

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JUNE 10, 2014

Members Present: Supervisors Kubicki, Breunig, Elverman, Rose, Hallmon and Noble

Members Excused: Supervisor Esposito

YIG Present: Kuruvilla

YIG Absent: Adamiec

- 6:30 pm
1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kubicki in the second floor committee conference room at the Administration Building.

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 2. Citizen Comments: None

6:30 pm

 3. Chair, Supervisor and YIG Comments:
Our new Youth in Governance member, Daniel Kuruvilla, was introduced to the committee and said he was happy to be here.

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 4. Communications: None

6:30 pm

 5. Approval of minutes of May 20, 2014 meeting:
Supervisor Elverman made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Breunig. All aye. Motion carried.

6:31 pm

 6. Ordinance #1 to amend section 2.05 of the Municipal Code of Kenosha County entitled "Standing Committees":
Chairman Kubicki said he tabled this ordinance due to the lack of time at the last meeting. He checked with Racine County to see how often their Executive Committee met and how long the meetings lasted. He feels he wants a Legislative Committee but if it is the will of the Board to leave the committees as they are now, he is okay with that. He needs 2/3rds approval and he does not see that at this time. He will run this committee as he sees fit.

Supervisor Elverman said it's been suggested that every chairman has a different style for doing things. I went through 16 years without an Executive Committee. We had a Legislative Committee in the past. The matters that the Executive Committee handles could be handled by a Committee of the Whole meeting. Many of the Executive Committee meetings I attended over the last two years were not necessary, with very little accomplished. The two years before that, we went through a lot of old ordinances. If the Chairman wants to move things around, that is his choice and I'm willing to go along with his choice. He reminded everyone the chairman could still call for a meeting of the chairmen.

Supervisor Rose said we should consider resurrecting the Legislative Committee. Its focus was to look at legislation affecting county government. We lost that focus. The Executive Committee is something the county board chairman has to want.

Supervisor Breunig said in 2012 when this committee was formed, UW-X did a follow-up report and found that people were not excited about the committee. This came from supervisors with 10-14 years on the board. Very few thought it was more effective. (She gave Kubicki a copy of the UW-X report.) If we bring back the Legislative Committee, it should be a standalone committee and maybe open it up to volunteers who want to sit on that committee. Former Supervisor Huff who was chairman of the Legislative Committee always followed through with State and Federal legislation.

Supervisor Noble said he agrees with the report. He does not feel the Executive Committee is necessary. Judiciary and Law may not be the way to go. It should be a standing committee. He suggested taking two members from the seven-member committees, (two from Judiciary and Law, two from Human Services and one from Finance) and putting them on Legislative.

Supervisor Hallmon said he agrees with everything he's heard so far. He served under Supervisor Huff and it is work that he has missed.

Supervisor Noble made a motion to create a standing committee, Legislative Committee, and eliminate the Executive Committee. Seconded by Supervisor Hallmon.

Supervisor Rose thinks there would be support for another standing committee and suggested adding "(g) Legislative Committee" to this ordinance, incorporate the old Legislative language and add a definition section under (f) on page 3 to define the Executive Committee duties to "all matters relating to policies of the county board and other matters as are deemed necessary and appropriate by the county board chair". As to how you become a member of the Legislative Committee, that should not be any different than any other committee. The chairman makes the appointments.

Supervisor Noble said if we keep the Executive Committee for strategic planning and put policies and rules and legislation back to the Legislative Committee, what are you going to do with KABA. Will it go back to Finance or stay with Executive. Kubicki said Todd Battle did not mind reporting to Finance or the entire board. Kubicki asked about implementing the changes. Noble said you can ask who's interested but in the end, you need to make the appointments. Hallmon said he doesn't feel we have to pull people off the other committees and make those smaller. Asking for volunteers was interesting.

Supervisor Rose said we should amend the ordinance to define the Executive Committee to deal with strategic planning and meets at the discretion of the chair. Under the existing definition of the Executive Committee, give economic development back to Finance. The oversight of the Corporation Counsel's Office should go to Legislative and policies and rules would also go back to Legislative.

Supervisor Noble said he will modify his motion to go along with Supervisor Rose's suggestions. Supervisor Hallmon withdraws his second. Motion fails.

Supervisor Noble made a motion to amend the ordinance as outlined by Supervisor Rose. Seconded by Supervisor Elverman.

Ayes: Kubicki, Noble, Rose, Elverman, Hallmon

No: Breunig and Kuruvilla

After further discussion, Supervisor Breunig requested her vote be changed to aye, making it a unanimous vote of the supervisors present.

7:21 pm

7. Resolution #1 from Supervisor Rose to amend State Statutes to allow counties to address the issue of minimum wage:

Rose spoke about his resolution and said historically, the county had the power to set a minimum wage. That was taken over by the State. He said retail sales are flat because incomes have not increased. Recovery is slow because wages have not increased. An increase to the minimum wage is needed and the second part of this resolution addresses his desire to see the State act to increase it.

Supervisor Elverman said he could go along with this and send it to a vote but he does not want to see Kenosha County become an island.

Chairman Kubicki polled each member of the committee for approval of this resolution. YIG voted aye and all members present voted aye. Vote was unanimous for approval.

Supervisor Retzlaff spoke about Resolution #1 after the vote was taken. He said the minimum wage issue is not being ignored at the State level. He had a problem with some of the language in the

resolution and said this resolution will do us no good. It is not going to happen at the State level and we are tipping our hand to employers.

Supervisor Rose said in order to get our High Impact Development Fund money, employers have to pay the employees a certain dollar amount and hire a certain number of people. This is directed towards the very lowest paid people. The impact of that ripples throughout the county in our social welfare programs.

7:37 pm

8. Resolution from Supervisor Goebel to place an advisory referendum on the November, 2014 ballot on raising the State minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour:
Supervisor Goebel spoke on his resolution and said 70% feel the minimum wage should be raised. Thirty percent say it should be raised to \$10.10 per hour. My resolution is to let the people of Kenosha decide. The living wage is \$12.25. At \$10.10, they will start losing food stamps. The bottom line is let the voters decide and put it on the ballot.

Supervisor Retzlaff said he has less of a problem with this resolution.

Chairman Kubicki polled each member of the committee for approval of this resolution. YIG voted aye and all members present voted aye. Vote was unanimous for approval.

7:40 pm

9. Committee Chairs update on committee activities:
Supervisor Noble said he had nothing to report. Supervisor Breunig asked Noble if his Tuesday meeting was being changed to 5:00 pm to allow YIG to attend. Noble said Supervisor Decker has a conflict so we are still meeting at Noon.

Supervisor Rose said a levy objective proposal will be presented on Thursday and he encouraged members to come. Bonding and the interest we have to pay will also be discussed.

Supervisor Breunig had nothing to report.

Supervisor Elverman said we are in the season where we are repairing our roads and finding out how much damage we had this winter. Paving has started along with repairs to our roads and equipment. The Administration Building is having major repairs. Weather has been affecting our golf revenues.

Supervisor Hallmon said the Job Center manager has been working with an Economic Development Analyst on maps showing new development and where we can expect increases. A presentation will go on tomorrow at the tri-county board. The Juvenile Justice report was given last week. Regarding mental health issues, we are losing two doctors to retirements. The new doctors will not prescribe psychotropic drugs. The foreclosure mediation program is changing and being taken over by Marquette at the end of summer.

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10. Any other business: None

7:53 pm

11. **Supervisor Noble made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Breunig. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Haney
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