

Minutes of the Executive Committee

Monday, January 20, 2020

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

Present: Supervisors Paul Decker, Jim Heinrich, Dave Swan, Christine Howard, and Larry Nelson. Peter Wolff arrived at 8:40 a.m. **Absent:** Dave Zimmermann.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, IBAW Executive Director Steve Kohlmann, and IBAW Public Policy Committee member Tom Parks.

Correspondence

Decker advised of a fund transfer request from the Bridges Library System totaling \$5,000 to cover salary expenses related to administrative specialist hours.

Approve Minutes of November 18, 2019

MOTION: Swan moved, second by Howard to approve the minutes of November 18. Motion carried 5-0.

Future Meeting Date

- February 17, 2020 (Heinrich absent)

Wolff arrived at 8:40 a.m.

Overview of Independent Business Association of Wisconsin (IBAW)

Kohlmann and Parks were present to discuss this item. IBAW is a business organization focused on issues faced by small independent businesses. IBAW was created in 1970 by small businesses to inform, connect, and represent independent business owners of Wisconsin. They discussed the need for an appropriately educated workforce and the needs for employees. In some cases, automation occurs in the absence of an available workforce. They also covered the benefits that would occur from tax simplification, the events they host, and the organizations they interact and network with. They emphasized the importance of infrastructure like roads. They serve as a conduit of information and help communicate the needs of their members.

Update on Customer Service Program

Spaeth presented the customer service survey used by the County for the program. She covered the progression of the County Board Office in the survey results and said in 2019, the office had a 5.0 rating which is viewed as a significant accomplishment by the program.

State Legislative Update

Spaeth covered the remaining session and noted she was in Madison last Tuesday addressing County issues including Adoption Task Force bills and water conservation funding.

Announcements

Decker discussed the transition plan for the County Board Office and indicated Mader will retire on April 17 and Spaeth will become Chief of Staff.

Standing Committee Reports by Committee Chairs

Committee chairs gave reports on their respective committees.

Chair's Report on Economic Development and Transportation Issues

Decker said he had a meeting last week regarding multimodal transportation and he participated in an event at the Joseph Project.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Wolff to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary