

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Executive Committee Monday, August 15, 2022

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

Present: Supervisors Paul Decker, Keith Hammitt, Jacob LaFontain, Tom Michalski, Larry Nelson, and Peter Wolff. **Absent:** Jim Heinrich.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Administrative Specialist Mary Pedersen, Administration Director Andy Thelke, Workforce Development Board Director Laura Catherman, Parks & Land Use Director Dale Shaver, Senior Financial Analyst Alex Klosterman, Center for Growth Executive Director Nicole Ryf, Center for Growth Board President Patti Kneiser, Menomonee Falls Village President Mark Fitzgerald, City of Brookfield Mayor Steven Ponto, Waukesha County Business Alliance Vice President of Talent Development Robyn Ludtke, Waukesha County Business Alliance President and CEO Suzanne Kelley, Wisconsin Small Business Development Center Senior Business Consultant Lucy Waldhuetter, and County Clerk Meg Wartman.

Approve Minutes of July 18

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by LaFontain to approve the minutes of July 18. Motion carried 6-0.

Next Meeting Date

- September 26

Announcements

Spaeth asked supervisors to get back to her as to whether they can attend a special Executive Committee meeting on September 12.

Center for Growth Update

Ryf, Kneiser, Fitzgerald, and Ponto were present to discuss this item as outlined in their handout including County and municipal representation on the board, accomplishments and clients served, community investments and added tax base, high profile projects, small business clients and successes, the GROW Fund, and strategic outcomes. Ryf said the main goal of the Center for Growth is business attraction and retention.

Discuss and Consider 177-O-048 Amend Chapter 7 Of The County Code Of Ordinances And Establish Policy Relating To Election Administration Grants And Donations

Spaeth indicated Supervisor Kolb pulled his ordinance for consideration.

Discuss and Consider 177-R-003 Resolution To Conduct Advisory Referenda On Uniformity In Election Laws And Administration Throughout The State Of Wisconsin

Wolff discussed his resolution to have two questions placed on the ballot in the election on November 8, 2022 ballot as an advisory referenda on uniformity in election laws and administration

throughout the State of Wisconsin. Wolff said he not an election denier but a large amount of people have lost trust in the election process and it's important to have consistency to grow confidence.

This item was discussed at length. Nelson was concerned with the process. Historically the County hasn't done non-binding advisory referendums and has never seen referendums successfully influence state legislators and governors. Wartman noted the legislature did bring forward a number of bills that address uniformity issues. She also gave examples of how uniform laws could negatively affect smaller communities. Spaeth explained the referendum process which would take 4+ years.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Hammitt to approve Resolution 177-R-003. Motion carried 5-1. Nelson voted no.

Discuss and Consider the Following Appointment: 177-A-021 John Corning to the Ashippun Lake Management District

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Wolff to approve Appointment 177-A-021. Motion carried 6-0.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee chairs gave reports on their respective meetings. Decker gave an update on the recent WCA Board meeting which included discussions on establishing the legislative agenda for next year, mental health initiatives, and an estimated decline in Wisconsin's workforce.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Michalski to adjourn at 9:56 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter M. Wolff

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Secretary