

Richland County  
Executive & Finance Standing Committee

July 9, 2024

The Richland County Executive & Finance Standing Committee convened on July 9, 2024 in person and virtually at 5:00 PM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

**Call To Order:** Committee Chair Williamson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Roll Call:** Deputy Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee members present: Steve Carrow, Ken Rynes, Gary Manning, Mark Gill, Ingrid Glasbrenner, David Turk, Bob Frank, Steve Williamson, and Marc Couey. Committee member(s) absent: None.

**Verification Of Open Meetings Law Compliance:** Deputy Clerk Hege confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

**Approval Of Agenda:** Motion by Manning, second by Rynes to approve agenda. Committee Chair Williamson moved agenda item number 16: **Closed Session: The Chair May Entertain A Motion To Enter Closed Session Pursuant To Wis. Stat, Sec 19.85(1)(F): Considering Financial, Medical, Social Or Personal Histories Or Disciplinary Data Of Specific Persons, Preliminary Consideration Of Specific Personnel Problems Or The Investigation Of Charges Against Specific Persons Except Where Par. (B) Applies Which, If Discussed In Public, Would Be Likely To Have A Substantial Adverse Effect Upon The Reputation Of Any Person Referred To In Such Histories Or Data, Or Involved In Such Problems Or Investigations – Consideration Of Conduct Of Public Officials** to follow agenda item number 6: **Public Comment**. Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

**Approval Of Minutes From June 11, 2024:** Committee Chair Williamson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the June 11, 2024 meeting. Hearing none, Committee Chair Williamson declared them approved as published.

**Public Comment:** None

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*Per advisement of Corporation Counsel Windle, Deputy Clerk Hege left meeting before Closed Session portion begins.*

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**Return To Open Session:** Returned to Open Session at 6:07 p.m. Chair Williamson called for a brief recesses. Reconvened from recess at 6:13 p.m.

**Possible Action On Items From Closed Session:** No action taken.

### **Reports:**

- A. Veterans Service Officer Quarterly Report:** County Veterans Services Officer, Karen Knock presented her reports to the committee. CVSO Knock also reported that the VSO Office received their annual grant money. No discussion.
- B. Administrator's Report: 2025 Budget Overview & Campus:** County Administrator, Candace Pesch reported on various items including: grant funds from the State of Wisconsin and application process update, visit from Venture Architects, County budget progress update, shared revenue update, wage study update, campus update, and gave an update on the feasibility study being done on the campus.

**Resolution Approving Purchase Of 15 Desktop Computers:** Administrator Pesch gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Brief discussion ensued. Motion by Rynes to forward the resolution on to County Board for approval, second by Frank. Motion carried and the resolution approving purchase of 15 desktop computers was forwarded on to County Board.

### **Resolution Approving The Purchase An Air Conditioner Unit For The Server Room:**

Administrator Pesch gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Brief discussion ensued. Motion by Carrow to forward the resolution on to County Board for approval, second by Couey. Motion carried and the resolution approving the purchase an air condition unit for the server room was forwarded on to County Board.

**Resolution of Support Calling for State Investment in Mental Health Funding:** Administrator Pesch gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Brief discussion ensued. Motion by Glasbrenner to forward the resolution on to County Board for approval, second by Manning. Motion carried and the resolution of support calling for state investment in mental health funding was forwarded on to County Board.

**Discussion & Possible Action: Repairs To West Bridge On UW Campus:** County Highway Commissioner, Joshua Elder gave background on the proposed repairs. Extensive discussion ensued. Motion by Glasbrenner to move a resolution on to County Board for approval, second by Frank. Motion carried and a resolution regarding repairs to the west bridge on the UW Campus was forwarded on the County Board.

**Discussion & Possible Action: Approval Of Change Order For Radio Tower Project Bird Study:** Administrator Pesch gave an explanation of the proposed change order. Extensive discussion ensued. No action taken.

**Discussion & Possible Action: Provision Of Corporation Counsel Services Through Contracted Staff Or County Employee:** Administrator Pesch gave an explanation of the agenda item. Extensive discussion ensued. No action taken.

**Discussion & Possible Action - Committee Appointments: Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, Board Of Adjustments, And Southwest Wisconsin Community Action Program:**

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Administrator Pesch gave an explanation of the need for various committee appointments including the need for a County Board supervisor to be appointed to the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, need for appointments to the Board of Adjustments, and the need for a change in appointment to the Southwest Wisconsin Community Action Program committee. Administrator Pesch recommended that the Committee on Committees convene to make these appointments. Brief discussion ensued.

**Discussion & Possible Action: Procedure To Fill Upcoming County Treasurer Vacancy:** County Board Supervisor David Turk gave an explanation of the need to fill the position of County Treasurer due to the resignation of current County Treasurer, Jeffry Even. Supervisor Rynes left meeting at 6:56 p.m. Extensive discussion ensued. Consensus from the committee was to advertise the position for two weeks.

**Correspondence:** None

**Future Agenda Items:**

Discussion & Possible Action: Confirmation of Ethics Board

Discussion & Possible Action: Provision Of Corporation Counsel Services Through Contracted Staff Or County Employee

Campus Update

Emergency Management Vehicle

**Adjourn:** Motion by Manning, second by Gill to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Myranda H. Hege  
Deputy County Clerk