

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
August 30th, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair Peter Boss at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call. Present -18. Present: Boss, Biller, Rathsack, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Tatur, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter. Corporation Council, Richard Summerfield. Excused: Schmitt.

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 Hraban, second by Gierke to approve minutes from July 6th and July 30th, 2016. Motion carried.

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

Friends of the Library- Individuals of the group talked of concerns with funding and maintenance of the library. Letters sent to the library were passed around for county board members to look at. Boss suggested they bring their concerns to the Joint Management Committee as they would be the committee to help answer more of their questions.

Ron Freeman, Jr Fair Chairman, thank everyone that came out and help at the Jr. Fair. Freeman stated that they are already working on next year's fair and they have also set the weekend date for the Jr Fair for 2017 to be the 2nd weekend in August. A presentation developed by Breanne Meyers, Jr Fair Coordinator, was shown to the board.

Dewayne Taylor, Rusk County resident, Spoke of his concerns on the revisions of the shoreland ordinances.

RESOLUTION # 16-19 RUSK COUNTY AIRPORT STATEMENT OF PROJECT INTENTIONS

RESOLVED, by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors that the attached list of proposed improvements are in the best interest of the Rusk County Airport;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes require a Statement of Project Intentions from airport owners contemplating federal and/or state aid within the next six years; and

WHEREAS, this Six Year Statement of project Intentions is used by the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics for planning and budgeting purposes and is not a petition for federal and/or state aid; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this governing body contemplates requesting federal and/or state aid for the projects listed on the attached schedule of airport improvements.

Submitted by Rusk County Property Committee.S/Hauser, Hanson, Hraban, Platteter, Rathsack.

Motion by Knops, second by Platteter to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #16-20 PAY RATE FOR EMRS TAKING AMBULANCE RUNS/CALLS

WHEREAS, the ambulance service has the ability and desire to use EMRs as a member of a 2 man crew, and has a plan to implement their use. And;

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Committee feels there is an opportunity to keep more rigs in service using this additional staffing arrangement and also stay within the current budget. And:

WHEREAS, Both State Statute and the Ambulance Services Operational Plan 2016-2018 allow for this configuration. And;

WHEREAS, The Emergency Services Committee proposes setting the hourly rate for the EMR in this configuration at \$10.00 per hour for run/call time. The difference in pay is based on the difference in training required to obtain the level of license an EMR holds as compared to an EMT. The On-Call pay would be the same at both levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors, that the rate for an EMR working as a second member of an Ambulance crew be paid at a hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour .

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee.S/ Hanson, Fisher, Willingham, Mai, Stout.

Motion by Stout, second by Fisher to adopt. Discussion on resolution .Motion by Fisher, second by Hanson to amend by striking out creating a hourly wage and replacing it with pay rate, striking out wage in the fourth and fifth paragraphs and replacing it with rate and by changing wording at the end of last paragraph to "a hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour". Amendment adopted by aye vote. Resolution as amended passed by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #16-21 JUST FIX IT" COUNTY AND TOWN/VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and

WHEREAS, according to "Filling Potholes: A New Look at Funding Local transportation in Wisconsin," commissioned by the Local Government Institute of Wisconsin (LGI) the condition of Wisconsin's highways is now in the bottom third of the county; and

WHEREAS, state funding for local roads in Wisconsin has failed to keep up with costs over the past several decades which has adversely affected local transportation finances. According to "Filling Potholes," municipal transportation spending has declined from \$275 per capita in 2000 to \$227 in 2012; and

WHEREAS, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's over-reliance on borrowing eats away at the state's segregated funding sources – the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees – which increasingly pay debt service rather than fund transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, safety is a primary concern and responsibility of local governments across Wisconsin. Unfortunately, according to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, Wisconsin had 347 non-interstate, rural road fatalities in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Rusk County Board of Supervisors recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local and state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Finance and Policy Commission, appointed by the Governor and Legislature clearly found that if Wisconsin does not adjust its user fees, the condition of both our state and local roads will deteriorate significantly over the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and Legislature to “Just Fix It” and agrees upon a sustainable solution; one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin’s transportation system. Furthermore, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.

