided the committee with hand outs for Funding for Enhanced 911 Services and Unfunded and Under-funded mandates for Racine County. The department is currently full staffed and doing well. There will be some retirements coming up and a few employees going out on maternity leave. The Racine County Human Resources department changed over to NeoGov, an online employment application program and this department has seen 60% more applications.

Most employees have gone through basic telecommunication courses and are 100% CMD trained and have also participated in active shooter training. The week of April 14, 2014 is National Telecommunicator's week. Everyone is invited to come and they will be honoring dispatcher of the year as well as rookie of the year.

At this time, long term goals would be to support Senate Bill 566. Currently 9-1-1 is funded through a surcharge on landline phones, although 70% of 9-1-1 calls now come from cell phones. The current method of funding is no longer viable due to the decline of the number of landline phones and the increase in demand of 911 services.

In the near future there is talk about texting 9-1-1 system called Next Generation 9-1-1. This will be for users to be able to text, image and video upload information to 9-1-1. This texting and imaging would be able to assist first responders in assessing certain situations. The costs and specifics are not available at this time but may become available sometime in the near future.

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#4a –Communication regarding 2014 WCA District Meetings.

Action: To receive and file.

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

#4b –Door County Resolution No. 2014-14 In support of Senate Bill 566 Statewide 911 Emergency Telecommunications System.

Action: To receive and file.

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

Discussion was held with Communications Director Tom Christensen on this issue. Mr. Christensen is in support of this bill and has spoken to others in the National Communication Association who also support this bill.

#5 Old Business

There was no old business.

#6 Correspondence and Miscellaneous

Letter from Sen. John Lehman re: AB418

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Action: To receive and file.

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

#7 – Next meeting date

The Government Services Committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the usual location in the Public Works conference room at the Ives Grove office complex.

#8 – Adjournment

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. **Motion Passed.** Moved: Supervisor Dawson Seconded: Supervisor Johnson Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.