

GREEN LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

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AdHoc Committee – County Administrator Meeting Notice

Date: May 23, 2016 Time: 6:00 PM
Downstairs Committee Room, Government Center, Green Lake WI

Amended AGENDA*

Committee Members

Harley Reabe, Chairman Vicki Bernhagen Joe Gonyo Larry Jenkins David Richter Michael Starshak Joy Waterbury Liz Otto, Secretary

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. *Review of previous information regarding County Administrator position
- 5. Timeline
- 6. Job Responsibilities Exercise
- 7. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: June 6, 2016
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
- 8. Adjourn

Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify the County Clerk's office.

Sincerely, Liz Otto, Secretary

Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance, should contact the County Clerk's Office, 294-4005, not later than 3 days before date 0f the meeting.



MEMO: Special Ad Hoc Committee County Administrator Job Description May 9, 2016

Prepared by Jay Dampier

During the Spring of 2016, I was invited to provide research and facilitation support as Green Lake County explored the pros and cons of transitioning from the current Administrative Coordinator model to the County Administrator model. Over the course of a number of sessions, I worked with the current Administrative Coordinator and Corporation Counsel in order to provide the Administrative Committee with the knowledge required in order to make an informed decision.

Research provided to date included i) position description summaries from other Wisconsin counties, ii) a summary of email correspondences from counties that underwent the transition iii) applicable fact sheets from the UW-Extension Local Government Center, and iv) Q&A responses from Local Government Center state specialists. Since then, the Administrative Committee has drafted a resolution to create a county administrator position. This resolution has been approved by the county board.

On May 5th, I met with the newly appointed Ad Hoc Committee Chair to map out a preliminary timeline and process. Below I've included a preliminary task list and Gantt Chart. These have been provided for planning purposes and are subject to change.

Table 1: Tasks related to developing County Administrator position, and hiring.

		Duration	Percent
Tasks	Start Date	Days	complete
Initial meeting with UWEX	1-May-16	7	100
Job Responsibilities Exercise	23-May-16	30	0
Job Description Exercise	6-Jun-16	16	0
Finalize Job description	22-Jun-16	7	0
Financial Analysis	22-Jun-16	30	0
Develop recruitment strategies	22-Jun-16	30	0
Board review packet	9-Aug-16	7	0
Board meeting	16-Aug-16	1	0
Implement recruitment strategies	17-Aug-16	60	0
Candidate screening and interviews	1-Sep-16	45	0
Hire top candidate, training	7-Nov-16	54	0



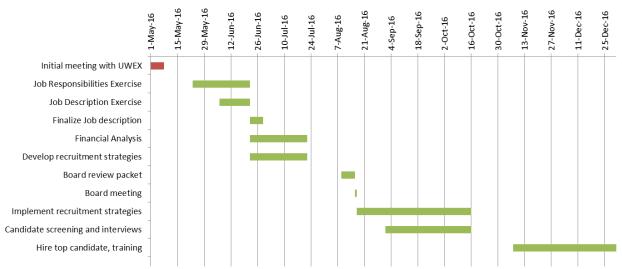


Figure 1: Gantt Chart of tasks related to developing County Administrator position, and hiring. Red indicates that the task is complete; green indicates that the task is not complete.

After consultation with the Ad Hoc Committee Chair, I propose at the next Special Ad Hoc Committee Meeting (tentatively scheduled for May 23, 2016) that we provide a "recap" of all the related activities in order to ensure new members are fully aware of the progress to date. I also propose that the committee reviews the County Administrator position summary sheet in depth. The summary document may act as a useful starting place in position description development. I will gladly lead that portion of the meeting - upon agreement of the Ad Hoc Committee Chair.

After the May 23rd meeting, I propose that a future meeting we give committee members the opportunity to prioritize the position description items. Which items are most important and relevant to the Green Lake County context? Upon agreement of the Chair, I will gladly facilitate this exercise.

Finally, as per the Chair's request, I am seeking information on consultants working in Wisconsin specializing in governmental hiring processes. I anticipate having some preliminary information to share at the May 23rd meeting.

