

Richland County

Campus Reconfiguration Standing Committee

May 21, 2025

The Richland County Campus Reconfiguration Standing Committee convened on May 21, 2025 in person and virtually at 6:01 PM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Chair Turk called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Roll Call: County Clerk Kalish conducted roll call. Committee members present: Steve Carrow, Gary Manning, David Turk, Melvin “Bob” Frank, and Steve Williamson. Committee member(s) absent: Ingrid Glasbrenner.

Verification Of Open Meetings Law Compliance: County Clerk Kalish confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Frank second by Williamson to approve the agenda. Motion carried and the agenda was approved.

Approval Of Minutes From April 30, 2025 Meeting: Chair Turk asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the April 30, 2025 meeting. Hearing none, Chair Turk declared the minutes from the April 30, 2025 meeting approved as published.

Public Comment: None

Closed Session: The Chair May Entertain A Motion To Enter Closed Session Pursuant To Wis. Stat, Sec 19.85(1)(E) Deliberating Or Negotiating The Purchasing Of Public Properties, The Investing Of Public Funds, Or Conducting Other Specified Public Business, Whenever Competitive Or Bargaining Reasons Require A Closed Session – Potential Future Uses Of Campus Buildings: Motion by Manning second by Frank to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Sec 19.85(1)(C). Motion carried unanimously at 6:03 PM and the committee convened into Closed Session.

Closed Session

Return To Open Session: Committee reconvened into Open Session at 6:08 PM.

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

Reports-UW Campus Status Update: No updates reported.

Reports-Update On Assessment Of Specialized Items In Campus Buildings: Turk reported that Ithaca Schools have removed items from the Science Building and Richland Schools will be going through in a few days. Turk also noted that Brewer Library has removed items from the Library Building for integration into their programming. Administrator Clements noted that she has been in contact with Greg Zimmerman regarding the plotting machine and it will likely be donated.

Reports-Venture Architects Updates: No updates reported.

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Discussion & Possible Action - Review Of Space Needs Assessment And Next Steps: Cory Beyer (Venture Architects) noted that upon approval, Venture can perform additional facility assessments on Pine Valley Community Village, Ambulance building, and Symons Recreation Complex. Beyer also noted that master planning regarding campus buildings has been on hold. Beyer stated that Venture has been reviewing the existing courthouse property and shared conceptual configurations of space involving the law enforcement and justice centers. Discussion on the conceptual plans followed. No action taken.

Discussion & Possible Action: Next Steps For Future Uses Of The Campus Property:

Administrator Clements presented the following options for next steps for future use of campus property: the county keeps buildings/property, county obtains RFP for proposals for use with assistance from Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, or the county contacts a real estate agent. Supervisor Carrow noted he would share information regarding Habitat for Humanity's business model. Supervisor Frank noted he would be interested to learn what Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission has to say about the request for proposals. Administrator Clements stated that decisions regarding community input and desired parameters would need to be determined as a part of the RFP process. Consensus was reached to request Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to present proposal process at next meeting.

Discussion & Possible Action: Set Future Meeting Date(s): Next meeting scheduled for 5 PM on June 4, 2025.

Correspondence: None.

Future Agenda Items:

Reports: UW Campus Status update, Venture Architects update, and update on assessment of specialized items in campus buildings, and review of Housing Summit information

Discussion & Possible Action: Request For Proposal Process Presentation By Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Adjourn: Motion by Manning second by Williamson to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.



Derek S. Kalish
Richland County Clerk