

**LANGLADE COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Meeting Date: 1/10/2017**

**Time: 8:30 a.m.**

**CHAIRMAN:** Dave Solin

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pete Pennington, Doug Nonnenmacher, Holly Matucheski, Ron Nye, Dave Solin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gary Olsen, Julie Webb, Angie Close, Angie Schreiber, Brian Braun, Bob Benishek, Robin Stowe, Dick Hurlbert and Judy Nagel

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Solin in Room 203 of the Langlade County Courthouse.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Approve/amend Minutes of December 13, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting.** Motion by Nye, second by Matucheski to approve the minutes of December 13, 2016 Executive Committee meeting, all ayes, motion carried.

**Approve/amend Agenda of January 10, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting.** Motion by Nonnenmacher, second by Nye to approve the January 10, 2017 moving up Highway Department Casual Employee item, all ayes, motion carried.

**Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas.** None

**Discuss Resolution regarding Highway Department Casual Employee for emergency situations on an as needed basis, on-going.** Brian Braun, Highway Commissioner, asked the Committee to approve the proposed resolution, requesting the ability to hire employees on a casual or temporary basis in order to address staffing needs (i.e., to fill as needed when permanent staff is unavailable or on a leave of absence), with funding allocated from within the Highway Department budget. By creating this casual employment position, the Highway Commissioner will be able to hire casual employees when necessary to perform work as designated by the Highway Commissioner.

Motion by Nye, second by Pennington to approve the resolution sending it to the January 17, 2017 County Board, all ayes, motion carried. Robin clarified that this resolution is for a casual employee to be called in for emergency circumstances, and not to employ a casual employee as part of the business model for the Highway Department, such as for flagging operations during the summer. If the Highway Department wants the ability to hire a seasonal (casual) employee, then the Department needs to bring forward another resolution to address that need.

**Angie Close, Langlade County Economic Development Corporation, will present a report from Economic Development Corporation and will update the committee on LCEDC activities.** Angie Close, Economic Development, presented the Committee with the December Economic Development Corporation Activity Report, the Langlade County Revolving Loan Fund Report and reviewed a proposal to revise the Langlade County Revolving Loan Fund Manual regarding the membership of the Loan Review Board. Handouts are on file in the Clerk's Office. Discussion on the proposed term limits for members on the Loan Review Board and will be discussed in the February Executive Committee Meeting. Angie also discussed other duties and projects within Economic Development Corporation. Information only.

**Review request to Revise the Rules of the County Board.**

**a. Consider adopting a new rule regarding committee membership.** Robin Stowe, Corporation Counsel reviewed a proposal introduced by Supervisor Schreiber to add a Rule to the County Board: Add to Rule 13.2: No more than one member of the Executive Committee can also serve on the following Committees: Personnel, Finance and Public Property. Additionally, any member of the Executive Committee serving on these Committees cannot be the same person. No member may serve as the Chairman of more than one standing Committee of the County Board, not to include the Chairman positions elected by the Board subject to State Statute or Board Rule (Chairman of Executive and Highway Committees). This rule will take effect upon adoption, with the understanding that Committee memberships that are in conflict with this Rule will need to be reorganized before their next scheduled meeting dates. During the discussion on this proposal, it was questioned what problem exists that this Rule is intended to fix as this rule change would only affect the committee assignments of two County Board Supervisors. If the feeling is that 2 or 3 members of the Board are controlling everything, then the question was asked: What action is being controlled by a few Board members that is not reported to, or approved by, or supported by the majority of the County Board. Supervisor Benishek indicated his appreciation for Supervisor Schreiber working within our system to propose these changes but also indicated that he has many questions about this proposal and that, at the County Board meeting, he would refer this resolution back to the committee for further study. Supervisor Webb explained that given the generational differences on the County Board, younger Board members may need to ask more questions to better understand why the County Board operates in a certain way, and that the Board needs to understand these generational differences in order to build better working relationships.

Motion by Nonnenmacher, second by Matucheski to not support this resolution.

Chairman Solin requested a recess at 9:40 a.m. Meeting resumed at 9:50 a.m.

Chairman Solin stated that during his term as Supervisor, there were two different Chairmen and he has followed the same process used by the previous Chairmen in making committee appointments. Solin stated that he took a lot of phone calls back in forth for 3 or 4 days to try and put people where they thought they should be and where he thought they should be and Chairman Solin stated he wants this to be on record "that I do it for the people of Langlade County and I feel that there is a half dozen people that are not doing it for the best of the County but doing it for self gain. And I sure hope that it gets out because it is getting total ridiculous when these people want to show gain and not serve the people of Langlade County like they should be."

Call for the question by roll call vote: Motion by Nonnenmacher, second by Matucheski not to support this resolution. Roll call vote: Nye, aye; Nonnenmacher, aye; Pennington, aye; Matucheski, aye; Solin, nay; 4 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

**Consider County Board Rule requiring super-majority vote to overturn policies developed by committees pursuant to the authority delegated by the County Board.** Robin Stowe, Corporation Counsel, explained that this item was also considered by the Personnel Committee with a decision not to change the rules as the situation of the County Board overturning the delegated authority of a Committee by majority vote has only happened once. Consensus of the committee was that this may be a solution in search of a problem. That until this becomes a problem (i.e., resolutions to overturn decisions made by committees applying established policies) then no further action is needed at this time. Also, if this becomes a problem, then this should be considered at the next Reorganizational meeting, for the next County Board term.

**Consider implementing one standard for super-majority votes (3/4 or 2/3).** Robin Stowe, Corporation Counsel, discussed the difference between a super-majority and a simple majority vote and how it may affect the County Board.

Motion by Nye, second by Nonnenmacher to discuss this further during the April 2018 Reorganizational Meeting when the next County Board to determines their rules, all ayes, motion carried.

**Discuss and determine a schedule for the Informational Meeting and what material will be presented to the County Board.** Chairman Solin asked the Committee what information they would like to see during the County Board Informational Meeting. Discussion was held. Chairman Solin stated that the informational meetings

will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, and occur every other month starting with February 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Board Room. The presenting Departments will be chosen during the Department Head meeting held on January 18, 2017. No action taken.

**Discuss Policy for taped/recorded Committee and Board Meetings. (Refer to Executive Committee Minutes of 10-20-2015 and 1-3-2015).** Chairman Solin discussed the rights of the public to record a meeting. It was stated that the public has the right to record the meeting as long as it is not disruptive. If the recording becomes disruptive, at that time the Chairman may intervene. Robin Stowe, Corporation Counsel, suggested adding wording with silence cell phones onto the agenda. Robin will get that wording for the County Clerk to add to the next agenda. Information only.

**At approximately 9:30 a.m., consider moving into closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c) Wisconsin Statutes, considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to complete performance review of Corporation Counsel.**

**At approximately 9:45 a.m., return to open session with possible action taken on any matters discussed in closed session.** Committee did not enter into closed session. Robin Stowe, Corporation Counsel, requested that his performance evaluation take place in open session. The Committee determined that a performance evaluation was not needed at this time as the Personnel Committee has already completed his performance evaluation for 2016. Robin provided the Executive Committee with copies of his 2015 and 2016 evaluations for background information. With the recent change in oversight for the Corporation Counsel's Office, the Executive Committee will complete the 2017 performance evaluation. Information only

**Review resolutions received from other Counties, if any.** None

**Set date for next regular meeting.** February 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Room 203, Courthouse.

**Adjourn the Meeting.** Motion by Matucheski, second by Nonnenmacher to adjourn the meeting, all ayes, one absent, motion carried at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Rank, Recording Secretary