County Dodge	Pop . 89,000	Why did you make the change from AC to CA? The AC was retiring so we voted to go with CA, so there would be a full time person for the daily operations.	How is it working, what are the positives and what are the negatives? It has been working well	Are you happy with the change?	Job Descrip. Yes	Do you have a contract?	What is the salary range and current salary? \$106,300	Other Notes
Douglas	44,000	The AC reported to the board on numerous occasions that it was difficult to manage without authority. Seemed to be a natural progressions from AC to CA.	Sometimes its hard to draw the line between county board and administrator. Now there is one responsible person and decision maker. Government is managed more like a business.	Happy with the change overall. However, some county board members believe they've lost some authority (which is true).	Yes	No	\$106,724	Politics is removed from decision making. The board doesn't always agree with the CA decision and can cause some dissatisfaction and frustration with board members. The statutes dictate in some areas, and the board members would like more authority.
Monroe Price	14 000	Prior to CA, the county didn't have an	Its working great. Only 9 months in,	Absolutely	Yes	No	\$70 000 to	All the standing committees responsibilities
		AC. The board chair served as a part-time AC.	and still have some transitional issues with the board changing from administrative to governance / policy. The biggest negative is the workload on the new CA. The positive by far is having someone on site every day to deal with county business. Another positive, is not having to go through open meetings law restrictions in order to do business by committee. Another benefit is having CA defined by statute. This prevents the board from tinkering with the authority of the CA based on politics or person preferences.	Absolutery			\$88,000	were restructured. The process helped the board realize the significance of the CA.
Sheboygan	116,000				Yes	No		AC position was created in 1997, and elevated to CA in 2006
Washington	132,000	The longtime AC decided to retire, making it the perfect opportunity for the Board to consider the change.			Yes	Yes		This wasn't the first time the county looked at changing the form of government from AC to CA. It was defeated in an earlier attempt.

Summary of responsibilities based on presented Job Descriptions	Prepared by	Prepared by Jay Dampier, UW-Extension March 2:				arch 21, 2016
	County Adminstrator					
	Dodge	Douglas	Monroe	Price	Sheboygan	Washington
	County	County	County	County	County	County
KEYWORDS AND SUMMARY						
Chief Administrative Officer	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Refers to Wis. Stat. §59.18	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES
Refers to Wis. Stat. §59.19						
Leadership	YES	YES		YES	YES	
Directs	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Administers	YES					
Coordinates	YES		YES	YES	YES	
Supervises						
Planning and goal setting	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES
Oversees						
Initiative				YES		
Independent judgement		YES		YES		
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REPORTING						
Reports to County Board Chair		YES	YES	YES		YES
Reports to Administration / Executive Committee		YES		YES		YES
Reports to Personnel Committee						
Reports to County Board						

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ESSENTIAL DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES						
POLICY						
Drafts ordinance, resolution and policy recommendations, and instructs	YES		YES		YES	YES
Corporation Council as required	TES		TES		TES	TES
Assists in preparation of county resolutions and ordinances.						
Analyses and recommends county organizational structure						YES
Prepares reports and makes recommendations to the County Board	YES			YES	YES	YES
Solicits board opinion, drafts responses, recommends amendments, and			YES			
supports legislation			TES			
Keep informed on pending federal and state legislation affecting counties	YES		YES		YES	YES
Ensures that resolutions, ordinances, regulations, state and federal laws		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
are observed and executed		TES	153	163	TES	TES
Coordinates the transaction of all county administrative business with	YES					
Federal, State and local officials	YES					
Acts as County HR Director, and Risk Manager						
Caviate: Description does not grant authority whichis vested by law to						
another role.						
OPERATIONAL OVERSIGHT						
Has authority to make day-to-day operational decisions, within established	YES				YES	YES
policies and procedures	TES				TES	TES
Oversight responsibilities / authority over county administrative matters,						
unless otherwise specified						
Directs and coordinates all administrative functions not otherwise vested	YES					
by law in boards and commissions	153					
Ensures enforcement of ordinances and laws			YES			YES
Provides recommendations for administrative and operational problems			YES			YES
Establishes county-wide program and activity priorities	YES				YES	
Responsible for all county properties						YES
Responsible for all insurance and risk management programs	YES					YES
Review agenda and minutes of county governmental bodies to keep					YES	
informed of activities					YES	

