

CBA/Elections Committee

Meeting Minutes
As revised by Jeremy Ly

April 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Members Present: Jeremy Ly, David Welter, Ralph Wagner, Millie Dyer, Mike Throneburg

Also Present: Ron Severson, Dan Duffy, Sandy Pommier, Denise Kasper, Lana Phillips, Kristen Torkelson, John Watters, John Callahan, Karen Connor, Susan Bates

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2011 meeting was made by Throneburg, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the election claims was made by Wagner, seconded by Throneburg. Motion carried. The committee discussed the costs associated with the elections.

Jeremy Ly presented an email that he received in regards to the April 5, 2011 election. The email was from an election judge from Aux Sable and was expressing concern with problems associated with the computers used in voting. Ly responded by stating that the concerns would be addressed by the committee and invited the judge to attend the next meeting. The individual was unable to attend however John Watters reviewed the concerns and explained to the committee how each one was handled. Lana Phillips added that she appreciates the support from IT and no election is without some problems; however the election process never stops and everyone is able to vote. Watters told the committee that he was able to negotiate with Sprint to waive the \$2000.00 connectivity fee.

Lana Phillips explained the process of choosing and training the election judges and stated that she is pleased with the investment of the laptops for voting.

The committee reviewed the Mission Statements for the CBA and Elections Committee. Dyer is to amend the statements to be reviewed at the next meeting.

County Board Chairman Severson asked that the county's telephone bill be looked into in order to reduce cost.

The committee reviewed the scoring sheet and cover letter. Ly stated that all department heads and elected officials had received the cover letter. A motion was made by Throneburg, seconded by Welter to approve the scoring sheet as amended. Motion carried.

Coroner, John Callahan and Karen Connor, Administrative Deputy, attended the meeting to continue the request for the reinstatement of the Chief Deputy position within the Coroners office. The committee discussed the salary requested, hours worked and comparisons to surrounding counties. The departmental budget comparisons between Kendall (\$573,824.00), Livingston (\$238,290.00) and Grundy (\$193,815.00) reflected Grundy being low.

The committee presented their scoring sheets. The request was approved by Wagner, Dyer, Welter and rejected by Throneburg and Ly. The committee's average score was 3.6 (no recommendation). A motion was made by Throneburg, seconded by Welter to recommend the request to the Personnel Committee with no recommendation. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ly seconded by Welter to amend the scoring sheet to read "neutral recommendation" instead of "no recommendation". Motion carried.

Duffy discussed the need for an additional position in the Administration Building Maintenance Department. Duffy stated he would like the maintenance person to have an electrical background. Ly questioned Duffy as to why we would need a maintenance person with an electrical background. Duffy explained to do rewiring, gave examples of moving a light switch and light fixture. Ly expressed his concerns of electrical work not being done by certified union electrician. Welter disagreed with Ly's concern regarding electrical work being done with union certified electricians. In addition to the maintenance personnel request Duffy informed the committee we will bring on a summer intern due to increase in work load and time off coverage. The additional part time position will be on the next meeting agenda; the intern is currently budgeted for.

Duffy also told the committee that he had talked to a former county employee that was interested in the receptionist desk position for one day a week. Susan Bates stated that due to the creation of a new position, it would have to be posted.

A motion to adjourn was made by Welter, seconded by Dyer. Motion carried.