

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, July 10, 2023
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: Wood County Courthouse – Room 115

PRESENT: Ed Wagner, Donna Rozar, Laura Valenstein, Lance Pliml (via Webex), Adam Fischer (via Webex)

OTHERS PRESENT (for part or all of the meeting, in person or via Webex): Bill Clendenning, Dennis Polach, Jeff Penzkover, Kimberly McGrath, Ed Newton, Heather Gehrt, Trent Miner, Ryan Boeshaar, Amy Kaup, Marissa Kornack, Brandon Vruwink, Shane Wucherpfennig, Reuben Van Tassel, Tara Jensen, Kim Stimac, Kelli Francis, PaNya Yang, Kathy Alft, Mary Solheim, Melissa Schuerman, Nick Flugaur, Katie DeKleyn, Mary Jo Wheeler, Tim Deaton (The Horton Group)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wagner at 11:00 a.m.

Public Comments

County Clerk Miner introduced his new employee, Katie DeKleyn.

Mary Jo Wheeler, Chair of the Economic Development Board in Marshfield, spoke in regards to the agenda item concerning the Marshfield Fairgrounds Electrical Project. Ms. Wheeler stated that the electrical issues at the Fairgrounds put the public in danger and that organizations are pulling out of using the Fairgrounds due to this. Ms. Wheeler explained that a national dog show that is coming to Marshfield has offered to pay \$10,000 towards the needed repairs. The current quote for fixing the electrical is \$98,000. Chair Wagner stated that the discussion will continue when this agenda item comes up.

Motion (Rozar/Valenstein) to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Pliml gave a brief update on ARPA funds.

Chair Wagner stated that he has received calls regarding the Marshfield Fairgrounds and needed electrical repairs. Wagner stated that the County has budgeted \$25,000 for the Fairgrounds annually. Discussion ensued at length.

Motion (Pliml/Rozar) to release the \$25,000 budgeted for the fair to take care of the immediate electrical needs. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee clarified that the funds will be released directly to the Marshfield Fairgrounds Commission.

Wellness Coordinator Boeshaar gave an update on Wellness Program activities.

Treasurer Gehrt presented a resolution to tax deed properties. Gehrt stated that there is a change to the resolution and now there are only 10. The resolution amount changes to \$66,082.58.

Motion (Rozar/Valenstein) to accept the resolution as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Pliml was excused at 11:39 a.m.

Finance Director Newton provided an update on Finance Department activities.

Human Resources Director McGrath introduced Tim Deaton of The Horton Group to provide a 2024 Health Insurance Budget Presentation. Mr. Deaton presented the Committee with updated year-to-date claims information and explained the projected increase. He provided information to the Committee on changing the Stop Loss deductible to lower the projected increase. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Committee was to increase the stop loss deductible to \$125,000 and to raise the emergency room copay to \$300 or \$350.

McGrath provided the results and recommendations from Carlson Dettmann Consulting on the annual Salary Grade Appeals. Three positions were submitted and each position was recommended to increase one grade. McGrath explained that this would take effect 1/1/2024 to give departments the ability to budget.

Motion (Rozar/Valenstein) to approve the recommendations from Carlson Dettmann Consulting. Motion carried unanimously.

Rozar stated that it is concerning to her that there is not a strategic plan with the fair. Brief discussion ensued.

Agenda items for next meeting: Marshfield Fairgrounds

The next regular Committee meeting is August 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Wagner declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Kelli Francis. Minutes in draft form until approved at the next meeting.