

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Dane County Board of Supervisors**

**Minutes of the April 10, 2014 Meeting
City-County Building room 354 at 4:00 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: Bayrd, Chenoweth, Hendrick, Matano, Ripp, Stubbs, Dye

Committee Members Excused:

Others present: Sup. Corrigan, Mickey Beil, Colleen Clark-Bernhardt, Todd Violante, Lisa MacKinnon

- Call to order – 4:00p.m.
- Public comment
 - Sup. Kiefer spoke in reference to the Corporation Counsel opinion on the proposed county board rule amendment that would allow draft consultants' reports to be reviewed by County Board standing committees.
 - He urged committee members to support the amendment if it arises on the board floor.
 - He reiterated his opposition to the prayer amendment, which would remove the word "prayer" from "prayer/inspirational message" from the County Board rules.
- Consideration of the minutes from April 3, 2013 Executive Committee meeting

MOTION: by Matano/Chenoweth to approve the minutes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- **Report on County Board support of Institute for Ecomunicipality Education and Assistance sustainability resilience workshop and educational events in May (MacKinnon)**

Sup. Hendrick indicated that the County Board Office budget includes annual funding for training of County Board supervisors. \$500 of this budget will be used to sponsor these events on May 5 and May 6, which include a UW Extension workshop, and the WI Academy's Resilient Wisconsin Day event, where Mr. Lahti will be the keynote. The County Board will be co-sponsoring these events along with UW Extension, UW Nelson Institute, Sustainable Resource Group, CARPC, Wisconsin Academy, Sustain Dane, and the Kailo Fund. A number of County Board supervisors will be granted free registration as a part of the sponsorship. Supervisors should speak with Lisa MacKinnon for more information.

Ord. Amdt. 31, 13-14 – Amending Ch. 7, Regarding Composition of the Zoning and Land Regulation Committee (Hesselbein)

MOTION by Bayrd/Matano to **postpone action** on OA 31, 13-14. **Motion carried 4-2 with one abstention.**

Discussion by Committee:

Sup. Bayrd: Discussed this with Sup. Iles, who said the DC Towns Association would like more time to discuss the issue with their members and then talk with the County Board.

Sup. Chenoweth: Does not see the point of waiting as the towns already have made their position clear they want additional representation

Sup. Bayrd: Not sure at this point of just having more advisory members is enough for the towns and does not want to make changes that will not fully address all the issues.

Sup. Matano: Feels that amendments will be more fully supported if we get the feedback from DCTA first.

Sup. Matano asked Planning Director Todd Violante if he felt it was appropriate to move forward with the proposed amendments to the ZLR committee.

Violante indicated that the Planning Division currently is doing several analyses of land area and population data to determine the impact of proposed changes to the ZLR committee and its composition. They are not yet finished with that analysis.

- **Res. 267, 13-14 – Award of Contract to Provide Election Equipment to Dane County and Dane County Municipalities (Corrigan)**

MOTION by Matano/Chenoweth to **postpone action** on Res. 267, 13-14. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Resolution sponsor Sup. Corrigan asked for postponement of Res. 267 because the Clerk's office is not ready yet.

- **Res. 284, 13-14 – Dane County Equity Initiative (Stubbs)**

Discussion by Committee:

Sup. Stubbs: Supports this as a way to work on addressing the county's racial disparities. Asking the committee members to support these efforts.

Sup. Dye: Wants to make sure there is a realistic timeline for staff.

Colleen Clark-Bernhardt: A framework will not be just a checklist. It will be asking staff about racial disparities at each level of budgeting.

Dye: When might we see this start to be used for county policy?

Clark-Bernhardt: Depends on passing the initiative and getting the work team going.

Chenoweth: Who will be the oversight committee for this program?

Stubbs: A lot of parties will have oversight. Executive Comm., Co Bd, subcommittee on racial disparities, County Board, departments. Each standing committee should have an opportunity. Feels like it should report back to the racial disparities subcommittee.

MOTION by Stubbs/Matano to recommend Res. 284, 13-14 to the County Board for adoption. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- **Res. 285, 13-14 – County Executive Appointments (Hendrick)**

MOTION by Matano/Bayrd to recommend Res. 285, 13-14 to the County Board for adoption. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- **Res. 303, 13-14 – County Executive Appointments (Hendrick)**

MOTION by Matano/Stubbs to recommend Res. 303, 13-14 to the County Board for adoption.

Motion carried 7-0.

- **Possible Creation of Subcommittee to Monitor Compliance with County Policy on Elephants**

During the 8 year period of continuing use of elephants at Alliant Energy Center before it is finally prohibited per County contract, Sup. Matano has gone to assess the condition of the elephants. Most recently, Sup. Matano went with a large animal veterinarian and asked to go backstage to check on the elephants' condition with the veterinarian. Sup. Matano was denied access via an opinion from Corp Counsel.

As an alternative, Sup. Matano is proposing a subcommittee to Monitor Compliance with County Policy on Elephants in order to make sure that the spirit and letter of the County's policy on elephants is followed.

Discussion by committee:

Sup. Hendrick: Sup. Schmidt indicated she has a concern re: elephants being kept in hot trailers on the AEC site.

Sup Chenoweth: This oversight might best be accomplished by the Board of Public Health, which has the most statutory legitimacy to check on the health of animals in the County. Perhaps they could do this with the assistance of the County's lead veterinarian. If they identify issues, then perhaps at that point this committee could revisit the formation of a review body. Let's start with the board of health and have them put together some options for ensuring the health of the animals before putting together an *ad hoc* committee.

Sup Ripp: It's established business practice in the County that once the AEC is rented out, County personnel are not allowed in the back of the house. Doesn't see the need for this.

Sup. Stubbs: Is the subcommittee an effort to allow county board members to go to the location to assess treatment of the animals? What are the liability issues with this? DO we have a Corporation Counsel opinion on that?

- **MOTION** by Matano/Hendrick to recommend to the County Board of Supervisors that a Subcommittee to Monitor Compliance with County Policy on Elephants be created. **Motion failed. 1-6**

No other business was conducted.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Matano/Bayrd. **Motion carried 7-0**

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Lisa MacKinnon, Recorder. Note: These minutes are the notes of the recorder and are subject to change at a subsequent meeting of the committee.