

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECEMBER 17, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call. Present – 16. Excused – 2. Present: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Knops, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Tatur. Excused: Hauser, Mai. Corporation Counsel: Rich Summerfield.

Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Arian Knops, District #5 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gierke, second by Knops to approve minutes of November 12, 2013. Ron Freeman requested a correction on page 5 Resolution #10-05B – striking the last sentence. Motion carried by aye vote.

RUSK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Phil Montwill, Highway Commissioner reviewed the 2013 road projects.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Highway Commissioner – Appointed to Permanent Position: Phil Montwill recommended - Chair Tatur called for additional nominations three times. Motion by Boss, second by Platteter to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Phil Montwill. Motion carried by aye vote.

RUSK COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

RCMH Board of Trustees recommends the nomination of incumbents Gordy Dukerschein, Eldon Skogen and Kenneth Smith. Chair Tatur called for additional nominations three times. Motion by Platteter, second by Knops to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for incumbents Gordy Dukerschein, Eldon Skogen and Kenneth Smith. Motion carried by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #13-40 DESIGNATING THE RUSK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR BOARD, WITH SUPERVISION FROM THE UW EXTENSION EDUCATION AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE, TO OVERSEE RUSK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIRS

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Junior Fair Board, with supervision from the UW Extension Education and Recycling Committee, has overseen the Rusk County Junior Fairs since 2011 and;

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Junior Fairs have been successful with over 5,000 people in attendance and provided a positive environment for Rusk County youth and their families and;

WHEREAS, it states in 93.23 of the Wisconsin State Statute, (b) except as provided in par. (c), state aid shall be paid on the premiums awarded at only one fair in each county. If the county conducts a fair such state aid shall be paid to the county. If the county does not conduct a fair such state aid shall be paid to the one society, board, or association which conducts a fair and is designated by the county board and;

WHEREAS, at the November 5, 2013 UW Extension Education and Recycling Committee meeting a motion was passed designating the Rusk County Junior Fair Board, with supervision from the UW Extension Education and Recycling Committee, to oversee the 2014 and future Rusk County Junior Fairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors designates the Rusk County Junior Fair, overseen by the Rusk County Junior Fair Board, with supervision from the UW Extension Education and Recycling Committee, with support from the UW Extension Office, as the official fair of Rusk County to receive state premiums for 2014 and future calendar years.

Submitted by Rusk County UW Extension Education & Recycling Committee: S/Swoverland, Pedersen.

Motion by Pedersen, second by Swoverland to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #13-41 ESTABLISHING MEDICAL EXAMINER POSITION

WHEREAS, Rusk County currently has a Rusk County Coroner, which is an elected position; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Committee is the oversight committee for the Rusk County Coroner; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Committee has studied and reviewed the duties of the Coroner and the duties of a Medical Examiner, which the Wisconsin Constitution mandates an office of coroner or medical examiner in each of the 72 counties in the state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Constitution Art. VI, §1 (2) states “Counties not having a population of 500,000 shall have the option of retaining the elective office of coroner or instituting a medical examiner system”; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Committee proposes and recommends that as of January 6, 2015, the County of Rusk change the Office of the Coroner to the Office of the Medical Examiner; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approve the transition to a medical examiner system effective January 6, 2015.

Motion by Lieffring, second by Schmitt to adopt. Knops explained the difference between the two positions. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

Submitted by Emergency Services Committee: S/Knops, Schneider, Lieffring, Pedersen, Willingham.

RESOLUTION #06-23AD AMENDING CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE II: ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES TO RESTRICT ATV USE AT TRAILS END CAMP

WHEREAS, Rusk County Trail’s End Youth Camp is a licensed recreational/educational camp, and

WHEREAS, groups that have a usage agreement have sole use of camp property per Sec. 32-258 Trespass to Trail’s End Camp, and

WHEREAS, the established trails on the property are intended for hiking and nature study and are not suitable for all-terrain use, and

WHEREAS, the camp has extensive historical significance which needs to be preserved, and

WHEREAS, we recommend the following changes to Article II: All-Terrain Vehicles in order to restrict ATV use at Trail’s End Camp,

Sec. 46-38. Vehicular traffic regulated at Trail’s End Camp property.

