



**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – March 13, 2018**

**Call to Order.** Chair Podzilni called the meeting of the County Board Staff Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Podzilni, Kraft, Thomas, Brill, Mawhinney, Bussie, Sweeney and Peer (at 4:20 P.M.).

**Committee Members Excused:** Supervisor Arnold.

**Staff Members Present:** Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Richard Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Annette Mikula, Human Resources Director.

**Others Present:** Supervisor Schulz; Bob Harlow, RSVP; Tom Brien.

**Approval of Agenda.** Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the amended agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements.** None.

**Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2018.** Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the minutes of February 27, 2018 as presented, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

**Transfers.** None.

**Review of Payments.** The Committee accepted the reports.

**Resolutions.**

**Recognizing Barb Skogsberg for Service to Rock Haven**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 does hereby recognize Barb Skogsberg for her 20 years, 7 months of service and extend their best wishes to her in her future endeavors.”

Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

**Recognizing Susan Poole for Service to Rock County**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 does hereby

recognize Susan Poole for her 19 years, 9 months of service and extend their best wishes to her in her future endeavors.”

Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Kraft.  
ADOPTED.

**Recognizing Barbara Jass for Service to Rock Haven**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 does hereby recognize Barbara Jass for her 30 years, 3 months of service and extend their best wishes to her in her future endeavors.”

Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Bussie.  
ADOPTED.

**To Recognize Phil Boutwell**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 does hereby recognize Phil Boutwell for his decades of service and extend their best wishes to him in the future.”

Supervisor Kraft moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Thomas.  
ADOPTED.

**Establishing the Salary for the Rock County Clerk of Courts for the 2019-2022 Term**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, set the increase in salary for the Rock County Clerk of Courts as per the below schedule: 1.5%, effective January 1, 2019, 1.5% effective January 1, 2020, 2.0%, effective January 1, 2021, and 2.0%, effective January 1, 2022, said salary to be paid equally over a period of 26 or 27 regular pay periods throughout each year.

	<u>01/01/2019</u>	<u>01/01/2020</u>	<u>01/01/2021</u>	<u>01/01/2022</u>
Clerk of Courts	\$77,627.58	\$78,791.99	\$80,367.83	\$81,975.52

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the aforementioned County elected official is entitled to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with law and the County shall pay only its share of contributions required by law; and

~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**~~; that the aforementioned County elected official is entitled to participate in the County’s health insurance program subject to the terms and conditions of the program, which may be modified from time to time, under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial County employees who are not law enforcement managerial employees or non-represented managerial employees described in Wis. Stat. Section 111.70(1)(mm).”

Supervisor Kraft moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Mawhinney.  
ADOPTED.

**Establishing the Salary for the Rock County Sheriff for the 2019-2022 Term**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, set the increase in salary for the Rock County Sheriff as per the below schedule: 2.0%, effective January 1, 2019, 2.0% effective January 1, 2020, 2.0%, effective January 1, 2021, and 2.0%, effective January 1, 2022, said salary to be paid equally over a period of 26 or 27 regular pay periods throughout each year.

	<u>01/01/2019</u>	<u>01/01/2020</u>	<u>01/01/2021</u>	<u>01/01/2022</u>
Sheriff	\$119,488.92	\$121,878.70	\$124,316.27	\$126,802.60

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned County elected official is entitled to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with law and the County shall contribute to WRS as required by 40.05(1)(b)2.a.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Sheriff shall be eligible to participate in all benefits available to department heads, under the same terms and conditions, including health and dental plans, as may be modified from time to time.”

Supervisor Kraft moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Sweeney.

Supervisor Kraft asked about the contribution to WRS. Mr. Greenlee said this is tied to the bargaining and would need to be moved up to 3%, the same as command staff.

Supervisor Mawhinney asked about the pay for the Cities of Beloit and Janesville Chief of Police positions. Ms. Mikula said the two Chief of Police positions pay more than the Sheriff, but this is typical of all, as they also pay full WRS.

ADOPTED.

**Authorizing a Contract with United Way Blackhawk Region and Amending the 2018 County Budget**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, does hereby authorize the County Administrator’s Office to develop a contract with United Way Blackhawk Region in the amount of \$3,700 for 2018 to include the aforementioned services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2018 Budget be amended as follows:

...”

Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Sweeney.

Mr. Smith said, as discussed a couple meetings ago, an analysis was done and we came up with \$3,700, which will come from the Contingency Fund.

Supervisor Mawhinney referred to lines 13 and 14, which reads “Whereas, United Way Blackhawk Region would collect data on usage under the contract and provide a report to the County Administrator’s Office.” Mr. Smith said they would need to respond to questions asked annually in their request, which will then be discussed in the budget as per the County Board’s direction.

ADOPTED.

**Authorizing a Contract with HealthNet and Amending the 2018 County Budget**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, does hereby authorize the County Administrator’s Office to develop a contract with HealthNet in the amount of \$57,000 for 2018 to include the aforementioned services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 2018 Budget be amended as follows:

...”

Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Thomas.

Mr. Smith said, as listed in the executive summary, HealthNet cannot quantify their services so the four bullet-pointed services was agreed upon for the \$57,000 contribution. HealthNet will track, report back and give us a better sense of utilization of the funds. These funds will be coming out of the General Fund for 2018 and in the future will come from tax levy.

Supervisor Peer arrived at 4:20 P.M.

Supervisor Kraft thanked Mr. Smith for the thought and time he has put in to try to make this work.

Supervisor Mawhinney asked if HealthNet will be keeping track in the future. Mr. Smith said they will be measuring the services they will be providing and submit the results to the County to help make future decisions.

ADOPTED.

**Supporting RSVP Transportation Funding & Amending the 2018 Budget**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, provide an additional allocation of \$20,000 to RSVP’s Transportation program that will offset the County and United Way reductions, on a one-time basis with funds to come from the General Funds Balance and amend the Community Agency Initiatives 2018 Budget as follows:

...”

Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Mawhinney.

Mr. Smith said RSVP received funding from two sources, state funding through Council on Aging and United Way. The amount they received from Council on Aging was reduced by \$11,335, of which \$5,985 was dedicated to the Seniors Volunteering for Seniors (SVS) program. United Way reduced the amount they contributed to RSVP by \$20,849, of which \$11,022 was dedicated to SVS. This is a total of \$17,007 less being provided to RSVP for SVS program for 2018 than in 2017.

Supervisor Schulz said Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee supported this resolution. She added that the Committee was looking to restore providing rides for about 200 seniors for the remaining nine months of 2018 and Mr. Harlow came up with the amount needed of \$20,000.

Chair Podzilni said this amount is them adding what United Way cut as well and the County. Mr. Harlow said they will be receiving a reduced amount from United Way next year. In 2019 they will receive about \$22,000. He added that they have been providing transportation to about 300 seniors, for to about 100,000 miles, and with a cost of about \$64,000.

Supervisor Mawhinney asked if they have gone to other groups to ask for funding. Mr. Harlow said they have been trying to obtain funding from various sources.

Supervisor Bussie said RSVP does a very good job. Supervisor Thomas said it is a very much used and appreciated program. Supervisor Schulz said the rides are used for various basic needs. Supervisor Peer said we need to take care of our elderly.

Supervisor Kraft asked how often they look for efficiencies in their programs. Mr. Harlow said they are limiting to basic needs, they are trying to double up the riders, and there was not much more they can do. He added that they have looked at their programs and have made them as efficient as possible already.

ADOPTED.

Mr. Harlow thanked the Committee.

#### **Reallocating the Nursing Home Administrator**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, increase the pay range for the Nursing Home Administrator from Unilateral pay range 35 to Unilateral pay range 39.”

Supervisor Kraft moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Thomas.

Mr. Smith said there has been one recruitment and have found we are in the lower pay area in the market. He added that we suggested the pay range be raised to attract a better pool of people.

The Committee discussed what is being paid to Pathways for the interim.

ADOPTED.

**Authorizing Naming the Recently Acquired Rye 140 Property as Rock County Turtle Creek Access at 140**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 does hereby designate recently acquired 140 property as Rock County Turtle Creek Access at 140.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rock County Parks Staff is directed to place a sign on the 140 Property designating it as Rock County Turtle Creek Access at 140.”

Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Peer.

