

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
November 17, 2011

The meeting of the Personnel Committee was called to order by Chairman Joanne Guden at 4:00 PM on Thursday, November 17, 2011 in the County Board Room, Green Lake County, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Joanne Guden
Gene Henke (4:20)
Dan Priske
Maureen Schweder
John Zelenski

Also Present: Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk
Jeff Haase, Asst. Corp Counsel
Leroy Dissing, HHS Deputy Director
Sheriff Mark Podoll
Chief Deputy Mark Putzke
Tony Daley, Berlin Journal
Aaron Becker, Ripon Commonwealth

AGENDA

Motion/second (Priske/Schweder) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Schweder/Zelenski) to approve the minutes of October 20, 2011. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MIN LIMIT) None

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of Resignation - Assistant Corporation Counsel: Bostelmann read the letter of resignation effective December 31, 2011.

Guden read a letter from Haase dated November 12, 2011 further detailing why he is resigning. He refers to the comments Selsing made in a newspaper article regarding Haase.

Guden read a letter from Attorney Selsing regarding the resignation letter and follow up letter from Haase. Selsing stated that Haase resigned because of pressures put on Haase by 3 supervisors and 1 elected official and by Attorney Borowski.

Bostelmann read the retirement letter from Bob Podgorski stating that Podgorski will retire on February 1, 2012.

Guden also read an announcement for Linda Van Ness's retirement celebration on December 13th from 4 pm to 6 pm in the nurses screening room.

APPEARANCES

Jeff Haase – Assistant Corporation Counsel re: Resignation Letter: Haase stated that he does not like the fact that he is resigning. He stated that under the circumstances with the current

corporation counsel position he has to resign. He wants the committee to know why he has resigned. He stated that a reporter asked if three supervisors and one elected official has ever put pressure on him and he explained that the County Board supervisors work well with him and he has worked well with all elected officials. He was disheartened by John's letter. He is frustrated that John would put that statement in a letter.

Haase stated he is not out to get John Selsing or harm John but as assistant corporation counsel he believes he has to bring forth the truth. Haase explained he has to address the meeting that John references in his letter between the two of them. Haase stated that John came to him with a memo directed to Green Lake County drafted by John for Jeff to sign. Haase stated that the memo does not state the facts accurately and John stated that he had to sign the memo and Jeff reported that he would not sign it.

Motion/Second(Schweder/Priske) to seat Henke. Motion carried.

Haase stated that he would not contradict what he has said. He cannot sign something that is not true. He gave John a letter as to why he could not sign the memo. On November 10th he had several phone messages from Selsing stating that Haase was stabbing him in the back. That is why Haase resigned. Haase stated that the reason for resigning was the pressure by John and he is not willing to be pressured by John to sign a memo.

Priske asked what is in the memo that he cannot sign it. Haase gave a copy of the memo to the committee for their review. Guden thanked Haase for the explanation and clearing up any confusion.

FILLING VACANT POSITIONS – None

CLERK'S REPORT

Bostelmann, Van Ness and Schweder have screened the candidate applications for the HHS Director. Preliminary interviews for 5 candidates are scheduled for Wednesday, November 23rd.

Bostelmann met with Gene Henke and Bob Podgorski to start the process to hire the Highway Commissioner.

CLOSED SESSION – None

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future meeting date: December 22, 2011
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Priske/Henke) to adjourn at 4:30 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Marge Bostelmann
County Clerk