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## COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SAFETY AND GENERAL SERVICES

Thursday, July 9, 2009 - 9:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Supervisors Rice, De Bruin, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

**EXCUSED:** Supervisor Cesarz - 1

#### SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 09-264 From the County Executive, appointing Dr. Helen Sobehart to serve on the Milwaukee County Ethics Board for a term expiring February 28, 2010. Dr. Sobehart will fill a vacancy resulting from the resignation of Rev. Trinnett McCray.

#### **APPEARANCE(S):**

Sherry Hill, County Executive's Office  
Dr. Helen Sobehart, Appointee

The Committee provided comments and welcomed Dr. Sobehart.

Dr. Sobehart provided brief comments.

**MOTION BY: (RICE) Approve. (Vote 6-0)**

**AYES:** Rice, De Bruin, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

**NOES:** 0

**EXCUSED:** Cesarz – 1

2. 09-143 A resolution by Supervisor Coggs, in support of modifying state judicial districts to achieve better ethnic diversity of elected circuit court judges. **(Also to the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations) (6/11/09: Laidover to the call of the Chair)**

#### **APPEARANCE(S):**

Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs, 10<sup>th</sup> District  
Bob Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Supervisor Coggs provided comments relative to the subject resolution and its intent. She commented that if the resolution is approved, she would request that the

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

County Clerk send an official letter of recommendation, attached to the resolution, to the governor, state senators and state representatives. The premise of this resolution is that we need cultural diversity.

***MOTION BY: (DE BRUIN) Approve the resolution.***

Discussion ensued at length, with questions and comments regarding statistics of women and minorities who have received judgeships and the constitution being changed.

Mr. Andrews provided comments relative to the constitution being changed.

**Vote on the motion to approve: 3-3**

***AYES:*** De Bruin, Broderick and Johnson (Chair) – 3

***NOES:*** Rice, Jursik and Sanfelippo – 3

***EXCUSED:*** Cesarz – 1

**This item will go to the Board with no recommendation by reason of a tie vote.**

3. 09-151 From Inspector, Office of the Sheriff, requesting authorization to apply for and  
(a)(a) accept Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 and that a separate trust fund be established to deposit the grant monies.

***APPEARANCE(S):***

Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office

Supervisor Rice acknowledged the work of the County Executive's Office and the Sheriff's Office for getting us to this point.

***MOTION BY: (RICE) Approve. (Vote 6-0)***

***AYES:*** Rice, De Bruin, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and JOHnson (Chair) – 6

***NOES:*** 0

***EXCUSED:*** Cesarz – 1

4. 09-37 From the Sheriff's Office, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and House of Correction  
(a)(c) Merger Second Quarter Report. **(Also to be considered by the Committees on Personnel and Finance and Audit) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office  
Inspector Richard Schmidt, Sheriff's Office  
Nancy Evans, Corrections Captain, Sheriff's Office  
Inspector Carr reviewed the subject report.

Questions and comments ensued.

Captain Evans provided comments.

Inspector Schmidt addressed questions relative to the K-9 program.

**MOTION BY: (JURSIK) Receive and Place on File. (Vote 6-0)**

**AYES:** Rice, De Bruin, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

**NOES:** 0

**EXCUSED:** Cesarz – 1

5. 09-37 From the Director of Audits, Data on Value of the Milwaukee County Farm and Fish Hatchery Operation Report. **(Also to be considered by the Committee on Finance and Audit) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**  
(a)(d)

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Jerry Heer, Director of Audits  
Sherry Tussler, Executive Director, Hunger Task Force

Mr. Heer reviewed the subject report.

Questions and comments ensued.

Ms. Tussler provided comments.

Supervisor De Bruin advised that this is step 1 and that another report will come back to the Committee in September. She urged the Committee to wait until they see the full report.

**The Committee took no action on this informational item.**

6. 09-284 From the County Clerk, requesting approval of a resolution/ordinance amending Section 59.15 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to increase the fee for marriage licenses from \$100 to \$105 in response to Milwaukee County's 2009 fiscal situation. **(Also to the Committee on Finance and Audit)**

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

**APPEARANCE(S):**

County Clerk Joseph Czarnecki

Mr. Czarnecki reviewed the subject request.

Questions and comments ensued.

***MOTION BY: (SANFELIPPO) Approve. (Vote 6-0)***

***AYES:*** Rice, De Bruin, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

***NOES:*** 0

***EXCUSED:*** Cesarz – 1

**The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter(s). At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary:**

7. 09-281 From Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel, recommending approval of payment in the amount \$20,000 to Burdell Vaughn to settle in full his lawsuit against Milwaukee County.

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Roy Williams, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel

***MOTION BY: (RICE) Adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to items 7, 8 and 9. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary: (Vote 6-0)***

***AYES:*** Rice, De Bruin, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

***NOES:*** 0

***EXCUSED:*** Cesarz – 1

The Committee adjourned into closed session at approximately 10:55 a.m. and reconvened back into open session at approximately 11:55 a.m. with the same members present as before.

***MOTION BY: (RICE) Approve items 7 and 8. (Vote 6-0)***

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

**AYES:** Rice, De Bruin, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6  
**NOES:** 0  
**EXCUSED:** Cesarz – 1

8. 09-253 From Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel, recommending approval of payment in the amount of \$3,000 to Deputy Kopydlowski and \$250 to Deputy Griffin and \$13,000 for attorney fees in full settlement of Fair Labor Standards Act claims.

**SEE ACTION UNDER ITEM 7.**

9. 09-J-5 From Corporation Counsel, status report on grievance arbitration and court decisions involving District Council 48.

**The Committee took no action on this item.**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rick Ceschin, Research Analyst, County Board  
Bill Domina, Corporation Counsel  
Bob Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Roy Williams, Principal Corporation Counsel  
Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office  
Inspector Richard Schmidt, Sheriff's Office  
Captain Nancy Evans, Sheriff's Office  
Jerry Heer, Director of Audits  
Joseph J. Czarnecki, County Clerk

This meeting was recorded. Committee files contain copies of communications, reports and resolutions, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes, along with the audio recording of this meeting, are available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Adjourned: 11:58 A.M.

*Linda K. Durham*

**Linda K. Durham, Committee Clerk**

**DEADLINE**

***The next regular meeting of the Judiciary Committee is Thursday, September 10, 2009. All items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on Thursday, August 27, 2009.***

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