

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING  
Thursday, May 27, 2:00 pm  
Courthouse Room 203-R**

**Addendum  
to Agenda**

5. Request from George Hodgson, Assistant Airport Operations Manager, for a 6-month extension for establishing residency in Milwaukee County.

**Recommendation of Department of Human Resources: Approve**

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George Hodgson  
14490 W. Meadowshire Dr.  
New Berlin, WI 53151-2475  
May 27, 2010

Dr. Karen R. Jackson, Secretary  
Milwaukee County Civil Service Commission  
Milwaukee County Courthouse  
Room 210  
901 North 9th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Dr. Jackson:

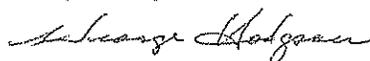
I, George Hodgson, am requesting an extension beyond the six month limitation that requires living within Milwaukee County as a condition of my employment. My initial six months as Assistant Airport Operations Manager with the County will be July 4<sup>th</sup>, based on my hire date of January 4<sup>th</sup> of this year.

My wife and I currently own a home in New Berlin, WI. We spent the intervening time from my acceptance of a position at the General Mitchell International Airport to the latter part of April preparing the home for sale. This included the usual home maintenance and cleaning, plus the selling or donation of extra items that had been accumulated over the years. The only problem that prevented us from placing our home on the market any sooner was the need to have the driveway mud-jacked and associated cracking cement of the front step repaired. This work required waiting for the ground to thaw. The house was placed on the market on April 27<sup>th</sup> following the completion of that repair.

Since then, we have had two offers on our home. The first expired because there was a 24 hour window to accept and it was from a Saturday to Sunday afternoon. We could not get a guarantee on the availability of the apartment we had chosen until Monday so the offer expired. The buyers had given a verbal extension but then decided not to pursue the home further. The next offer was received and accepted by us three weeks ago. It was contingent on a satisfactory home inspection and appraisal at the selling price. The home inspection passed but subsequently the buyers decided the home did not truly suit their needs. As a result, they abrogated on the offer and our home is again being aggressively marketed. Currently there are no known potential buyers, although there is ongoing interest. Considering all this, there is a very real possibility that the date of July 4<sup>th</sup> will not be met for moving into Milwaukee County.

As is apparent in the above narrative, we are committed to selling our home and establishing residency as required. Unfortunately, the market for selling a home continues to be difficult. We have also been involved in some unusual and unanticipated circumstances. For these reasons, the grant of a six month extension would be sincerely appreciated. Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,



George Hodgson

MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
2010 MAY 26 AM 10:27



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors **Re: Item #3**

*Lee Holloway*  
Chairman of the Board

MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
2010 MAY 25 PM 3:30

May 25, 2010

Karen Jackson, Ph.D.  
Secretary, Civil Service Commission  
901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 210  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Dr. Jackson:

My purpose in writing the Milwaukee County Civil Service Commission concerns the request of Ms. Karen Domagalski, Operations Manager for the Medical Examiner's Office, for an exemption from Milwaukee County's residency requirement. I understand Ms. Domagalski's situation concerning the relocation of her spouse for a job in another County. I also understand that this exemption is requested not for the position of Operations Manager, but only for Ms. Domagalski's tenure in the position.

What concerns me is that, as I understand it, this is a request for a permanent exemption from residency for Ms. Domagalski. Given the state of the current economy, and the high level of unemployment within Milwaukee County, I would not want to close off any options for Milwaukee County to be able to offer employment to its citizens.

I am certain Ms. Domagalski does an admiral job for the Medical Examiner. And I know Dr. Brian Peterson, Acting Medical Examiner, relies on her to a considerable extent. But no condition of employment should be forever. Currently, some 520 County employees are exempt from the residency requirement. Almost all of these are nurses or other health care professionals. Considering the difficulty of recruiting people for these positions, these exemptions largely make sense, though even here I don't think they should be cast in stone forever.

In the case of Ms. Domagalski, you have a person in an administrative position who works in a medical office but is not, herself, a medical professional. Therefore, as good as she may be at her job, it might not be a job for which recruitment within Milwaukee County would be difficult. Consequently, I suggest the Commission grant Ms. Domagalski's request for residency exemption, but for a limited time of six months. That allows for a transition under a new Medical Examiner while also allowing for filling a post in the future with a qualified Milwaukee County resident. In the meantime, I plan on looking at the issue of residency exemptions in a broader context. I thank the Commission for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Holloway".

Lee Holloway  
Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Karen Domagalski, Operations Manager, Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office  
Brian Peterson, M.D., Acting Milwaukee County Medical Examiner  
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors