

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a special meeting of the Brown County Administration Committee was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 in Room 210, City Hall, 100 N. Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI

Present: Chair Sieber, Supervisors Vander Leest, Kneiszel, Deneys and Schadewald
Also Present: Public Works Director Paul Fontecchio, Corporation Counsel Dave Hemery, Director of Administration Chad Weininger, Supervisors Tran, Borchardt, Kaster, Dantine, Brusky, Landwehr, Van Dyck and Evans, media and other interested parties

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Sieber at 5:45 pm.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Vander Leest, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolutions and Ordinances

1. Substitute Resolution in Place of Original June 20, 2018 Resolution Supporting the Redevelopment of the Fox River Papermaking Corridor.

Motion made by Supervisor Kneiszel, seconded by Supervisor Vander Leest to approve the substitute resolution as presented which adds the paragraph that reads, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in light of the fact that the County has already appropriated significant funding to redevelop the FRPC in the Original FRPC Resolution, and that the County is appropriating an additional \$2,952,412.00 for said purpose here, the County shall not appropriate any additional funds going forward regarding the redevelopment of the FRPC".
Motion withdrawn; no vote taken

Supervisor Kneiszel voiced his disappointment that we are looking to spend \$3 million dollars in a 10 minute meeting. He feels this is ridiculous and it should have never come to this. There should have been a full discussion and he noted that many Supervisors were not at the Executive Committee meeting so they are coming into this cold. Kneiszel continued that he had reservations about the speed when this financial assistance package was approved in the first place and this situation is one of the reasons why. He feels we need to ask ourselves why these requests for millions of taxpayer dollars are coming with the clock ticking and no time to consider the details. He added that last month the Board talked for hours about one single position and now we are being asked to just shoot this through. He is not saying this is a bad project and noted he supported it the first time around, but he is disappointed at the way this is happening. Further, if Green Bay Packaging was using its own money to pay for its infrastructure, they would have definitely done the work necessary to make sure the \$5.3 million dollars that was appropriated last time was an accurate cost estimate before proceeding. Kneiszel feels the County should have taken the time to do that, but did not and this is the end result. He also noted in recent correspondence from Green Bay Packaging, that they argued against two lower cost options to deal with the storm water. The additional unbudgeted costs for the residents of Brown County are a concern to Kneiszel and he feels the first document was written in such a way that the County pretty much has to follow through with the project. He noted the City's contribution and the State's contribution could not move, and he questioned why this was written in such a way that it could keep going up.

Supervisor Schadewald said while he agrees with many of the points made by Kneiszel, he will vote against approving this at this meeting because we should not just be having a 10 minute discussion. He feels this should be referred to County Board by this Committee to talk about; there is no way we should be approving this at this meeting. There needs to be a full discussion and we need to hear from all of the parties.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Vander Leest to refer substitution resolution to County Board as presented. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

2. **Such other matters as authorized by law. None.**
3. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Supervisor Deneys, seconded by Supervisor Vander Leest to adjourn at 5:55 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
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