

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
November 12, 2014  
9:00 A.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair Randy Tatur at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call. Present - 17. Present: Boss, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Tatur. Biller: 9:13 a.m. Corporation Counsel, Rich Summerfield: 10:15 a.m.

Invocation by Dave Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Kathleen Mai, District #16 Supervisor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Knops, second by Fillion to approve minutes of September 30, 2014. Motion carried by aye vote.

**PRESENTATION**

Brian Brewer, Managing Director of Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, distributed handouts, explained interest rates, debt levy, and construction fund for the proposed bond issuing of future highway projects. Phil Montwill, Rusk County Highway Commissioner, discussed current and future prices, expenses and budget of the Highway Department. Bond funds included in budget presented today, resolution will be on future agenda.

**RESOLUTION #14-31 INCREASE POWER LINE FUND SPENDING LIMIT IN 2015 AND 2016**

WHEREAS, Resolution 08-37, which was approved by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors at its July 29, 2008, meeting, established a spending limit of \$30,000 each year from Power line funds unless two-thirds of the Rusk County Board of Supervisors agree to exceed this limit: and

WHEREAS, Resolution 14-16, which was approved by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors at its May 20, 2014, meeting, committed \$15,000 of Power line funds for 2015 and 2016 for Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) with Esri; and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Finance Committee passed a motion at its September 17, 2014, meeting to forward a resolution to the County Board to increase the spending limit from the Power line funds from \$30,000 to \$45,000 in 2015 and 2016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves increasing the Power line fund spending limit from \$30,000 to \$45,000 in 2015 and 2016.

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee. S/Tatur, Boss, Fisher, Hauser

Motion by Fillion, second by Boss to adopt. Discussion regarding power line fund origin. Roll call: Voting yes-18. Voting no -0. Voting yes: Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Mai, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION #14-32 2015 COUNTY FOREST VARIABLE ACREAGE SHARE PAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, Counties having lands entered as "County Forest Lands" under the provisions of a.a. 28.11 (4) (b) of the WISCONSIN STATUTES, annually receive from the state as a non-interest bearing loan, the amount of preservation and maintenance of such lands; and

WHEREAS, said loan monies are repaid through a 20% Severance tax on timber sales revenue coming from County Forest Lands unless a higher rate is mutually agreed to by the County and Department; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 28.11 (8) (b) 1. enacted in 1979 make it possible for the County at its option to receive instead of the payment based on 10 cents per acre, a payment more closely related to meeting the needs identified in its County Forest 15 Year Plan on the basis of \$.50 cents per acre.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Rusk County Board of Supervisors in consideration of meeting the needs identified in our County Forest 15 Year Plan hereby request the Department of Natural Resources to provide the 2014 payment to the County under s.s. 28.11 (8) (b) 1. on the basis of \$.50 cents for each acre of our County Forest Lands, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this request with the Department of Natural Resources prior to December 31 preceding the year in which said payment is being requested to be made.

Submitted by Rusk County. S/Schneider, Nawrocki, Boss, Knops, Biller.

Motion by Schneider, second by Biller to adopt. Explanation, comments by Paul Teska, County Forester. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

**Rusk County Forestry 2015 Work Plan**

Motion by Hraban, second by Nawrocki to approve. Explanation of work plan and comments from Teska. Motion carried by aye vote. Work plan on file in Clerk's Office.

**Cancellation of Tax Deed Property, Glen Flora – Parcel #131-00086-0000**

Motion by Boss, second by Stout to approve cancellation of tax deed property. Explanation for cancellation on this property by Denise Wetzel, County Clerk. Motion carried by aye vote.

