

County Board Committee Organizational Options

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What Do We Want To Accomplish Today?

1

Understand the statutory requirements related to committee structure (HINT: there is a lot of freedom)

2

Understand the PROCESS Ozaukee County utilized to examine committee structure

3

Learn how the Ozaukee County model has worked

4

Use our discussion today as a launch point for discussions in your county



Overview – County Committee Structure

The FREEDOM Statute

(i.e. Administrative Home Rule)

- Wis. Stat. § 59.03(1):

Every county may exercise any organizational or administrative power, subject only to the constitution and to any enactment of the legislature which is of statewide concern and which uniformly affects every county.

Wis. Stat. § 59.13

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 - “The board may, by resolution designating the purposes and prescribing the duties thereof and manner of reporting, authorize their chairperson to appoint before June 1 in any year committees from the members of the board, and the committees so appointed shall perform the duties and report as prescribed in the resolution.”
 - A board may *not* delegate appointment of committee members to a committee of the board. See 61 Atty. Gen. 214.

Mandatory Committees

- Board of Health Wis. Stat. §§ 251.03, 251.04
 - “A county human services board under s. 46.23 (4) may act as a county board of health if the membership of the county human services board meets the qualifications specified in [the] subsection and if the county human services board is authorized to act in that capacity by the county board of supervisors.”
- Commission on Aging Wis. Stat. § 46.82(4) - if a county aging program is established under Chapter 46.
- Chapters 46 & 51
 - Community Programs Board Wis. Stat. § 51.42(4)
 - Developmental Disabilities Services Board Wis. Stat. § 51.437(7)
 - Social Services Board Wis. Stat. § 46.22(1m)
 - Human Services Board Wis. Stat. § 46.23(4) – may be combined with Board of Health under Wis. Stat. § 251.03 and may replace other boards, see statutes for qualification requirements

Mandatory Committees (cont.)





- Emergency Management Committee Wis. Stat. § 323.14(1)(a)
- Highway Committee Wis. Stat. § 83.015
- Land Conservation Committee Wis. Stat. § 59.70(19)
- Local Emergency Planning Committee Wis. Stat. § 59.54(8)
- Rural Planning Committee Wis. Stat. § 27.019(4)
- County Park Commission Wis. Stat. § 27.02
- Sheriff's Grievance Committee Wis. Stat. § 59.26(8)(b)1
- Traffic Safety Commission Wis. Stat. § 83.013(1)
- Veterans Service Commission Wis. Stat. § 45.81(1)



Ozaukee County Example

Ozaukee County Committee Reorganization

County Board Efficiency
Committee Empowerment
Staff Leadership

-  It is not broken, can things be improved
-  How do we maximize the policy focus
-  Are there too many decision points
-  Do we get what we pay for

PURPOSE



Per Diem
Staff & Committee working
Board planning and policy
Creating linkages not meetings

POSITIVE



Maximize expertise of Board
Business approach
Active review of risk and
opportunity
Organize by function

POWER



Money, strategy and policy
Set the agenda
Unknowns and concerns
Culture

County Board of Supervisors

Executive Committee

Finance

Administrative

Finance

Information Technology

Insurance

Personnel

Taxation and Claims

Natural Resources

Land Conservation

Land Information

Park Commission

Planning

Solid Waste

University Extension

Human Services

Board of Health

Commission on Aging

Community Programs

Home Health

Long-Term Support

Nursing Home Board

Social Services

Public Safety

Emergency Management

Emergency Planning

Law Enforcement

Public Works

Buildings

Highway

Security and Facilities

Transit

Current State 5 Standing Committees

**Committees of County
Board Members**

County Board of Supervisors

Administrative

Board of Health

Buildings

Commission on Aging

Community Programs

Emergency Management

Emergency Planning

Finance

Highway

Home Health

Information Technology

Insurance

Land Conservation

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Nursing Home Board

Park Commission

Personnel

Planning

Reapportionment

Security and Facilities

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University Extension

Pre Organization 28 Standing Committees



- Board Chair, Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair
- Chair's "Cabinet" Three Committee Chairs
- Committee linkages
- Budget, Capital Plan, Debt & Union
- Strategic Plan Oversight

