



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

EXECUTIVE/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

5:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Executive/Operations Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair Ray Reser.

Members Present: Supervisors Larry Raikowski, Ray Reser, Suzanne Oehlke, Nancy Eggleston, and Vinnie Miresse

Attending In-Person: Supervisors Larry Raikowski, Ray Reser, Suzanne Oehlke, and Nancy Eggleston

Attending Online: Supervisor Vinnie Miresse

Staff Attending: County Clerk Davis, Corporation Counsel Hickethier, County Executive Pavelski, Library Director Johnson, Finance Director Jossie, Planning & Zoning Director Reed, and Extension Director Solin

Others Attending: Members of the Public

REPORTS

1. Vendor Invoice Lists

Vendor invoice lists were presented for review.

2. Corporation Counsel - Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Corporation Counsel Hickethier provided an update of his office.

3. County Clerk - Office Operations and Activities

County Clerk Davis provided an update of her office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

Public Comment: Neal Wisinski (Agenda Item #9) and Michael Kostuch (Agenda Item #13)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. November 12, 2024 Minutes

A motion was made by Supervisor Eggleston, seconded by Supervisor Oehlke, to approve the minutes. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

CONFIRMATION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

5. Reappointment of Amanda Freberg as a Citizen Member to the Portage County Library Board for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2028.

A motion was made by Supervisor Eggleston, seconded by Supervisor Oehlke, to approve the reappointment. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

6. Reappointment of Holly Petrillo as a Citizen Member to the Portage County Library Board for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2028.

A motion was made by Supervisor Raikowski, seconded by Supervisor Oehlke, to approve the reappointment. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

7. Reappointment of Joan Honl to the South Central Library System Board for a three-year term expiring December 20, 2027.

A motion was made by Supervisor Oehlke, seconded by Supervisor Eggleston, to approve the reappointment. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

8. Appointment of Michael Kostuch as a Citizen Member to the Veterans Service Commission for a three-year term expiring December 20, 2027.

A motion was made by Supervisor Raikowski, seconded by Supervisor Eggleston, to approve the appointment. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

9. Appointment of Colin Kobishop as a Citizen Member to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Portage County Health Care Center for the remainder of the term expiring April 20, 2026.

A motion was made by Supervisor Oehlke, seconded by Supervisor Eggleston, to approve the appointment. Voice vote revealed (1) aye, Raikowski, and (4) nay, Reser, Miresse, Eggleston, and Oehlke. Motion failed.

EXECUTIVE/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

10. Appointment of Robert Welling as a Citizen Member to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Portage County Health Care Center for the remainder of the term expiring April 20, 2026.

A motion was made by Supervisor Eggleston, seconded by Supervisor Oehlke, to approve the appointment. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

11. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

Supervisor Miresse reported on the WCA Agriculture, Environment, and Land Use steering committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the Special Meeting Attendance process and will further discuss this topic at a future meeting.

12. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Special Meeting Attendance Sheets

A motion was made by Supervisor Oehlke, seconded by Supervisor Eggleston, to approve the special meeting attendance sheets. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

13. Discussion/Possible Action Re: New Portage County Logo

The Committee discussed a new Portage County logo.

14. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Adding County Board Role to the Portage County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3 - Administration of County Government Section 3.1

The Committee discussed adding a purpose statement to the Portage County Code of Ordinances. No formal action: Committee directed Corporation Counsel to research other County's purpose statements.

15. Discussion Only: Discussion and Review of Executive/Operations Committee Role with the County Board Strategic Plan

The Committee discussed the Executive/Operations Committee role with the County Board Strategic plan.

NEXT MEETING DATE February 4, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reser adjourned the meeting at 6:21 PM.