**RESOLUTION #14-33 2015 Wage Rate (Using the Point Factor Evaluation System)**

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee is charged with recommending equitable and competitive wage rates for Rusk County Employees on an annual basis, and;

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has conducted an extensive study of wages internally through the use of the Point Factor Evaluation System (PFE) and a study of current trends in across the board raises for the calendar year 2015, and;

WHEREAS, through the PFE system, it was determined that although most employees were paid at a competitive and fair rate of pay, some were found to be both over and under market rates; indicating over market rates and those under market value needing to be adjusted upward, and;

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Employee Personnel Handbook allows for wage adjustments, the Personnel Committee agreed to recommend that the Rusk County wage scale for 2015 be adjusted to reflect that employees that were found to be paid below 10% of market rates be adjusted upward, and that all employees be given an across the board increase of 2%, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does adopt the proposed 2015 wage scale as amended, which includes the PFE system adjustments and a 2% across the board wage increase.

Submitted by Rusk County. S/Fisher.

Motion by Knops, second by Schmitt to adopt. Explanation of resolution by Fisher. Discussion to take place following budget hearing.

**READING OF THE 2015 BUDGET – 10:00 A.M.**

Tatur read the Rusk County 2015 Budget Proposal Summary.

**RUSK COUNTY 2015 APPROVED BUDGET SUMMARY**

<b>Budget Number</b>	<b>Used for comparison purposes Budget Category</b>	<b>Approved By County Board</b>
<b>EXPENSES (Net of Applicable Revenue)</b>		
	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>	
101	Circuit Court (net)	<b>207,597.00</b>
102	Drug Court (net)	<b>0.00</b>
103	Family Court Commissioner (net)	<b>16,988.00</b>
104	Teen Court (net)	<b>13,725.00</b>
105	Coroner/Medical Examiner (net)	<b>57,902.00</b>
106	Indigent/Guardian Ad Litem (net)	<b>43,000.00</b>
107	County Board (net)	<b>88,076.00</b>
108	Board of Adjustment (net)	<b>943.00</b>
110	District Attorney (net)	<b>136,714.00</b>
111	Crime Victim Witness Coord. (net)	<b>25,587.00</b>
112	Corporation Counsel (net)	<b>68,505.00</b>
113	Family Counseling Fund (net)	<b>5,100.00</b>
114	County Clerk/Elections (net)	<b>233,421.00</b>
116	Finance/Payroll/Insurance Adm./Audit (net)	<b>292,916.00</b>
117	Property and Liability Insurance (net)	<b>111,166.00</b>
118	Cost Allocations Reimbursed (net)	<b>(133,607.00)</b>
119	County Treasurer (net)	<b>180,082.00</b>
121	Plat Books Fund (net)	<b>0.00</b>
122	County Car Operations Internal Service Fund (net)	<b>0.00</b>
123	Central Services Internal Service Fund (net)	<b>0.00</b>
126	General Buildings & Plant (net)	<b>524,661.00</b>
127	Other County Property (net)	<b>24,358.00</b>
128	Tax Deed Property Management (net)	<b>0.00</b>
129	Register of Deeds (net)	<b>30,412.00</b>
130	LCDD-Land Information Division (net)	<b>96,089.00</b>
132	LCDD-Land Information Public Access (net)	<b>0.00</b>
140	Legal Fees/Labor Negot/Human Res/Sec 125 (net)	<b>11,559.00</b>
142	IT Department (net)	<b>161,383.00</b>
143	Vending Machine (net)	<b>0.00</b>
144	Insurance Deductible Funding (net)	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT (net of revenue)</b>	<b>2,196,577.00</b>

