

**JULY 9, 2013 SESSION  
OF THE  
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The Walworth County Board Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Chair Russell at 5:10 p.m. at the Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call was conducted and the following Supervisors were present: Richard Brandl, Tim Brellenthin, Vice-Chair Jerry A. Grant, Daniel G. Kilkenny, Kenneth H. Monroe, Carl Redenius, Joe Schaefer, Tim Schiefelbein, David A. Weber, and Chair Nancy Russell. Rick Stacey was absent.

• **The purpose of the meeting is:**

- Presentation by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission regarding its organization and mission as well as services it provides to counties

Ken Yunker, Executive Director of Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), delivered a presentation. Mr. Yunker stated SEWRPC is a planning agency that was created by the state in 1960 to assist the seven counties in Southeastern Wisconsin in considering and addressing physical development and infrastructure problems that extend beyond their boundaries. Mr. Yunker stated the commission is strictly advisory and works to make advisory recommendations for the county and municipal officials. He also stated the commission prepares advisory long-range plans for the region, which include plans for land use, transportation, water quality management, flood management, parks and open space, environmental corridors, natural areas, and water supply. He said SEWRPC is governed by a 21 member commission, which consists of three members from each of the seven counties. One member is appointed by the County Board and two members are appointed by the Governor. Walworth County's representatives are Chair Nancy Russell, Charles Colman, and Health and Human Services Director Linda Seemeyer.

Mr. Yunker gave an overview of the commission's functions, which include data collection, long range planning for physical development of the region, and providing a center to coordinate day-to-day planning activities. He also gave an overview of the commission's regional planning functions, which includes population and employment forecasts, land use planning, transportation planning, environmental planning, regional housing planning, and county and local government support. He stated the support the commission provides to counties and local governments includes orthophotography and mapping, comprehensive planning, park and open space plans, farmland preservation plans, lake management plans, zoning and subdivision ordinances, county surveyor consortium, field activities, traffic forecasts and studies, and program administration.

Mr. Yunker gave an overview of SEWRPC's regional plans that were recently completed, such as the Regional Water Supply Plan, Regional Housing Plan, and Regional Natural Areas Plan. He stated recent projects that were completed in Walworth County include the Walworth County Jurisdictional Highway System Plan, Walworth County Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan, and Walworth County Redistricting Plan. He also stated projects that are currently underway in Walworth County include the Walworth County Park and Open Space Plan, Jackson

Creek Watershed Protection Plan, City of Elkhorn Lincoln Street traffic study, and Town of Sugar Creek Impact fee ordinance. He said ongoing projects in Walworth County include serving as the County Surveyor, regional coordination center for orthophotography, advising lake management districts, wetland and primary environmental corridor delineation, reviewing public and private sanitary sewer extensions, and providing assistance to local governments and economic development organizations in the application of industry/occupation/workforce software.

Mr. Yunker gave an overview of the funding sources for the commission. He stated the proposed 2014 budget revenues is \$7.09 million, which consists of a regional tax levy, state and federal funding, and local and state contracts. He said the proposed regional tax levy for 2014 is \$2,370,245 and this is apportioned to each county based on the county's proportion of the equalized valuation in the region. He also said the county collects its share of the regional tax levy by adding the appropriate amount to the county levy and spreading it across the county tax base. He stated the regional tax levy for SEWRPC has not increased over the last eight years.

Mr. Yunker concluded the presentation by taking questions from Supervisors. Supervisor Kilkenny inquired about how technology will affect future plans. Mr. Yunker stated they will look at how technology will change things and their new transportation plan will look out to the year 2050. He said they will coordinate with the US Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration. Supervisor Schiefelbein asked how the commission decides what projects they take on and if there are fees imposed for a study. Mr. Yunker stated federal funding is for transportation and they try to reserve a portion of those funds to respond to the needs of counties and municipalities. He said it is a first come, first serve basis on how they decide which projects they take on and they try to have a modest charge. He stated it cost approximately \$15,000 for Walworth County's redistricting plan.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, seconded by Vice-Chair Grant, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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I, Kimberly S. Bushey, County Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors for the July 9, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting.