

**GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 2, 2014**

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

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The meeting of the Government Services Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Pamela Zenner-Richards.

The meeting was attended by Supervisors Molnar, Grove, Bernberg and Roanhouse. Also attending were Youth Representatives Christian Ryan and Emma Stock, Chief of Staff Lorna George and Medical Examiner Michael Payne.

Excused: Supervisor Wisch

Absent: Supervisor Johnson

**#1 – Chairman’s comments**

Chairman Zenner-Richards read the statement regarding the Youth in Governance participation.

**#2 – Public Comments**

None.

**#3 – Approval of minutes from 8/5/14 and 8/26/14 meetings**

**Action:** To approve the minutes from the August 5, 2014 and August 26, 2014 meetings. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Grove. Seconded: Supervisor Molnar. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

Youth Vote: Ayes

**#4 – Medical Examiner presentation**

**#4a. Office 2014 Report/Overview of office**

**#4b. Discussion regarding heroin related impacts**

Medical Examiner Payne stated he had been appointed to the position following the retirement of Tom Terry. He then explained the difference between a coroner and a medical examiner and talked about the staffing of the office. His deputies are strategically placed around the county, which provides better coverage. He then referred to the operational budget and fees that are collected for death certificates, cremation permits and disinterment permits.

During 2014, his office has participated in three Heroin Summit panel presentations, attended various training sessions to continue the professional development of the staff, presented at several high school and college classes, including a mock crash scene event held at Burlington High School. The office has also continued contracts with funeral homes related to cremations for unclaimed and indigent persons and streamlined and relocated the file storage system to a secure site. He then talked about the goals proposed for 2015. One of those included the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with Kenosha and Milwaukee counties for a mutual aid agreement in the event of a mass fatality.

Discussion was held regarding the affect heroin is having on the community and that some people are moving toward heroin after using prescription opiates. The District Attorney’s office has requested that all suspected heroin-related deaths have a full autopsy, in addition to a toxicology report. This is something that is also being done in some of the surrounding counties. We contract with Milwaukee County to perform our autopsies. As indicated on the chart attached to the report, the number of cases handled by the office is increasing. M.E. Payne talked about the reasons to have an autopsy, such as no medical history on a person or the possibility of criminal and civil liabilities surrounding the death.

Chief of Staff George commended the office and the staff for the professional and compassionate way they work with the families of the deceased.

The Medical Examiner left the meeting at 6:38 p.m., following this discussion.

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**#5 – Consider Draft Resolution 2014-xx Expressing Support for State Funding For County 911 Services/Designated Public Safety Answering Point Per County**

**Action:** To approve the draft Resolution Expressing Support for State Funding for County 911 Services/Designated Public Safety Answering Point Per County and forward it to the County Board for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading at their meeting on September 9, 2014. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Bernberg. Seconded: Supervisor Molnar. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

Youth Vote: Ayes

**#6 – Committee suggestions for court-related topics**

Chairman Zenner-Richards explained she had attended the judges meeting and they had requested that the committee members come with some potential topics for the courts to discuss at future meetings. Ideas suggested included alternatives to incarceration, the drug and treatment courts, including the impacts of drug and heroin cases on the system and courtroom security.

**#7 – Communication Referrals from County Board meeting**

**#7a – Jackson and Oconto County Resolutions Supporting State Funding for County 911 Services/One Designated Public Service Answering Point per County**

**Action:** To receive and file. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Molnar. Seconded: Supervisor Grove. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

Youth Vote: Ayes

**#7b – Jackson, Milwaukee and Trempealeau County Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Lapse in State Funding to Circuit Court System**

**Action:** To receive and file. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Molnar. Seconded: Supervisor Grove. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

Youth Vote: Ayes

**#7c – Outagamie County Resolution Placing Advisory Referendum Question on their countywide ballot for November 4, 2014 regarding acceptance of federal funds for expansion of Badgercare**

**Action:** To receive and file. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Grove. Seconded: Supervisor Molnar. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

Youth Vote: Ayes

**#7d – WCA Seminar “Social Media in Your County” on August 25, 2014**

**Action:** To receive and file. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Grove. Seconded: Supervisor Molnar. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

Youth Vote: Ayes

**#7e – 2014 Resolutions of the Wisconsin Counties Association**

Supervisor Bernberg said she had talked with County Board Chairman Peter Hansen and he would be representing Racine County at the meeting. He had asked if this committee had any input and whether they wanted to go on record regarding any of the proposed Conference Resolutions. Discussion was held regarding the topics of a couple of the resolutions.

**Action:** To go on record as being in support of WCA Conference Resolution #2. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Grove. Seconded: Supervisor Molnar. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

Youth Vote: Ayes

**Action:** To go on record as being in support of WCA Conference Resolution #7. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Bernberg. Seconded: Supervisor Grove. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

Youth Vote: Ayes

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**Action:** To receive and file the remainder of the WCA Conference Resolutions. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Molnar. Seconded: Supervisor Grove. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.  
Youth Vote: Ayes

**#8 – Adjournment**

**Action:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. **Motion Passed.** Moved: Supervisor Molnar. Seconded: Supervisor Grove. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.