

Trempealeau County Ad Hoc Ordinance Certification Committee

Minutes from August 14, 2014 Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Michael Nelson, Richard Frey, Tim Zeglin.

Others Present: Paul Syverson (County Clerk), Rian Radtke (Corporate Counsel)

Agenda Item #1--Meeting convened at 9:00 AM by Michael Nelson as temporary chairperson.

Agenda Item #2--Certification of compliance with open meeting laws

Agenda Item #3--Motion to adopt today's amended agenda made by Frey, 2nd by Nelson; all in favor

Agenda Item #4--Election of Officers. Frey nominates self as chair, 2nd by Zeglin, all in favor, Frey becomes chairperson. Frey nominates Nelson as vice-chair, 2nd by Zeglin, all in favor, Nelson becomes vice-chair. Nelson nominates Zeglin as secretary, 2nd by Frey, all in favor, Zeglin becomes secretary.

Report on present status of ordinances and resolutions

Radtke states that ordinances were all filed on paper and organized by date and topic until 1998. With introduction of computerized records in that year, file retrieval of ordinances become more and more uncertain. Computer search system is archaic; only Syverson and Radtke are able to retrieve specific ordinances; both rely heavily on memory. No reference book of ordinances exists.

Radtke distributes a six-page list of ordinances dated 1943 to 2011, roughly organized by topic, to all present. Radtke states that many ordinances are outdated or have been superseded; both types should be repealed. Ordinances should be organized and available to the public online. Most counties already use this retrieval method.

Radtke states that record book of resolutions has not been maintained. Retrieval of resolutions is heavily dependent on memories of Syverson and Radtke. Resolutions are not easily available to the public.

Discussion about how to proceed with task of organizing ordinances.

Frey suggests month-by-month committee review of ordinances, with suggestions for repeal of ordinances presented to full board on same basis. Frey's suggestion is accepted by committee. Radtke suggests dividing stack of questionable ordinances into three sections for review by committee members at home; this suggestion rejected by committee. Zeglin suggests that committee begin immediate review of first topic on handout to find out how long reading each in the room will take; suggestion accepted. Radtke asked to consider first topic on handout ("County Board"), to skim each ordinance and to present gist of ordinance to committee members.

Committee review, discussion, and recommendations for selected ordinances

All fourteen ordinances listed under this topic on the six-page handout were reviewed and discussed by committee. Outcome of discussion is recorded below.

11/1962 (Ordinance relating to establishment of procedures to handle requests by county employees, etc.) has been superseded by personal bargaining and will be suggested for repeal.

11/1962 (Ordinance relating to continuity of government). Radtke will contact Emergency Management for clarification. This is a Civil Defense measure which is outdated; it might be retained or repealed.

11/1965 (Redistricting Ordinance), 1971 (Redistricting Ordinance), 1981 (Redistricting Ordinance), 1991 (Redistricting Ordinance), 2001, (Redistricting Ordinance) . All have been superseded and will be suggested for repeal.

05/1976 (Board Split) will be suggested for repeal.

02/1985 (Library Ordinance) will be considered at a future date with other Law Enforcement ordinances

12/1986 Administrative Co-coordinator) and 11/2011 (Amendment to Administrative Co-coordinator, etc.) will be allowed to stand.

06/2011 (Adoption of County records Retention) will be allowed to stand.

Discussion/decision on future meeting

Radtke will select block of remaining ordinances to be review in two hour period at next meeting. Radtke will e-mail selected ordinances to Frey and send paper copies to Nelson and Zeglin. Committee will attempt to review this block and reach recommendations on all ordinances in the block at September meeting. Both blocks of ordinances (August and September) will be brought before full Board for consideration at September full board meeting. Committee will tentatively meet on 2nd Thursday of each month until all ordinances and resolutions have been reviewed and recommendation reached for all ordinances

Next meeting scheduled of September 11 at 9 AM. Venue will be determined by Syverson depending on availability of rooms.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.