

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 28, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Invocation by Dave Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tony Hauser, District #4 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fillion, second by Gierke to approve minutes of June 30, 2015. Motion carried by aye vote.

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

Ron Freeman, on behalf of the Rusk County Junior Fair, asked for volunteers to help at the fair taking place August 6th-9th.

RESOLUTION #15-20 CREATING ADDITIONAL FULL TIME PATROL DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Sheriff's Office patrol division currently provides 24-hour service per day staffed with two day deputies and two night deputies, working a twelve hour work shift, four days on and four days off; and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Sheriff's Office has evaluated the operations and staffing concerns within the Patrol division and has determined that four (4) additional Patrol Deputies are needed, one for each shift; and

WHEREAS, officer safety is the foremost concern in addition to the 20% increase in calls for service, the increased workload due to 2013 WI Act 321, social media, scams, drugs, gun violence and courtroom security being provided since 2012; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of Rusk County depend on sheriff patrol deputies to protect their lives and property. Law enforcement officers face many different dangerous and stressful situations in the line of duty and officer safety is a priority; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services and Personnel Committees are in support of an additional Patrol Deputy Sheriff being added to each of the four patrol shifts of the Rusk County Sheriff's Office, following the union pay scale starting January 1, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the creation of four additional Patrol Deputy Sheriffs within the Sheriff's budget following the union pay scale effective January 1, 2016.

Submitted by Rusk County Emergency Services Committee. S/Schmitt & Stout.

Motion by Schmitt second by Knops to adopt resolution. Sheriff Jeff Wallace corrected predicted cost that was published in the Ladysmith News of \$900,000.00 to \$400,000.00 as exact cost would be \$391,000.00. Sheriff Wallace gave explanation of resolution, informed board of 15% increase in calls and calls being more violent in nature. Discussion on funding positions. Motion by Schmitt, second by Schneider to refer back to Emergency Government Committee for further information. Motion carried by aye vote.

Andy Albarado, Economic Development Coordinator, informed board the CDBG Authorizing Resolution will not be presented at this time, but it will be on the agenda for the August meeting. Albarado distributed copies of the Lead Agency Agreement for review and explained that this agreement would make the City of Ladysmith the lead agent for the Enterprise Center renovation/remodel. Motion by Hraban, second by Fillion to approve agreement. Discussion. Motion by Hauser, second by Boss to remove wording after "Grantee" through the end of the agreement. Motion failed by nay vote. Motion by Fisher, second by Fillion to change the word "Project" to "grant application" in last line of agreement. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Agreement as amended carried by aye vote.

REPORT

Tom Hall, Emergency Services Director, gave preliminary report from Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee. Discussion regarding ambulance service, privatization, transfers, etc.

CLOSED SESSION

Announced by Chair for discussion and possible action regarding possible land acquisition.

For negotiating sale of city/county owned property: 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). 7.

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

Closed session 8:03 p.m.

Motion by Knops, second by Schmitt to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

Open session 8:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Announced by Chair for discussion and possible action regarding 5R Obligations.

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

Closed session 8:43 p.m.

Motion by Stout, second by Hauser to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

Open session 8:47 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise Wetzel, County Clerk, announced that conference registrations are due on Wednesday, so if any board member wants to go please get the information to her after the meeting.

Chair Tatur informed board that the state budget nullified the coroner resolution from last month.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lieffring, second by Biller to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Next meeting: August 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.