

# Richland County

## Rules & Strategic Planning Standing Committee

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October 6th, 2022

The Rules and Strategic Planning Standing Committee met on Thursday, October 6th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Board Room at 181 W. Seminary Street via videoconference and teleconference.

Committee members present included: Committee Chair Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Ingrid Glasbrenner, Linda Gentes, Chad Cosgrove, Bob Frank, Julie Fleming and Marty Brewer with Don Seep by WebEx.

Absent: Danielle Rudersdorf.

Also present was the County Administrator Clint Langreck, Administrative Assistant Cheryl Dull, with Gabe Schmitt from MIS running the teleconferencing. Several Department Heads and members of the public were logged on by WebEx.

1. **Call to Order** - Committee Chair Murphy-Lopez called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. **Proof of Notification** - Chair Murphy-Lopez confirmed that the meeting had been properly noticed.
3. **Agenda Approval** - Moved by Supervisor Cosgrove to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Brewer. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. **Public comments** - Chair Murphy-Lopez invited any public to make comments. None.
5. **Approval of minutes** – Moved by Supervisor Glasbrenner to approve as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Brewer. All voting aye, motion carried.
6. **Ethics review** – Chair Murphy-Lopez reviewed what has been presented in August and September. He reviewed the updates to the table from the last 2 meetings. He opened discussion concerning Crawford, Sauk and Iowa County Ordinance relating to Financial Interest. Extensive discussion followed on allowing a County official and/or employee participating in discussion on an item were they have substantial financial interest including wordsmithing until they agreed on a statement.

Moved by Supervisor Cosgrove to modify the language to say *“A County Official or employee who has a financial interest in a matter pending before a body shall disclose the nature of the interest and may not discuss the matter unless invited by the body. A County Official may not vote on a matter in which they have a financial interest.”*, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Gentes. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chair Murphy-Lopez reviewed the definition from the other counties. Discussion followed concerning financial definitions from other Counties. Moved Supervisor Fleming for the definition to be *“Any interest which yields, directly or indirectly, a monetary or other material benefit to the County officer or employee or to any person employing or retaining services of the County officer or employee.”*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Glasbrenner. All voting aye, motion carried.

Extensive discussion followed on the Gift Policy and Definition. Moved by Glasbrenner to change the Gift Policy wording to *“An official or employee shall not accept, from any person or organization directly or indirectly, a gift or anything of value without full payment, if it could reasonably be expected to influence their vote, governmental actions or judgments or is provided to such official or employee because of their position or office and could reasonably be considered as a reward for any governmental action or inaction.”*, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cosgrove. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Gentes to revise the Gift definition to read *“Any money or property, favor, service, payment, advance forbearance, loan or promise of future employment, but does not include such things as compensation and expenses paid by the State or County, fees, honorariums and expenses, unsolicited advertising or promotional material such as pens, pencils, notepads, calendars, informational or educational materials of unexceptional value, plaques, other advertising giveaways or any other thing which is not likely to influence the judgment of individuals covered by this code.”*, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fleming. All voting aye, motion carried.

Next meeting the Committee will continue with Nepotism.

7. **Comprehensive plan review** – Chair Murphy-Lopez reviewed that at the last meeting he asked that everyone review the Comprehensive Plan prior to this meeting. Chair Murphy-Lopez proposed a brainstorming activity for everyone to write 4 things in relation to *“Strengths”, “Weaknesses”, “Opportunities”* and *“Threats”* concerning the Comprehensive Plan. After the Committee posted their opinions. The break out groups then sorted those

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ideas into subcategories and labeled them. The committee members then voted on the groupings, results were produced and the Committee provided their feedback for the activities results.

The Strengths were grouped as: Data -12, Environment - 6, Vision - 3, Community support - 0, Services - 3.

The Weaknesses were grouped as: Missing items - 0, Implementation - 7, Usability - 5, Length - 1, Challenges - 4, Demographics - 4, Miscellaneous – 2, Missing Elements – 0.

The Opportunities were grouped as: Other Counties - 3, Grant Funding - 4, Potential Vendors - 4, Existing/Potential groups - 11, Topics for the Plan - 0.

The Threats were grouped as: State of WI - 7, Community - 0, Data - 0, Dollars/Money - 10, County Board -1, Time - 5.

Moved by Supervisor Frank to adopt the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats findings and use those findings to develop a scope and budget for consideration at a future meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Fleming. All voting aye, motion carried.

**8. Future agenda items – none**

- 9. Adjournment –** Next meeting will be held Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. in the County Board room. Moved by Supervisor seep to adjourn at 11:55, seconded by Supervisor Fleming. All voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Cheryl Dull  
Assistant to the County Administrator