

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 30, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call. Present - 19. Present: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Tatur. Corporation Counsel, Rich Summerfield.

Invocation by Dave Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Karl Fisher, District #14 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gierke, second by Knops to approve minutes of August 26, 2014. Motion carried by aye vote.

PROCLAMATION – read by Chair Tatur

FREEDOM FROM WORKPLACE BULLIES WEEK

Whereas, the County of Rusk has an interest in promoting the social and economic well-being of its citizens, employees and employers; and

Whereas, that well-being depends upon the existence of healthy and productive employees working in safe and abuse-free work environments; and

Whereas, research has documented and stress-related health consequences for individuals caused by exposure to abusive work environments; and

Whereas, abusive work environments are costly for employers, with consequences including reduced productivity, absenteeism, turnover, and injuries; and

Whereas, protection from abusive work environments should apply to every worker, and not be limited to legally protected class status based only on race, color, gender, national origin, age, or disability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2014 as

FREEDOM FROM WORKPLACE BULLIES WEEK

and commends the Wisconsin Healthy Workplace Advocates and the Workplace Bullying Institute, which raise awareness of the impact of, and solutions for, workplace bullying in the U.S.; and encourages all citizens to recognize this special observance.

Motion by Fillion, second by Schmitt to adopt. Carried by aye vote.

PRESENTATION

Chair Tatur introduced John Dirkse of Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation. Dirkse commended County Board and Department Heads of Rusk County for a job well done regarding workers compensation and presented Chair Tatur with check for workers compensation dividends in the amount of \$64,894.03. Dirkse distributed handout to board and gave presentation regarding current liability exposure update including open meetings violations and civil rights violations. Dirske took questions from board members.

**RESOLUTION #14-27 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – CHAPTER TRANS 75 BIKEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS IN HIGHWAY PROJECTS
ABSENCE OF NEED BRIDGE PROJECT #8797-00-01/71**

WHEREAS, Rusk County, through the Rusk County Highway Committee, is proposing to reconstruct the CTH F Bridge over Soft Maple Creek B-54-0117 (Project #8797-00-01/71); 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 Rusk County Highway Committee has acknowledged that this project will incorporate paved 3-foot wide shoulders, sufficient to satisfy the requirement for bikeways on CTH F through the project limits; and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Highway Committee has determined that pursuant to the standards of Trans 75.06 there is an absence of need for sidewalks over the reconstructed portion of the road of the aforementioned project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Highway Committee has determined, as the highway authority under Trans 75.06, that there is an absence of need for sidewalks for the CTH F Bridge over Soft Maple Creek B-54-0117, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors concurs with the above said determination.

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

Motion by Pederson, second by Gierke to adopt. Motion by Pedersen, second by Gierke to amend resolution by adding “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors concurs with the above said determination.” Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Motion by Boss, second by Gierke to adopt resolution as amended. Resolution as amended adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14-28 ESTABLISHING THE MEDICAL EXAMINER POSITION AS AN EXEMPT EMPLOYEE AND DETERMINING WAGE RATE

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors has established a Medical Examiner position to replace the current elected Coroner position effective January 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee is charged with establishing appropriate wages for new positions; and

WHEREAS, establishing a wage based on a per hour basis is impractical due to the unexpected nature of the calls for service of a Medical Examiner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby establish the Medical Examiner position as an “exempt employee” under the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act with an expectation of a maximum of 29 hours per week at the statutory minimum of \$455 per week.

Submitted by Rusk County. S/Fisher, Willingham & Mai.

Motion by Fisher, second by Schmitt to adopt. Fisher explained how wage rate was established. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14-29 AMBULANCE RATE INCREASE 2015

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors wishes to keep the cost of the Ambulance service off the County tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the rate has not been adjusted since May of 2011, and the current rate does not cover the cost of operations; and

WHEREAS, the increase is in line within the industry standard rate for the area; and

WHEREAS, this change does not negatively affect the County Levy

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisor's will raise the base rate per ambulance transport from \$575.00 to \$625.00 effective January 1st 2015.

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

Motion by Stout, second by Hraban to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14-30 EMT WAGE INCREASE FOR ON-CALL TIME 2015

WHEREAS, the ambulance service operates on a non-levy budget; and

WHEREAS, the last increase in the on-call pay was in the 2013 budget

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services and Personnel Committees agreed to a \$.20 per hour wage increase for the Ambulance Service EMT's for on-call time starting in January 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisor's will raise the EMTs on-call pay to \$2.70 per hour effective the first day of January 2015.

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee & Emergency Services Committee. S/Fisher, Willingham, Mai, Schmitt, Stout.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Fisher to adopt resolution. Schneider commented he would abstain from voting. Resolution adopted by aye vote with Schneider abstaining.

APPOINTMENTS

ADRC Advisory Committee – Kathy Silvernale & Linda Bates

Motion by Hraban, second by Hulback to approve appointments. Motion carried by aye vote.

Medical Examiner – Jim Rassbach

Rich Summerfield, Corporation Counsel, informed board he had received a call regarding why the position was not going to be advertised. Discussion by board members regarding rational for filling of position internally. Motion by Willingham, second by Knops to approve appointment. Motion carried by aye vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Tatur read letter of resignation from Dave Hulback, resignation effective 10-13-2014.

Hulback thanked Board for the experience and the great work done.

Chair Tatur presented Hulback with a certificate of appreciation.

Arian Knops informed Board of Men in the Kitchen taking place on 11-08-14 with proceeds benefiting the Time Out Abuse Shelter

Ken Pederson updated board on Animal Shelter progress, plans on starting working towards building.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lieftring, second by Hauser to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Next meeting: October 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.