

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 23, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair Randy Tatur at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call. Present -14. Excused -5. Present:Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Platteter, Tatur. Corporation Counsel, Richard Summerfield. Excused: Boss, Biller, Schmitt, Hanson, Hraban.

Invocation by Dave Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ken Pedersen District #10 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fillion, second by Gierke to approve minutes of December 15, 2015. Motion carried by aye vote.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY

Chair Tatur welcomed students from area high schools, had them introduce themselves and identify the schools they represent. Rich Summerfield provided a brief history of Rusk County. Wisconsin Counties Association video on counties viewed.

REPORTS

Paul Teska, Forestry Administrator, gave the 2015 Forest Report. A complete copy of the report is available in the clerk's office. CeCe Tesky, LCDD Director, gave the 2015 LCDD Report. A complete copy of the report is available in the clerk's office.

RESOLUTION #08-02A AMEND RESOLUTION #08-02 RUSK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SCHEDULE OF FEES

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Committee has met and compared the Sheriff's Office fee schedule dated 01/31/2008, and

WHEREAS, it is recommended to update the fee schedule, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors adopt the following fee schedule to be used by the Sheriff's Department effective on April 1, 2016.

Copying fees	\$0.25 per page
Search fees	Costs associated with locating records may be charged if the cost exceeds \$50.00 (Prepayment required)
Long distance FAX	\$1.00 per page
Records checks with ID cards	\$20.00 per subject
Copies on CD	\$5.00 per CD; \$10 per DVD
Warrant Service	The sheriff, pursuant to Wis. Statue 814.705(1) shall charge \$50 for each warrant served.
Civil Process Service fees	Pursuant to Wis. Statue 814.705(1), the sheriff shall charge a fee of \$60.00 for each service, and \$30.00 for each additional defendant who is served at the same address, as a flat fee including attempts and mileage, which shall be prepaid and nonrefundable.
Sheriff's Sale fees	Pursuant to Wis. Statute 814.70(9) and 814.705(2) the sheriff shall charge a fee of \$150, which shall be prepaid and nonrefundable for the posting of and conducting of a real estate sale.
Sheriff's fees – seizure of property or eviction	\$60 per officer, per hour. The sheriff shall charge fees in an amount to fully cover the actual costs incurred in performing the seizure or eviction.
Request for officers at specific functions or activities	\$60 per officer, per hour which covers all necessary and reasonable costs incurred including, but not limited to, wages, benefits, mileage and equipment costs as enumerated in the sheriff's department policy manual. This fee will be waived for government, school, and non-profit organizations. Fee not charged for officers to make presentations and demonstrations.
DOT counter fees	\$5.00 Charged only when a temporary license plate is issued.
Postage fees	Actual cost of mailing requested items No fee if requestor provides postage paid envelope/package
Sales Tax	5.5% added where required by law
Vehicle Storage Fee	The rate for storing vehicles no longer being held by the sheriff's office is \$20.00 per day up to 30 days.

SUBMITTED BY: Rusk County Emergency Services Committee.S/Schneider, Stout, Pedersen.

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

RESOLUTION #16-1 AMACROY LAKE LEVEE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, in 1967, a Floodwater Protection Dike was designed and built by the USDA Soil Conservation Service and the Town of Stubbs on the outlet between Amacroy Lake and the Chippewa River; and

WHEREAS, with the 2014 Flood Insurance Rate Maps submitted by FEMA, the floodplain on Amacroy Lake is mapped as if the Floodwater Protection Dike was absent; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in an expanded mapped floodplain that does not represent actual existing flood potential; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete a revision to the floodplain map, the Floodwater Protection Dike must be certified as a levee by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stubbs has employed an engineer to complete this certification; and

WHEREAS, the certification requires that the Operation Plans must be under the jurisdiction of the NFIP participating community; and

WHEREAS, the township is not a participating community and has asked Rusk County, as the local participating community, to partner with the town to be the applicant in the certification process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does not object to being the participating community for the proposed certification of the Amacoy Lake Levee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors understands that an agreement will be drafted stating terms and conditions of this partnership, that Rusk County is under no financial obligation for this agreement and that said agreement, upon completion, will be brought to the full county board for review and approval.