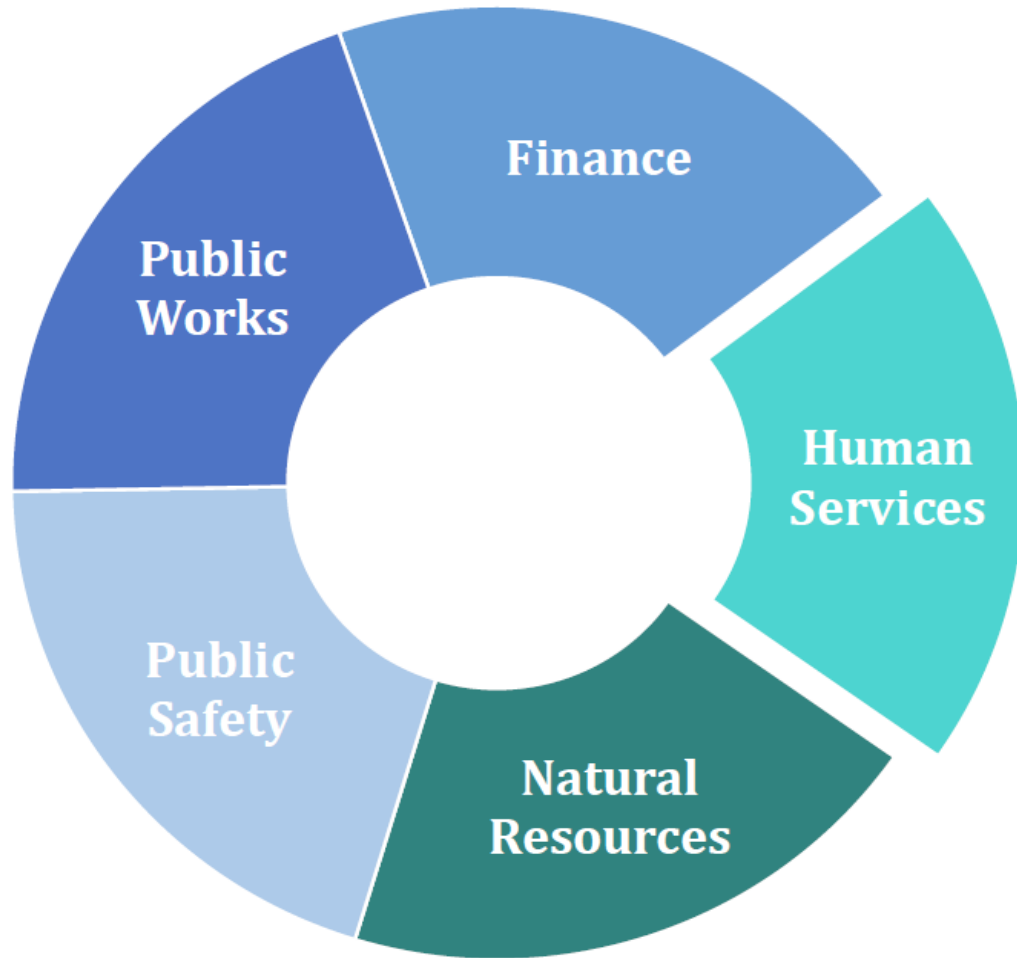


DEPARTMENTS:

- Clerk
- Corporation Counsel
- Treasurer
- Information Technology
- Human Resources
- Finance

Policy Issues:

- Elections
- Investments
- Child Support
- Fiscal Policy
- Personnel
- Radio and IT

