

**COUNTY-CITY COMMITTEE**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors / City of Superior Common Council**  
**Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 4:00 p.m., Room 207C, Douglas County Courthouse**  
**1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Mark Liebaert.

**ROLL CALL:** Present - Douglas Finn, Keith Allen, Nick Baker, Keith Kern, Tylor Elm, Mark Liebaert (Co-Chair), Jim Paine (Co-Chair). Absent - Jack Sweeney. Others present – Shelley Nelson (Telegram), James Anderson, Candy Holm Anderson, Pam Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

**MISSION/GOALS OF COMMITTEE:** A similar committee existed over ten years ago; last met in 2008. Committee members requested James Anderson, UW-Extension, to research similar joint committees (county-city) and craft options of mission statements and goals for this committee to consider.

**COST-SHARING MEASURES:** Focus of needs not be only on cost-savings measures, but in improved service to the public. History of cooperation and collaboration reviewed - Communications Center, Information Services, phone service. County and city finance departments use different software; both are costly and differ significantly.

Issues which could be worked on jointly include recent parking lot decision, S/DC Development Association agreement, and Hog Island. Kern emphasized the need for forest management and enhanced maintenance of the municipal forest trail and entire trails system in the city; may be something with which county could assist. Baker indicated concern with ambulance service in the rural areas. Statutes may dictate in some cases what services can and cannot be consolidated (e.g. Sheriff's Department and Police Department).

Committee concurred that city and county staff may have valuable insights into potential areas of cooperation for cost-sharing and efficiencies. Once areas for cooperation identified by this committee, work groups would be something to explore. Liebaert will have County Administrator request department managers and staff to submit ideas on how county and city might cooperate on cost-sharing and/or efficiencies across departments or program areas; Mayor Paine will do the same with city departments. This is an initial attempt to collect ideas from staff. Tafelski will e-mail committee members and Anderson the county's established priorities/goals and city's priorities/goals which councilors established last year, as preliminary guides to commonalities.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Paine, second Baker, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 4:45 p.m. (Committee will meet quarterly; likely August with date to be determined. Contact Liebaert or Paine with agenda items.)

Submitted by,

Pamela A. Tafelski  
Committee Clerk