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

Motion by Lieffring, second by Gierke to adopt. Explanation by Lieffring. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #16-2 Establishing Compensation for the Administrative Coordinator Position

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Statute 59.19, the position of Administrative Coordinator was established in 1986, by resolution, with the notation of no wage being given and the County Clerk being assigned the duties and;

WHEREAS, at some point in history, a stipend was given for the added duties of approximately \$5,000.00 per year and;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has made a recommendation to the Personnel Committee that an annual stipend of \$7500.00 be paid to the position of Administrative Coordinator for the duties performed, which are defined on the Attached Exhibit A, and any other duties determined necessary to be performed by the Administrative Coordinator by the County Board of Supervisors and;

WHEREAS, Wis. Statute 59.19 allows the County Board of Supervisors to assign the duties of Administrative Coordinator to “an elected or appointed official” and that it is in the best interest of the County to reserve the right to select the best person to perform these important duties at its pleasure and to change the assignment when needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Denise Wetzel be appointed by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors as Rusk County’s Administrative Coordinator and that a stipend of \$5500.00 be paid annually beginning January 2, 2017 for performing the duties of the position; with the stipend being added to any existing annual salary for aiding in determining payroll taxes only and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this position shall be held by the appointed individual until resigned by the individual or until removed by a majority vote of the County Board of Supervisors; and that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to assign or re-assign officials to perform the duties of Administrative Coordinator as it determines to be appropriate.

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee.

Motion by Fisher, second by Schneider to adopt. Explanation by Fisher. Motion by Fisher, second by Hauser to amend by adding a start date of January 2, 2017. Amendment passed by aye vote. Motion by Fisher, second by Fillion to amend by changing \$7,500.00 to \$5,500.00. Roll call: Voting yes-10. Voting no-4. Voting yes: Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Schneider, Gierke, Fisher, Platteter. Voting no: Pedersen, Mai, Willingham, Tatur. Amendment passed by roll call. Resolution as amended. Roll call: Voting yes-10. Voting no-4. Voting yes: Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Schneider, Gierke, Fisher, Platteter, Nawrocki. Voting no: Pedersen, Mai, Willingham, Tatur. Resolution as amended adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #16-3 Establishing Total Annual Compensation for County Elected Officials Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.22

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.22(1), the Board must establish the total annual compensation for services to be paid to county elected officials (other than supervisors and circuit judges) prior to the earliest time for filing nomination papers for the county elective offices and;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish the total annual compensation for county elected officials, which is separate and distinct from the fringe benefits offered by the County to elected officials, and which fringe benefits are subject to increase or decrease during the officer’s term at the discretion of the Board and in accordance with state and federal law and;

WHEREAS, as part of the County’s fringe benefit program, county elected officials may participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with state law and;

WHEREAS, as part of the County’s fringe benefit program, county elected officials may elect to receive health insurance coverage under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial county employees who are not law enforcement managerial employees or non-represented managerial employees described in Wis. Stat. § 111.70(1)(mm)2 and;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Personnel Committee to recommend salaries for elected officials to the Board for final approval; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the elected officials salaries and recommends the following salaries starting on January 1, 2017 as follows;

OFFICIALS	2017	2018	2019	2020
Treasurer	\$50,834.54	\$51,597.06	\$52,371.02	\$53,156.59
Register of Deeds	\$50,834.54	\$51,597.06	\$52,371.02	\$53,156.59
County Clerk	\$50,834.54	\$51,597.06	\$52,371.02	\$53,156.59
Informational Only:				
Clerk of Court	\$50,834.54	\$51,597.06		
Sheriff	\$61,632.00	\$61,632.00		

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisor approves the recommendation of the Personnel Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned county elected officials are entitled to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with law and the County shall pay only its share of contributions required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned county elected officials are entitled to participate in the County’s health insurance program subject to the terms and conditions of the program, which may be modified from time to time, under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial county employees who are not law enforcement managerial employees or non-represented managerial employees described in Wis. Stat. § 111.70(1)(mm)2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the elected officials listed above shall be subject to the provision of the fringe benefit programs as set forth in the County Employee Handbook, except as otherwise required by State Law.

