

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Human Resources Committee Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Vice Chair Crowley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Mike Crowley, Darlene Johnson, Brian Meier, Chris Mommaerts, Terry Thieme, and Jeremy Walz. **Absent:** Larry Nelson (Chair).

Also Present: Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Fraley, Administrative Specialist Mary Pedersen, County Board Chair Paul Decker, County Clerk Meg Wartman, Human Resources Manager Renee Gage, Employee Benefits Administrator Andrea Mohr, and County Board Supervisor Robert Kolb.

Approve Minutes of August 16

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Meier to approve the minutes of August 16. Motion carried 6-0.

Next Meeting Date

- October 18

Executive Committee Report of September 12

Spaeth said the Executive Committee heard a presentation on the Register of Deeds operations audit and went into closed session to discuss pending litigation regarding the old Human Services building.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 177-O-061 Amend the Text of the Code of Ordinances for Chapter 4, Section 4-9 Participation in the Wisconsin Retirement System and Chapter 7 Administration
Gage and Mohr were present to discuss this ordinance which amends outdated sections of the County Code of Ordinances pertaining to Chapter 4, Section 4-9 Participation in the Wisconsin Retirement System and Chapter 7 Administration. Copies of the chapters with the changes outlined were distributed and discussed.

MOTION: Thieme moved, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 177-O-061. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 177-O-060 Amend Chapter 7 Of The County Code Of Ordinances And Establish Policy Relating To Election Administration Grants And Donations

Kolb discussed his ordinance which amends Chapter 7 of the Waukesha County Code of Ordinances to prohibit the acceptance of cash and noncash donations exceeding \$500 in value from individuals or non-governmental entities prior to an election for the purpose of election administration and establishes county grant policy precluding the acceptance of any pre-election grant for the same purpose. Kolb indicated outside money could be used for recounts, however. He said this ordinance would help with election fraud.

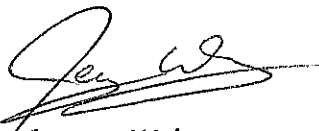
Wartman said safe and secure elections are always taken seriously but this ordinance ties their hands. If this new process was adopted, the County Clerk could not bring forward any grant proposals nor could the board consider them. She felt this ordinance is shortsighted. Neither she nor this ordinance can control how a municipality handles their elections. She was also concerned this could stop good grants that come forward including grants for new technology that may be much needed. Another example is that new ballots are being proposed by some groups with watermarks or scan codes and these will cost much more than the current ballots. If grant funds became available for these types of ballots, she could not accept them if this ordinance is approved. Wartman said current procedures dictate that grants be approved by the County Board and this works very well.

Crowley spoke against the ordinance and said Chair Nelson indicated to him that he also did not support it. Thieme also spoke against it.

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 177-O-060. Motion defeated 0-6.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Thieme to adjourn at 1:40 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeremy Walz
Secretary