

Minutes of Langlade County Executive Committee

The meeting in the Law Library of the Courthouse was called to order at 8:00 a.m., January 7, 2014, by Chairman Dave Solin and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Pat McKinney-Rice, Doug Nonnenmacher, Mike Klimoski, Ron Nye (Excused at 9:30 a.m.), and Dave Solin.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robin Stowe, Gary Olsen, Sandy Fischer, and Willie Bostwick.

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

Motion by Nye, second by Nonnenmacher, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting, all ayes, motion carried.

4. Discuss Coordinated Services Teams initiative funding: Kim Van Hoof had requested the opportunity to meet with the Committee to explain the new grant funding available for coordinated service teams. Kim is looking for permission to apply for this grant. Counties may request an amount not to exceed \$62,123 of which 20% will need to be matching funds. The matching funds can be in-kind expenses. The County must also agree to establish a Coordinating Committee that meets the requirements of State Statues 46.56. This was for informational purposes only, the Social Services and Finance Committees will be taking action on allowing the grant.

5. Update on team assigned to discuss joint operation of the Safety Building and rental formula: The first meeting is scheduled to happen directly following the Executive Committee meeting. The City and County are meeting on an informal basis and the City has decided not to have City Council members involved in this team. The Committee members expressed concerns regarding the lack of City Council members participating in these initial discussions, since the County had assigned two Board representatives to be present.

6. Update on meal site and meeting place for seniors: Robin Stowe gave an update regarding utilizing the Antigo Community Church Quest Center for a meal site and an area for the seniors in the community to meet. The Elder Board of the Church has not had the opportunity to meet and consider the proposal. Robin did receive some follow-up questions regarding the needs of the Senior Meal Site which Robin will work with Doug Below to answer. Additionally, there is a issue of bathroom accessibility standards that will need to be addressed. Once the Elder Board meets to consider the proposal, then Robin will report their decision back to the Committee.

7. Update on funding requests sent to Menominee and Sokaogon Chippewa Tribes: Previously the Fairgrounds Promotional and Public Property Committees identified certain fairgrounds improvements which the Tribes may be interested in funding from net gaming revenues, as the Tribe may also derive a direct or indirect benefit from these improvements. Robin Stowe emailed the funding requests to the Tribes on December 12th but has not received any response at this time. Once Robin hears back from the Tribes, he will report back to the Committee.

8. Discuss options for employee recognition. At the last meeting, the Committee discussed options regarding an employee recognition dinner. There will be money left in the Insurance Dividend account that could be carried forward to pay for a recognition dinner. The Committee thought it would be better to research ways to give a supplemental payment instead of a recognition dinner.

9. Discuss supplemental pay and funding options: At the December meeting, the idea of a supplemental payment to the employees in 2014 was discussed. The Committee had requested that Gary Olsen present different options regarding supplemental pay and how to fund the options. A document was distributed to the Committee detailing three options for supplemental pay, a COLA adjustment, or increased longevity payment with funding options. Motion by Klimoski, second by Solin to present a resolution to the County Board to give 0.5% cost-of-living adjustment to non-union employees and elected officials and provide the same wage increase (0.5%) to union employees in the form of base wage agreements, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried. It was noted that this matter will also be discussed by the Personnel Committee on January 9th.

Willie Bostwick was present to discuss the feasibility of having the County discontinue its group health insurance plan. By not offering the health insurance, employees could then obtain health insurance from health care exchanges under the Affordable Care Act or purchase their own private health insurance. Given the savings to the County, the County could offset the expenses incurred by employees to obtain health insurance by granting a salary increase to cover these expenses and the County would still save money. The Committee requested that Robin Stowe and Gary Olsen research the legal and financial impacts of not offering health insurance and report back to the Committee.

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, motion carried.

11. Review resolutions received from other Counties:
Resolutions were referred to the Forestry and Public Safety Committees.

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

At 9:45 a.m. motion by Nonnenmacher, second by Klimoski, to adjourn the meeting, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried; meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,
Gary D. Olsen, Recording Secretary