

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 31, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair Randy Tatur at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call. Present – 17. Excused – 2. Present: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Tatur. Corporation Counsel, Rich Summerfield. Excused: Fisher, Platteter.

Invocation by Dave Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by, Randy Tatur, District #7 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fillion, second by Gierke to approve minutes of February 24, 2015. Motion carried by aye vote.

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

Megan Rosolowski, representing youth in 4-H, gave explanation of 4-H and shared stories from individuals in 4-H. Diane Zink, President of Leaders Council, spoke on behalf of 4-H. Julie Thorpe, President of Rusk County Horse Project, voiced concerns. Emmalee Nelson shared her 4-H story.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Approval of Northwoods Rock Rally Permit:

Phil Schmidt informed board dates would be August 14th and 15th and they are requesting the same ordinance exemptions as last year, working with Sheriff's Department on extending law enforcement presence. Motion by Hauser, second by Knops to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

Approval of Emergency Operations Plans:

Board will be sending back to emergency services committee to review, will be placed on April agenda.

Governor's Budget Update

Tatur informed board that the WCA will be starting webinars that will go through the budget. Willingham advised that budget cuts are affecting many departments/areas.

RESOLUTION #15-4 Absence of Need Exemption For Pedestrian Accommodations on CTH D at Ten Mile Creek Bridge Project #8798-00-70

WHEREAS, Rusk County, through the Rusk County Highway Committee, is proposing replacing the existing bridge carrying CTH D over Ten Mile Creek, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Administrative Code Trans 75.06 requires the construction of bikeways and sidewalks for this project unless it is determined that there is an absence of need pursuant to Trans 75.06; and

WHEREAS, the area along CTH D at Ten Mile Creek is considered a rural area as defined by Wisconsin Administrative Code Trans 75.06(1)(c) which states that it is "...an area that is not an urban area or a semi urban district", and

WHEREAS, areas which meet the criteria to be designated rural areas may request an "absence of need" exemption for pedestrian accommodations if no significant development in the rural area is planned, and

WHEREAS, there is no significant development planned in this area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Rusk County, through the Rusk County Highway Committee, has determined as the highway authority under Trans 75.06, that the bridge replacement project at CTH D over Ten Mile Creek meets all the conditions for "absence of need" for sidewalks as defined in Trans 75.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rusk County, through the Rusk County Highway Committee, does not support adding pedestrian sidewalks to the new bridge.

Submitted by: Rusk County Highway Committee. S/Boss, Gierke, Lieffring, Nawrocki.

Motion by Boss, second by Stout to adopt. Explanation of resolution by Boss. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #15-5 Absence of Need Exemption For Pedestrian Accommodations on CTH O at Devils Creek Bridge Project #8785-00-01/71

WHEREAS, Rusk County, through the Rusk County Highway Committee, is proposing replacing the existing bridge carrying CTH O over Devils Creek, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Administrative Code Trans 75.06 requires the construction of bikeways and sidewalks for this project unless it is determined that there is an absence of need pursuant to Trans 75.06; and

WHEREAS, the area along CTH O at Devils Creek is considered a rural area as defined by Wisconsin Administrative Code Trans 75.06(1)(c) which states that it is "...an area that is not an urban area or a semi urban district", and

WHEREAS, areas which meet the criteria to be designated rural areas may request an "absence of need" exemption for pedestrian accommodations if no significant development in the rural area is planned, and

WHEREAS, there is no significant development planned in this area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Rusk County, through the Rusk County Highway Committee, has determined as the highway authority under Trans 75.06, that the bridge replacement project at CTH O over Devils Creek meets all the conditions for "absence of need" for sidewalks as defined in Trans 75.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rusk County, through the Rusk County Highway Committee, does not support adding pedestrian sidewalks to the new bridge.

Submitted by: Rusk County Highway Committee. S/Boss, Gierke, Lieffring, Nawrocki.

Motion by Nawrocki, second by Gierke to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION # 15-6 Ordinance to Rezone a Parcel from Agricultural to Residential-Recreational 2 in the Town of Washington

WHEREAS, Schultz Trust of 1999 has presented a petition to rezone that part of Gov't Lot 11 lying North of CTH D and East of CTH E – Section 33 – T33N – R7W, Town of Washington; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Rusk County Zoning Committee and the committee having acted, subsequent thereto, in considering the request; and

WHEREAS, the committee recommends the amendment in application of the Rusk County Zoning Ordinance to subject real estate upon petition submitted by the Town of Washington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain that said parcel of real estate be rezoned from Agricultural to Recreational-Residential 2.

