



Kewaunee County
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

June 1, 2020 6:00 p.m., County Board Room
County Administration Building 810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee

AMENDED

Call to Order: Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mmembers Present – Dan Olson, Gary Paape, Chuck Wagner. Scott Jahnke, Aaron Augustian, Kim Kroll, Tom Romdenne, Virginia haske. Others Present – Jeff Wisnicky, Scott Feldt, Paul Kunesh, Robert Stearns.

Approve June 1, 2020 Agenda: Wagner moved and Augustian seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approve May 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Paape moved and Haske seconded to approve the May 1, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Administrator's Report

Personnel Report: Feldt reviewed the Personnel Report with the committee. There were no questions.

County Administrator's Report: Feldt touched briefly on the status of the study committees. The Chair will reauthorize the study committees and appoint members soon. Olson provided a listing of his intended appointments. A question was raised as to how the new members of the Public Safety Facility group will get up to speed. Feldt responded that Venture Architects will be making a presentation to the Board in June.

With regards to broadband, Olson informed the committee that he and Administrator Feldt met with Steve Schneider of Bug Tussel for approximately two hours to discuss their proposal. Schneider indicated that if Bug Tussel can co-locate on some existing towers, they would be able to widen their area of coverage. Olson asked Schneider to present to the Board again in June. General questions and discussion followed. Romdenne suggested that the County issue debt to pay for the project because Bug Tussel will pay for loan costs. More discussion followed.

Establish Policy regarding Military Reserve Deployment: Feldt and Kunesh provided background regarding the issue. The County does not have a policy regarding the payment of employees that are serving on an extended military deployment. The County does have a policy regarding pay for employees performing their 2-week annual training for military reserves. The proposed policy would mirror county policy that "makes whole" any employee on their 2-week training deployment. The County would pay the difference between what the employee receives in military pay and the pay received by the county. Discussion followed regarding the policy and general administrative questions were answered (e.g. how is pay determined). Kunesh then followed with an explanation as to how pay would be calculated and paid to an employee. County payroll could review each paystub received by the employee from the military and then make a



payment for the exact difference. This would be performed for each pay period. Kunesh explained this could be time consuming for administration. Another method would be to take the employee pay stub and calculate a base pay for the employee from which the county would pay the difference. This method would save administrative time and would be fairly accurate in its pay projection. General questions and discussion followed. Haske moved and Wagner seconded to approve the proposed policy that employees on extended deployment shall be made whole regarding pay by the county. Administration may use the administrative projection method to calculate the pay differential. Motion carried.

Discussion: Public Safety Facility (Jail) Study Process and Status: There was no additional discussion as the discussion took place during the Administrator's Report.

Discussion: Broadband Study Process and Status: There was no additional discussion as the discussion took place during the Administrator's Report.

Chairman's Report: Olson notified the committee of the City of Kewaunee's intention to form a Tax increment Finance (TIF) District. A meeting is scheduled for June 15. General discussion followed regarding the purpose of a TIF district and the financial impacts.

Olson informed the committee of the invoices for library costs from Brown and Manitowoc Counties in the amount of approximately \$56,000. Discussion followed as to why Kewaunee County is charged and possible remedies. Kewaunee County does not have a consolidated library system so neighboring counties with libraries may charge Kewaunee County for items checked out by county residents. The county had explored the idea of creating a consolidated system about two years ago and determined the cost to consolidate was greater than the charges paid to neighboring libraries. Baker suggested the county examine establishing more pick-up/drop-off sites in the county similar to the ones in Luxemburg. Feldt responded this should be taken up by the Library Board.

Olson informed the committee that he is moving forward with the drafting of an employment contract with the County Administrator. Olson is asking Paape and former Chair Robert Weidner to begin the process. Wisnicky will be part of the process as well.

Olson asked if the County is prepared for any potential protests as he has been asked questions from the public. Feldt responded that the Sheriff's Department is prepared. No protests had been scheduled at this time. If the need arises, the County has mutual aid agreements with other counties if warranted. Kewaunee County may be asked for assistance from other counties as well.

Question was raised regarding the status of location/construction a new highway facility. The initial phase has been completed. The Highway Committee will continue to look at options as the timing and cost of the facility will be competing with other capital projects.

Next Meeting: July 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Wagner moved and Augustian seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.