



**Draft Minutes  
Executive Committee  
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – 5:30 pm  
Health & Human Services Center – Community Room  
303 W Chapel St  
Dodgeville, Wisconsin**

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***Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.***

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| 1 | <p>Call to order.</p> <p>The January 14, 2025 Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair John Meyers at 5:30 pm.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2 | <p>Roll Call.</p> <p>Present at roll call: Supervisors John Meyers, Mel Masters, Brad Stevens, Joan Davis, Dan Nankee, and Bruce Paull (seated for Dave Gollon).</p> <p>Excused Absence: Dave Gollon</p> <p>Others present: Supervisors: Larry Bierke, Dave Morzenti, Kevin Palmersheim, and Katie Abbott</p> <p>Via Zoom: Supervisor Ingmar Nelson, Supervisor Don Leix, and Scott Godfrey.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Approve the agenda for this January 14, 2025 meeting.</p> <p>Motion by Sup. Nankee, seconded by Sup. Stevens to approve the agenda for January 14, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4 | <p>Approve the minutes of the November 5, 2024 meeting.</p> <p>Motion by Sup. Davis, seconded by Sup. Stevens to approve the minutes of November 5, 2024 meeting. Motion carried. Sup. Nankee abstained.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5 | <p>Opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee.</p> <p>Sup. Nankee noted that there was some really good information going out to the public on the SUN program and how appreciative he was. He also noted that a recent Dodgeville Chronicle story suggested there were six positions cut from the UW-Extension budget for 2025 and that the correct number was 1.5.</p>   |
|   | <p>Supervisor C. Peterson joined the meeting at 5:34 pm.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6 | <p>Consider Proposed Updates to Policy 1120 Highway Transfer Program.</p> <p>Motion by Sup. Nankee, seconded by Sup. Stevens to approve the proposed amendment to Policy 1120 Highway Transfer Program and send the policy to the County Board. Motion carried.</p>                                                                                                                              |
| 7 | <p>Department Merger Discussion with Planning and Zoning and Land Conservation Department Heads.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|    | Katie Abbott and Larry Bierke spoke about the staff discussions regarding the potential merger of the two departments. Questions were posed to the Executive Committee about timing, cost savings, motivations for merger, and what the measurable goals for the merger would be. The Committee members individually had a variety of responses. It was decided that staff should put together a report on cost savings if a merger were to occur and have it ready for part of the 2026 budget discussion.                                |
| 8  | <p>2023 County Audit Presentation and Discussion</p> <p>It was announced that the scheduling did not work out for the auditing firm and that this agenda item had to be delayed to February's meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9  | <p>2024 Expenses on Legal and on WCA Annual Meeting, Dues, and Training.</p> <p>Bierke covered the known 2024 legal costs with the Executive Committee and updated the committee on the costs of sending County Supervisors to the September 2024 WCA Conference in La Crosse, WI.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10 | <p>Motion to go into closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85 (1)(g), Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.</p> <p>Motion by Sup. Davis, seconded by Sup. Peterson to convene in closed session at 6:26 pm with Corporation Counsel, Special Counsel Kevin Palmersheim, and the County Administrator to receive legal advice. Motion carried.</p> |
| 11 | <p>Motion to return to open session.</p> <p>Motion by Sup. Masters, seconded by Sup. Peterson to return to open session. Motion carried at 6:52 pm.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 12 | <p>Possible action on closed session item.</p> <p>There was no action taken as a result of the closed session discussion.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 13 | <p>County Administrator's Report.</p> <p>Bierke went over a series of bullet points updating the Executive Committee.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 14 | <p>Set date and time for next meeting.</p> <p>The next Executive Committee meeting will be on February 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 15 | <p>Adjournment.</p> <p>Motion by Sup. Davis, seconded by Sup. Masters to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:01 pm.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|    | Posting verified by the County Clerk's Office: Megan Currie, County Clerk Date: 01/xx/2025 @ noon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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