

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 19, 2021  
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114  
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

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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. Lubberda; Corporation Counsel/Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter; and Walworth County Emergency Management Lieutenant Jason Rowland.

Members of the Public: Ben McKay, Deputy Director-Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) and Derek D’Auria-Executive Director Walworth County Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA.)

**On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Russell, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.**

**On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Russell, the June 14, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes were approved.**

**Public Comment** – There was none.

**Consent Items – expense/mileage reimbursement claims submitted by:**

- 7a. Allan Polyock, Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission, in the amount of \$111.60
- 7b. Richard Kuhnke, Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission, in the amount of \$172.35
- 7c. Anna Seaver, citizen member on Board of Adjustment, in the amount of \$60.54
- 7d. Rick Stacey, County Board supervisor, in the amount of \$30.92

**Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to approve the expense/mileage reimbursement claims submitted by Allan Polyock, Richard Kuhnke, Anna Seaver and Rick Stacey. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Appointments. Recommendations regarding County Administrator’s nominations:**

8a. Agriculture & Extension Education/Land Conservation Committees – appointment of Sharon Travis

**Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to approve the appointment of Sharon Travis to the Agriculture & Extension/Land Conservation Committees. Motion carried 5-0.**

8b. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – appointments for 2021-2022

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| – Jason Rowland        | – Richard Kuhnke  | – Michael Anderson |
| – Ashley Vickers       | – Kurt Picknell   | – Brad Wilson      |
| – Senator Stephen Nass | – Melvin Rhodes   | – Nancy Russell    |
| – Joseph Balog         | – Erica Bergstrom | – Nancy Douglass   |
| – Gary Rowland         | – Mark Lubberda   | – Shana Beal       |
| – Carlo Nevicosi       | – Richard Hough   | – Justin Schuenke  |

**Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Pruessing, to approve the appointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC.)** Lubberda reiterated that state statute requires all members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) be re-appointed every September; and that a complete list of appointments will appear on each July Executive Committee agenda going forward. Supervisor Russell indicated that all members of the LEPC fill a specific role on account of the office they hold. **Motion carried 5-0.**

8c. Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission – appointment of Allan Polyock  
**Supervisor Russell offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to approve the appointment of Allan Polyock to the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission. Motion carried. 5-0.**

**Unfinished business**

9a. Redistricting update

County Administrator Mark W. Luberda shared that Governor Tony Evers vetoed the legislation to delay redistricting, that had been presented by the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA.) Luberda stated that the WCA is holding a meeting today to relay their suggestions on how to move forward. Luberda will request a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee should a proposed timeline deviate from the current resolution.

**New business**

10a. Res. No. \*\*/08/21 Endorsing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2021-2025

Chair Weber introduced guest speaker Ben McKay, Deputy Director Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC); to present the Power Point: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Southeastern Wisconsin. McKay gave a brief history of the strategy and then proceeded with his presentation. Supervisor Russell requested the presentation be included in the minutes for the August County Board of Supervisors meeting packet. **Supervisor Russell offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to approve the resolution Endorsing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Southeastern Wisconsin 2021-2025. Motion carried 5-0.**

Derek D’Auria Executive Director-Walworth County Economic Development Alliance (WDECA) stated that he doesn’t see a downside to endorsing the CEDS plan and that there is a plethora of other ways it could be utilized in the future if the strategy is consistently updated.

10b. Res. No. \*\*-08/21 Approving a County Natural Hazards Mitigation Public Participation Plan

Walworth County Emergency Management Lieutenant Jason Rowland stated that this plan notifies the public that the county is moving forward and working on the second rendition of the Public Hazard Mitigation Plan. Luberda stated that the Steering Committee was formed from the list of original participants and has already had one meeting. He did note that once the Executive Committee and the County Board of Supervisors take action the Steering Committee will be formally established, requiring that all future meetings comply with public notice. **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to approve the resolution Approving a County Natural Hazards Mitigation Public Participation Plan. Motion carried 5-0.**

10c. Opioid Litigation and Opioid Settlement Bill Update

Chair Weber asked for clarification as to whether this is the program joined with an Ohio group under the previous Corporation Counsel. Corporation Counsel/Director-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter affirmed; and stated Walworth County is part of a consortium with Waukesha, Dane, and Milwaukee Counties being represented by local and national counsel. Discussion ensued relative to bankruptcies. All Committee Members agreed there would be no reason to call a Special Executive Committee Meeting in reference to a future vote, seeing that they would rely on Corporation Counsel to vote as he sees fit. **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to endorse Corporation Counsel to proceed as he sees fit in regards to the Opioid Litigation and Opioid Settlement Bill. Motion carried 5-0.**

Cotter stated he will continue to bring any major updates/developments to the Committee should they arise.

**Reports/announcements by Chairperson** – Luberda announced that he spoke with McKay who confirmed that SEWRPC will be able to complete their role in the compressed redistricting timeline. He also gave McKay the information for today’s WCA meeting to help provide timely information regarding what is to come.

**Confirmation of next meeting date and time:** The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, September 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Claims and Litigation**

13. The Committee may discuss the following topic(s) in open session. The Committee may convene in closed session 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) Claim – Summons and Complaint – Deutsche Bank National Trust Company vs. David M. O’Brien, et al

Cotter mentioned previously in the meeting that the Corporation Counsel Office will represent Walworth County in this matter and there is no need to enter into closed session.

**Vice Chair Kilkenny offered a motion, second by Supervisor Russel, to proceed as suggested by Corporation Counsel. Motion carried 5-0.**

### **Adjournment**

**On motion and second by Supervisor Holt and Supervisor Russell, Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.**

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Submitted by Jennifer Stinnett, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes were approved by the Executive Committee at the September 20, 2021 meeting.