

MINUTES
Trempealeau County Executive/Finance Committee
January 21, 2010

Committee Chair Dick Miller called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. in the Packer Room of the Courthouse in Whitehall, Wisconsin.

Committee Members present:

Dick Miller
Barb Semb
Doug Winters
Sheree Nelson
Wally Geske

Others in attendance:

Don Kloss
Bobbie Guthrie
Sherry Rhoda
Jami Kabus
Paul Syverson
Jeff McIntyre
Charles Zauner

The Chair declared that the open meeting law requirements were met.

Motion by Wally Geske and seconded by Doug Winters to adopt the 6 item agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Schedule for Setting Salaries for the Next Elected Officials

Dick Miller had set February 23rd at 9 a.m. during the regular Personnel/Bargaining Committee meeting to meet jointly at 10 a.m. with Personnel/Bargaining to set salaries for Clerk of Court, Sheriff and Coroner which then can be acted on at the March County Board meeting. Jami Kabus will find comparable counties.

Setting Direction for Departments of Senior Services and Public Health following County Board Action

Dick Miller stated that with the action taken by County Board and the Budget not having any direction regarding this, Work Group should be established. **Motion by Dick Miller and seconded by Barb Semb to appoint a Work Group to prepare a plan relating to Officing (Office Management), Administrative Structure and Fiscal Structure of the earlier proposal consolidating Senior Services and Public Health with Human Services consisting of Sherry Rhoda, Ernie Vold, Sheree Nelson, Jeff McIntyre, Kathy Gauger and Jami Kabus.** The Work Group is to return to the February 2nd Executive/Finance Committee meeting with recommendation. John Bortle had talked about postponing action a bit, but did not make a motion at the County Board meeting. Wally won't be at these next meetings, but wanted to comment that based on the letters he received is why he changed his mind on the vote. He also stated that government is not responsive to these needs. Barb Semb said that Human Services works closely with medical doctors and staff. She has a hard time with this and wants to know why doctors are against it. She knows the connection when she was on those committees. That connection would continue under Health and Human Services. Medical staff would still be on the Committee/Board. Wally Geske stated that the Doctors have a good working relationship with Public Health and the perception is not under the new plan. Sheree Nelson said we have to make it work. There is no doctor representing the northern part of the county. Dick Miller said this is to make it a higher level of service and not just the status quo. Geske said the board is administrative and they made the decision. Miller stated the Board Rules do allow for reconsideration at the next meeting. Geske questioned then if this is reconsidered and passed, is it final, then why was it not final at

the County Board. Jeff McIntyre said that when Unified Board and Social Services consolidated, the plan came after. Semb said we now have two departments with interim directors and no county levy. Geske said there is money for a Nursing Supervisor, just change the title. Nelson said we have to come up with a consensus and work together. Semb referred to the merger in Land Management. Services were enhanced and now it is a positive and productive department. Sherry Rhoda would like to see a doctor on the Work Group. **Motion by Wally Geske and seconded by Doug Winters to amend motion to include Dr. Selkurt or a medical physician be on the Work Group.** Semb was not clear on the medical involvement. Sherry Rhoda said that doctors need to sign orders. She is in constant contact with doctors and works well with them. The Health Board makes recommendations to the County Board to appoint a medical advisor to the Board. **Motion to amend carried by vote of 3 yes and 2 no.** No votes by Miller and Nelson. **Original motion as amended carried unanimously.** Miller asked if there was any desire to separate departments on the resolution. Nelson said it was all a package. The Work Group will have a week to get their work done.

Adjournment

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Douglas Winters
Secretary

Minutes submitted by
Paul L. Syverson