

TUESDAY – August 2nd, 2012

State of
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**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES MEETING HELD
AUGUST 2, 2012
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN**

2012-06

Item		
#1	Chair Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the upper conference room of the Courthouse at Dodgeville, WI.	Call to Order
#2	Roll Call – Members Present: Supervisors – Anderson, Bauer, Benish, Meyers, Peterson Other Supervisors Also Present: Supervisor Jeremy Meek, James Griffiths The Certification Notice of the meeting was confirmed by the County Administrator. Motion by Benish seconded by Meyers to approve the consent agenda minus item e) the minutes of the June 13 th prior meeting. Motion adopted.	Present Approval of Consent Agenda Comment from Public/ Supervisors
#3	No comments from the audience were received.	Comment
#4	The County Administrator distributed a memo on possible steps for the restructuring proposals based upon feedback from the Division Team Leaders. The Division Team Leaders recommend that Corporation Counsel review the Statutory authority for Committees and provide a report to the Committee on Committees explaining Statutory authority, membership, and whether a Committee is mandated or optional. Supervisor Benish expressed concern about reducing the number of committees.	Recommendat ion from Division Team Leaders on Re- structuring
#5	Chair Bauer updated the Committee on the recruitment process for applicants to fill the vacancy in District # 15. Two people expressed interest however one person has failed to respond to requests for further information while the other, (Charles Bolduc) has provided all required information. Without additional information from the other possible appointee, the Chair intends to appoint Mr. Bolduc.	Possible Appointee to District # 15 Vacancy
#6	Chair Bauer indicated that he will be recommending to the full County Board that all committee assignments remain unchanged except the Board member will fill those that were held by Supervisor Whitford.	Committee Appointments
#7	Chair Bauer shared a concern that there should be a consistent process for public and Supervisor participation at meeting of the County Board or its committees. There is concern that Supervisors who are not committee members participate as if they were members of a Committee while citizens are requested to speak only during a public comment period. Discussion followed and consensus was that there should be a process to recognize persons wishing to speak to an agenda item. Possibly a motion to suspend the rules might be in order.	Participation in County Board or Committee Meetings

#8	<p>Chair Bauer explained that Supervisor requests for information prior to a committee or Board meeting have been disruptive to some office operations. In one case a Department Head was on vacation and returned to provide information to a Board member. After consultation with the Corporation Counsel it is clear that requests for information from County Board members should be treated as open records requests as from any citizen unless the request is specifically from a Committee or the County Board. Members expressed concern and surprise that this type of request was occurring and asked how often is this is an issue. The Administrator and Chair explained that requests such as this do occur on a fairly regular basis, and regular business of the County is sometimes suspended to expedite an answer. Also, copies for such personal requests should not be charged to the County Board budget but be paid for by the requester at the published rate for copies or research. The Chair was requested to communicate to the Board that a procedure and reasonable timeline for such requests should be honored by all Board members. The Chair would draft a memo to that effect.</p>	Open Records Requests
#9	<p>Motion by Benish seconded by Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion adopted unanimously.</p>	Adjourn