

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 2, 2022

The special meeting of the Administrative Committee was called to order by Chairman Harley Reabe at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 in the County Board and via Zoom format at the Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via Zoom. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Harley Reabe  
Brian Floeter  
Keith Hess  
Katie Mehn (Zoom)  
Dennis Mulder (Zoom)

Absent:

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow; Renee Thiem-Korth, Register of Deeds (Zoom); Sheriff Mark Podoll

### PUBLIC COMMENT –

Cindy Skipchak and Todd Wachholz, two Green Lake County funeral directors, spoke in regard to the coroner position currently in place in Green Lake County. Both stated the need for an updated wage/salary scale and also requested that timely viewing of deaths be considered in regard to this position.

### RESOLUTIONS

- **Relating to Sick Leave Payout for Sheriff Mark Podoll**

*Motion/second (Floeter/Mulder)* to suspend the rules to allow Sheriff Mark Podoll to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow addressed the letter she sent to all committee members regarding her legal opinion on this matter. *Motion/second (Floeter/Mehn)* to allow the legal opinion dated 02/27/2022 to be included in the packet for today's meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote. Sheriff Podoll stated that the elected officials in Green Lake County have not been treated fairly in regard to wages when compared to other employees and Department Heads. *Motion/second (Floeter/Mehn)* to suspend the rules and allow Dave Abendroth to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. Abendroth stated that he has compiled a list of 8 counties as comparables to be used for wages for all employees based on population and budget size. Chair Reabe called for a motion to approve the resolution on the floor. No motion made – the resolution will not move forward.

- **Salary for County Coroner 2023-2026**

Discussion held. Committee instructed the County Administrator to provide comparables from other counties on the coroner position based on population and budget size and bring to a special Administrative meeting.

*Motion/second (Floeter/Mulder)* to defer action on this item to a date to be determined. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MEDICAL EXAMINER

*Motion/second (Floeter/Mulder)* to allow Todd Wachholz and Cindy Skipchak to speak in more detail regarding the position of coroner. Motion carried with no negative vote. Both Wachholz and Skipchak spoke in favor of moving to a Medical Examiner position in Green Lake County and outlined their reasons for this opinion.

### COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

**Future Meeting Dates: special meeting date to be determined**

- **Regular Meeting: TBD** Agenda items to include annual County Administrator review, discussion on strategic/long range plan

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Reabe adjourned the meeting at 4:03 PM.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Otto".

Liz Otto County Clerk