	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>	
210	Sheriff Patrol/Administration (net)	<b>1,907,798.00</b>
211	Jail Operations (net)	<b>1,482,383.00</b>
212	Water Patrol Program (net)	<b>0.00</b>
213	Snowmobile Patrol Program (net)	<b>0.00</b>
214	Sheriff K-9 (net)	<b>0.00</b>
216	Conservation Officer (net)	<b>0.00</b>
220	D.A.R.E. (net)	<b>0.00</b>
221	B.R.D.E.U. (net)	<b>0.00</b>
224	Underage Alcohol Violators (net)	<b>0.00</b>
225	Victim Service Specialist (net)	<b>2,044.00</b>
226	Explorer Post (net)	<b>0.00</b>
228	BRDEU Meth Grant (net)	<b>0.00</b>
229	Wireless 911 (net)	<b>14,675.00</b>
233	ATV Grant (net)	<b>0.00</b>
236	Shop with a Cop (net)	<b>0.00</b>
237	Project Lifesaver (net)	<b>0.00</b>
238	Video Camera Project (net)	<b>0.00</b>
239	Unfunded Equipment Grant (net)	<b>0.00</b>
240	Jail - Building Maintenance (net)	<b>16,020.00</b>
241	Jail Assessment Fund (net)	<b>0.00</b>
250	Ambulance Operations (net)	<b>0.00</b>
251	First Responder Equipment grant (net)	<b>0.00</b>
252	Ambulance Equipment Grant (net)	<b>0.00</b>
253	Local Emergency Planning Grant (net)	<b>0.00</b>
254	LEPC Equipment Grant (net)	<b>1,200.00</b>
255	Emergency Government (net)	<b>27,596.00</b>
256	Hazmat Operations (net)	<b>0.00</b>
257	Homeland Security Grant	<b>0.00</b>
280	Dog Tax Trust Fund (net)	<b>0.00</b>
281	Animal Control (net)	<b>37,827.00</b>
282	Animal Shelter Building Fund (net)	<b>0.00</b>
284	Animal Control-Spay/Neuter Fund (net)	<b>0.00</b>
285	Animal Control-Gift Fund (net)	<b>0.00</b>
286	Animal Control-Endowment Fund (net)	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY (net of revenue)</b>	<b>3,489,543.00</b>
	<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>	
310	Highway Administration (net)	<b>83,703.00</b>
311	Trunk Highway Maintenance (net)	<b>806,715.00</b>
312	Trunk Hwy Construction (net)	<b>0.00</b>

313	Bridge Construction & Aid (net)	588,285.00
314a	Bituminous Operations (net)	0.00
314b	Gravel Pits (net)	0.00
314c	Equipment Fund (net)	0.00
315	State Maintenance (net)	0.00
316	Local Districts (net)	0.00
317	Local Departments (net)	0.00
318	Public Charges (net)	0.00
350	Airport Operations (net)	37,785.00
351	Airport Expansion (net)	3,750.00
352A	Indianhead Transit Service (net)	18,500.00
352D	Indianhead Transit New Freedom Grant (net)	0.00
353	Drivers Escort Service (net)	13,623.00
354	Recycling Grant (net)	9,237.00
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS (net of revenue)</b>	<b>1,561,598.00</b>
	<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES:</b>	
410	Senior Services-Senior Citizen Center (net)	10,753.00
412	Senior Services-Source Newsletter (net)	0.00
413	Senior Services-Service Management (net)	0.00
415	Senior Services-Congregate Meals (net)	11,147.00
417	Senior Services-Home Delivered Meals (net)	77,408.00
418	Senior Services-Vehicle/Equip. Trust (net)	0.00
422	Senior Services-Elder Abuse Grant (net)	0.00
423	Senior Services-Family Caregiver Grant (net)	0.00
440	Public Health (net)	217,952.00
441	Public Health-Home Health Care (net)	142,916.00
445	Public Health-WIC Grant (net)	0.00
446	Public Health-Reproductive Health Grant (net)	0.00
449	Public Health-Women's Cancer Grant (net)	0.00
450	Public Health-Prenatal Care Grant (net)	0.00
451	Public Health-Core Services-Prev. Grant (net)	0.00
452	Public Health-Immunization Action Grant (net)	0.00
453	Public Health-Birth to Three (net)	0.00
455	Public Health-Children with Special Needs (net)	0.00
458	Public Health-MCH (net)	0.00
459	Public Health-Preparedness (net)	0.00
461	Human Services-Child Care (net)	0.00
462	Human Services-Economic Support (net)	84,420.00
463	Human Services-Services (net)	158,943.00
464	Human Services-Wis. Works (W2) (net)	0.00
466	Human Services-Community Intervention (net)	0.00

