

Richland County

Rules & Strategic Planning Standing Committee

July 6th, 2023

The Rules and Strategic Planning Standing Committee, convened on Thursday, July 6th, 2023 in the Richland County Board Room at 181 W. Seminary Street in person and via WebEx.

Committee members present included: County Board Supervisors Marty Brewer, Ingrid Glasbrenner, Linda Gentes, Don Seep, Bob Frank, and Julie Fleming.

1. **Call to Order** – Supervisor Brewer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. **Proof of Notification** – Interim County Administrator Hochkammer verified that the meeting had been properly noticed.
3. **Agenda Approval** – Motion by Glasbrenner second by Gentes to approve agenda. Motion carried and the agenda declared approved.
4. **Approval of minutes** – Supervisor Brewer declared the minutes from the last meeting approved as published.
5. **Public Comment** – *Topics raised in comments received from the public may be placed on a future agenda for consideration.* Supervisor Gentes – possible need for a review of committee structures.
6. **Closed session pursuant of Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations – Consideration and Possible Action on Ethics Complaint** – Motion by Supervisor Fleming second by Supervisor Gentes to convene into closed session. Supervisor Brewer asked for a voice vote. Motion to convene into closed session carried with unanimous consent at 10:05 a.m.
7. **Return to Open Session** – Reconvened into Open Session
8. **Discussion and Possible Action on item discussed in Closed Session** – A complaint was received under the County's Ethics Ordinance (Ord. 23-6) regarding misuse of County email systems to inappropriately influence the outcome of an action before the Board. Based on a review of the County's email system, there are insufficient grounds to sustain the complaint and as such the Committee moves to dismiss the complaint. Motion by Gentes second by Fleming to dismiss the complaint. Supervisor Glasbrenner abstained. Motion carried and the complaint was declared dismissed.
9. **Update on Strategic Plan** – Interim County Administrator Hochkammer gave an update on the strategic plan.
10. **Future agenda items** – Glasbrenner: Review and possible survey on committee structure. Review of process on requesting Corp Counsel's services. Review of ethics policy and complaints process.

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11. Adjournment – Next meeting to be Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Richland County Board Room. Motion by Seep second by Glasbrenner to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Myranda H. Hege

Richland County Deputy Clerk