

## **MINUTES**

Eau Claire County

### **• Committee on Administration •**

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

**2:30 p.m.**

Courthouse - Room #3312

721 Oxford Avenue • Eau Claire

Members: Nick Smiar, Ray Henning, Mark Beckfield, Colleen Bates

Staff: Kathryn Schauf – County Administrator, Samantha Cole – Administrative Specialist III, Norb Kirk – Finance Director, Tim Sullivan – Corporation Counsel, Frank Draxler – Administrative Operations Manager

Public and Press: Ryan Patterson – Leader Telegram, Connie Russell, Judy Gatlin

Chair Smiar called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

No members of the public wished to speak.

The committee reviewed minutes from December 9, 2019. Supervisor Bates motioned to approve the minutes as amended the corrections noted by Supervisor Wilkie. Supervisor Beckfield seconded the motion; all in favor, minutes were approved.

The committee reviewed minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting. Supervisor Beckfield motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Supervisor Bates seconded the motion; all in favor, minutes were approved.

Kathryn Schauf and Frank Draxler provided an update on the Speak your Peace and Strategic Planning process. It is the plan to have the Strategic Planning meetings with the board during the May regular county board meetings.

The committee discussed resolution 19-20/095 – in support of 2019-2020 Senate Bill 5476, creation of the Chippewa Valley Regional Transportation Authority. Supervisor motioned to approve; Supervisor Henning seconded the motion; all in favor.

The committee discussed resolution 19-20/099 – authorizing to abolish one (1.0 FTE) Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Manager and to create one (1.0 FTE) Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Director. Supervisor Beckfield motioned to approve the discussion; Supervisor Henning seconded the motion; all in favor on resolution 19-20/099.

The committee discussed ordinance 19-20/100 – to amend section 3.20.060 of the code: Compensation of County Governing Bodies. Supervisor Bates motioned to bring to discussion; seconded by Supervisor Henning. All in favor for ordinance 19-20/100.

The committee discussed resolution 19-20/102 – supporting a change in state regulations or legislation to require local input in the siting of windfarms. Supervisor Beckfield motioned to approve; Supervisor Bates seconded the motion, all in favor.

Kathryn Schauf discussed our current process of reimbursement for training for the board. Currently the funds run on a calendar year and some board members feel that the \$500.00 allotment is not adequate for trainings. **Action:** Kathryn Schauf will draft a policy statement for a future meeting and indicate the inclusion of Eggs & Issues, District Meetings, and the WCA Annual Conference and the impact that may have on the budget.

Tim Sullivan spoke regarding the Old Orchard Cemetery. A party is looking to have the County sell or transfer the property to them and they would take over the upkeep. It is currently costing the County approximately \$2,300.00 each year. Tim Sullivan provided his legal opinion and stated an issue with the Anti-Combination statute, there is a strict prohibition from funeral directors or funeral homes from owning a cemetery.

The committee reviewed the proclamation proclaiming Fair Housing Week for the week of March 15-21, 2020. Supervisor Bates motioned to approve; Supervisor Beckfield seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion passed.

Chair Smiar requested a motion to appoint Dustin Indermuehle to the Veterans Service Commission. Supervisor Henning motioned; seconded by Supervisor Beckfield. All were in favor; recommendation moves to the County Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Cole', written in a cursive style.

Samantha Cole  
Administrative Specialist III – Department of Administration