

## Board Chairman Chooses Nelson for Human Resources Chairman

The presumptive nominee for the Republican Party is Donald Trump. One of the first things he discussed early in his campaign was his frustration that we never win. Never. He attributed our lack of success with the fact that our leaders are stupid. He implied that America always seems to negotiate from a position of weakness and we let our enemies win again and again and again. He gained a lot of traction with statements like that, mostly because he is correct. I mention it now because I feel the same way here in Waukesha County.

At the beginning of every new term, the Waukesha County Board chooses their Chairman. Then Supervisors vote for the various committee chairpersons which will conduct county business. The final two Chairpersons are appointed by Chairman Paul Decker.

Waukesha County Chairman Paul Decker has appointed Larry Nelson to fill the Chairman's role for the Human Resources Committee. Why does that matter? Not only is Nelson an unqualified democrat, but was chosen over conservatives who had remarkable qualifications and twice the support. Why would Chairman Decker do that?

Let's pretend just for a second that Larry Nelson isn't a member of the Democratic Party here in Waukesha and let's ignore the fact that he belongs to the party of the \$15 per hour minimum wage movement. Let's ignore that he belongs to the party that simply cannot grasp the concepts of supply and demand, opportunity cost, and "no free lunch". That would leave us perfectly free to discuss Nelson's personal qualifications for the job. It will be a very short discussion because Larry Nelson doesn't have any qualifications for the job. Yes, we are talking about leading the committee that will decide taxpayer funded wages and benefits for all 1800 employees and negotiate contracts on behalf of you, the taxpayer.

We could I suppose, take into consideration that a highly qualified individual may not be available for every chairmanship. After all, board members in Waukesha are elected because they campaigned on issues like keeping taxes low and acting on behalf of the taxpayers. The problem here is that a highly qualified member was available. She got twice the support of Nelson from her peers and she has years of experience in human resources, at a major company. Why would Paul Decker overlook her for Nelson? Perhaps he is finally showing his true colors.

Imagine (if you follow Milwaukee County Board politics) conservative Deanna Alexander getting a top committee Chairmanship in Milwaukee? Imagine her getting any chairmanship on the liberal leaning Milwaukee County Board! Yet Waukesha County Chairman Paul Decker has used his position of power to place the Chairman of the Democratic Party for Waukesha into a leadership position.

Why would the taxpayers of Waukesha County who saved a portion of that \$5 billion in act 10 savings now think of erasing that effort by appointing Larry Nelson to chair the Human Resource committee? My Republican colleagues were lambasted, insulted, spit on and recalled from office due to the implementation of act 10. Their legacies will now be carried on by Democrat Larry Nelson, thanks to the oversight of Waukesha County Chairman Paul Decker. Maybe Trump has a point, our leadership can be stupid.

Ultimately, Chairman Paul Decker's position is elected by your local County Supervisors, make sure your County Supervisor know how you feel Waukesha. Here is how you find your local County Supervisor.

<https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/Supervisors/>

State Representative Janel Brandtjen