

LANGLADE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting Date: 9/13/2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

CHAIRMAN: Dave Solin

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Angie Close, Richard Burby, Gary Olsen, RJ Weitz, Vern Cahak, Joe Novak, Sandy Fischer, Robin Stowe, Judy Nagel

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Solin in Room 203 of the Langlade County Courthouse.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve/amend Minutes of August 9, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting and August 3, 2016 Joint Executive/Airport Committee Meeting. Motion by Pennington, second by Nonnenmacher to approve the minutes of August 9, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting and August 3, 2016 Joint Executive/Airport Committee Meeting, all ayes, motion carried.

Approve/amend Agenda of September 13, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion by Nonnenmacher, second by Pennington to approve the September 13, 2016 agenda as printed, 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. Angie Close presented the Economic Development report and Loan Fund handout. Discussion held. Motion by Nye, second by Matucheski to approve the written report from Economic Development Corporation, all ayes, motion carried.

Discuss status of Agreement with NTC regarding the Wood Technology Center of Excellence. Robin Stowe, Corporation Counsel, gave an overview on the Wood Technology Center of Excellence Facility and the partnership between NTC and Langlade County. Langlade County paid for the construction of this facility while entering into a partnership with NTC. Stated in the agreement a portion of the Wood Technology Center of Excellence building was to be used to house a County program or service, NTC to have a Wood Technology curriculum, enabling the private sector to utilize the facility and the County would have an area of exclusive ownership. This original agreement will expire when the debt is paid. A proposed agreement with NTC has been drafted by Robin and he has been working with the attorney representing NTC for over a year and they have yet to settle on an agreement between NTC and Langlade County. Robin will invite Dr. Weyers and the attorney from NTC to the next Executive Committee meeting in October. No action taken.

Consider assigning County email accounts to County Board members for the purpose of sending and receiving communications regarding County government. Gary Olsen, Finance Director, stated that because Supervisor emails are subject to open record request it would be in their best interest to use a County email. Supervisor Solin will ask Supervisors during the County Board meeting to see who would be interested in using County email accounts. No action taken.

Consider presenting County Board members with a “paperless” option by issuing tablet, notebook or Chromebook for County Board business. Gary Olsen, Finance Director, stated that the Chromebook would be the most cost effective; however, the Supervisor using would need to have internet connection for it to work. Gary stated that the County Board would have enough in the budget to cover the cost for Chromebooks. Supervisor Solin will ask Supervisors during the County Board meeting to see who would be interested. No action taken.

Consider revisions to the Rules of the Board:

- a. **To clarify the role of the County Board and Department Heads.** Robin Stowe, Corporation Counsel, gave an overview of the proposed Resolution from the Management Team. The Management Team would like the County Board to reaffirm its recognition and expectations of the Team which also would provide the ability of Department Heads to meet on an informal basis. Management Team would like County Board Rule 16.2 added to reflect the Management Team. If this Resolution gets adopted, then the Board would rescind Resolution #25-1994. Motion by Pennington, second by Matucheski to send to County Board, all ayes, motion carried.
- b. **To clarify the authority of the Board Chair to remove members from committee.** Robin Stowe, Corporation Counsel, reviewed County Board Rule 13.2 and 13.3. Rule 13.2 states that each member shall be appointed to at least two standing committees and each member is expected to maintain at least two committee appointments during each term of office. Rule 13.3 the Chairman with the assistance of the Executive Committee, shall have the authority to remove and reassign any member appointed to a committee, as deemed necessary. Motion by Pennington, second by Nonnenmacher to clarify that under the Rules of the County Board, the County Board Chairman has the authority to remove any member appointed to a committee as the Chairman deems necessary, all ayes, motion carried.
- c. **To add a “stewardship” principle to the County’s mission statement.** Robin Stowe, Corporation Counsel, proposed to update Langlade County’s mission statement. Currently the statement reads: The primary mission of Langlade County government is to provide essential services in a fiscally responsible manner that protect and promote the health, safety, economic well-being, and environmental stewardship of our community. Robin proposed to add the wording: The Public places its trust and confidence in government employees and elected officials to efficiently and effectively manage the Public’s resources (i.e., finances, equipment, facilities, environment, etc.). As stewards of the Public’s resources, the officials and employees of Langlade County shall provide services and manage resources with the goal to improve the health, safety and well-being of our community, for the benefit of current and future generations. Motion by Matucheski, second by Nye to add the changes of the stewardship principle to the County Board Mission Statement along with other approved wording changes, all ayes, motion carried.

Review and decide upon the investigations into County Board Supervisor’s complaints. Robin Stowe, Corporation Counsel, reviewed the current complaints filed with Langlade County stating all complaints are on file in the County Clerk’s Office and are summarized as follows: Public Records Complaint, Open Meetings Complaint, Conduct Complaint, two similar complaints about the validity of County Board Rule 17.1. The two investigations, including the Conduct Complaint against the Corporation Counsel, showed no merit and it was recommended that they be closed with no action taken. Regarding the Public Records Complaint, Brian Braun, Highway Commissioner, reported his efforts in responding to the public records request from Mr. Burby for Highway Department records. He has been working with standby Corporation Counsel Mike Winter, in responding to this request. On September 1, 2016 the Personnel Committee voted to close all complaints due to no merit being found. Motion by Pennington, second by Nye to follow Personnel findings that there was no merit to the

investigated complaints, referring them to County Board for review, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Nye, second by Pennington to instruct RJ Weitz, Human Resource Director to prepared a chronological listing of on all complaints involving Supervisor Burby, including any findings, all ayes, motion carried

Review information to be presented to the County Board regarding conduct of County Board Supervisors, including recent concerns expressed about conduct at WCA Seminar of 8-22-2016.

Chairman Dave Solin read an email that was received about the conduct of two Langlade County Supervisors during the WCA Seminar on 8-22-2016. Chairman Solin put a hold on the per diem and mileage of the two Supervisors involved. Chairman Solin spoke with Supervisor Novak on the matter and resolved the issues at hand. Chairman Solin, announced his decision to remove Supervisor Burby from all committees until these matters can be discussed during the County Board meeting on September 20, 2016. Supervisor Novak read a statement, which a copy is on file in the County Clerk's Office. Supervisor Burby asked for due process in the pending matters. Discussion held. Motion by Nonnenmacher, second by Pennington for this matter of misconduct be discussed by the County Board, all ayes, motion carried.

Discuss status of Marathon County study of North Central Health Care. Robin Stowe, Corporation Counsel, stated Langlade County was invited to attend a meeting on September 1, 2016 with Marathon County and Lincoln County, about North Central Health Care, which this has been the first meeting with Marathon County since January 2016. Under the current wording for its proposal, Marathon County wants to withdraw from the Tri-County Partnership and subsequently enter into a new Tri-County Partnership between Lincoln, Langlade and Marathon. This proposal will be discussed by the Marathon County Board on September 15, 2016. Robin Stowe, Dave Solin and Ron Nye will be attending this meeting. Supervisor Nye suggests that Lincoln and Langlade have joint meeting to discuss their options. Robin will update the Executive Committee during the October meeting. No action taken.

Motion by Pennington, second by Matucheski to excuse Nye, all ayes, motion carried.

Review resolutions received from other Counties, if any. None

Set date for next regular meeting. October 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Room 203, Courthouse

Adjourn the Meeting. Motion by Pennington, second by Nonnenmacher to adjourn the meeting, all ayes, motion carried at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Rank, Recording Secretary