

Minutes

County Covid-19 Taskforce

Location: Webex Meet (Virtual)

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Present: Stella Pagonis, Mark Beckfield, Kathryn Schauf, Tim Sullivan, Nick Smiar, Norb Kirk, Jessica Rubin

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Administration, Dan Bresina – Sheriff’s Department, Eric Huse – DA, Rodney Eslinger – Planning & Development

Public: Ryan Patterson – Leader Telegram, Kim Cronk – County Board Supervisor, Judy Gatlin – County Board Supervisor, other public were present as call in users

Chair Smiar called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice

Roll call was taken and listed above under present.

The task force reviewed the minutes from June 10, 2020. Administrator Schauf motioned to approve the minutes; Supervisor Beckfield seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Administrator Schauf provided updates on strategy options and proposed the following discussion/action items:

- Vote on the suspension of the step increase
- Receive outcome and feedback on proposed legislation sent to the task force prior to this meeting

Norb Kirk provided a revenue update as well as revenue forecasts in 2021 for consideration of the strategy options listed above. The state of Wisconsin has indicated that it may take 3 years for revenues to recover (2023.) For the 2021 budget, we are looking for a 5% of a reduction that will align with the projections.

The taskforce discussed the suspension of the step increase. The resolution proposes a one-day furlough for all employees (minus 24/7 operations, Meals on Wheels, etc.) for 6 days until the end of 2020. There are restrictions and the resolution is still in draft form.

Supervisor Beckfield motions to approve File No. 20-21/036; seconded by Supervisor Tim Sullivan. All in favor; resolution will move forward to the Committee on Administration for consideration to move to the County Board.

The motion by Administrator Schauf is to suspend step increases targeted for the effective date of July 6, 2020 with the caveat that if the fiscal conditions improves during the current fiscal year, we will retroactively reapply, if we have the adequate funds to cover the step increases without placing the county in a negative position year end. Supervisor Beckfield seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passes and the cessation of step increase is effective.

Supervisor Pagonis motions that any increases intended for the County Board Supervisors be placed on hold pending the outcome of the year and determination of the fiscal health of the county. Supervisor Beckfield seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passes. **Action:** Corporation Counsel Sullivan will draft a resolution to present to the Committee on Administration.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



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