

AD-HOC STRUCTURE REVIEW TASK FORCE MEETING

March 29, 2023

Winnebago County Administration Building
112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, WI

Members Present: Conley Hanson, Paul Eisen, Maribeth Gabert, Brian Defferding, and Jacob Floam

Guests: Kay Horan

Zoom: Shanah Zastera

Meeting called to order by County Clerk, Julie Barthels at 6:00 p.m.

1. Election of Officers:

Nominations:

Motion by Supervisor Eisen to nominate Conley Hanson for Chairman.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson to nominate Jacob Floam for Chairman.

Motion by Supervisor Floam, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to close nominations.

Ballots were handed out and counted.

Supervisor Jacob Floam was elected Chairman.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson to nominate Supervisor Defferding as Vice-Chairman.

Supervisor Brian Defferding was elected Vice-Chairman.

Secretary – Committee requested that the County Clerk's office clerk the meeting.

2. Why are we here? What is our task? What is our scope?

To look at the committee structure of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

It was noted that there are 12 Standing Committees; 3 Boards and 1 Committee on Committee.

Supervisor Defferding would like to see Jake Curtis, Attolles Law, provide a presentation on committee structure. What are the five areas that need to be covered as Winnebago County Board of Supervisors?

Supervisor Eisen noted that committees are created by ordinances and resolutions. He wonders how many committees does Winnebago County need?

Supervisor Gabert feels that there are committees that could be combined. She still wants to see the connection between Committees, Department Heads, County Executive and County Board.

Supervisor Hanson is open to change, but changes have to be pro-active, not just to have a change. He is also open to that everything is fine, so leave it alone.

3. Existing Committee Re-Organization Options:

Would like to see this committee look at other county committee structures that would be comparable to Winnebago County.

Supervisor Eisen recommended that the Final Report of the Winnebago County Exploration Committee of October 31, 2001 is a good reference for this committee.

Chelsea Filbert, Wisconsin Counties Association, provided Supervisor Defferding with good information regarding committees.

4. Invitation of WCA Representatives to our Next Meeting or Committee Restructuring:
Supervisor Floam would like to see representatives from Wisconsin Counties Association come and speak to this committee regarding restructuring.
Supervisor Eisen feels that it would be more important to down-size the county board before you change the committees. To look at other county boards that have reduced their numbers. Supervisor Eisen listed the sizes of other county boards and how many committees they have. Down-sizing the county board did not pass at the last census. Concerns included representation from rural areas.
Supervisor Defferding noted that the Wisconsin Counties Association has a link on their website regarding committee restructuring.
5. When should we deliver our findings to the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee:
The Committee would like to see this done by budget time so that it will be available for the April, 2024 election for County Board Supervisors.
6. Next meeting date: April 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Agenda items need to be in to Chairman Floam by April 20, 2023. The clerk's office will put out a notice requesting items for the next meeting by April 13th.
7. Adjourned: Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Defferding to adjourn. CARRIED. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
Julie A. Barthels
Winnebago County Clerk