467	Human Services-LIHEAP-Low Inc Energy (net)	0.00
468	Human Services-Temporary Assistance (net)	0.00
469	Human Services-Intoxicated Drivers Surchg. (net)	0.00
470	Human Services-Foster Care & Domestic Abuse (net)	0.00
471	Human Services-Youth Aids (net)	0.00
472	Human Services-MA Pers Care/EDS Case Mgmt (net)	0.00
474	Human Services-Children & Families (net)	225,206.00
475	Human Services-Adult & Disability Resourc Ctr (net)	26,347.00
480	Veterans Service Office (net)	84,821.00
482	Veteran's Service Commission (net)	0.00
490	Child Support Agency (net)	59,849.00
495	Rusk County Memorial Hospital (net)	0.00
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES (net of rev.)</b>	<b>1,099,762.00</b>
	<b>CULTURE, RECREATION &amp; EDUCATION (net of rev.)</b>	
510	Library Services (net)	291,665.00
511	Fairgrounds Upkeep (net)	28,250.00
512	Youth/Senior Community Center operations (net)	18,105.00
513	Junior Fair (net)	0.00
514	Trails End Youth Camp (net)	7,955.00
515	UW Extension Office (net)	75,806.00
516	UW Extension Meeting Fund (net)	0.00
517	WNEP (net)	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CULTURE, RECREATION &amp; EDUCATION (net of rev.)</b>	<b>421,781.00</b>
	<b>CONSERVATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>	
610	County Forest Operations (net)	(47,354.00)
611	State Aid Forestry Loan (net)	0.00
612	County Forest Road Aid Grant (net)	11,246.00
613	Land Acquisition Fund (net)	0.00
614	County Conservation Aids (net)	2,477.00
615	Snowmobile Trails Maintenance (net)	1,825.00
616	Development of Habitat (net)	0.00
617	ATV Trail Grant (net)	0.00
618	Forestry Gravel Crushing (net)	0.00
620	County Parks & Recreation (net)	183,065.00
621	County Owned Dam Repairs (net)	0.00
623	Park Development (net)	0.00
624	Boat Landing Repairs (net)	0.00
641	LCDD-Wildlife Damage Program (net)	0.00
642	LCDD-Wisconsin Farmers Fund (net)	0.00

643	LCDD-Tree Program (net)	0.00
644	LCDD-Environmental Challenge (net)	0.00
650	LCDD-LWRM Cost Share Program	0.00
651	LCDD-Land Conservation Division (net)	84,627.00
659	Powerline (net)	(53,616.00)
661	Revolving Loan Fund DOD (net)	0.00
662	Economic Development - County (net)	0.00
663	County Industrial Development Agency (net)	0.00
665	Bruce/Co USDA Revolving Loan Fund (net)	0.00
666	Visitor Center (net)	32,500.00
669	Joint Management Project - Enterprise Center (net)	0.00
672	Joint Management Project - Fritz (net)	0.00
673	Gates Avenue Building (net)	0.00
674	Weyerhaeuser Building (net)	0.00
676	Miner Avenue Building (net)	0.00
678	Fine Arts Center Building (net)	0.00
679	Rail Industrial Park (net)	0.00
680	Forest Indust Park Building I Doughty Rd (net)	0.00
681	Forest Indust Park Building II Jez Rd (net)	0.00
682	ADF Building (net)	0.00
683	County M Relocation (net)	0.00
685	Mining Reuse Fund (net)	0.00
686	Mining Fund (net)	0.00
690	LCDD-Zoning Division (net)	114,115.00
692	LCDD-Zoning Septic Maintenance Fund (net)	0.00
696	Housing Grant - Revolving Loan #1-#2-#3 (net)	0.00
697	CDBG-Home Grant (net)	0.00
698	CDBG-Wisconsin Neighborhood Stab. (net)	0.00
699	CDBG-Wisconsin Neighborhood Stab. (net)	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT (net of rev)</b>	<b>328,885.00</b>
	<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>	
713	Office Equipment - Courthouse Fund	30,000.00
715	Capital Projects	0.00
716	Capital Projects Fund	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY (net of revenue)</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
	<b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>	
125	Debt Service Fund (net)	466,535.00
	<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>466,535.00</b>

