

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
January 7, 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 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ron Molnar.

Meeting was attended by: Supervisors Snow, Wisch, Hall, Dawson and Clark. Also attending were Chairman Pete Hansen, Chief of Staff Lorna George and Emergency Management Coordinator David Maack.

Excused: Supervisor Johnson

Absent: None

#1 – Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#2 – Approval of Minutes from 12/03/2013 meeting

Action: To approve minutes from the 12/03/2013 meeting as printed. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Clark. Seconded: Supervisor Hall. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

#3a – New Business Discussion with Racine County Clerk of Courts

The meeting was turned over to Deputy Clerk of Courts Sam Christensen. Clerk of Courts, Rose Lee, was currently still out on a medical leave and sends the committee her regards. Mr. Christensen started his presentation by passing out handouts on e-filing and the 2013 RSI Collections Summary. RSI is one of the collection agencies the Clerk of Court's office uses to collect debts. Debt collection is going well. The courts also have the ability to do a tax intercept on outstanding debts. This is only available through State taxes and not Federal taxes. E-filing is also going well within the County. This option of filing may also be opened up to the Child Support Agency in the future. The program saves on mail costs, the cost of a runner and is a secure transfer of information. A system called Court Call is being piloted in some courtrooms. This has been working well in some cases, but not all.

#3b – New Business Discussion with Racine County District Attorney and Victim Witness Office

The meeting was turned over to District Attorney Rich Chiapete and Latonia Lewis. Mr. Chiapete spoke briefly on the subject of the Court Call pilot program. This program is somewhat costly and could run into some problems in the future with who is going to cover the costs when it comes to indigent offenders who have public defenders versus a defendant with a privately paid attorney using the program to appear in court. This also may be a problem in the future with those defendants who are incarcerated and also would like to appear in court in person.

Crime Victims' Rights week is in April. Ms. Lewis has applied for a grant to help sponsor this year's event. If this grant is received, the event will include Special Agent Eric Szatkowski, from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, who will speak to some schools in the county about internet safety. The committee suggested looking into corporate sponsors in the area to help with the event. Ms. Lewis will look into that also.

#3c – 2013 Annual Report for Emergency Management

Action: To approve the 2013 Annual Report for the Racine County Office of Emergency Management and forward it to County Board. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Clark. Seconded: Supervisor Snow. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

#4a – Report No. 2013-53 by the County Executive making Appointments To The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Action: To approve Report 2013-53 by the County Executive making an appointment to the Racine County Local Emergency Planning Committee. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Clark. Seconded: Supervisor Dawson. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

#4b – Communication regarding WCA 76th Annual Conference to be held September 14-16, 2014 in Sauk County, WI

Action: To Receive and file **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Clark. Seconded: Supervisor Hall. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

#5 – Old Business

There was none.

#6a – Correspondence and Miscellaneous

There was none.

#7 – Next meeting date

The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2014 immediately following the County Board meeting which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the conference room behind the County Board Chambers at the Ives Gove Office Complex. This meeting will address the referral from the Finance and Human Resources committee with the Sheriff's office regarding courthouse security.

#8 - Adjournment

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. **Motion Passed.** Moved: Supervisor Clark. Seconded: Supervisor Hall.
Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.