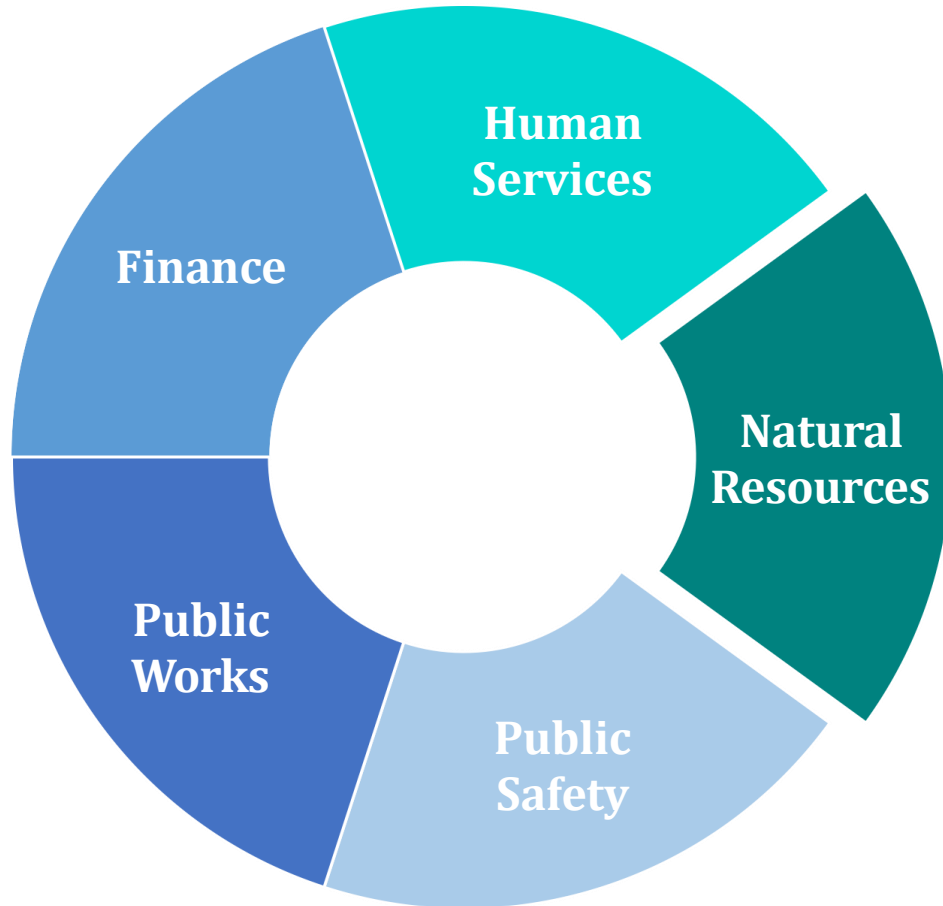


Departments:

- Human Services
- ADRC
- Public Health
- Lasata Campus
- Veterans Services

Policy Issues:

- Alcohol And Drugs
- Mental Health
- Senior Services
- Communicable Disease
- WIC
- Vets Transport



DEPARTMENTS:

- Land and Water
- Parks and Planning
- Register of Deeds
- Land Information
- University Extension
- Planning and Parks

Policy Issues:

- POWTS & Sanitation
- Land & Vital Records
- GIS
- 4-H
- Planning
- Resource Management



DEPARTMENTS:

- Clerk of Courts
- County Sheriff
- District Attorney
- Emergency Management
- Coroner

Policy Issues:

- Courts System
- Jail & Patrol
- Haz Mat
- Rescue Boat



DEPARTMENTS:

- Highways
- Transit
- Facilities

Policy Issues:

- Road Maintenance
- Road Construction
- Shared Ride Taxi
- Express Bus
- Facility Projects
- Fairgrounds

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		COUNTY BOARD		
			COMMITTEE	
		COUNTY BOARD		

What We Ask

Ozaukee County Board Time Commitment

5

Hours

THE PROCESS

Where do we begin?

1

It begins with **LEADERSHIP** at County Board Level

LISTEN to other Counties – It can be done

2

3

ASSESS what your colleagues expect

THE PROCESS

Where do we begin?

4

PARTNER with a neutral party

5

ALLOCATE ample time for the process

6

Give it a TRY!

10 Plus Years Later

How are things in Ozaukee?

3

Meetings per Month

**BIG
DECISIONS**

Vetted in Advance

**HONOR
COMMITTEE
WORK**

**PLANNING
& PMs**

**NO \$10
DISCUSSIONS**

**HIGH
FUNCTIONING
BOARD**



Questions? Comments?



Thank you for your service to
Wisconsin county government!