

Organizational Committee Agenda
Justice Center Community Room
1005 W Main St., Balsam Lake, WI 54810
Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 1:00 PM

Open Session

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Election of Officers:

Chairperson

Vice Chair

Secretary

Public Comments

Presentation by Supr. Pat Schmidt on the history of Polk County Board, with regards to member numbers and districts.

Discussion on the direction and plans for Polk County

Set future meeting date

Adjournment

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Members Present:
Herschel Brown
Wendy Rattel
Russell Arcand
Patricia Schmidt
William Johnson

Members Not Present:
Larry Jepsen
Harry Johansen

Others Present:
Bob Kazmirski

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman William Johnson.

Approval of Agenda

Schmidt/Arcand moved approval of the agenda. One correction was noted. Item reading: Discussion on the direction and plans for Polk County was corrected to read: Discussion on the direction and plans for this committee. Motion approved.

Election of Officers

Herschel Brown was elected committee chairman. Wendy Rattel was elected committee vice-chairman. Harry Johansen was elected committee secretary.

Public Comments

None

Presentation by Supr. Pat Schmidt on the history of Polk County Board with regards to member numbers and districts

Pat Schmidt gave a presentation regarding the number of county board supervisors from 1896 to the present taken from the *Official Proceedings of the Polk County Board of Supervisors*. She also had data regarding other Wisconsin counties board size, population and number represented by each supervisor.

Discussion on the direction and plans for this committee

Bob Kazmirski of UWEX led the discussion.

Who is the Organizational Committee?

- an ad hoc committee making recommendations, if any, for changes to the organization of Polk County government
- which must work within state statutes
- to work toward a more efficient and effective county government organization
- made up of seven county board members with officers noted previously

- data gathering and information sharing purposes
- are to inform and involve stakeholders of committee findings
- are to serve as a resource for the administrator

What does this ad hoc committee hope to accomplish?

- help to decide the number of county board supervisors
- to examine the benefits, if any, of staggered terms for supervisors
- define the roll and responsibilities of the county board chairman within the county administrator form of government
- examine size of committees and the basic responsibilities of each committee within the county administrator form of government
- examine and evaluate effectiveness of current policies
- examine and update Polk County Rules of Order

What are some concerns of the ad hoc committee?

- being transparent, having good communication with the board and public to ensure success
- others may not support committee products so committee needs to be open and willing to accept other ideas
- committee activities be accurately and fairly reported to the public by the media
- the process is likely to be slow

Rattel suggested, and the committee agreed, to have Administrator Frey set the date of the next meeting at his convenience and attend to advise the committee on various issues.

Motion by Johnson/Arcand to adjourn. Motion carried.

Recorded by Pat Schmidt