

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
December 15, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call. Present -19. Excused – 0. Present: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Tatur. Corporation Counsel, Richard Summerfield.

Invocation by Dave Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Michael Fillion, District #9 Supervisor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Fillion, second by Hraban to approve minutes of November 10, 2015. Motion carried by aye vote.

**RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS**

JoAnne Spooner addressed the Board in support for a new animal shelter. Friends of the Rusk County Animal Shelter and Spooner presented concerns and ideas on building a new facility, asked for the Board to consider a new animal shelter in the 2017 budget.

**RUSK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

Scott Emch, Highway Commissioner, gave a presentation explaining roadway conditions and different approaches that can be taken to improve roadways in county.

**RESOLUTION #15-35 SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR COORDINATED SERVICE TEAM INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, includes legislation and funding to expand and provide continued support to Coordinated Services Team (CST) initiatives to counties and Tribes across the State of Wisconsin; and,

**WHEREAS**, a CST uses the wrap around process to respond to individuals and families with multiple and often serious needs in the least restrictive setting possible; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health Services has moved away from time limited funding for the developing CST Initiative to an approach that will provide ongoing base funding to all interested counties and tribes; and,

**WHEREAS**, Rusk County is eligible to receive funding in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for CST expansion, with a 20 percent in-kind match required; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health Services believes that a focus on the way services are provided would greatly benefit families in a more cost effective and appropriate manner; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. 46.56 requires that the County Board must designate an administering agency for the Coordinated Services Team Initiative.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors that Rusk County Department of Health & Human Services is authorized to pursue CST funding as the administering agency to implement the CST Initiative.

Submitted by Rusk County Health & Human Services.S/ Schneider, Mai, Tatur, Boss, Gierke, Schmitt, Willingham.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Lieffring to adopt. Explanation of resolution by Ted East, Health & Human Service Director. Resolution adopted by aye call vote.

**RESOLUTION #15-36 APPROVE RUSK COUNTY LAND AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 92 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that all counties in the state of Wisconsin develop a Land and Water Resource Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rusk County Land Conservation Committee sent out surveys, hosted a Citizen Advisory Input session and Public Hearing to explain the process and solicit public opinion; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting plan identifies land and water resource management goals, objectives and activities for implementation by the Rusk County Land Conservation Committee and their staff for the next 5 years; and

**WHEREAS**, at their October 13, 2015 meeting, the Rusk County Land Conservation Committee approved the Land and Water Resource Management Plan and forwarded the approved plan to the Rusk County Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rusk County Land Conservation Committee staff will be presenting the Land and Water Resource Management Plan to the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board on December 1, 2015 ; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves the Rusk County Land and Water Resource Management Plan to be implemented for the next 5 years; effective January 1, 2016.

Submitted by Rusk County Land Conservation Committee.S/ Knops, Gierke, Nawrocki, Biller, Lieffring.

Motion by Biller, second by Nawrocki to adopt. Explanation of plan and requirement's by CeCe Tesky, LCDD Director. Discussion on future quality of water with removal frack sand and possibly adding to plan. Resolution adopted by aye call vote.

**RESOLUTION #15-37 TERMINATE PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY INSURANCE FUND (LGPIF) AND SELECT COVERAGE WITH WISCONSIN COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, Rusk County received the quote for 2016 property insurance premiums from the Local Government Property Insurance Fund (LGPIF) which would have been an increase of 56 percent over 2015 premiums; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Department researched alternatives for property insurance coverage and received a favorable quote from Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Company which is substantially less than that of the LGPIF; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rusk County Property Committee reviewed the renewal quotations and recommends terminating coverage with the LGPIF and selecting Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Company as its property insurance provider effective January 1, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of section 605.21(3), Wis. Stats., to withdraw from the Local Government Property Insurance Fund, a local municipality must provide certified notice to the LGPIF by majority vote that the municipality has elected to withdraw from the fund.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to section 605.21(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors hereby elects to withdraw from the Local Government Property Insurance Fund, effective January 1, 2016; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified notice of this resolution be sent to the Local Government Property Insurance Fund and the appropriate forms be completed; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby select Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Company as its property insurance provider effective January 1, 2016.

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

Motion by Hauser, second by Knops to adopt. Explanation on quotes and bids received by Rosemary Schmitt, Finance Director. Resolution adopted by aye call vote.

#### **RESOLUTION #15-38 EMT WEEKEND DIFFERENTIAL 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the ambulance service is trying to get better coverage on the weekends

**WHEREAS**, the ambulance budgeted for \$10,000 for weekend differential

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Services and Personnel Committees agree to try a \$.50 per hour for the hours between 0000 Saturday morning until 2400 Sunday evening for a total of 48 hours per weekend

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors will authorize a \$.50 weekend differential for 2016 to attempt to gain better coverage on the weekend hours.

Submitted by Rusk County Emergency Service Committee.S/ Schmitt, Schneider, Pedersen, Biller, Stout.

Motion by Willingham, second by Stout to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye call vote. Schneider opstained.

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

##### **Ratify WPPA Sheriff and Jailer/Dispatch Union Contracts**

Motion by Fisher, second by Lieffring to Ratify Union Contracts. Fisher explained changes. Motion carried by aye vote.

##### **Forestry 2016 Work Plan**

Motion by Biller, second by Schneider. Adopted by aye vote. Motion carried. Copy of Forestry Plan can be obtained in the County Clerk's Office.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Rusk County Veterans Service Commission: Daniel Nigro (3 year term)

Explanation of Nigro credentials by Ron Moser, Veterans Service Officer. Motion by Hraban, second by Hauser to approve appointment. Motion carried by aye vote.

#### **ELECTION-RCMH Board of Trustees**

Tatur announced candidates recommended by Board of Trustees for 3 year term Melanie Meyer, Wayne Stoll and Pamela Guthman. Tatur explained Goothman was not able to be up for election due to non-residency in the county. Platteter nominated Meyer and Stoll. Tatur called for additional nominations three times. Motion by Hauser, second by Pedersen to close nominations and to cast unanimous vote for Meyer and Stoll. Motion carried by aye vote.

Boss nominated Willingham. Pederson nominated Mia. Mai declined. Tatur called for nominations three times. Motion by Fillion, second by Knops to close nomination and to cast unanimous vote for Willingham. Motion carried by aye vote.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Announced by Chair for Discussion and Possible Action on 5R Agreement/Request

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 Gierke, second by Fisher to enter closed session. Roll call vote Voting yes: 19 Voting no: 0. Voting yes Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Tatur.

Closed session 8:40 p.m.

Motion by Schmitt and second by Fisher to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

Open session 8:55 p.m.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Denise Wetzel, County Clerk, announced Christmas door judging deadline Monday at 4:30 and Christmas luncheon set for December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Richard Summerfield, Corporation Counsel, announced that he is running for the position of Judge.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Lieffring, second by Hauser to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Next meeting: January 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Denise Wetzel, Rusk County Clerk  
Loren Beebe, Chief Deputy Clerk