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OPERATIONAL OVERSIGHT continued						
Reviews management methods, and provides coordination and						
administrative management practices in order to provide effective	YES		YES			YES
government						
After conferral, appoints citizen members to boards, commissions and non-						
standing committees, where statutes provide such appointments	YES	YES		YES	YES	
Conducts research, prepares materials, presents to county board as		YES	YES	YES		YES
required		YES	YES	YES		TES
Assist Department Head / oversight committees with research and data						
requests. Presentts data to County Board						
Attend all County Board Meetings	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Conducts and schedules Finance Committee budget review meetings,						
hearings, budget request meetings, presents recommendations						
Attends committee meetings when requested	YES					YES
Assists County Board Chair and County Clerk in agenda preparation		YES		YES		
Related duties as required	YES	YES		YES		YES
Executes the order of the county board		YES	YES			
Authority to contract counsel when warrented						
Monitors activities of operating departments						
Develops a communications program to ensure internal communications						
Billing for mediation for service in Family Court						
Oversees phone system and cell phone contracts						
Oversee building construction and renovation projects	YES					

	County Adminstrator					
	Dodge County	Douglas County	Monroe County	Price County	Sheboygan County	Washington County
FINANCIAL	•	•	•		•	
Prepares and submits annual county budget (with Finance Committee)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Submits annual budget for Administrative Coordiator's office to Finance Committee						
Presents and justifies expenditures		YES				YES
Monitors, prepares and submits report on finances and activities	YES	YES		YES		YES
With appropriate committee annual, establishes procedures, format and priorities in budget preparation						
Assists Finance Director in reports, summarizing county's fiscal condition, and future needs						
Provides financial policy recommendations, oversees and coordinates with appropriate committee		YES	YES	YES	YES	
Manages and evaluates capital improvement budget and projects	YES					YES
Oversees investments, invests surplus	123					YES
Develops cash projections		YES		YES		YES
Responsible for and supervises purchasing activities	YES	YES		YES		YES
Keep informed on federal and state grants and mandates	YES				YES	
Responsible for bonding projects		YES		YES		YES
May prepare bid specifications and requests for proposals	YES					
Oversees, approves and signs contacts, leases, grants, property transfers, etc.	YES					YES
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EXTERNAL RELATIONS						
Spokesperson (under direction of County Board Chairperson) related to						
daily operations of the county. Handles public relations. i.e. press releases,	YES				YES	YES
publications, speeches, etc.						
Represents county a public functions and inter-governmental meetings,						
legislative meetings and hearing, business transactions, negotiations (i.e.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
with city officials, business leaders, town and village reps, economic	163	163	153	163	TES	163
development groups)		VEC		VEC		
Meets with taxpayers and addresses concerns		YES		YES		

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HUMAN RESOURCES						
Hires (subject to County Board Approval), evaluates, supervises and						
disciplines Department Heads and Officers, except those elected by the	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
people.						
Appoints and supervises Dept Heads, except constitional office-holders and						
except where statues provide that appointment shall be made by elected						
officers. Appointments require board approval.						
Authority to put Department Heads on leave						
Through Department Heads, supervises and cooridinates work						
With assistance of Department Heads, administers and coorindates						
personnel / labor policy, recruitment, screening, benefits.						
Assists Department Heads with interviewing and selction of new						
employees						
Provides hiring, firing, advancement, promotion recommendations (only)						
With assistance of Department Heads, conducts salary and benefit surveys,						
presents recommendations to Personnel Committee.						
Conducts staff meetings with Department Heads					YES	
Receives, reviews and responds to complaints regarding personnel and						
operations. Implement appropriate discipline as required by county	YES		YES	YES		YES
ordinance or state statute.						
Serves as mediator in issues, problems and disputes involving department	YES					
heads and other municipalities	11.5					
Evaluates staffing levels and makes staffing recommendations to						
Administrative / Executive Committee (appointees subject to committee	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES
confirmation)						
Administers effective personnel program, including employee records, PDs,						
employee development, hiring, etc. drafts policies						
Make policy recommendations to Administrative / Executive Committee					YES	
Serves as county negotiator / mediator						
Provides guidance to subordinate Department Heads				YES		

