

Minutes of Langlade County Executive Committee

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

Members Present: Holly Matucheski, Doug Nonnenmacher, Mike Klimoski, and Dave Solin.

Members Absent: Ron Nye.

Others Present: Robin Stowe, Gary Olsen, Erik Rantala, Bill Greening, Joe Novak, Chris Berry, and Doug Below.

Agenda Item #3 Approve/amend Minutes of June 3, 2014.

Motion by Klimoski, second by Matucheski, to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

4. Update on meal site and meeting place for seniors: Robin Stowe updated the Committee regarding the meal site and meeting place for the seniors. Doug Below attended the meeting with the Saint Mary's and Saint Hyacinth Parish to discuss allocating space with the building to be used as a meeting place for the seniors given that the meal site is already located there. The Parish Council is willing to rent space to the County as follows: \$150 a month for one day a week, or \$300 a month for two days a week and this would be for one room. Motion by Klimoski, second by Matucheski to try one day a week for a six month period, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried. The Finance Committee will need to find the \$900; this will be on their August agenda.

5. Establish criteria for reviewing requests to create or refill employment positions: Robin Stowe and Gary Olsen asked the Committee if there is any specific information or criteria that they would like to receive when considering requests to refill vacant positions or to create a new position. Questions have been raised regarding whether the process used to refill vacant positions and/or create a new position is working. The requirement to obtain approval of oversight, Personnel and Executive Committees (and $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of County Board) was intentionally designed to ensure that the Department Head and County Board members had ample opportunity to consider all options prior to making these important decisions. To move forward on this topic, each Committee member will submit a couple of ideas regarding criteria and a listing will be distributed to Committee members prior to the next meeting. Then the Committee will further discuss this issue at the August meeting.

6. Discuss strategic budget plan: The County currently performs incremental budgeting to complete the budget process. The County has been moving towards priority budgeting. The County has begun priority budgeting by prioritizing all of the programs within the County. A copy of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) document titled "The Anatomy of a Priority Driven Budget Process," was distributed to the Committee. This item will be discussed again at the August meeting.

7. Consider filling position of Recreation Coordinator/Forester: Erik Rantala explained that the current Recreation Coordinator, Tammy Kubiacyk, has resigned. The Executive Committee had identified this position as one that would require additional evaluation whenever the position became vacant. Erik Rantala explained the evolution of the position from casual to full-time and proposed that the position be expanded to include some forestry duties. Erik also explained the increase in demand for services associated with this position given the expansion of recreational trails and activities along with the County marketing itself as the "County of Trails". Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Matucheski to approve filling the position of Recreation

Coordinator/Forester and forward to the County Board, 3 ayes, 1 no (Nonnenmacher), 1 absent, motion carried. Solin stated that he is in favor of the position, but he does have some reservations that he would like to consider when this item is considered by the County Board.

8. Discuss report from the Economic Development Corporation: Chris Berry presented the Economic Development report to the Committee. Motion by Klimoski, second by Nonnenmacher, to approve the Economic Development Corporation report, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

9. Discuss possibility of County Board members using tablets: At a previous meeting a request was made to look at the possibility of utilizing tablets for County Board members instead of printing and mailing agendas and minutes. Gary Olsen explained that an iPad mini would cost \$270. The average cost of mailing County Board materials does not cover the cost of the iPads, but many Counties are utilizing this technology to be able to get more information into the hands of the Board members. There are cheaper tablets that could be tested to see if they would work. It was the consensus of the Committee that this is not something they would like to consider at this time.

10. Review resolution received from other Counties: One resolution was referred to Public Safety.

11. Set date for next meeting: The next regular meeting of the Committee will take place on August 5, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

At 10:05 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