



**Draft Minutes of the
Executive Committee
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 5:00 pm
Health & Human Services Center – Community Room
303 W. Chapel Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin**

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1	Call to order. Chairman John Meyers called the March 9, 2021 Executive Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2	Roll Call. Present at roll: Sups. John Meyers, Ron Benish, Dan Nankee, Curt Peterson, Jeremy Meek and Dave Gollon. Sups. attending via Zoom: Judy Lindholm Others present: Sups. Bruce Haag, Kim Alan, Sue Storti, Ricky Rolfsmeyer, Justin O'Brien, Steve Deal, and Joan Davis. Attending via Zoom: Sup. Don Leix. Attending in person: Jamie Gould, Allison Leitzinger, Dave Morzenti, Steve Michek, and Dr. Gloria Belkin. Others attending via Zoom: Scott Godfrey, Katie Abbott, Zack Hill, Troy Pittz, Steve Schneider, Pat Reilly, Ani Weaver, Lillie Jewell, Rob Danielson, and Katie McGrath.
3	Approve the agenda for this March 9, 2021 meeting. Motion by Sup. Nankee seconded by Sup. Benish to approve the March 9, 2021 agenda. Motion carried.
4	Approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting. Motion by Sup. Benish seconded by Sup. Lindholm to approve the February 9, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.
5	Public Comments. Dr. Gloria Belkin spoke against the proposed wind turbines. Ani Weaver stated she is for wind and solar energy; however, she believes the wind turbines need to be publicly own and regulated. Lillie Jewell spoke against the proposed wind turbines. Katie McGrath spoke against the wind turbine project. Rob Danielson stated the County should purchase and own solar panels on Law Enforcement Center. Sup. C. Peterson spoke about incorrect information being passed around regarding the proposed wind turbines. He feels the County should correct the public regarding the incorrect information being circulated. An application hasn't been made for the proposed wind turbines.
6	Preliminary Financial Reports for the period ending 12/31/2020. Gould informed the committee not all of the 2020 journal entries have been made.
7	Consider Resolution Recommending Transfer of Funds in 2021.

	payouts. Gould will look into this further as to why we don't have a budget line and should we create a line in our budget for employee time off benefit payouts. Motion by Sup. Benish seconded by Sup. Meek to send the resolution to the County Board. Motion carried.
8	Discuss Potential lease arrangement with Wisconsin Power and Light Co. for a Customer-Hosted Facility for solar power electrical generation. Morzenti spoke to the committee about the potential lease agreement between Wisconsin Power and Light Co. and Iowa County. Alliant Energy representative, Zack Hill, spoke about potential lease agreement. Alliant Energy is coordinating the solar panel installation with roofing company. The lease agreement includes language about the County potentially purchasing the panels at the end of the 20 year lease term. Benish is concerned about the holes that will need be created in the roof when the solar panels are installed and the impact on the guarantee of the roof. Benish contacted the engineer for the Law Enforcement Center project about the solar panel installation. The engineer informed Benish the holes in the roof will be minimal. Gollon questioned the estimated cost of removing panels to the County when the roof needs repairs. Alliant Energy will pay the cost to remove the panels for repairs or replacement of the roof once per the life of the agreement. Costs for subsequent events would be shared between Iowa County and Alliant Energy. If a solar array needs to be removed, the County will not be paid for the monthly lease payments until the solar panel is reinstalled. Per Firestone, the roof warranty company, the warranty will be covered if solar panels are installed. Sup. Deal mentioned the County is looking to add a Courthouse to the Law Enforcement Center in future. He questioned if this will block the sun to the panels. Sup. Meyers asked Hill if there are any restrictions on the property around the panels. Motion Benish seconded by Meek to send the lease agreement with Wisconsin Power and Light Co. to County Board. Motion passed 5-2. Voting against: C. Peterson and Gollon
9	Star Link Broadband update. Katie Abbott provided the committee an update about her Star Link internet service. Discussion followed.
10	Motion to go into convene in closed session. Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Discuss Broadband Expansion Grant Agreement with Bug Tussel Wireless to include fiber lease arrangement and financing.) and Closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 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. (Receive advice and Consider Resolution Reaffirming Iowa County's Commitment to Clean and Renewable Energy.) and Closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 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. (Receive advice regarding Renewable Energy Regulations Authority.)

	Motion by C. Peterson seconded by Benish to convene into closed session at 5:51 p.m. Motion carried.
11	Motion to return to open session. Motion by Benish seconded by Gollon to return to open session at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried.
12	Possible action on any of the closed session items. Motion by Gollon seconded by Benish to table Resolution No. 09-0221. No further was action taken. Motion carried.
13	Set date and time for next meeting. (4/13/21) Next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
14	Adjournment. Motion by Sup. Nankee seconded by Sup. Meek to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried.
Prepared by Jamie Gould. Reviewed by Sup. Nankee, Secretary on 3/11/21.	