

**LANGLADE COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Meeting Date: 06/13/2017**

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

**CHAIRMAN:** Dave Solin

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Robin Stowe, Judy Nagel, Ron Barger, Tammy Wilhelm, Bryce Widener, Carlene Nagel, Vern Cahak, Alisha Resch, Chet Haatvedt, Jim Jansen.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Approve/amend Minutes of May 10, 2017 and May 23, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting.** Motion by Nye, second by Pennington to approve the minutes of May10, 2017 and May 23, 2017. All ayes, motion carried.

**Approve/amend Agenda of June 13, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting.** Motion by Pennington, second by Nonnenmacher to approve the agenda for June 13, 2017. All ayes, motion carried.

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

**Review written report from Economic Development Corporation.** Motion by Nye, second by Matucheski to approve the written report from Economic Development Corporation. All ayes, motion carried.

**Support WPS Broadband Expansion Grant Application from Wittenberg Wireless LLC/Cirrinity to expand Internet Services to underserved areas of Langlade County.** Bryce Widener with Wittenberg Wireless LLC/Cirrinity is asking the Committee for support to apply for the Broadband Expansion Grant with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to expand access to broadband services in Langlade County, specifically Sawyer Lake to the Hollister area and Antigo North on Highway 45 to the Neva lake area. To further support its application for Broadband Expansion Grant, Wittenberg has requested that the Langlade county board enter into an agreement, referred to as a Public Private Partnership Agreement.

Motion by Nye, second Matucheski to approve the support for Wittenberg Wireless to apply for a Broadband Expansion Grant and refer to County Board. All ayes, motion carried.

**Review and consider referral from Supervisor Benishek to create an Ad Hoc Substance Abuse Study Committee.** Ron Barger, Health and Social Service Director, stated there are multiple Substance Abuse Committees within the Langlade County area. These Committees have many participants through a collaborative effort of many area businesses and organizations with members from Langlade County Law Enforcement, District Attorney, Health and Social Service Departments. Barger stated that all members of the County Board are welcome to attend these meetings. DSS will have a Committee meeting on July 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Courthouse room 203 with the Judge, DA and the ADA with a Q&A portion during this meeting. All County Board members will be invited to attend. Discussion Held. Information only.

**Consider proposal from Marathon County to provide legal services to Lincoln and Langlade Counties under the umbrella of programs that are covered by the Tri-County Agreement (Chapters 51 & 54/55).**

Based upon a request from Lincoln County, Marathon County issued a proposal to provide legal services in Chapter 51 & 54/55 proceedings to the three member counties to the Tri-County Agreement (i.e., for both Lincoln and Langlade Counties). Given the allocation of costs, Robin notified Marathon County that Langlade County would not be interested in pursuing this proposal at this time, given that no funding is currently available, and the allocation of costs exceeds the amounts that the County is currently budgeting for these same expenses. The plan going forward is for Marathon County to contract only with Lincoln County for the provision of these legal services. Information only.

**Review and consider attachment to Resolutions regarding financing/funding resolutions before Board adoption.** The County Clerk presented the Committee with an example Fiscal Note from Outagamie County that is attached to each Resolution with a fiscal impact. Stowe explained that the example from Outagamie gives more information that could be valuable to the County Board regarding the fiscal impact of actions under consideration by the County Board.

Motion by Nonnenmacher, second by Nye to refer this item to the Finance Committee. All ayes, motion carried.

**Discuss the feasibility of borrowing for future capital improvements as part of a long range plan to address the County's office space needs, including the potential for a second branch of the Circuit Court.**

Robin Stowe gave an overview of different projects that are in progress, under study and/or already identified in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Stowe reminded the Committee that included within the existing tax levy is debt repayment for the Jail and the Wood Technology Center building projects. The debt schedule for these projects is such that the County has the ability to borrow for capital improvement projects without increasing the tax levy. The borrowed funds must be used for capital improvement, and cannot be used for operation costs. It was recommended for the Committee to determine the long-term needs for capital improvements. Given that time is of the essence to complete this study and to identify specific capital improvement projects for inclusion in any borrowing resolution, Chairman Solin asked the Committee members if they would be willing to take the responsibility to determine the strategic space planning in lieu of creating another Ad Hoc Committee (which has been approved by the Board). As a result of this discussion, the Committee will meet with department heads to discuss the needs of each office space on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Courthouse room 203. The Public Property Committee and the Director of Facilities Management will be invited to attend these discussions. Information only.

**Strategic space planning for the County Offices.** Since time is of the essence, Motion by Pennington, second by Nonnenmacher to have the Executive Committee determine the strategic space planning in lieu of an Ad Hoc Committee. All ayes, motion carried.

**Consider letter of resignation from Supervisor Poltrock.** Motion by Nonnenmacher, second by Pennington to accept the resignation of Supervisor Poltrock with the County Clerk advertising for the opening. All ayes, motion carried.

**Discuss the process to develop a strategic budget plan designed to assist the County Board in prioritizing requests for the expenditure of County funds regarding items that are not currently budgeted or that otherwise do not have an identified, sustainable funding source.**

Robin Stowe gave an overview on process used to develop the previous strategic budget plans (in 2005 and 2010). As funds become more limited, it will be necessary to transition to priority-based budgeting and to examine whether the current levels of services can be sustained. Discussion was held. This agenda item will be discussed in the June 19, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. Information only.

Committee took a recess at 9:45 a.m., Committee resumed meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**At approximately 10:30 a.m. consider moving into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public property, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to review budgeting for personnel costs (calculation of Cost-Of-Living Adjustments-COLA within the bargaining process with Law Enforcement Association).**

Motion by Nye, second by Pennington to move into closed session. Chairman Solin, aye; Nye, aye; Pennington, aye; Nonnenmacher, aye; Matucheski aye. The Committee commenced to closed session at 10:02 a.m.

Motion by Nye, second by Pennington to allow Robin Stowe, Carlene Nagel, Alisha Resch, Jim Jansen and Judy Nagel to remain in closed session. All ayes, motion carried.

**At approximately 10:50 a.m. return to open session, with possible action taken on any matters discussed in closed session.**

Motion by Nye, second by Nonnenmacher to return to open session at 10:20 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Pennington, second by Solin to approve the cost of living adjustment discussed in closed session directing the Finance Director to incorporate this amount in preparation of the 2018 budget. The COLA amount will be disclosed after the bargaining process is completed with Law Enforcement Association on a new contract. All ayes, motion carried.

**Report on the activities of the Retained County Authority (RCA) Committee for North Central Health Care.** Robin Stowe stated the given the deadlines for actions that must be taken by the RCA, this Committee is now meeting more often (i.e., two or more times per month). The RCA is assisting with process of CEO recruitment (job description, compensation, etc.) with the goal to complete this process by March of 2018 as the CEO must also be approved by the three County Boards. The RCA assisting NCHC in identifying budget priorities and performance and outcome measures for programs and services.

As a reminder: the minutes of NCHC Board and Committees are available on their website ([www.norcen.org](http://www.norcen.org)) and the minutes of the Retained County Authority (RCA) Committee are available on the Marathon County website ([www.co.marathon.wi.us](http://www.co.marathon.wi.us)).

Motion by Nye, second by Pennington to excuse Matucheski at 10:30 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

**Review resolutions received from other Counties, if any.** Copies are on file in the County Clerk's office. No action taken.

**Set date for next regular meeting.** July 11, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., Room 203

**Adjourn the Meeting.** Motion by Nonnenmacher, second by Pennington to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Becky Rank, Recording Secretary