Supervisor Bussie said the land in the Clinton area was purchased by the County for access to Turtle Creek and named by the Parks Advisory Committee.

ADOPTED.

**Updates.**

**Discussion and Possible Action to Re-Title Mediation and Family Court Services Manager** Moved by Supervisor Mawhinney, second by Supervisor Sweeney.

Mr. Smith explained this change is to have titles consistent throughout the County to have only department heads as directors.

ADOPTED.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Per Meeting Allowance Increase for County Board Supervisors** Moved by Supervisor Brill, second by Supervisor Peer.

Chair Podzilni said Supervisor Brill had requested this be put on the agenda for discussion.

Mr. Terronez said the handout provided had been compiled by the County Clerks Association.

Supervisor Kraft asked Supervisor Brill how much of an increase these Supervisors were requesting. Supervisor Brill said a \$10 to \$15 increase.

Supervisor Mawhinney said she feels \$50 per meeting is plenty. Supervisor Sweeney agreed.

Supervisor Sweeney said both the Chair and Vice Chair spend a great deal of time on County business. Supervisor Mawhinney added that they are the face of the County.

Supervisor Sweeney moved to increase the Chair and Vice Chair salaries to \$5,500 and \$2,800 respectively, second by Supervisor Mawhinney.

Supervisor Kraft said she does not feel it is right to raise the County Board Chair and Vice Chairs salaries if the Supervisors don't receive an increase. Chair Podzilni agreed.

PASSED on the following vote: Yes – Supervisors Brill, Mawhinney, Peer, Sweeney and Thomas; No – Supervisors Bussie, Kraft and Podzilni.

**Update on Forward Janesville Trip to Washington D.C.** Mr. Smith handed out and went over briefly the 2018 Federal Legislative issues raised – Transportation Funding, Criminal Justice System Improvements, and Behavioral Health System Improvements – to give a sense of the meetings he attended and discussions held. (Attached)

**Claim.** Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the Claim from King Carriers, second by Supervisor Kraft.

Mr. Greenlee explained this claim of \$14,197.57 from January 15, 2018 against Rock County Public Works is for damages to a semi-truck, which was parked in a parking lot at the Stateline Information Center, caused by the wing of a County plow truck as it passed during plow operations. He said WMMIC recommends approval to pay King Carriers.

APPROVED.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Sweeney moved adjournment at 5:15 P.M., second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen  
Confidential Administrative Assistant

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## Rock County, Wisconsin 2018 Federal Legislative Issues

### Transportation Funding

A strong transportation network is key to strong economic development. Congress has recognized this through passage of the FAST Act to support improvements such as the I-39/90 expansion project. Although Rock County borrows \$3 million annually for road projects and in 2018 will devote \$1.6 million in local sales tax proceeds for this purpose, additional support is needed to maintain state and local roads. We appreciate a renewed focus on infrastructure projects at the federal level.

We encourage Congress to:

- provide a sustainable, long-term funding source for transportation programs while recognizing the limits on the ability of local governments to raise revenue to match federal grants; and
- provide states flexibility to develop alternative local funding sources, such as by giving states the authority to consider funding road projects by adding tolls to existing highways.

### Criminal Justice System Improvements

Rock County has become a leader in enacting improvements to the criminal justice system through its participation in the Evidence Based Decision Making (EBDM) initiative. Both Rock County and the State of Wisconsin rely on technical assistance from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), which is important as the County readies to implement a pre-trial assessment and supervision program, risk assessments for individuals entering the criminal justice system, and other program improvements.

We encourage Congress to:

- provide funding and support to the NIC so that it can continue to provide technical assistance to Rock County and the State of Wisconsin in implementing public safety improvements; and
- continue to fund grant programs through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that provide vital resources to local law enforcement agencies.

### Behavioral Health System Improvements

It is increasingly important to proactively address mental health and substance abuse issues. Federal Medicaid dollars are critical to Rock County's ability to provide community-based behavioral health services, which are less costly than institutional placements or incarceration.

We encourage Congress to:

- ensure the sufficiency of Medicaid funding, including so that provider reimbursement rates for behavioral health services are adequate;
- support efforts to respond to the opioid epidemic, including increased funding for treatment; and
- preserve SAMHSA grants and programs that fund and disseminate best practices.