

DODGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 6, 2013, 8:00 A.M.

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 4C

DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JUNEAU, WI 53039

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kottke at 8:00 a.m.

Members present: Bischoff, Borchardt, David, Frohling, Kottke, and Miller.

Member absent and excused: Johnson.

Others present: Emergency Management Director Joe Meagher, Emergency Management Deputy Director Amy Nehls, Corporation Counsel John Corey, County Clerk Karen Gibson, County Administrator Jim Mielke, Dodge County Highway Commissioner Brian Field, and Dodge County Supervisors, Paul Marose, Jeff Schmitt, Phil Gohr, James Houchin, Donna Maly, and Jeff Berres.

Motion by David, 2nd by Miller to approve the April 2, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Chair Kottke announced that the Committee will deviate from the agenda and next consider agenda item 6 b. *Boston Mutual Life Insurance Employee Presentation Schedule*, in order to accommodate the County Board Supervisors in attendance. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the upcoming Boston Mutual Life Insurance presentations to be made to Dodge County employees, related to a voluntary whole life insurance program that has been endorsed by the Wisconsin Counties Association. Administrator Mielke reported that employee presentations are scheduled to begin later today and will continue through May 15, 2013, each employee presentation is scheduled to last 10-15 minutes, will be held on County time, and all employees will be required to attend a presentation, as many of the presentations as possible have been scheduled to coincide with previously scheduled departmental training and in-service meetings, the patrol and jail divisions of the Sheriff's Department have scheduled training in May, Clearview has scheduled in-service training for the week of May 13, 2013, and the Human Service and Health Department has scheduled a semi-annual all staff meeting for May 15, 2013, all other sessions will be on a staggered schedule that will allow all departments to keep their offices staffed and open during normal business hours, and presentations will be made at each respective highway shop location at 6:00 a.m. Administrator Mielke informed the Committee about the action that the Human Resources and Labor Negotiations Committee performed in early 2012 to authorize Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to make presentations to Dodge County employees. Administrator Mielke further informed the Committee that presentations were not made earlier due to timing issues.

County Board Supervisors Paul Marose, Jeff Schmitt, Phil Gohr, James Houchin, Donna Maly, and Jeff Berres made comments about the proposed presentations. Supervisor Berres read a prepared written statement wherein he objected to the presentations being made on County time and made an open records request for information to allow him to determine the overall cost of labor and benefits for all county employees who will attend the 15-minute presentations.

Dodge County Highway Commissioner Brian Field appeared in person before the Committee and made an oral report to the Committee regarding his attendance at the annual Transportation Development Authority Legislative Fly-In that was held in Washington D.C., on April 10-11, 2013. Commissioner Field reported that the Federal Transportation Bill will expire in 15 months, members of the U.S. Congress have begun discussions regarding reauthorization of the Transportation Bill, Federal gas tax revenues are declining due to a combination of greater use of more fuel-efficient motor vehicles, and a reduction in total miles traveled by motor vehicles, discussion continues at the Federal level regarding

future implementation of some type of fee based on vehicle miles traveled, and that he and Supervisor Berres met with Senator Ron Johnson who told them to “. . . tell the folks back home that Washington is broke.”

Motion by Borchardt, 2nd by Miller to authorize out-of-state travel for Julie Kolp, Dodge County Finance Director, to attend the Government Financial Officers Association Annual Conference in San Francisco, California, on June 1-8, 2013. Motion carried. Ms. Kolp reported that she applied for and has received a GFOA scholarship to attend the Conference.

Dodge County Clerk Gibson reviewed agenda items for the Tuesday, May 21, 2013 County Board meeting. Ms. Gibson reported that the agenda will include as a Special Order of Business a presentation by Discover Dodge Tourism organization, a Resolution from the Law Enforcement Committee regarding the purchase of new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department, a report by the Land Resources and Parks Committee, and a Resolution from the Highway Committee for the purchase of two mower tractors and two mowers.

Motion by Miller, 2nd by Borchardt to approve the request submitted by Supervisor Maly to attend the annual Wisconsin Counties Association Conference scheduled for September 22-24, 2013 in Madison. Motion carried.

Motion by David, 2nd by Frohling to authorize and direct County Clerk Gibson to address a letter to those members of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors who are currently serving their first term of office, informing them of the recently-implemented policy of the Wisconsin Counties Association of offering complimentary registration at the Wisconsin Counties Association Conference for those county board supervisors who are serving their first term of office, and also informing them that the Executive Committee has approved payment of per diems and mileage reimbursement for their attendance at the annual Wisconsin Counties Association Conference scheduled for September 22-24, 2013 in Madison. Motion carried.

Administrator Mielke provided an update regarding the ongoing renovation of the former Clearview North building, now known as the Henry Dodge Office Building, for use by the Human Services and Health Department for programs and other services. Administrator Mielke reported that the Phase I move, that will include Unified Services personnel and offices and ADRC personnel and offices, is scheduled to occur on June 7, 2013, and that the next meeting of the Study Committee is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

Administrator Mielke reported that the implementation of the new Dodge County website has provided an opportunity to include on the website, photographs of department heads and/or department staff and photographs of individual County Board Supervisors, that Captain Trace Frost of the Sheriff's Department has volunteered to take photos of employees and supervisors, that Captain Trace Frost is willing to take photographs of County Board Supervisors prior to an upcoming County Board meeting. It was the consensus of the Committee to include on the Dodge County website a photograph of each member of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

Corporation Counsel John Corey provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the current status of the lawsuit entitled *Paul Wrubbel, Plaintiff, v. David Gorst, et. al., Defendants*.

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Motion by David, 2nd by Miller to recommend disallowance of the claim for damages submitted by Nicole Waterworth and to forward the recommendation to the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried.

Motion by David, 2nd by Frohling to recommend disallowance of the claim for damages submitted by Andrew Shaw and to forward the recommendation to the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried.

Corporation Counsel John Corey provided a written report to the Committee regarding recent activities of his office related to the proposed sale of the Dodge County Office Building located at 143 E. Center Street, in the City of Juneau, and related to the proposed sale of the Highway Department shop building located at 853 Horicon Street, in the City of Mayville.

Emergency Management Director Joe Meagher made an oral report to the Committee regarding the status of contract negotiations by and between Dodge County and US Cellular for use by US Cellular of the Ashippun radio communications tower. He reported that the proposed written contract is under review at this time by US Cellular.

Mr. Meagher also provided an oral report to the Committee regarding potential changes to the State Hazmat Response Network. He reported that a proposed change to a regional response network approach is scheduled for implementation by the State of Wisconsin on July 1, 2013, and it is an unresolved issue as to whether Dodge County will be better served by a regional response network approach or by a stand-alone approach.

Emergency Management Deputy Director Amy Nehls informed the Committee of an upcoming school safety functional exercise that is scheduled for May 9-10, 2013.

Supervisor Miller provided an oral report regarding her participation in the Wisconsin Counties Association Ambassador program that was held in Madison on April 20, 2013. She reported that the focus of the Ambassador program activities was Human Services programs and services, that she was joined by Supervisor Glenn Stousland, and that she and Supervisor Stousland met with State Representatives Born, Jagler, Ripp, and also met with Senator Scott Fitzgerald.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. by order of the Chairman.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 3, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.**


Mary Ann Miller, Secretary

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