

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 14, 2022
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

Chair David Weber called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present, either in person or by remote attendance: Chair David Weber; Vice Chair Daniel Kilkenny; Supervisors Brian Holt, Susan Pruessing, and Nancy Russell. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance

County Staff: Walworth County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Corporation Counsel/Director-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter; Walworth County Clerk Kimberly Bushey; Director-Human Resources Kate Bishop; and Director-Public Works Richard Hough.

Members of the Public: Chris Goebel, Walworth County Republican Party.

On motion by Supervisor Russell, second by Vice Chair Kilkenny, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Vice Chair Kilkenny, the February 14, 2022 Executive Committee meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment

Chris Goebel, Chair-Walworth County Republican Party, appeared in person and requested that the County consider an ordinance banning private funding of elections within Walworth County.

Consent Items – expense/mileage reimbursement claims submitted by:

7a. Rick Stacey, County Board Supervisor, in the amount of \$16.15

7b. Allan Polyock, Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission, in the amount of \$154.13

Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Vice Chair Kilkenny, to approve the expense/mileage reimbursement claims submitted by Rick Stacey and Allan Polyock. Motion carried 5-0.

Appointments. Recommendations regarding County Administrator's nominations:

8a. Aram Public Library Board (Delavan) – appointment of Robert Gray Betzer

8b. Aram Public Library Board (Delavan) – appointment of Linda Zell

8c. Barrett Memorial Library Board (Williams Bay) – appointment of Edgar “Skip” Mosshamer

8d. Brigham Memorial Library Board (Sharon) – appointment of Margaret Bergren

8e. Lake Geneva Public Library Board – appointment of Wen-D Kersten

8f. Lake Geneva Public Library Board – appointment of Larry Kundert

8g. Lakeshores Library System Board – appointment of Mary Nugent

8h. Transportation Coordinating Committee – appointment of Nancy Russell

Walworth County Administrator Mark W. Luberda noted Supervisor Russell's appointment to the Transportation Coordinating Committee, as a citizen member, will be approved by the County Board of Supervisors in April when she is no longer seated on the Board. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to approve the appointments to the Aram Public Library Board, Barrett Memorial Library Board, Brigham Memorial Library Board, Lake Geneva Public Library Board, Lakeshores Library System Board, and Transportation Coordinating Committee. Motion carried 5-0.**

New business

9a. Approval of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule-DRAFT II

Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to approve the Walworth County Board of Supervisors 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule-DRAFT II. Motion carried 5-0.

9b. Correspondence from Republican Party of Walworth County (RPWC) Chair Christopher Goebel – RPWC Resolution asking Walworth County to adopt an ordinance to secure Walworth County's elections free of influence from private funds

Luberda referred to his Memorandum included on Page 28 of the packet; suggesting two potential areas in the ordinance where an exclusion could be added in reference to donations and grants. Luberda stated verbiage could be added as such:

“No donations shall be accepted from any person or non-governmental entity for the purpose of elections administration, included but not limited to collection of ballots and/or voter registration”; and repeating the same language using grants in place of donations. Luberda cautioned that this ordinance amendment would restrict the County’s action, but does not limit municipalities. Corporation Counsel/Director-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter concurred the County does not have jurisdiction to regulate the municipalities in this matter. **Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to approve the ordinance amendment with language suggested in County Administrator Luberda’s March 10, 2022 Memorandum. Motion carried 5-0.** Luberda clarified his understanding is that staff will draft the ordinance changes to be included on the next County Board of Supervisors meeting agenda.

9c. Correspondence from Supervisor Brian Holt regarding County Ordinance Sec. 16-11 – Use of County-owned property for private functions and events – (h) Alcohol
Supervisor Holt referred to his letter included in the packet (Page 36); reiterating the challenges associated with open containers of alcohol being permitted for 2021 Elkhorn Oktoberfest and keeping patrons off of County property as to not violate the County ordinance. Discussion ensued relative to how enforcement was managed last year, and the types of issues other municipalities see with allowing open intoxicants for festivals. Luberda suggested he would collaborate with Corporation Counsel and Director of Public Works to create a possible ordinance exception, and what those parameters would look like for the Committee to review next month. Vice Chair Kilkenny suggested a discussion with the City of Elkhorn as well.

Reports/announcements by Chairperson

Chair Weber thanked everyone who is leaving the Board and wished them the best for the future.

Confirmation of next meeting date and time: The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, April 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Claims and Litigation

12. The committee may discuss the following topic(s) in open session. The committee convened in closed session at **approximately 10:38 a.m. on motion and second by Vice Chair Kilkenny and Supervisor Holt** pursuant to the exemption contained in Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes, “conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved,” relative to the items listed below. A roll call vote was conducted and all members present voted “aye.” County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Corporation Counsel/Director-LURM Michael Cotter; Director-Human Resources Kate Bishop; and Director-Public Works Richard Hough remained in closed session. Supervisors Susan Pruessing and Nancy Russell remained on the telephone.

- a) Claim for Vehicle Damage – William C. Allen
- b) Claim for Property Damage – United Methodist Church of Delavan
- c) Notice of Claim for Property Tax Lawsuit – Arthur Dexter
- d) Summons and Complaint for Blackhawk Community Credit Union vs. Estate of Linda K. Warn et al
- e) EEOC Complaint – Jake D. Duller vs. Walworth County

The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:48 a.m. on motion and second by Vice Chair Kilkenny and Supervisor Holt.

Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to disallow the claims of William C. Allen and Arthur Dexter, and to proceed as discussed in closed session on Items b), d), and e). Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Vice Chair Kilkenny and Supervisor Holt, Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.