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HUMAN RESOURCES continued						
Affirmative Action Equal Employment Officer for the county						
Assists Department Heads with with meeeting staff training needs						
Maintains close, productive and positive working relationship with		YES	YES	YES		
Department Heads, and other staff		TES	153	TES		
Appoints Assistants in the County Administrator's office, in conjunction				YES	YES	
with County Board				YES	TES	
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QUALIFICATIONS						
Thorough knowledge of principles and practice of local government and	YES	HIGHLY		YES	YES	YES
administration	YES	PREFERRED		YES	TES	YES
Thorough knowledge of county organization, policy, procedures, rules,	YES	HIGHLY		YES	YES	YES
regulations, operating methods and procedures of local government	YES	PREFERRED		YES	TES	YES
Thorough knowledge of federal and state programs	YES					
Financial management experience, budget preparation and various funding			YES	YES		
resources and allocation			YES	YES		
Ability to plan, organize, direct and coordinate large organization			YES	YES	YES	YES
Oversee full-range of human resource function				YES		
Accurately interpret administrative policies					YES	YES
Ability to plan, organize manage select and evaluate Department Heads	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES
and Other Staff	11.5		11.5	TLS	11.5	ILS
MS Office				YES		
Accounting software				YES		
Math abilities						
Analyze administrative operations and present clear and concise decisions				YES	YES	YES
and recommendations				11.5	11.5	11.5
Knowledge of ADA, Affirmative Action, MSDS etc. and all other safety regs						
Maintain high level of effective work relationships with employees, elected	YES			YES		
officials and the public				1123		
High level of communications ability, spoken, written	YES		YES	YES	YES	
Understands technical terms / language						
Ability to research, analyze and interpret statistical and cost data	YES			YES	YES	
Ability to work in a stressful work environment						
Ability to be a visionary, and creative in a key management role			YES	YES		
Compensation and performance review				YES		
High level of trust, integrity and ethics			YES		YES	

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QUALIFICATIONS continued						
Experience	6 years min	3 years min	5 years min	3 years min 5 year pref	5 years min	8 years min
Drivers license				YES		YES
Bondable						YES
Education	Bachelors in Public Admin or related field. Masters preferred	Bachelors in Public Admin, Business, Finance, or related. Masters preferred	Bachelors in Public Admin, or closely related field. Masters preferred	Bachelors in Public Admin, Business Admin or related. Masters preferred	Masters in Public Admin	Masters in Public Admin



Local Government FACT SHEET NO. 21

Limits of County Board Administrative **Authority**

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Introduction

Conflicts over administrative roles of county boards, on the one hand, and county officers, administrators and executives, on the other, are not uncommon. County administrative duties under Wisconsin law are never so clear as to explicitly say to the Board "Thou shall not micromanage." However, a review of the statutes, their history, subsequent court decisions and attorney general opinions and resulting practices show there are limits on a county board's authority to act in the day-to-day administration of county government.

Prior to 1960, Wisconsin county boards carried out both the legislative and executive (supervisory) functions in the county. In 1960, state statutes were amended to permit the creation of a separate, elected position of county executive, thereby setting the precedent for the separation of powers in Wisconsin counties. In a 1979 opinion, the Wisconsin Attorney General described the ensuing years after that as "a significant evolution...in the law relating to county administrative practice in Wisconsin." The "significant evolution" continued with the creation of the County Administrator position and culminating in the requirement to have an Administrative Coordinator no later than 1987 if the county had neither a County Executive nor County Administrator. The clear progression is a diminishing of county board administrative functions, and greater specification of administrative authority in one of the three county administrative position options.

The statutes delineate the duties of those holding these primary administrative positions.

² 1985 Act 29 s.1164



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¹68 Wis. Op. Att'y Gen. 92 (1979) (OAG 32-79).

County Executive

Wis. Stat. §59.17(1)(a) states "each county with a population of 500,000 or more, a county executive *shall* be elected for a 4-year term." In addition, Wis. Stat. §59.17(1)(b) provides that "Counties with a population of less than 500,000 *may* by resolution of the board or by petition and referendum create the office of county executive or abolish it by petition and referendum."

