

Minutes of Langlade County Executive Committee

The meeting in the County Board Room, in the lower level of the Safety Building, was called to order at 8:00 a.m., November 3, 2015, by Chairman Dave Solin and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robin Stowe, Gary Olsen, RJ Weitz, Judy Nagel, Ann Osborn, Don Bergbower, John Schunke, Drew Kelly, Carol Feller-Gottard, Pete Pennington, Vern Cahak, Sheriff Bill Greening, Arlene Bonacci, and Joe Novak.

At 8:00 a.m. Dave Solin called the public hearing to order regarding an ordinance to become a self-organized county.

Robin Stowe shared some handouts regarding what a self-organized county entails. The two major changes in become a self-organized county allows for staggered elections and also allows the county to consider a different compensation plan. The ordinance the County would be considering would only change the compensation method for paying County Board members. A concern about the public hearing being held at 8:00 a.m. in the morning was brought up by Joe Novak. Chairman Solin called three times for the public to speak on the issue. Motion by Klimoski to close the public hearing, second by Nye, all ayes, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3 Approve/amend Minutes of October 20, 2015.

Motion by Klimoski, second by Nonnenmacher, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting, all ayes, motion carried.

4. Review written report from Economic Development Corporation: Angie Close had distributed a report regarding the activities of the Economic Development Corporation. The report was for review only.

5 Consider Notice of Circumstances Giving Rise to Claim, received by Langlade County, Pursuant to Wis. Stats: Robin Stowe shared a claim that was sent to the County Clerk against the County. The claim was brought by the Sheriff and was related to an invoice totaling \$152.29 that was for a retirement party for the Jail Administrator and Corrections Officer. The Finance Committee had rejected this payment. The claim is demanding payment of the \$152.29 and \$1,540 for legal fees the Sheriff has accumulated regarding this issue. The Finance Committee had also rejected reimbursement of the legal fees because the Sheriff did not follow County policy because he did not ask the Personnel Committee for permission to obtain legal counsel. Motion by Klimoski, second by Nonnenmacher to disallow the claim, all ayes, motion carried.

6. Consider Ordinance options to become a self-organized county: This item was discussed during the public hearing. Robin clarified that the County does not have to be "self-organized" in order to change its compensation; the County can change the current per diem without becoming self-organized, but the Board will be limited to compensation based upon "one per diem per day". Becoming self-organized will merely allow the County Board to consider other types of compensation plans for County Board members. Motion by Klimoski, second by Nye, to approve an ordinance for the County to become self-organized, all ayes.

7. Discuss changing the compensation method for attending meetings: The Committee discussed the possibility of changing the compensation method for County Board members

attending meetings. This would need to be changed before December 1st and will not be effective until the new County Board would take office. Motion by Klimoski, second by Nonnenmacher to change the per diem to \$50 for the first meeting, and \$30 for every other meeting after that, plus mileage, all ayes, motion carried.

8. Consider procedure for recording open session meetings of Langlede County Government: This item was discussed at last month's meeting. Motion by Matucheski, second by Nye, to change the County Board rules to require anyone recording open session meetings that they inform the Committee Chair before the meeting and the Chair will show the person where they would be able to place their recording devices, all ayes, motion carried.

9. Consider funding for Dispatcher Position: It was explained that one of the Sheriff Department's top priority is to add another dispatcher position. There are times when there is only one dispatcher on duty and with 911 emergencies, this can be a liability. Gary Olsen explained that the Sheriff's Department had completed a budget request form to have a dispatcher position added in the 2019 budget. The cost to create the dispatcher position would be \$76,933. If this position was a priority for the County, then there is a way to fund this position earlier than 2019. The County currently has \$200,000 available to make debt payments. This money could be used in 2017 and 2018 to make debt payments then the money freed up could be used to create a dispatcher position. For 2016, the funding could come from the savings from not filling the Jail Administrator position which is \$45,112, and the Sheriff's budget might have more than that to carry forward to help cover this cost for 2016. The remainder of \$31,821 would need to come from the General Fund. Dispatcher, Anne Osborne shared her personal experiences after 24 years of service regarding the difficulties and hardships that have resulted from short staffing in dispatch. Motion by Nye to forward the creation of the dispatcher position to the Finance and Personnel Committee, second by Klimoski, all ayes, motion carried. Klimoski made a motion to forward to the Finance Committee a request to find funding to hire a replacement dispatcher for Anne Osborne six months prior to her retirement, second by Matucheski, all ayes, motion carried. Anne was asked to share her personal experiences with the County Board at its next meeting.

10. Consider resolution for Drones at the Langlede County Airport. The Committee would like to wait until the Spring to consider this item. Motion by Klimoski to table this item, second by Solin, all ayes, motion carried.

11. Consider process to add Langlede County to the expanded Long-Term Care District currently served by Community Care of Central Wisconsin. This item was also discussed last month. Robin Stowe talked to members of the Community Care of Central Wisconsin Board. We are currently waiting for more information on this item from the State. This item will be brought back if the County if the Sate requires the adoption of a resolution to become a member of a long-term care district.

12. Discuss recruitment for contracted services with doctors to perform court-ordered examinations. This item was also discussed last month. Robin Stowe updated the Committee that he is still trying to reach out to other organizations to find doctors to perform court-ordered examinations. Stowe will keep the Committee updated on this item.

13. Discuss the role and responsibilities of a Committee Chairman. Bob Benishek had brought this item up at the last Committee meeting. Robin Stowe distributed a copy of the role and responsibilities of a Committee Chairman that he had put together for Mr. Benishek. This document details the role of a Committee Chairman. Robin advised that whatever process Chairman use to "run" the meeting (such as, allowing for public comment), that the County should use a consistent process. Chairman Solin requested having an item on all committee

agendas to allow public comments on agenda items only and to request future agenda items be added to all committee agendas. Robin will send this request out to all department heads asking them to add this to their agendas.

14. Review resolution received from other Counties, if any: There were no resolutions to be forwarded to County Board.

15. Set date for next meeting: The next regular meeting of the Committee will take place on December 8, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

At 10:15 a.m. motion by Nye, second by Matucheski, to adjourn the meeting, all ayes, motion carried; meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,
Gary D. Olsen, Recording Secretary