

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 25, 2014
9:00 A.M.**

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

Roll Call. Present – 17. Excused – 1. Present: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieftring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Tatur. Excused: Platteter. Corporation Counsel, Rich Summerfield.

Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lyle Lieftring, District #8 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gierke, second by Fisher to approve minutes of January 28, 2013. Motion carried by aye vote.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY

Chair Tatur welcomed students from area high schools and had them introduce themselves and identify the school they represent. Rich Summerfield provided a brief history of Rusk County.

RESOLUTION #14-02 DEVELOPMENT AND REPAIR OF RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES JOSIE CREEK, ISLAND LAKE AND BIG FALLS WEST

WHEREAS, Rusk County hereby requests assistance for the purpose of improving and repairing recreational boating facilities at Josie Creek Park Boat Landing, Island Lake Boat Landing and the Big Falls West Boat Landing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Rusk County has budgeted a sum sufficient to complete the project and;

HEREBY AUTHORIZES, Paul Teska, Rusk County Forest Administrator, to act on behalf of Rusk County to:

Submit an application to the Wisconsin Waterways Commission;

Sign documents; and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rusk County will comply with state and federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain in writing from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission before any change is made in the use of the project site.

Submitted by Forestry Committee. S/Schneider.

Motion by Hauser, second by Schneider to approve. Schneider explained the 50/50 funding with the state. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14-03 ESTABLISHING A RUSK COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, in order to provide a coordinated leadership necessary to establish and foster innovative and effective corrections programs for adult and juvenile offenders and to effectively qualify for state and federal grants to fund such programs, a Rusk County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council should be established; and

WHEREAS, the principal mission of the Rusk County Criminal Justice collaborating Council will be to enhance public safety in Rusk County through community collaboration by ensuring offender accountability, providing effective rehabilitation programs and supporting the rights and needs of victim; and

WHEREAS, the initial membership for the Rusk County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council will consist of the Rusk County Circuit Court Judge, the County Board Chair, the Rusk County Sheriff, the City of Ladysmith Chief of Police, the Rusk County District Attorney, the State Public Defender for Rusk County, the Department of Corrections Supervisor for Rusk County, the Department of Human Services Director, the Rusk County Victim Witness Coordinator, and three Rusk County citizen members; and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council will have the authority to establish and appoint members to committees, subcommittees and ad hoc committees as provided in its by-laws; and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council will have such other authority as granted by its by-laws; and

WHEREAS, THE Rusk County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council shall report to the Rusk County Emergency Services Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors that it hereby establishes the Rusk County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council with the mission and initial membership as described above, to operate pursuant to the by-laws attached to this resolution.

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

Motion by Knops, second by Lieftring to approve. Sheriff Kaminski explained this is to form a volunteer committee to apply for grants that have no fiscal impact on the county levy. Discussion on changes to by-laws. Motion by Boss, second by Hauser to amend by changing Article 6 to include a statement that “any by-law changes will be approved by the county board”. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Resolution as amended adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14-04 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, 2015 as follows;

<u>OFFICIALS</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Clerk of Court	\$49,071.92	\$50,083.29	\$50,844.54	\$51,597.06
Sheriff	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,900.00	\$61,813.50

Informational Only:

Treasurer	\$49,071.92	\$50,083.29
Register of Deeds	\$49,071.92	\$50,083.29
County Clerk	\$54,068.11	\$55,099.71

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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 Personnel Committee. S/Mai, Willingham, Hulback, Swoverland.

Motion by Fisher, second by Swoverland to approve. Fisher explained how figures were determined. Roll call. Voting yes - 8. Voting no - 9. Voting yes: Mai, Boss, Biller, Hauser, Swoverland, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback. Voting no: Willingham, Freeman, Nawrocki, Knops, Lieffring, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Tatur. Resolution failed by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #14-05 AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE THE PART-TIME HIGHWAY CLERICAL POSITION A FULL-TIME POSITION.

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Highway Department is requesting the Rusk County Board of Supervisors authorize the increase of hours for the Highway Clerical Aide Position, from 16 hours per week to 40 hours per week, beginning in April 2014; and

WHEREAS, the increase in hours are needed to comply with the new ACT 10 payroll rules, prevailing wage requirements and the newly mandated Performance Based Maintenance cost accounting requirements for state projects; and

WHEREAS, The Highway Department will not increase their 2014 budget request as the anticipated expense for moving this position from part-time to full-time will be taken from the Highway Cost Pool revenue accounts for 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee reviewed and approved moving the Highway Clerical Aide position from a part-time position to a full-time position at their January 8, 2014 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee reviewed and approved moving the Highway Clerical Aide position from a part-time to a full-time position at their January 2014 regular meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors authorizes moving the part-time Highway Clerical Aide position to a full-time position beginning in April 2014.

Submitted by Highway Committee. S/Boss.

Motion by Boss, second by Lieffring to approve. Lieffring explained continued state mandates and work load on staff, fiscal impact and possible effect on levy in the future. Discussion on process of committee versus board approval for these types of positions. Roll call. Voting yes - 13. Voting no - 4. Voting yes: Willingham, Freeman, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Knops, Lieffring, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai. Voting no: Hauser, Swoverland, Pedersen, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Code of Ordinances – Chapter 2 Changes – Hiring Process:

Motion by Fisher, second by Boss to approve. Denise Wetzel, County Clerk, explained reason for changes. Motion approved by aye vote.

Approval of Emergency Fire Wardens List:

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hulback to approve. Motion approved by aye vote.

Approval of Northwoods Rock Rally Permit:

Motion by Hauser, second by Nawrocki to approve. Wetzel explained payment has been made and guidelines would be the same as last year. Kaminski advised they have worked well with Schmidt but voiced concern over cutting hours that law enforcement is present. Summerfield suggested approving the permit but not granting exception until attendance is better known. Motion by Swoverland, second by Freeman to amend leaving out law enforcement hours. Motion to amend approved by aye vote. Motion as amended approved by aye vote.

Break at 10:05 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:21 a.m.

RUSK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 2013 ANNUAL REPORT AND LCDD UPDATE

CeCe Tesky, Land Conservation and Development Director reviewed the annual 2013 Zoning Division report. Discussion on county versus state permits, status of flood plain insurance and costs. Department consolidation has gone well.

APPOINTMENTS

Veterans Service Commission – Fred Nash (3 year term):

Motion by Gierke, second by Hulback to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

RCMH Ad-Hoc Committee:

Motion by Fisher, second by Knops to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time Out is looking for volunteers for a "Men in the Kitchen" competition on March 29, 6:30 p.m. at Tee-A-Way. Tickets are \$40.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lieffring, second by Swoverland to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Next meeting March 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.