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

Motion by Fisher, second by Gierke to adopt. Explanation by Fisher. Resolution adopted by roll call vote. Roll call:Voting yes-13. Voting no-1. Voting yes: Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Schneider, Gierke, Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Platteter, Tatur, Nawrocki, Hauser. Voting no: Pedersen.

RESOLUTION #16-4 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF THE MEDICAID NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Prior to 2010, the Wisconsin Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation (NEMT) program was largely county-administered; and

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Legislature enacted law in 2010, which required the county-administered system to be replaced by a transportation brokerage model; and

WHEREAS, The brokerage model is operated by a provider under contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, as well as subcontractors of the contracted provider; and

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau conducted an audit of this program and issued a Legislative Audit Bureau report # 15-4 in May 2015, detailing its findings; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Audit Bureau report # 15-4 documented performance metrics of the system and found that within a one – year period, 5.8% of the recipients experienced at least one instance of having a scheduled medical appointment fail because the provider never arrived; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Audit Bureau report 15-4 estimates that the cost of the program increased from an estimated \$44.4 million in FY2009-2010 to 56.1 million in FY 2013-2014, an increase of over 26%. There was also a \$782,600 retroactive payment to Medical Transportation Management under a February 2015 contract amendment. The 2015-2016 line states \$70,723,400. The 2016-2017 line states \$71,774,600; and

WHEREAS, The contract between the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the broker is based upon a capitated rate system, in which the vendor is paid a set amount based on membership, rather than the number of rides or quality of service, which is a potential disincentive to provide the service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Rusk County herein assembled urges the State of Wisconsin Legislature and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to utilize the information in the Legislative Audit Bureau report and feedback from consumers, to guide substantive changes to the program which address the inconsistency of trips, cost growth and contract payment structure. In addition to the consideration of the reinstatement of county operated Medicaid Transportation system should a county choose to do so. This solution would better serve consumers and maintain a strong stewardship of public funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to all Wisconsin County Clerks, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Health and Human Services Steering Committee of the Wisconsin Counties Association, Local State Legislators, and all County Human/Social Services Boards.

Dated this 11th day of February 2016

(All statistics are from the legislative audit bureau 15-4 or the legislative fiscal bureau)

Rusk County Health and Human Services Board.S/.Schneider, Mai, Tatur,Gierke, Willingham, Gudis, Frafjord.

Motion by Schneider, second by Knops, to adopt. Explanation by Schneider. Motion by Schneider, second by Willingham to amend by adding, There was also a \$782,600 retroactive payment to Medical Transportation Management under a February 2015 contract amendment. The 2015-2016 line states \$70,723,400. The 2016-2017 line states \$71,774,600. Motion to amend passed by aye vote. Motion by Platteter, second by Fillion to amend by adding, to forward to Local State Legislators. Motion to amend passed by aye vote. Resolution as amended adopted by aye vote.

APPOINTMENTS

Public Health Officer- Anita Zimmer. Motion by Pedersen, second by Lieftring to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

Joint Management- Randy Tatur, Anthony Hauser, James Platteter(1year term). Motion by Knops, second by Stout to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

Revolving Loan- Randy Tatur(CB Chair), Peter Boss(2 year terms). Motion by Gierke, second by Platteter to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee-Tom Thelen to replace Debra Frenn. Motion by Schneider, second by Lieftring to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Approval of Emergency Fire Wardens List. Motion by Stout, second by Gierke to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knops asked for Katherine Schultz to be introduced to the board. Schultz informed board that she took over new position of assistant editor at Ladysmith News.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lieftring, second by Knops to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Next meeting: March 29th, 2016 at 7 p.m.

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