Submitted by Rusk County Highway Committee.S/ Fisher, Knops, Swoverland, Biller, Platteter.

Motion by Fisher, second by Knops to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #16-21 REVISION TO THE RUSK COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SHORELAND, COMPREHENSIVE AND SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Zoning Committee has met and reviewed the Rusk County Code of Ordinances; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rusk County Zoning Committee recommends the following amendments to the Rusk County Code or Ordinances.

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

Motion by Willingham, second by Gierke to adopt. CeCe Tesky, Land Conservation and Development Director, presented a power point and explained changes. Discussion on resolution. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #16-22 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE AMBULANCE CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, sustainability of a reliable EMS system is becoming more and more challenging with the complexity of rules governing services, reduction in volunteerism, regionalization of health care and working relationships between EMS organizations and health care stakeholders.

WHEREAS, demands on EMS services have increased in terms of public expectations, changing demographics, expenses, transport distances and disaster preparedness.

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Ambulance Services Ad Hoc Committee submitted an analysis and summary of the EMS system to the Rusk County Board of Supervisors on April 14th, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee made eighteen recommendations to the Rusk County Board of Supervisors. The first two recommendations were; 1) The County should put in place a special levy to fund equipment replacement and related components and 2) the County should include a reasonable monetary amount in every budget to supplement Ambulance Service’s financial shortfall.

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors are in need of a comprehensive unaligned assessment of the EMS system within the county, to better understand the strengths and weakness of the current EMS system. The assessment would provide County Board Supervisors information and insights to plan for and implement improvements that would result in a sustainable EMS system for the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors contract with Safe Tech Solutions LLP, 29251 Potassium Street NW Isanti, MN 55040 for an assessment of emergency medical services in Rusk County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the allocation of \$30,000.00 for the total cost of the assessment, which shall be taken from the contingency fund.

Submitted by Rusk County Board Chair, Peter Boss.

Motion by Tatur, second by Hraban to adopt. Discussion on resolution proposal. Motion by Fisher, second by Hauser to amend by adding , which shall be taken from the contingency fund. Amendment adopted by aye vote. Resolution as amended passed by roll call vote. Roll call: Voting yes-16. Voting no-1. Voting yes: Gierke, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Biller, Rathack, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Tatur, Lieffring, Swoverland, Schneider. Voting no: Pedersen.

APPOINTMENTS

Appoint/elect Highway Committee member. -Nominations called for. Receiving nominations: Gierke. Call for additional nominations three times. Gierke elected to Highway Committee.

Board of Adjustment –Robert Nelson, Chair-3 yrs, Dennis Lelm, Vice Chair-3yrs, Stanley Kromrey, alternate-2 yrs, Robert Lorkowski, alternate- 2yrs. Motion by Rathack, second by Stout. Motion carried by aye vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Amend county code to recognize the county administrator/coordinator as part of hiring process. Discussion on amendment. Motion by Willingham, second by Platteter to postpone and refer amendment to Personnel Committee. Roll call: Voting yes-11. Voting no-6. Voting yes: Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Biller, Rathack, Hauser, Stout, Swoverland, Pedersen. Voting no: Fisher, Knops, Tatur, Lieffring, Schneider, Gierke. Motion to postpone and to refer amendment to the Personnel Committee passed by roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Announced by Chair for discussion and possible land acquisition – Purchase or Trade

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

Closed session 8:40 p.m.

Motion by Schneider, second by Biller to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

Open session 9:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arian Knops, District #5 Supervisor, announced of a garage sale supporting Kiwanis on the upcoming weekend.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Liefkring, second by Biller to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting: September 20, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Loren Beebe, Rusk County Clerk