In the role of Community Development Educator, Paul provides **Local Government Education** programs to the Washington County Board. In the past, he has co-facilitated the County Board’s 2013 strategic priority setting process and in 2014 he helped facilitate the development of the County’s current mission and vision statements. Since it has been several years since the County Board has taken the opportunity to discuss and prioritize strategic issues as a group, County Administration contacted Paul to facilitate a process for the County Board to develop strategic priorities for 2017-2019.

Paul collaborated with County Administration to design and facilitate a multi-step process that included individual brainstorming, small group dialogue, and an opportunity for the entire board to collectively discuss strategic priorities. Paul and County Administration used the information gathered from this process to draft a report that detailed the county’s strategic priorities. As a result of these efforts, the County Board adopted this report at their April 18, 2017 meeting by a vote of 21-3.

### Public Works Committee
(UW-Extension Oversight Committee)

- **John Bulawa-Chair**
- **Daniel Goetz-Vice Chair**
- **Michael Miller-Secretary**
- **Michael Parsons**
- **Jeffrey Schleif**

### Upcoming Events

**MAY**

- **Mon., May 29th**
  - **Memorial Day** - UW-Extension offices are closed

**JUNE**

- **Mon., Jun., 12th**
  - **4-H Clothing Revue** - Washington County Fair Park, 6:30pm to 9:30 pm

- **Tue., to Thu., Jun., 20th-22nd**
  - **Zombie Survival Day Camp** - Washington County Fair Park, 8:00am to 4:30 pm

- **Tue., Jun., 27th**
  - **Jams and Jellies** - West Bend Community Memorial Library, 2:00pm to 3:00pm

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**AGRICULTURE EDUCATION**  
_Steph Plaster_  
262-335-4477

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**NUTRITION EDUCATION (FoodWIse/SNAP-Ed)**  
_Renee Vertin_  
262-335-4841

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**New Expansion to New Family Orientation:** Feedback from previous New Family Orientations, which are held annually in January, indicated that there is a lot of information covered. In response, 4-H staff and volunteers expanded the New Family Orientation in 2017 by adding a Part 2. The inaugural event took place on March 30 with 25 new families (64 people) in attendance.

While the first orientation was a broad overview of 4-H, Part 2 focused on Washington County Fair and record books. Staff from the Agriculture and Industrial Society provided a presentation about the online registration system. Youth learned what the judging experience is like and had an opportunity to practice talking with a judge while adults found out about volunteer opportunities at fair. Record books are an important part of the experiential learning process as it’s a tool for reflecting on a youth’s 4-H experience each year. Youth gained tips on how to complete a record book and adults learned how to support their youth.

On evaluations, a participant wrote, “This helped quite a bit.”

**4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**  
_Brianna Stapleton Welch_  
262-335-4478

**FAMILY LIVING EDUCATION**  
_Carol Bralich_  
262-335-4479

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