

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

M I N U T E S
August 25, 2003

PRESENT: Supervisors Johnson, Kerkman, Ekornaas, Marrelli and Faraone

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnson at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor Committee Conference Room at the County's Administration Building.
2. Citizens Comments:
Chairman Johnson announced to the audience that if any of them wanted to speak on Item #7, to wait until that item came up on the agenda. There were no citizen comments at this point of the meeting.
3. Board member comments and questions: None
4. Communications: None
5. Approval of minutes of 7/29/03: **Supervisor Faraone made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Ekornaas. All Aye. Motion carried.**

Chairman Johnson said due to the number of people here on the issue, he would take up item #7 at this point and return to item #6 after.

7. Resolution from Supervisor Rose in opposition to WE Energies expansion of coal-burning power plant in Oak Creek:
Supervisor Faraone made a motion to take the resolution off the table. There was no second. Motion failed.

Wayne Koessl asked if the resolution was on the table indefinitely and Chairman Johnson said yes, unless a committee member brings it up in the future. Corporation Counsel Volpintesta said it would have to be noticed on the agenda before it could be acted on.

6. Discuss/amend Ordinance 19 pertaining to section 2.05(4)(d) meeting minutes:
Chairman Johnson said he withdrew the ordinance at the county board so that we could discuss it further. He did not want paper minutes going out to all supervisors.

County Clerk Edna Highland spoke of concerns she has with the proposed language. She stated she never gets the minutes from committees for two or three months after the meetings. She feels the committee secretaries should keep the minutes and should be responsible for getting them on the web page on the internet. If the minutes are sent to her office, her people would be responsible for meeting the deadline and she is short handed. She thinks the committee can be responsible for getting them out to all the supervisors if they want them immediately.

Supervisor Marrelli arrived at 7:10 pm.

Various amendments were suggested for the ordinance. Because the amendments were extensive, Chairman Johnson said the ordinance should be presented again to the county board for two readings. The committee will sign the ordinance prior to the county board meeting. **Supervisor Ekornaas made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended. Seconded by Supervisor Kerkman. All aye. Motion carried.**

Volpintesta said regarding the action that was previously taken on Item #7, the county board referred the resolution to this committee. Therefore, the committee has to take it back to the board within sixty days. Supervisor

Kerkman asked if we could just inform the county board of our action as a report and Volpintesta said yes. He said Supervisor Rose could resubmit the resolution to the county board himself if the committee chose to just make a report. Supervisor Rose said he would contact the clerk and request it be placed on the agenda for the county board. Then it will be up to the county board if they want to do something.

8. Discussion of policy on county board approval of contracts:
9. Resolution to establish a policy for naming county buildings:

Volpintesta said he does not have anything ready for the committee on these two items and thought he'd have something for the October agenda. Supervisor Kerkman said Item #9 should include parks in addition to buildings. The West End Park will not be called the West End Park.

10. Report on status of corporation counsel budget: Volpintesta reviewed the monthly report he provided to the committee. He said the Finance Committee turned down his request to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund for legal fees. They asked if there was any other place he could find the money, possibly Staff Development. He does not know where the attorneys in his office are as far as CLE credits to maintain their license. He stopped all outside counsel. The Adult Entertainment Ordinance is hanging out there. Supervisor Kerkman asked why Planning and Development didn't budget for legal fees for their ordinances. Volpintesta said we used to do that but legal work is supposed to go through his office. We don't have any control over the cases that come in and some legal matters require a higher level of expertise, such as the copyright issue for the county's website and the Kemper Trust. The general fund is there as a contingency. He feels he shouldn't have to go to the board and have a big battle over a couple of thousand dollars. This line item used to be \$100,000 and we've really cut it back over the years. He will be going back to the Finance Committee after he finds out about everyone's CLE requirements. **Supervisor Ekornaas made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Supervisor Kerkman. All aye. Motion carried.**

11. Resolution to establish procedure regarding disposal of land: Volpintesta provided the committee members with some amendments to the proposed policy in their packet. Some concerns came up because of the sale of the Ice Arena and the Highway Garage. This policy does not apply to the purchase of property. He reviewed the entire policy and said the amendments he came with tonight were to address concerns of the administration.

He feels the committee should study the proposed policy and use it as a starting point to address concerns they have and act on it at a future meeting. He feels if a committee decides to terminate negotiations of a sale, that is something that should also go to the board. Bernie Vash thought that was covered in this policy, but you may want to look for that issue. He doesn't think the county executive has to go to the board to get a resolution to sell property. It is understood that a sale is contingent upon county board approval.

Supervisor Kerkman said the sale of the highway garage was a done deal before it got to the county board. Volpintesta said you could go to Buildings and Grounds, draw up a resolution that we sell or that we do not sell something and give the county executive direction.

Supervisor Ekornaas said by the time we find out about it, it is too late. We should be informed at the start with a report from administration to the county board. Volpintesta said he believes all county executives that we have had would have gotten support from the board before taking action. He will mention these concerns to Bernie Vash so he can take the matter up with the county executive. **Supervisor Kerkman made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Ekornaas. All aye. Motion carried.**

12. Any other business:
Chairman Johnson said our next meeting will be on September 30th due to a change in the county board schedule.

Volpintesta said he should have his 2004 budget for the agenda by that time. He informed the committee that he is opening contract negotiations with Local 168 and Local 1392. We are in arbitration with Local 990 Professionals and Local 990 Jail. The professionals did counter our last offer so we may be close. He thinks Local 990 Jail will go to arbitration and that is what he's preparing for.

13. **Supervisor Ekornaas made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Kerkman. All aye. Motion carried.**

Minutes Prepared by Linda Haney