

**Administration Committee
Administrator/County Board Size Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes
August 5, 2014**

Committee members present: Chair David Hintz, Ted Cushing., Tom Kelly, Lisa Charbarneau. Excused; Brian Desmond and Margie Sorenson. Unexcused; Alex Young.

Others present: Kathy Tobin (Tomahawk Leader), and Dan Gleason (recording secretary).

Call to order: Chairman Hintz called the meeting to order at 9:30 P.m. in Committee Room # 1 of the Oneida County Courthouse noting the meeting had been properly noticed and posted, is in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law, and is ADA accessible.

Approve agenda: Motion by Cushing to approve the agenda, second by Kelly. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the July 22, 2014 meeting: Motion by Charbarneau to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2014 meeting, second by Kelly. All ayes; motion carried.

Develop and review draft PowerPoint presentation: Hintz stated the big purpose of the meeting was to work on the existing PowerPoint presentation with the intent to present it at the August 19, 2014 County Board meeting after being reviewed by the Administration Committee at the August 11, 2014 meeting. Hintz proceeded to go through the PowerPoint presentation slide-by-slide asking committee members to make notes of their comments on the draft to be addressed at the completion of the presentation. Hintz stated the questions they will ask the County Board; does the Board want to continue to pursue investigating the hiring of an administrator and/or continue to investigate significantly reducing County Board size. Hintz continued through the presentation outlining the duties of an administrator, the advantages, disadvantages, and requirements to continue. Next Hintz addressed County Board size slides including the advantages, disadvantages, and whether to continue to pursue. Upon completion of the presentation, Hintz stated the committee would go back through the presentation for comments.

Should the County Board continue to evaluate (1) the hiring of an Administrator, (2) adjusting County Board size? : Hintz requested feedback on the PowerPoint slide. Cushing commented that he felt it was necessary for the question to be stated at both the beginning and again at the end of the presentation. Kelly commented according to a Wisconsin Taxpayer Alliance 2003 Study, it's more economical to run the County Board the closer you are to the state statute maximum level of supervisors. Charbarneau presented a record listing each county and the corresponding number of supervisors in each.

Duties of Administrator: Cushing recommended listing the state statute by number (§59.18). Hintz stressed the bullet point of "Hiring of an administrator would dramatically change the operations of Oneida County" noting it should be highlighted or bolded.

Advantages: Kelly recommended adding “and strategy” to the “Elected officials allowed to focus on policy” bullet point.

Disadvantages: Cushing stated he believed that Oneida County ranks in the top 5 in the state in terms of economic and financial stability and suggested researching and potentially adding the fact to the slide.

Requirements to Continue: Hintz stated that this slide really pertained to both questions the argument can be made later that in his opinion, you cannot significantly cut the County Board size without an administrator. Cushing questioned the need for a survey noting, with all due respect to his constituents, most people will not have a sufficient understanding of the day-to-day workings of county government, so the survey would need to be unbelievable well prepared. Hintz agreed and commented that the public would need to be educated as to the role of an administrator. Hintz stated that if it is decided to continue to pursue the hiring of an administrator, a five or six member special committee disassociated with this committee would need to be formed. Kelly suggested the addition of 2 or 3 citizens to the special committee might satisfy the need for public input eliminating the need for the survey.

County Board Size: Hintz said the purpose of this slide was to state the difficulty in reducing the County Board size without the hiring of an administrator.

Advantages: Kelly stated that if the size was reduced to 9 then full time salaried people would be needed to man the committees. Cushing added all of the Milwaukee Supervisors have their own offices and staff. Cushing continued that even if have fewer supervisors and were more efficient, there would be less diversity of the Board.

Disadvantages: Hintz stated that he wanted to confirm with Corporation Counsel on how often the size can be changed. Charbarneau stated it was her understanding that it could be done once in that 10 year period, so if it were done now (2016 election) we wouldn't have another chance until the census data came out in 2022.

Continue to Pursue: Cushing commented that it was to the point and that he liked it. Hintz asked the subcommittee members for any additional comments or recommendations. Cushing commented that he felt as though the subcommittee had done what it was asked to do and there was enough information to for the committee to determine whether to pursue either question. Kelly asked about bringing an administrator from another county to address the County Board, however, Cushing noted that should be a charge of the new committee. Hintz asked if there would be any advantages to sending the presentation off to other counties for input and review. Charbarneau recommended sending it out to the 2 people the subcommittee previously talked about.

Future meeting dates:

August 12, 2014 9:30 a.m.

Future agenda topics: Development of PowerPoint Presentation—rough draft to be taken to the August 11th Administration Committee and back to this committee on August 12th with finishing touches on the presentation for the August 19th County Board meeting.

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Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion by to adjourn by Cushing at 10:10 am, second by Kelly. All ayes; motion carried.

David Hintz, Committee Chair

Dan Gleason, Recording Secretary

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