Members Present: Committee Chairman Tony Ruesga, Larry Ludlum, Jack Wiegel, John Bartels; County Board Chairman Jack Sauer; and County Clerk Carla Jacobson. Gerald Heimann was absent.

Others Present: Kriss Marion; Reg Gill; Peggy Rolli; Christine Tabaka; and Kayla Barnes from the Republican Journal. Many members of the public were also in attendance.

Call to Order: Executive, Rules & Legislative Committee Chairman, Mr. Ruesga, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Proof of Proper Posting: County Clerk Carla Jacobson stated that the agenda was posted at all of the County Buildings, the Darlington Municipal Building, on the Lafayette County website and sent to the press.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Wiegel, seconded by Mr. Ludlum, to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Ludlum, second by Mr. Bartels, to approve the August 14, 2019 Executive meeting minutes as presented, and to approve the August 29, 2019 Executive meeting minutes, with the amendment that on the first page, last paragraph under Approval of a Resolution to Conduct Countywide Advisory Referendum on Creation of Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans and Maps, that it was motioned by Mr. Ludlum and seconded by Mr. Heimann (not Mr. Bartels) to deny the resolution. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Three members of the public spoke regarding their opinion on numbers 7 and 8 on the agenda - Approval of a Resolution Amending the By-Laws of the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Regarding Appointments; and Approval of a Resolution to Conduct Countywide Advisory Referendum on Creation of Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans and Maps.

Approval of a Resolution Amending the By-Laws of the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Regarding Appointments: This would amend the By-Laws of the SWWRPC to allow counties to appoint two commission appointees which is now currently appointed by the Governor. This topic was also discussed at last month’s committee meeting. Motion by Mr. Wiegel, second by Mr. Ludlum, to approve the resolution as presented and to forward on to County Board for final approval. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of a Resolution to Conduct Countywide Advisory Referendum on Creation of Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans and Maps: The current procedure allows the legislature of the majority party to prepare redistricting plans and maps. Ms. Jacobson estimated the fiscal impact of having an advisory referendum would be around $3,000.00. After some discussion, motion by Mr. Ludlum, second by Mr. Wiegel, to oppose the resolution. Mr. Ruesga asked for a roll call vote. A roll call vote was taken by the Clerk, Carla Jacobson, beginning with Mr. Ruesga. The result was Three Yes and One No with Mr. Ruesga voting No. The motion to oppose the resolution passed with one negative vote.

County Board Supervisor Mr. Scott Pedley arrived at 9:15 a.m.
Revised Ethics Ordinance: Mr. Ruesga explained that no action will be taken today on this matter. The revised Ethics Ordinance is being worked on. Chairman Sauer appointed four individuals to a committee to assist with Lafayette County Corporation Counsel Nathan Russell to work on the revised ordinance. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

County Board Supervisor Gerald Heimann arrived at 9:24 a.m.

Creation of a Manor Foundation: Mr. Ludlum asked Committee Chair, Mr. Ruesga, to recognize Mr. Pedley, on behalf of the Manor Committee, who has been a strong promoter on the creation of a Manor Foundation. Mr. Pedley spoke to the committee regarding the creation of a Manor Foundation. Manor Administrator Peggy Rolli and Manor Finance Manager, Christine Tabaka, were also present. Mr. Pedley said this would be the creation of a charitable foundation for the Manor similar to what the Hospital has. Mr. Pedley asked that himself along with the Chair of the Manor, Mr. Ludlum, meet with counsel to see if this is feasible. After some discussion, Mr. Ludlum and Mr. Pedley will meet with legal counsel to explore this and bring back information and costs to the Executive Committee. Motion by Mr. Wiegel, second by Mr. Heimann, to approve the creation of a Manor Foundation. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Closed Session: Closed Session at the request of the Executive Committee members, at 9:30 a.m., pursuant to §19.85 (1) (f) Wis. Stats., considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Motion by Mr. Wiegel, second by Mr. Bartels, to convene to closed session. On a roll call vote, all voted yes.

Lafayette County Corporation Counsel Nathan Russell arrived during the closed session item.

Reconvene to Open: Motion by Mr. Wiegel, second by Mr. Bartels, to reconvene to open session. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Action Taken in Closed Session: None.

Future Agenda Items: Ethics Ordinance; county-wide bidding process.

Next Meeting Date and Time: October 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., in the County Board Room.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Wiegel, seconded by Mr. Bartels, to adjourn. Voice vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes taken by Carla Jacobson, Lafayette County Clerk.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular committee meeting.