- (a) No motor vehicles shall be operated except on roadways within Trail’s End Camp property.
- (b) Parking of motor vehicles shall be in areas designated for parking.
- (c) All-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles or off road vehicles are prohibited on Trail’s End Camp property without permission from the UW Extension Education & Recycling committee.
- (d) Snowmobiles shall be operated only on designated snowmobile trails unless otherwise permitted.

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- (e) The speed limit on all roadways within Trail's End Camp is ten miles per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, all-terrain use will be prohibited on Trail's End Camp property without permission from the UW Extension Education & Recycling Committee.

Submitted by Rusk County UW Extension Education & Recycling Committee: S/Swoverland, Hulback, Freeman, Pedersen.

Motion by Pedersen, second by Swoverland to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the clerk's office.

RESOLUTION #13-42 SALE AND TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG CTH J TO THE TOWNSHIP OF FLAMBEAU

WHEREAS, In 1993 Rusk County Highway Department rebuilt a portion of CTH "J" located in Section 24/T.35N. – R.5W in the Township of Flambeau which resulted in the abandonment of the old CTH "J" road bed which then reverted to county highway right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the abandoned CTH "J" right-of-way including the old road bed located in Section 24/T.35N. – R.5W in the Township of Flambeau totals approximately 2.1 acres with the old road bed measuring 480 feet in length and 33 feet in width and being located on the south side of the 2.1 acres; and

WHEREAS, the other portion of the old CTH "J" road bed measuring 33 feet in width and 480 feet in length and running adjacent to the portion of old road bed owned by the County Highway Department, reverted back to the land owners when the new CTH "J" was constructed; and

WHEREAS, it is the wishes of the Town of Flambeau Town Board to make the entire portion of the old CTH "J" road bed located in Section 24/T.35N.-R.5W in the Township of Flambeau into a Town Road by obtaining ownership from the County and the landowners of the entire 66 foot wide and 480 foot long abandoned CTH "J" road bed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Flambeau has requested that the Highway Department transfer the county's portion of the abandoned CTH "J" road bed (33 feet in width and 480 feet in length) to the Town of Flambeau for the sum of \$100.00 so the township can dedicate the abandoned road bed to a Town Road and continue to maintain this roadway for their residents; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 66.0301 (Intergovernmental Cooperation) authorizes the County Board to convey this portion of County owned highway if it involves a public purpose;

WHEREAS the Town of Flambeau has/will drafted a resolution duly adopted by the Town of Flambeau board approving this conveyance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves the private sale/transfer of the abandoned CTH "J" road bed located in Section 24/T.35N – R.5W in the Township of Flambeau, measuring 33 feet in width and 480 feet in length to the Town of Flambeau for the sum of \$100.00 with the proceeds from the sale returning to the county highway funds.

Submitted by Highway Committee: S/Boss, Gierke, Lieftring, Nawrocki.

Motion by Lieftring, second by Freeman to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Ratify WPPA Sheriff's Union Contract: Motion by Freeman, second by Knops to ratify contract. Motion carried by aye vote.

APPOINTMENTS

Indianhead Federated Library System: Motion by Hulback, second by Pedersen to approve appointment of Lyle Lieftring. Motion carried by aye vote.

Rusk County Library Board: Chair Tatur withdrew the appointments. Barb Lorkowski has resigned and Arlene Knops does not choose to be on the board any longer.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Chapter 2 Code of Ordinances: Denise Wetzel, Clerk reviewed the suggested changes. Boss submitted a proposed change to Section 2-297 and explained. Motion by Boss, second by Nawrocki to approve the change. Roll call. Voting yes - 11. Voting no - 5. Voting yes: Freeman, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Knops, Lieftring, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Tatur. Voting no: Fisher, Hulback, Willingham, Swoverland, Schmitt. Motion carried by roll call vote. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the clerk's office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tatur advised of a bill in the legislature in reference to the sand mines. WCA magazine has an article addressing working with other counties on cost saving combined purchases. Wetzel advised of a bill in reference to office personnel in the clerk's office.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Platteter, second by Knops to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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

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