

# Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Monday, January 16, 2023

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

**Present:** Supervisors Paul Decker, Jacob LaFontain, Tom Michalski, Larry Nelson, Peter Wolff and Jim Heinrich. Keith Hammitt arrived at 8:47 a.m.

**Also Present:** Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Fraley, Administrative Specialist Barbara Hollander, Budget Management Specialist Stephanie Hall, Budget Manager Bill Duckwitz, Medical Examiner Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki, Departmental Executive Assistant Nicki Bauer, Facilities Manager Shane Waeghe, Supervisor Larry Bangs, Supervisor Darlene Johnson, Supervisor Joel Gaughan, Supervisor Robert Kolb, Supervisor Darryl Enriquez, Corporation Counsel Erik Weidig, County Executive Paul Farrow and Chief of Staff Shawn Lundie.

### **Approve Minutes of December 12**

MOTION: Nelson moved, second by LaFontain to approve the minutes of December 12. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Review Correspondence**

UW Extension Fund Transfer: Overview given by Spaeth and then passed around to Committee.

### **Announcements**

Decker stated that the WCA conference is on the same day as the scheduled February Board meeting, so the Board meeting has been moved to February 27, 2023.

Farrow and Lundie presented Michalski with a commendation from the County to thank him for his service. Michalski was elected to the State Assembly and his last day with the County will be January 31, 2023.

### **Next Meeting Date**

February 20

### **Standing Committee Reports**

LaFontain, Hammitt and Heinrich gave reports on their respective committees.

### **Legislative Update**

Fraley shared a PowerPoint presentation that included an update on the newly elected officials, 2023-2024 legislative session timeline, the party makeup and leadership of the Senate and Assembly, and the Waukesha County delegation. The key issues facing the legislature are local government financing, economic development, transportation funding, public safety and mental health.

**Discuss and Consider Ordinance 177-O-088 Modify 2023-2027 Capital Plan And 2023 Capital Budget To Create Capital Project 202316, Medical Examiner's Office Renovation, Funded With American Rescue Plan Act Revenue**

Duckwitz, Waeghe and Biedrzycki presented that this ordinance would modify the 2023 Capital Project budget to increase expenditures by \$2,500,000 and general government revenues from the American Rescue Plan Act by \$2,500,000 for capital project #203316, Medical Examiner's Office Renovation.

Motion: Heinrich moved, second by LaFontain to approve Ordinance 177-O-088. Motion carried 6-0

Hammitt arrived at 8:47 a.m.

**Discuss and Consider Ordinance 177-O-089 Amend Waukesha County Board Of Supervisors' Operating Procedures And Rules By Amending The Text Of The Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 4**

Bangs said this ordinance amends the County's Board's rules of order by changing the number of supervisors necessary to take a resolution directly to the board from 1/3 to 1/5 of the members elect. His concern is that presently in trying to achieve co-sponsorships for resolutions deemed out of order, supervisors run the risk of violating a walking quorum.

Decker expressed concerns about time spent working on matters that do not pertain to county business saying the County Board should be focused on issues where it has direct oversight.

Wolff said the ordinance is a solution in search of a problem, stating only one resolution has gone through the new policy process, and it is not enough to warrant a change.

Nelson and Heinrich said the current policy is reasonable and do not support a change.

LaFontain expressed support in making it easier to bring things to the board floor as it keeps it in public view, and therefore, resolutions can be rejected/approved publicly. Wolff expressed concerns that it will lead to confusion by the public since not approving a resolution because it does not pertain to county business can be viewed as not agreeing with the resolution itself.

Discussion ensued on walking quorums. Weidig explained that it becomes a walking quorum immediately upon contacting other supervisors in support of a resolution. The public is entitled to hear the discussion/rationale, and the rules are established that those decisions are made in a public forum, not privately. There is a process under the existing ordinance whereby it is the County Board office's function to solicit others to participate.

Motion: Hammitt moved, second by LaFontain to approve Ordinance 177-O-089. Motion failed 2-5. Decker, Wolff, Michalski, Nelson, and Heinrich voted no.

**Discuss and Consider the following appointments: 177-A-029 Richard Bjodstrup Appointment Of County Representative To The Pretty Lake Management District Board; 177-A-030 Roman Schulteis Appointment Of County Representative To The Waukesha County ADRC Advisory Board; 177-A-031 Pamela Franke Appointment Of County Representative To The Waukesha County ADRC Advisory Board**

Motion: Heinrich moved, second by Michalski to approve the above-listed appointments. Motion carried 7-0

MOTION: Michalski moved, second by Wolff to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. Motion carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,



Peter M. Wolff  
Secretary – Executive Committee