

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

**Minutes of the Executive Committee  
Monday, May 17, 2021**

Chair Decker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Present:** Supervisors Paul Decker, Jim Heinrich, Dave Swan, Tim Dondlinger, Bill Mitchell, Peter Wolff, and Dave Zimmermann.

**Also Present:** Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Legislative Policy Advisor Alex Ignatowski, WEDC Executive Director Judy Taylor, WEDC Talent Development Vice President Robyn Ludtke, WEDC Senior Business Consultant Lucy Waldhuetter, WEDC President and CEO Suzanne Kelley, Senior Landscape Architect Jason Wilke, Parks & Land Use Director Dale Shaver, Administrative Specialist Mary Pedersen, Corporation Counsel Erik Weidig, Budget Management Specialist Michelle Beasley, and County Board Supervisors Duane Paulson and Darlene Johnson.

**Update on Waukesha County's Center for Growth**

Taylor, Ludtke, and Waldhuetter were present to give this update which included information on their mission and vision, municipal and governmental partnerships, business attraction and expansion, business consulting, workforce development solutions, COVID-19 impacts and assistance, current business expansion projects, and goals and data.

**Discuss and Consider Ordinance 176-O-014 Modify 2021 Budget For Capital Project 202104, Pewaukee Lake Boat Launch Reconstruction**

Wilke discussed this ordinance which modifies the 2021 Capital Project budget to increase expenditure authority by \$63,600 to cover above-budget construction costs for the Pewaukee Lake Boat Launch Reconstruction project (#202104). The adopted budget funded this project with \$92,500 in Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Recreational Boating Grant funding and \$92,500 Tarmann Parkland Acquisition Fund Balance. The WDNR recently informed the County that it will be awarded \$124,300 which is \$31,800 higher than anticipated in the 2021 Capital Project budget and can fund 50% of the higher project costs. The County's new share of the project is \$124,300. In order for the County to achieve the full 50% match, the department is requesting an additional \$31,800 from the Tarmann Parkland Acquisition Fund Balance. The use of WDNR and Tarmann Fund Balance funding for the additional expenditures results in no impact to the tax levy.

MOTION: Swan moved, second by Dondlinger to approve Ordinance 176-O-014. Motion carried 7-0.

**Discuss and Consider Ordinance 176-O-023 Amend Article III, Division 2 Of Chapter 4 Of The Waukesha County Code Of Ordinances - County Board Rules Of Order**

Wolff, Spaeth, and Weidig gave background on this ordinance which amends the text of the Code of Ordinances. It reads that no member or officer of the county board of supervisors shall be absent from a meeting of the county board of supervisors or a meeting of a standing committee of

the board to which the member or officer is assigned without first having obtained leave of absence from the chairperson. If any member of the county board of supervisors shall miss three or more meetings of the county board of supervisors or six or more standing committee meetings to which the member is assigned during a single board year the absences shall be reviewed by the executive committee of the county board of supervisors. The member shall be entitled to be present during any part of such review not conducted in closed session and shall be entitled to address the executive committee. If the executive committee determines that just cause does not exist for the member's serial absences, the executive committee shall make a recommendation to the full county board of supervisors as to what action, if any, should be taken. Action by the board of supervisors may include censure, forfeiture from salary, or removal from one or more standing committee assignments.

Sanctions for any violation of the rules of order of board of supervisors may be imposed upon the offending member upon a motion duly made and passed by a majority of the members of the county board of supervisors setting forth the violation and the sanction to be imposed. One or more of the following sanctions may be imposed for violation of the county board of supervisors' rules of order: 1) a censure formally reprimanding the member for the violation(s), 2) a forfeiture of not less than \$50 and not more than \$200 for each violation, 3) temporary or permanent removal from one or more standing committee assignment.

The committee discussed and debated this ordinance at length. Mitchell spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He said we shouldn't judge how other supervisors serve their constituents. It's up to those constituents to determine if their elected supervisor is doing their job. Swan and Johnson agreed. Wolff said the main issue is an obligation to the taxpayers and said while Supervisors are hired by their constituents it's the board that determines what to pay them. Wolff gave an example of employees not fulfilling their job requirements and said the board should not be paying someone who doesn't show up for their committee meetings. Heinrich, Dondlinger, Decker, and Zimmermann spoke in support of the ordinance. Swan felt the ordinance should take effect at the next board term, not upon adoption. Mitchell agreed while others disagreed. Paulson spoke in support and said he will propose an amendment on the board floor with regards to closed session.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Heinrich to approve Ordinance 176-O-023. Motion carried 5-2. Mitchell and Swan voted no.

**Discuss and Consider Appointment 176-A-006 Rebecca DeLonge to the Pauline Haas Public Library Board of Trustees**

MOTION: Swan moved, second by Zimmermann to approve Appointment 176-A-006. Motion carried 7-0.

**Approve Minutes of April 19**

MOTION: Zimmermann moved, second by Dondlinger to approve the minutes of April 19. Motion carried 7-0.

**Next Meeting Date**

- June 14

**Standing Committee Reports**

Committee chairs gave reports on their respective committee meetings.

**Legislative Update**

Ignatowski gave an update on the State budget process.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Swan to adjourn 10:30 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter M. Wolff*

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Secretary