

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes June 19, 2017

Chair Decker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Members Present: Chair Paul Decker, Supervisors Jim Heinrich, Larry Nelson, and Peter Wolff. **Absent:** Christine Howard, Dave Zimmermann, and Dave Swan.

Others Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Elm Grove Village Manager Dave De Angelis, Bridges Library System Director Connie Meyer, and Senior Financial Analyst Mark Yatchak. Minutes Recorded by Beth Schwartz, County Board Office.

Approve Minutes of May 15, 2017

MOTION: Heinrich moved, second by Nelson to approve the minutes of May 15, 2017. Motion carried 4-0.

Future Meeting Date: July 17, 2017

Overview of the County Library Plan 2017-2021

Meyer said the plan meets the state's requirement for county library planning and seeks to increase the strength and impact of our libraries for the benefit of all county citizens. It proposes a number of important recommendations including: revised library standards, a change to the formula related to the distribution of funds to libraries, a change in the library system board over the use of its reserve fund, continued reliance on the federated library system for coordination of county library services, and creation of a county fund to incentivize county libraries to find efficiencies resulting in reduced expenses on an ongoing basis. Libraries have been on the forefront of adapting to change and reinventing themselves, evident in the continued high use of libraries in this county. The vast body of information that exists in today's world is difficult to comprehend but libraries working cooperatively can leverage their resources and offer important access to citizens. The internet has become the critical gateway that creates the need for new essential skills and access to digital networks and possessing digital literacy skills are necessary in modern society. The public library can be a trusted community resource and essential platform to ensure all economic, educational, civic and societal opportunities exist and no one is left without skills or access to information. The emerging value proposition of the public library is built around the three key assets people, place and platform, and the ability to scale in a world of knowledge and negotiate the complicated world of knowledge and social networks.

De Angelis highlighted several of the recommendations. In 2000, the county established standards for libraries whose municipalities wish to be exempt from the county library tax. The library standards were reviewed for the first time since implementation as part of the current planning process and changes in requirements were incorporated into the plan. After a thorough examination of all options, the committee consisting of seventeen members recommends the continued use of the regional library system to coordinate county library services. The committee endorses a change to the distribution formula for the county library reimbursement that better tracks and credits the sharing of items among libraries. The committee recommends a language change in the county code to reflect the statutory authority of the regional library system board. The committee encourages the county to incentivize county libraries to find efficiencies and reduce expenses on an ongoing basis. Meyer said there are some libraries above and some below the standard and that the plan includes quality assurance standards. In answering Decker's question, a municipality can start a library, for example, Sussex and Lisbon broke apart and formed two separate libraries instead of one joint library.

Nelson, as a member of the Bridges Library Board, said good people who fulfill their responsibilities on the library boards are proactive and avoid problems by adhering to the quality assurance standards. Heinrich asked how Bridges allows each library to maintain local control. Meyer said standards can only be adopted through library board votes, and that if it is not a wanted change the board can vote it down. Loopholes allow libraries to qualify for reimbursement while still maintaining the base minimum standards of services. Decker asked what concerns were brought to the table during the plan review not previously discussed. Meyer said citizen members were surprised at the intricacy of the library plan and system, and that discussions of individual vs. consolidated control took place.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Nelson to approve the 2017-2021 Library Services Plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussed and Considered the Following Appointments:

MOTION: Heinrich moved, second by Wolff to approve the following appointments en masse.

- a) 172-A-005: Michael Payne to the Airport Operations Commission
- b) 172-A-006: Barbara Woppert to the Big Bend Village Library Board of Trustees
- c) 172-A-007: Bob Mitchell to the Delafield Public Library Board of Trustees
- d) 172-A-008: Lynda Crook to the Hartland Public Library Board of Trustees
- e) 172-A-009: Amy Reichert to the Hartland Public Library Board of Trustees
- f) 172-A-010: Howard Pringle to the Mukwonago Community Library Board of Trustees
- g) 172-A-011: Donna Whalen to the Mukwonago Community Library Board of Trustees
- h) 172-A-012: Juli Hacker to the Pauline Haas Public Library Board of Trustees
- i) 172-A-013: Julie Kucharski to the Pauline Haas Public Library Board of Trustees
- j) 172-A-014: Christopher Koenig to the Pauline Haas Public Library Board of Trustees
- k) 172-A-015: Vicki Braden to the Pauline Haas Public Library Board of Trustees
- l) 172-A-016: Diane Knutson to the Oconomowoc Public Library Board of Trustees
- m) 172-A-017: Kristin Nelson to the Oconomowoc Public Library Board of Trustees
- n) 172-A-018: Laura Probst to the Waukesha Public Library Board of Trustees
- o) 172-A-019: Martha Ryan to the Waukesha Public Library Board of Trustees
- p) 172-A-020: Thomas Day to the Board of Adjustment
- q) 172-A-021: Richard Nawrocki to the Board of Adjustment
- r) 172-A-022: Bob Hamilton to the Park and Planning Commission

Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Input on County Board Strategic Plan

Decker, Spaeth and Mader outlined what input they were looking for on the Strategic Plan including information, media issues, events, and customer service. Heinrich said he would like to be informed about everything going on in his district such as new public works projects or press opportunities. He would like the communication to be consolidated to the County Board office instead of receiving information from different offices. Nelson said he would like to be made aware of programs to educate and update board members about procedure efficiency and that the M7 is a presentation topic he'd like to hear in the future. Nelson also expressed concern that there used to be reporters from local newspaper publications, and now there is no coverage of county board activity. He said it is disconcerting the public does not know what is going on at the county level and this needs to be remedied. Decker said it is important county citizens understand what the board does. Heinrich asked if state legislators could come to the executive committee meeting to discuss their agendas and current happenings. Spaeth said the most effective use of the state legislatures time is to focus on the relevant issues.

Legislative Update

Spaeth said the House and Assembly will be on break July through August. The bill reducing regulations for small cell transmission related devices has been fast tracked in the effort to get the 5G network up. It limits the authority of local government and political subdivisions to regulate wireless facilities and authorizes political subdivisions to impose setback requirements for certain mobile services support structures. Spaeth will work with the Senate on amendments and addressing the county's concerns. Spaeth also reported on several items in the budget. Changes in housing for sexually violent offenders gives local communities more of a voice in placement decisions while doing away with limitations on how close offenders can live to schools, parks and day care centers. Drug testing and work requirements will be required as a condition of eligibility for Medicaid benefits. Other items in the budget include local community responsibility for car killed deer, and funding dementia care specialists around the state.

Update on Regional Transit Leadership Council Executive Committee and Wisconsin Workforce Development Association Board

Decker reported that the Regional Transit Leadership Council Executive Committee is working on the Last Mile Study implementation. Flexible transit services that operate small busses or vans make stops at scheduled locations at set times or by request within designated zones. Partnerships were made with on-demand, ride-hailing companies, such as Lyft and Uber, to move people from transit stops to their jobs. There is also increased availability of bike sharing stations at transit stops. These solutions are supplements to traditional bus routes and all options require subsidies from employers or public funding to lower the cost for workers. Decker said this implementation will strengthen the local economy and help families and employers.

Decker also reported on the Milwaukee 7 (M7) regional economic development partnership. The M7 Talent Partnership aligns the Milwaukee Region's talent resources with high-growth industry clusters, creating a stronger, more agile workforce with a focus on reaching young people earlier to introduce them to the world of work and potential careers in the region. The Milwaukee metro area is projected to see the gap between available jobs and available workforce increase to 100,000 by 2023, the result of an aging workforce and a declining working-age population. The M7 Talent Partnership offers connecting companies to workers and resources. They also launched a campaign to facilitate career-based learning experiences for students so they are better prepared to enter and succeed in the workforce, connecting businesses, students, educators and community organizations.

County Board Committee Reports by Committee Chairs for the Following Meetings:

Finance of May 17- Heinrich reported the committee heard the 1st Quarter Investments Report, reviewed year-end workers compensation internal service funds, and determined liability and workers compensation payable reserve. The committee also discussed and considered two ordinances, heard about overtime and the staffing budget from the Sheriff's department, and reviewed the committee future agenda items list.

Human Resources of May 16- Nelson reported the committee reviewed and approved the annual report of the County Clerk's office and the Health & Human Services coordinator job specification revisions, heard an update on the Health & Wellness Center, and heard an overview of 2017 Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA) collective bargaining.

Land Use, Parks & Environment of May 16- Spaeth reported the committee discussed and considered several ordinances and heard an overview of the Humane Officer Program.

Health & Human Services of June 15- Mader reported the committee heard from the Addiction Resource Council, the Waukesha Food Pantry, received a crisis intervention services update, discussed and considered an ordinance, and reviewed revised Mental Health Advisory committee bylaws for approval.

Public Works of June 15- Spaeth reported the committee discussed and considered a bid and an ordinance, heard an executive summary report on the audit of Public Works Highway Operations Division, and heard an update on the Wisconsin County Highway Association Summer Road School Conference.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 10:19. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Wolff
Secretary