

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
May 19, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call. Present - 18. Present: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Tatur. Excused: Knops. Corporation Counsel, Rich Summerfield

Invocation by Dave Willingham, Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by, Jerry Biller, District #2 Supervisor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Fillion, second by Gierke to approve minutes of April 28, 2015. Motion carried by aye vote.

**PRESENTATION**

Pro Bono Honor Society Award presented by Judge Anderson to Terry Nussberger.

Drug Court presentation by Judge Anderson, provided explanation of drug court, supervision of participants, requirements to participate in program and the workings of the drug court team here in Rusk County. Introduction of Nathan Leslie, Interim Drug Court Coordinator, Annette Barna, Public Defender Representative, and 3 participants in program who spoke to board giving view from a participant perspective. Leslie spoke on behalf of second chance program offers.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

Approval of Northwoods Rock Rally Permit (dates of July 2-5, 2015) – Phil Schmidt provided explanation of what would be taking place and informed board that a company out of Chicago is behind the request to bring in screens to broadcast a live stream of the Grateful Dead concert. Discussion on what permit would contain and costs being paid before event could take place. Rich Summerfield, Corporation Counsel, informed board that they cannot act on this permit tonight without all of the specifics, but it can be placed on June agenda if a completed application is received in time.

**RESOLUTION # 15-12 CREATION OF IT SPECIALIST POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Property, Personnel and Finance Committees are aware that the IT Department is the operational hub of the county; and

WHEREAS, the result of recent changes in the IT Department have exhibited the need for restructuring the department to meet the growing technology needs and support of the county; and

WHEREAS, with this reorganization the committees are aware that duties would change by having more responsibility for the overall network and technology framework throughout the government center; and

WHEREAS, these responsibilities would require an individual specialized in information technology and networking areas; and

WHEREAS, the committees have reviewed the operations in the department and approve of the new organizational structure of the IT Department to enhance the knowledge and accountability of important functions of that department, and recommends the creation of an IT Specialist position; and;

WHEREAS, the committees recommend that the IT Specialist's wage be negotiable depending on education and experience.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the creation of the IT Specialist position within the IT Department with a starting wage negotiable depending on education and experience qualifications.

Submitted by Rusk County Property Committee: S/Platteter, Hraban.

Motion by Platteter, second by Fisher to adopt. Fisher gave explanation of IT Department and need for more people in department. Discussion on job description, salary and wage negotiation based on education and experience. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

**RESOLUTION # 14-34C AMEND 2014 BUDGET FOR TRAILS END**

WHEREAS, utilities for Trails End was originally budgeted at \$1,800.00 for 2014 but actual utilities expense totaled \$3,425.69; and

WHEREAS, additional repairs and maintenance including roof repairs, shower repairs due to extreme cold in '13/'14 were needed at Trails End resulting in an overage in that line item also; and

WHEREAS, at its March 17, 2015, meeting the Rusk County Finance Committee approved 2014 Trails End line item transfers with forwarding the 2014 contingency fund request of \$10,192.99 for Trails End to the County Board for approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves amending the 2014 Trails End budget adding \$1,625.69 to expense line 100-55-55470-229 Trails End Utilities and adding \$8,567.30 to expense line 100-55-55470-249 Trails End Repairs and Maintenance for a total of \$10,192.99 with funds coming from the 2014 contingency fund.

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee: S/Hraban.

Motion by Stout, second by Hraban to adopt. Roll call. Voting yes – 18. Voting no – 0. Voting yes: Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION # 14-34D AMEND 2014 BUDGET FOR FAIRGROUNDS**

WHEREAS, additional repairs and maintenance were needed at the Fairgrounds in 2014 due to expenditures to repair the grounds after the City Water project was completed. These costs were unrecoverable from the City of Ladysmith. Additional expenses were adding the Mud Bog venue and installing a camper dumping station, resulting in an overage in that line item; and

WHEREAS, at its March 17, 2015, meeting the Rusk County Finance Committee approved 2014 Fairgrounds line item transfers with forwarding the 2014 contingency fund request of \$10,711.09 for Fairgrounds to the County Board for approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves amending the 2014 Fairgrounds budget adding \$10,711.09 to expense line 100-54-55462-249 Fairgrounds Repairs and Maintenance with funds coming from the 2014 contingency fund.

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee. S/

Motion by Lieffring, second by Hauser to adopt. Discussion on fairgrounds and costs incurred. Roll call. Voting yes – 18. Voting no – 0. Voting yes: Schmitt, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

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**RESOLUTION # 14-34E AMEND 2014 BUDGET FOR FAMILY COUNSELING FUND**

WHEREAS, expenditures for the 2014 Family Counseling Fund exceeded its original budget by \$4,729.00; and

WHEREAS, 2014 revenues exceeded budget by \$22.00 resulting in a net deficit in 2014 of \$4,707.00; and

WHEREAS, 2013 incurred a net deficit of \$4,116.65 which resulted in a total shortfall in the Family Counseling Fund of \$8,823.65; and

WHEREAS, at its March 17, 2015, meeting the Rusk County Finance Committee approved 2014 Family Counseling Fund line item transfers with forwarding the 2014 contingency fund request of \$8,823.65 to the County Board for approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves transferring \$8,823.65 from the 2014 contingency fund to cover the Family Counseling Fund deficits from 2013 and 2014.

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee: S/Hraban.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Willingham to adopt. Roll call. Voting yes – 18. Voting no – 0. Voting yes: Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution to Amend 2014 Finance Department Budget using 2014 Carry Forward Funds was pulled and will be on the agenda for June.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee: Discussion on make-up of committee and problems the committee is being formed to take care of. Motion by Fisher, second by Fillion to approve amended proposed volunteer Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried by aye vote.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Library Board: Vigrinia Lusk  
Ethics Board: Andy Albarado  
Traffic Safety Commission: Jeff Wallace

Motion by Boss, second by Schneider to approve all appointments. Motion carried by aye vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Announced by Chair for settlement discussion and possible action to resolve litigation.

Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. 19.85(1)(c) For deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, WI Stats 19.85(1)(e). For conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. WI Stats 19.85(1)(g).

Motion by Fisher, Second by Hauser to enter closed session. Roll call vote. Voting yes: 18. Voting no: 0. Voting yes: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Tatur.

Closed session 7:59 p.m.

Motion by Lieffring, second by Fillion to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

Open session 8:16 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hraban informed board that Joint Management will be meeting at 7:15 a.m. before Finance on Wednesday morning.

Denise Wetzel, County Clerk, informed board that their coffee/treat fund is depleted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lieffring, second by Biller to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Next meeting June 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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