

Port Washington, Wisconsin

September 16, 2010

The Reorganization Committee met in Room A-200 of the Administration Center at 1:30 PM

Reorganization Committee called to order by Vice-Chairperson Geracie.

Present: Committee Members: Vice-Chairperson Geracie, Supervisors Marchese, Richart, Rothstein, Stumpf, Szatkowski and Walerstein.

Others Present: County Administrator Thomas Meaux, and Human Resources Director Jason Dzwinel.

Absent: Supervisor Mark Cronce (excused)

1. Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda: Agenda adopted by unanimous consent (7-0).
2. Public Comments/Correspondence/Communications: None
3. Approve Minutes of September 2, 2010 Meeting: Motion made by Supervisor Szatkowski to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Stumpf. Motion carried (7-0).
4. Action Items - Discussion of Committee and Departmental Alignment:

Chairperson Geracie informed the Committee that she has discussed the process with County Board Chairperson Brooks and he is in general agreement with the strengthened role of the Executive Committee in long-term planning and budget, and suggested that the number of Supervisors is a decision best left to the full County Board. He suggests that the Reorganization Committee prepare options for consideration based on the new standing committee structure. Other topics for consideration are the rotation of committee memberships and term limits for committee chairs

The Committee had a discussion of the role of the Public Safety Committee in the recruitment and grievance processes of the Sheriff's Department. Supervisor Szatkowski informed the Committee that the State statutes require that a Committee be appointed to hear grievances and that Committee may be appointed to perform the hiring and promotional activities of the Committee. These duties can be assigned to any committee of the County Board. The Committee consensus was to maintain these responsibilities in the Public Safety Committee.

The Committee discussed assigning the current Public Safety duties to the Administrative Committee. Supervisor Stumpf stated that these duties should be reassigned due to the fact that the budgetary and collective bargaining duties are now the responsibilities of the Executive Committee and this would even out the workload. Discussion on the current Administrative Committee's responsibilities for budget preparation; currently budget hearings are scheduled for one and one-half days. Committee consensus was not to reassign these duties.

Supervisor Richart spoke to the revised role of the Executive Committee and how it should impact the number of members and structure. The Committee discussed the selection/election of the Executive Committee. When the 2006 reorganization was conducted four options were developed; County Board Chair would appoint County Board

Supervisors to each of the 6 Functional Committees. The committee would then elect their Chair, who would also sit on the Executive Committee; County Board Chair would appoint County Board Supervisors to each of the 6 Functional Committees and appoint the Chair to each committee; The County Board would elect the Committee Chairs for each of the six Functional Committees. The County Board Chair would then appoint the remainder of the County Supervisors to the Committees; The County Board Chair would appoint three Functional Committee Chairs and the County Board would elect the other three Functional Committee Chairs. The County Board Chair would then appoint the remainder of the County Board Supervisors to the six Functional Committees. In 2006, the Board chose to allow the Chair to appoint the Committee Chairs, so that the leader of the Board, elected by his/her peers could choose his/her leadership. Supervisor Stumpf stated that the Board has faith in Supervisors to elect good chairpersons and the Committee Members should elect all the Committee Chairs. Supervisor Marchese stated that the Board was best served to have a strong chair to move things forward, so they should be allowed to choose their leadership. Supervisor Rothstein stated that the Committee should not hamstring the Chair by not allowing them to choose lieutenants. Committee consensus was to stay with the current appointment process.

The Committee discussed the proposed Committee structure. Supervisor Szatkowski stated that she felt that five Standing Committees was most appropriate; Public Safety should remain separate, but assume the Public Health oversight. In addition she felt that the Executive Committee should take on an enhanced role in economic development, and if this created additional workload the budget preparation duties could remain with Administrative Committee. Supervisor Richart stated that he agreed with five Standing Committees and the economic development liaison role for the Executive Committee. Supervisor Marchese also supported the concept of five Standing Committees, with a standalone Public Safety Committee. The Committee discussed having all the Constitutional Officers of the County report to the Administrative Committee. Vice Chair Geracie stated she felt that five Standing Committees was appropriate and that the Public Safety Committee should also oversee Public Health. Supervisor Stumpf stated that he felt that four Standing Committees was appropriate, Public Health should stay with Human Services and Public Safety should be combined with the Administrative Committee to make up for the loss of the budget and collective bargaining workload. Supervisor Rothstein stated that five standing Committees was appropriate and that Public Health should be combined with Public Safety, in addition the Executive Committee should take on a role with economic development. The committee discussed the current role of the Health and Human Services board members and citizen appointees. The current appointment of the Board allows for the minimum number of citizen appointees and moving the Public Health responsibilities to Public Safety would require the appointment of a separate Board of Health that would report to the Public Safety Committee and additional citizen members to the current Human Services Board. Committee consensus was to recommend five Standing Committees and an Executive Committee; Finance, Health and Human Services, Natural Resources, Public Safety and Public Works.

5. Adjournment – Motion made by Supervisor Rothstein to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Szatkowski. Motion carried (7-0).

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

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