The county executive's duties include:

- Coordination and direction of all administrative and management functions of the county government not otherwise vested by law in other elected officers.
- Appointment and supervision of department heads subject to county board confirmation, unless confirmation is waived or there exists a civil service system.
- · Appointment of members to boards and commissions, where statutes give this authority to county board or its chairperson, subject to board confirmation.
- · Submission of the annual budget
- · Annually communicate to the Board on the condition of the county.
- Veto authority
 - May veto ordinances and resolutions
 - o May veto appropriation in whole or part
 - County board can override with 2/3 vote ³

In the case of the county executive, the authority to appoint and supervise employees is categorically reserved for the county executive and excludes county board supervisors. Thus, the county boards of supervisors have no authority to supervise at all, much less micro-manage.

County Administrator

Wis. Stat. §59.18(1) states, "Counties having a population of less than 500,000 may by resolution of the board or by petition and referendum create the office of county administrator"

County administrators have the following authority:

- · Serve as "chief administrative officer" for county
- · Coordinate all administrative and management functions of the county government
- · Appoint and supervise department heads subject to county board confirmation, unless confirmation waived or the county is under a civil service system.
- Appoint members to boards and commissions, where statutes give this authority to county board or its chairperson, subject to board confirmation
- Annually communicate to the Board on the condition of the county.
- Submit annual budget ⁴

⁴ Wis. Stat. §59.18(2)



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³ Wis. Stat. §59.17(2)

Again, as with the county executive, the statutes grant supervisory authority to the county administrator and any individual county board supervisor attempting to supervise or give direction to staff is operating outside his or her authority. Elections make a county executive answer to the public, and the county administrator serves at the pleasure of the county board.

A 2010 formal Wisconsin Attorney General's Opinion reinforces the authority of the county executive and county administrator when clarifying the limitations on county board authority stating:

In my opinion, a county board in a county with a county administrator or a county executive cannot reassign the power of appointment that is statutorily granted to a county executive or county administrator in cases where the statutes provide that appointments to a particular board or commission are to be made by...the county administrator or county executive.⁵

Administrative Coordinator

The authority of the administrative coordinator is less explicit and sometimes invites more questions as to whether there is room for board supervision of staff than the other two forms of county government.

Nonetheless, the intent of the statute is apparent. Wis. Stat. §59.19 states: "The administrative coordinator *shall* be responsible for coordinating *all administrative and management* functions of the county government not otherwise vested by law in boards or commissions, or in other elected officers." (*Emphasis added*)

The terms "all administrative and management functions" show the intent of the statute is making the administrative coordinator responsible for ensuring that the day-to-day functions of the county are performed. In those cases where an elected officer, board or commission is vested with the authority, those cases are designated in the statutes.

The history of these administrative positions in the statutes demonstrate movement away from the earlier county board model in which the board jointly functioned with legislative and central executive duties to a more efficient model vesting executive functions in an executive, administrator or administrative coordinator. The statute must be given effect, and practically it can have no other intent than separation of day to day county administration from the county board. The separation of administrative authority from county board supervisor authority is underscored in a 2011 Attorney General Opinion that determined the positions of county supervisor and county administrative coordinator were incompatible. ⁶

An analogy to illustrate the functions of the county administrative function is to look at cities and villages. A county executive functions like a city mayor, and a county administrator and

⁶ Opinion of Wis. Att'y Gen. to Bradley Lawrence, Price County Corp. Counsel, OAG 1-11 (October 27, 2011).



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⁵ Opinion of Wis. Att'y Gen. to Dennis Kennedy, Ozaukee County Corp. Counsel, OAG 1-10, ¶3, (January 28, 2010).

administrative coordinator function like a city or village administrator, except unlike the municipal administrator, a county administrator has appointment and hiring authority granted by statute.

The "other elected officers" referred to in the statutes means the constitutional officers, such as the sheriff or county clerk. Note that no statute grants duties to individual supervisors other than to act collectively through the board. The term "supervisor" is not descriptive of that office's duties, but a historical term. Retention of the historic term "supervisor" may be misleading, but not when read in conjunction with the statutes establishing the county executive, administrator and administrative coordinator.

