

Minutes of Langlade County Executive Committee

The meeting in the Law Library of the Courthouse was called to order at 8:00 a.m., February 4, 2014, by Chairman Dave Solin and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Pat McKinney-Rice, Doug Nonnenmacher, Mike Klimoski, Ron Nye and Dave Solin.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robin Stowe, Doug Below, Sandy Fischer, Chet Haatvedt, Kathy Jacob, Marilyn Baraniak, Amy Meeks, John Kondzela, Steve Fuller and John Schunke

Agenda Item #3 Approve/amend Minutes of November 6, 2013.

Motion by Nye, second by McKinney-Rice to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting, with the following amendment:

10. Review written report from the Economic Development Corporation: A listing of economic development loans and job creation was distributed to the Committee. Motion by Klimoski, second by Nonnenmacher, to approve the written report from the Economic Development Corporation, 4 ayes, 1 ~~no~~ absent, motion carried.

all ayes, motion carried.

4. Update on meal site and meeting place for seniors. Since the previous committee meeting, Robin and Doug have responded to questions presented by the Antigo Community Church Elder Board regarding the County's proposal to use a portion of the Quest Center for a senior meal site and meeting place for seniors. It may be necessary for Robin and Doug to meet face-to-face with the Elder Board at the Quest Center in order to provide fully and completely answer questions about what spaces would be needed. Klimoski asked that Doug and Robin consider using a classroom for meal service rather than the gym area as this would address the needs and concerns about setup. No action taken on this issue as the Committee will be presented with additional information regarding this proposal at its next meeting. It was recommended that representatives from the City Council receive notice to attend discussion on this important issue which directly impacts City residents.

5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) funding received from the Sokaogon Chippewa Community. The County entered into an MOU with the Sokaogon Chippewa Community (Mole Lake Tribe) to receive \$21,500 of net gaming revenues. Of this amount, the County will retain \$3,000 for services provided by the Highway Department and the County has agreed to disperse the remaining funds to lake districts and ATV clubs within the County pursuant to the terms of the MOU.

6. Review of the legal and financial impacts of discontinuing the County's group health insurance plan. The Committee previously requested that Gary Olsen and Robin Stowe research the legal and financial impacts of not offering health insurance and report back to the Committee. Robin provided the Committee with a Memorandum which identified the legal, financial and operational factors that need to be considered in order to make an informed decision on the issue of employer-provided health insurance plans. Robin reported that at this time, there does not exist definitive answers or rulings on many of the important questions and issues that pertain to this decision (i.e., financial penalties, vesting of rights for retirees, mandatory subject of bargaining for Deputies, etc.). In the past, the County Board has been well served by taking a "wait and see" approach when there doesn't exist sufficient information

to make an informed decision on matters of this magnitude that affect County government. The Committee decided to take no action on this agenda item. To the extent that affordability and cost are significant factors considered by employers when deciding whether or not to offer health insurance to employees, Robin reminded the Committee that by continuing to operate a self-funded health insurance plan, the County effectively has all the tools at its disposal to address the issues of affordability and cost. Robin reported that the Health Insurance Advisory Committee is considering the implementation of a high deductible Health Savings Account plan to better control costs. Supervisor Nye asked about the possibility of merging health plans (City/County/School District) to acquire more purchasing power similar to what is being considered in Marathon County. The Committee recognizes the effectiveness of the Health Insurance Advisory Committee and is committed to allowing the Advisory Committee to complete its objectives (i.e., recommending changes to the County's health insurance plan).

7. Review written report from the Economic Development Corporation. The Committee received a detailed written report on EDC activities. Motion by Nye, second by Klimoski, to approve the written report from the Economic Development Corporation, all ayes, motion carried.

8. Review resolutions received from other Counties. The Committee discussed a resolution supporting the creation of a non-partisan process for redistricting statewide legislative districts. Motion by Nye, second by Klimoski, to support this resolution, all ayes, motion carried.

9. Set date for next meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

At 9:00 a.m. motion by Klimoski, second by Nonnenmacher, to adjourn the meeting, all ayes, motion carried; meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,
Robin J. Stowe, Recording Secretary