Submitted by: Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee. S/Willingham, Fisher, Schmitt, Knops, Stout.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Willingham to adopt. CeCe Tesky, Land Conservation and Development Director, explained resolution. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION # 14-34A Amend 2015 Budget for Carry Forward of Arc Gis Solution Project Funds

WHEREAS, at its May 20, 2014, meeting the Rusk County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 14-16 which approved the ArcGIS Land Records Solution project and amended the 2014 budget to provide funding for this project; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 portion of this project was not completed in 2014, and there are \$23,233.23 of ArcGIS project funds remaining in 2014 that need to be carry forward to 2015 in order to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, at is February 18, 2015, meeting the Rusk County Finance Committee approved presenting this carry forward request to the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves the carry forward of 2014 ArcGIS project funds in the amount of \$23,233.23 and approves amending the 2015 expense line 100-17-51750-812 Land Information-ArcGIS Solution by adding \$23,233.23 and revenue line 100-17-49990-000 Land Information-Prior Year Funds Budgeted in the amount of \$23,233.23.

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

Motion by Willingham, second by Hraban to adopt. Tesky explained resolution, project began in 2014 and leftover funds need to be moved to pay for the project this year. Roll call: Voting yes-17. Voting no -0. Voting yes: Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieftring, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # 14-34B Amend 2015 Budget for New Digital Orthophotographs

WHEREAS, the last digital orthophotographs were done in 2006, so Rusk County is in need of new digital orthophotographs; and

WHEREAS, at its February 24, 2015, meeting the Rusk County Land Information/Zoning Committee opened bids for digital orthophotograph acquisition and approved the lowest bids upon verification of credentials; and

WHEREAS, at its February 18, 2015, meeting the Rusk County Finance Committee reviewed a carry forward request to fund these orthophotographs and recommended that the excess 2014 Land Conservation and Development department budget funds of \$30,763.55 go into the general fund and a portion of the funds needed for the project come from the 2015 contingency fund; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the photos is \$69,600, and there is funding available to cover all but \$28,680 of the cost.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves amending the 2015 Land Information Budget by adding expense line 100-17-51750-813 Land Information-Ortho Photos in the amount of \$69,600, increasing the expenses line 100-17-51750-216 Contracted Services by \$3,529, increasing revenue line 100-17-43580-000 Land Information Grant Revenue by \$34,449, increasing revenue line 100-17-47504-000 Land Records Charges Hubbard by \$10,000 and the balance of \$28,680 to come from the 2015 contingency fund for the digital orthophotograph project.

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

Motion by Knops, second by Schmitt to adopt. Tesky explained resolution. Roll call: Voting yes-17. Voting no -0. Voting yes: Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieftring, Fillion, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #09-40C Amendment of the Rusk County Address and Road Name Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Emergency Services Committee met on February 11, 2015, and approved the amendments recommended to the Rusk County Address and Road Name Ordinance, which was previously approved by the Rusk County on April 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and well-being of the general public of Rusk County by providing a means for physically locating property. The ability to easily locate properties is a vital asset for emergency services as well as being a convenience for delivery services and citizenry; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that this Ordinance is to establish a method by which address numbers are assigned, as well as how address signs are obtained, installed, and maintained in all areas outside the limits of incorporated municipalities in Rusk County; and

WHEREAS, it is further intended to provide for review and acceptance of all private and public road names in order to ensure compatibility with the county's computer aided dispatch system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors, does hereby authorize the changes in Sec. 36-35 from public road to public/private road and Sec. 36-36 from public road to public/private road and adopt the Ordinance as amended.

Submitted by: Rusk County Emergency Services Committee. S/Schmitt, Schneider, Pedersen, Stout, Biller.

Motion by Stout, second by Schneider to adopt. Schmitt explained resolution. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION # 15-7 ATV Trail Maintenance and Development

WHEREAS, Rusk County is interested in acquiring or developing lands for public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the application; and;

WHEREAS, Financial aid is required to carry out the project; and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Rusk County has budgeted a sum sufficient to complete the project or acquisition; and;

HEREBY AUTHORIZES Paul Teska, Rusk County Forestry Department to act on behalf of Rusk County to:

Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available;
Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within 6 months of project completion date;
Submit signed documents; and
Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Rusk County Board of Supervisors will comply with state or federal rules for the programs to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the National Park Service approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

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

Motion by Schneider, second by Boss to adopt. Paul Teska, County Forest Administrator, explained resolution is allowing them to apply for funds. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION # 15-8 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance and Development

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WHEREAS, Financial aid is required to carry out the project; and;

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

Motion by Biller, second by Nawrocki to adopt. Teska explained resolution. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

VIDEO

Discover Wisconsin WCFA Episode viewed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tatur announced Town Officials Workshops beginning for townships.

Boss updated board on Highway Committee completing first interviews for Highway Commissioner, second interviews later this week. Will bring to full board in April.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hauser, second by Liefkring to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Next meeting April 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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