

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 28, 2012
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, Knops, Roth, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Tatur. Excused: Hauser, Schmitt.

Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Knops, second by Gierke to approve minutes of July 31, 2012. Motion carried by aye vote.

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

Randy Tatur presented a special honor from the Wisconsin Association of County Extension Committees to Shirley Hofacker in the name of James Hofacker for recognition of his 10 years of volunteer service to the organization.

REPORT

Zoning – Update on Floodplain Maps and LiDAR: CeCe Tesky, Zoning Administrator reported receiving a letter from FEMA advising they'd approved our mediation plan and accepted the LiDAR results. She's currently working on reinstatement into the flood insurance program. With LiDAR DNR is updating floodplain maps.

RESOLUTION #06-23AC REQUEST TO AMEND COUNTY ORDINANCE FOR ALL-TERRAIN (ATV) TRAVEL 2012

WHEREAS, Rusk County has created an ordinance regulating the uses of all-terrain vehicles in the county which includes designation of all-terrain vehicle routes along county highways in Rusk County; and

WHEREAS, a Permanent Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) program sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and the State of Wisconsin went into effect on July 1st of this year, allowing County Highway Commissioners authority to add the usage of UTV's on county highways through their ATV Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee has reviewed the current open ATV routes and after careful examination of these routes the Committee found that it would be in the best interest of the County to open all highways to ATV/UTV traffic with the exception of CTH "G" from Old 14 Road to Doughty Road in the City of Ladysmith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisor's does hereby authorize the amendment of the County Ordinance for All-Terrain Vehicle Routes to include Permanent Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) and to open all county highways to ATV/UTV traffic with the exception of CTH "G" from Old 14 Road to Doughty Road in the City of Ladysmith.

Submitted by Highway Committee: S/Tatur.

Motion by Lieffring, second by Gierke to adopt. Discussion on age and operation on highways, DNR safety certificate, state law and highway restrictions. Roll call: Voting yes – 9, Voting no - 8. Voting yes: Roth, Lieffring, Gierke, Fisher, Hulback, Freeman, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki. Voting no: Knops, Tatur, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Mai, Willingham, Platteter. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #12-20 ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PARCEL FROM RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL IN THE TOWN OF FLAMBEAU

WHEREAS, Daniel Hershey has presented a petition to rezone a parcel in SW ¼ - NW ¼ – Section 35 – T35N – R6W also known as Lots 48-51, Block 1, Thomas's 2nd Addition, Town of Flambeau; 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 established that the request is made because of a future request to operate a used car sales establishment on the property and that neighboring land uses include residential and commercial; 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 Flambeau.

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

Submitted by Zoning Committee. S/Willingham, Mai, Schneider, Fisher, Schmitt.

Motion by Schneider, second by Knops to adopt. Willingham advised there were conditions added to the use permit granted contingent to board approval. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Consider Change to the November 13th County Board Meeting Due to Election Board of Canvass: Denise Wetzel, Clerk explained changes with time allowance for absentee and military ballot return created a conflict with meeting and board of canvass. Motion by Fisher, second by Hulback to move meeting to November 15, 2012. Motion carried by aye vote.

APPOINTMENTS

Interim Health Officer: Motion by Fisher, second by Hulback to approve interim appointment of Celina Cooper. Motion carried by aye vote.

Health & Human Services Director: Motion by Platteter, second by Fisher to approve appointment of Ted East. Motion carried by aye vote.

To Evaluate the Terms of Sale of the Rusk County Nursing Home

Closed Session announced by Chair 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).

Motion by Hauser, second by Swoverland to enter closed session. Roll Call. Voting yes - 17. Voting no – 0. Voting yes: Roth, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Knops, Tatur. Motion carried by roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION AT 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Swoverland, second by Roth to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

OPEN SESSION AT 8:14 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freeman advised he took second place in the adult category talent contest at the Junior Fair.

Wetzel updated board on WCA Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Swoverland, second by Fisher to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Next meeting September 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Denise Wetzel, Rusk County Clerk
Bonnie Stoneberg, Chief Deputy Clerk