Constitutional and Statutory Officers

Constitutional officers have their own duties, responsibilities, and authority described in the statutes. They are as follows:

Sheriff	59.26-59.33	(jail, law enforcement)
Coroner		
(or Medical Examiner)	59.34	(medical examiner)
Clerk of Court	59.40	(court records)
Register of Deeds	59.43	(record real estate and vital statistic
		documents)
Clerk	59.23	(board & other records
Treasurer	59.25	(collect & disperse funds)
District Attorney	978.05	(criminal prosecutor)
Surveyor	59.45	(certain land surveys)

Because these officers are elected, just as the members of the County Board of Supervisors, with statutes defining their office's authority, the Board has no supervisory authority or legitimate authority to micro-manage the affairs of the departments under those officers. Straightforwardly, "thou shall not micro-manage" is the clear intent of the statutes.

Furthermore, a great deal of case law supports the authority of the Constitutional Officers in their positions. Court decisions involving disputes between constitutional officers and county boards have established the limitations on the board to encroach on the duties of county constitutional officers. Some examples of case law limiting the powers of County Board Supervisors include:

Beal v. Supervisors of St. Croix County, 13 Wis 500 (1861), forbidding the county board from revoking county officer powers that were conferred by statute.

Schultz v. Milwaukee County, 250 Wis 18, 26 NW2d 260(1947), and State ex rel. Conway v. Elvod, 70 Wis 2d 448, 234 NW2d 354(1975), limiting the board's ability to change salaries.



Maier v. Racine County, 1 Wis 2d 384, 84 NW2d 76(1957),holding county boards have only such powers as are conferred upon them by statute, expressly or by clear implication.

Schuette v. Van De Hey, 205 Wis 2d 475, 556 NW2d 127 (Ct App. 1996), approving of the Attorney General Opinion at 68 Wis. Op. Att'y Gen. 92 (1979) (OAG 32-79), stating the governmental concept that the county board's function is primarily as a policy making and legislative and the county executive is administrator and manager.

County Board Authority

Chair. Wis. Stat. § 56.12 of the statutes provides for the County Board Chairperson to administer oaths, countersign ordinances, and preside over meetings. When directed by ordinance, the Chairperson also transacts necessary board business with local and county officers, expedites business, and ensures all laws are enforced.

Board. Wis. Stat. § 59.51(1) gives the board authority to exercise organizational or administrative powers subject only to the Constitution and any enactment of the Legislature which grants those powers to the County Executive or the County Administrator, or "...[a]ny enactment of statewide concern and which uniformly affects every county." The last phrase is significant because the statute specifically references county executive and administrator powers as limiting board administrative authority. However, § 59.51 was enacted in 1975, and the later enactment of Wis. Stat. § 59.19, creating the administrative coordinator in 1985, is a further limitation on county board administrative authority as an enactment affecting counties statewide referred to in the statute. Thus current statutes have diminished, if not eliminated entirely, county board daily administrative authority.

The *Shuette* case, cited above, clarified the respective roles by stating boards are policy makers and executives or administrators are managers. It may sometimes be a challenge to distinguish policy making and administrative authority. As an example, one Attorney General's Opinion states the decision to enter into a public works contract is policy, but the administration of the contract terms is a manager function. It is the contrast between means and ends. Policy determines the ends to be achieved and administration the means to achieve the policy ends. In business, it is the difference between the roles of the corporate board to set policy and the chief executive officer manage the affairs of the business. You do not see a bank's directors overseeing the bank tellers. A vivid example is the Green Bay Packers. It is a corporation with a board of directors that sets policy, but the board does not draft the players and certainly the board is not on the sidelines during the game calling the plays. Play calling is clearly not policy making, but administrative and management duties. These divided duties are true, be it Packer football, business or county governance.

⁷80 Wis. Op Att'y Gen. 49 (1991).



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Summary

County Board authority is only that granted by the legislature in statutes. Reviewing the pertinent statutes, case law, Attorney General opinions, with the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, it is evident that supervisors' administrative authority (i.e. the authority to "micromanage) does not exist and the essence of all applicable legislation is to limit and outright prohibit board members from becoming directly involved with supervision of county employees. The title "Supervisor" is, in fact, a misnomer in that it does not confer the right to actually supervise. The modern County Board has evolved into a legislative and policy setting body.

Acknowledgment

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⁸Jackson County v. State, 2006 WI 96 ¶16, 293 Wis. 2d 497, 717 N.W. 2d 713.



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