

Richland County

Referendum Ad Hoc Committee

September 27th, 2022

The Richland County Referendum Ad Hoc Committee convened on Tuesday, September 27th, 2022, in the County Board Room at the Richland County Courthouse, 181 W Seminary Street, in person and by WebEx.

Committee members present included: County Board Members David Turk, Steve Carrow, Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Kerry Severson; School Board representative Erin Unbehaun and City of Richland Center Mayor Todd Coppernoll.

Also present was: Administrator Clinton Langreck taking minutes and logged on by Web Ex, several members of the general public, County Board Members Don Seep and Ingrid Glasbrenner, Jo Ann Krulatz from WRCO logged in by Web Ex., and John Couey was present from MIS running the teleconferencing.

Not present: Supervisor Bob Frank

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Murphy-Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. **Proof of Notification:** Administrator Langreck verified that the meeting had been properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were sent by email to all Committee members, County Board members, WRCO, County department heads, Richland Observer, Valley Sentinel and a copy was posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board.
3. **Agenda Approval:** Moved by Supervisor Turk to approve the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Severson. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. **Public Comments:** None
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from September 7th and 27th meetings will be presented at the next meeting. No action taken.
6. **Public education information report a. Wage comparisons with peer counties, b. Staffing level comparisons with peer counties, C. Other updates:**

Committee reviewed track changes to the education presentation. The committee discussed the compensation and staffing levels with consideration given to demographic data points. Motion to adopt an updated public education information report to use in communicating with the public, committees, boards, agencies, and other bodies, and refer staffing comparison information to the HHS & Veterans Standing Committee for use at their upcoming 9/29/22 meeting, was made by supervisor Severson, 2nd by Supervisor Carrow. All Ayes, motion carried.

7. **Responses from the public to press release and social media posts:** Supervisor Murphey-Lopez presented responses from the public as posted through social media. The committee reviewed the comments. The press release was distributed to the local newspapers and radio. Committee members shared some of the feedback received from members of the community.
8. **Report on presentation at Richland County Towns Association meeting:** Supervisor Carrow and Supervisor Severson reported on the educational presentation given to the towns association on September 21st. Supervisor Carrow reported delivering the report to the members in attendance that evening.
9. **Research on other referendums:** Committee discussed the upcoming referendum with Washington County and information exchanged at the WCA conference in which we learned that the Wisconsin Counties

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Association may be able to support out referendum with public relations support.

10. **Correspondence with other committees:** Discussion was had on the process of receiving reports from the other committees, and what actions the ad hoc committee may be taking in building a recommendation to present to Finance and Personnel.

11. **Presentation at Richland Center City Council and School Boards:** Supervisor Turk will be attending the next city council meeting. Representative Unbehaun will be investigating the ability for the ad hoc committee to attend the Richland Center School Board Meeting for presentation.

12. **Future Agenda Items:** None given

13. **Adjournment:** Next meeting will be Monday, October 10th @ 6:30 pm in the County Board Room. Moved by Supervisor Carrow to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Turk. All voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Clinton Langreck
Richland County Administrator