	<b>CONTINGENCY: (to be transferred to depts)</b>	
719	Emergencies/Wage Adjustments/Shortages	<b>150,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL CONTINGENCY</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES AFTER REIMBURSEMENTS (net)</b>	<b>9,744,681.00</b>
	<b>OTHER GENERAL COUNTY REVENUES:</b>	
120	Other Tax Collections (net)	<b>(1,116,820.00)</b>
124	Sales Tax Fund Applied	<b>(950,000.00)</b>
--	General Fund Applied-From Prior Years	<b>(1,259,367.00)</b>
120	Exempt Computer Aid	<b>(8,142.00)</b>
	<b>TOTAL OTHER GENERAL COUNTY REVENUES</b>	<b>(3,334,329.00)</b>
	<b>LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2015</b>	<b>6,410,352.00</b>

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015 BUDGET**

Public Hearing on the budget opened at 10:18a.m.

Public Hearing closed at 10:20 a.m.

**RESOLUTION #14-34 ADOPT 2015 BUDGET AND 2014 PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2015**

WHEREAS, department administrators and overseeing committees, elected officials, and the Finance Committee have met and determined the 2015 budget and 2014 tax levy to be collected in 2015; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held for interested citizens and taxpayers to voice their opinions on the proposed budget and levy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget has been published in the Ladysmith News and copies have been made available to the public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors adopts the 2015 proposed budget and establishes the 2014 levy on the taxpayers of Rusk County of \$6,410,352 to be collected in 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors has established this levy within the guidelines and mandates issued by the State of Wisconsin, Department Revenue for 1993 and years thereafter.

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee. S/Tatur, Boss, Fisher, Hraban.

Motion by Gierke, second by Hauser to adopt. Motion by Fisher, second by Pedersen to table until completion of 2015 Wage Rate (Using the Point Factor Evaluation System). Motion to table carried by aye vote.

**RESOLUTION #14-33 2015 Wage Rate (Using the Point Factor Evaluation System)**

Discussion on compensation and study done. Motion by Willingham, second by Pederson to amend by removing red circle and stipend language. Roll call: Voting yes-12. Voting no -6. Voting yes: Hraban, Biller, Nawrocki, Knops, Stout, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Mai, Willingham, Tatur. Voting no: Platteter, Boss, Hauser, Lieffring, Schmitt, Fisher. Motion to amend passed by roll call vote. Motion by Hauser, second by Nawrocki to postpone to a future meeting. Roll call: Voting yes-4. Voting no-14. Voting yes: Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Lieffring. Voting no: Boss, Knops, Stout, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Tatur. Motion to postpone failed by roll call vote. Discussion on resolution as previously amended. Roll call: Voting yes- 16. Voting no-2. Voting yes: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Tatur. Voting no: Hauser, Fisher. Resolution adopted as amended by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION #14-34 ADOPT 2015 BUDGET AND 2014 PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2015**

Motion by Hraban, second by Knops to bring back resolution to the floor. Motion carried by aye vote. Discussion regarding UW Extension in relation to budget. Motion by Boss, second by Schneider to amend County Forest Aids budget Page 612 to add expense line 100-82-56113-811 Hervas Road Project in the amount of \$110,492, add revenue line 100-82-43574-000 St. Aid Hervas Road in the amount of \$99,246, and levy of \$11,246 for required matching funds with levy coming from the general fund. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Willingham pointed out on page 3 of 6 it should be Rusk County Transportation instead of Indianhead Transit. Roll call: Voting yes-18. Voting no-0. Voting yes: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Tatur. Resolution as amended adopted by roll call vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tatur stated Hospital Board election will be part of next month's meeting.

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Wetzel informed board members that the vacant County Board position was advertised and one letter of interest was received, next step is for Committee on Committees to meet.

Tatur thanks fellow Board members for showing concern, thoughts and cards he received after recent accident.

Wetzel announced 0% increase in health insurance rates for 2015.

Compliments from Board to Finance Department on budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Liefkring, second by Pedersen to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Next meeting: December 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Denise Wetzel, Rusk County Clerk  
Danielle Zimmer, Chief Deputy Clerk