

## **Ad-Hoc Structure Review Task Force on Per Diems Meeting**

**April 17, 2023**

**Winnebago County Administration Building  
112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, WI**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Wise at 12:00 p.m. at the Winnebago County Administration Building.

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Binder, Ellenberger, Harrison, Powers, Schellenger, Wise, and Zastera

Guests: Chairman Tom Egan, Corporation Counsel Mary Anne Mueller and Tori Kinderman, Paralegal Corporation Counsel, and Mike Collard, Director of Administration

2. **Approve Agenda:**

Motion by Supervisor Schellenger, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to approve the agenda. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

3. **Public Input:** None

4. **Approval of Minutes for April 3, 2023:**

Motion by Supervisor Binder, seconded by Supervisor Schellenger to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

5. **Discussion: Self-Organized Counties:**

Currently Winnebago County is not a self-governing county. The committee is considering asking to change to a self-organized county. In the State of Wisconsin, 52 counties are self-organized. Information regarding self-organization can be found in Chapter 59 of the Wisconsin State Statutes. By changing to self-organized, it would allow:

- a. Setting compensation for county board supervisors
- b. Setting terms of supervisors – Staggered terms
- c. Process of filling vacant terms on the County Board

The process to change to a self-organized county would be:

- a. Bring an Ordinance to the County Board to become Self-Organized. This would need to pass by a majority of members present.
- b. If passed, the County Clerk's office would file the ordinance with the Secretary of State.

Motion by Supervisor Ellenberger, seconded by Supervisor Schellenger to have Corporation Counsel draft an ordinance to become a Self-Organized County. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The advantage of being self-organized is flexibility for the county board.

6. Communications Shared by Ad-Hoc Per Diem Task Force Members

Nothing was discussed.

7. Discussion: Wisconsin Counties Compensation for County Supervisors

The Committee discussed what other Counties are doing for compensation. They discussed different scenarios of when a per diem should be claimed and when it should

not. They felt if you were invited by the Chair of that Committee, you should claim that per diem. If a meeting is not posted as a meeting, but as an event, you should not claim that per diem. They discussed salary versus per diems and the salary for chairmen of the committees and the county board chair. It was discussed if there are job descriptions for being a county board supervisor. In the county board rules, there are duties for the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the County Board.

8. Discussion: Winnebago County Supervisor Compensation Plan  
Discussed the possibility of compensation for committee chairs. Decided that this will be discussed at a later meeting.
9. Set next meeting date and time:
  - April 24, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Room 120 County Administration Building
  - May 8, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Room 120 County Administration Building
10. Adjourn: Motion by Supervisor Powers, second by Supervisor Ellenberger to adjourn. CARRIED.  
The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Submitted by:  
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Winnebago County Clerk