

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JULY 31, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call. Present - 19. Present: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Roth, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Tatur.

Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Roger Gierke, District #12 Supervisor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Gierke, second by Knops to approve minutes of June 19, 2012. Motion carried by aye vote.

**RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS**

Mary Willett, Representative for Congressmen Shawn Duffy, informed the board she was there to listen to the concerns of the county. Andy Johnson, Jr. Fair Board Member and Carrie Hoffelt, Jr. Fair Secretary requested volunteer help for working gates and County Board members support for the Jr. Fair.

**TEEN COURT PRESENTATION**

Annette Barna, Public Defender's Office, and Ted Louis, with the Barron County Restorative Teen Court Program, distributed information on program benefits, statistics on from first year and reviewed future plans.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE PRESENTATION**

Mike Zimmer, Conservationist, spoke on the program, explained partnership between schools, WRA and County. College interns, Cody Lazar, Greg Cisar, and Matt Jansen provided power point presentation on projects they assisted students with.

**RESOLUTION # 12-18 REQUEST FOR NEW IM FUNDING METHODOLOGY FOR 2013**

WHEREAS, as a result of regionalization of IM Administration brought about by Wisconsin Act 32, the 2011-2013 Biennial Budget Bill, Rusk County entered into an agreement with 11 counties in the northern region and formed the Northern IM Consortium, and;

WHEREAS, the total reduction in state funding to counties for the administration of Income Maintenance programming was 17%, and;

WHEREAS, due to time constraints related to budgeting and implementation, counties and consortia agreed to a caseload allocation methodology for the initial 1<sup>st</sup> year of the state/county contract (2012), and;

WHEREAS, the caseload methodology agreed upon in such an expedient manner financially affected counties and consortia inequitably, resulting in a greater adverse impact on small, rural, remote counties, and;

WHEREAS, the Northern IM Consortium (12 counties) and the Western Region for Economic Support Assistance Consortium (8 counties) sustained a 37% and a 31% reduction respectively, and;

WHEREAS, that level of inequitable reduction of funding creates conditions and staffing levels in the two consortia that jeopardizes the consortia's ability to sustain a system that can meet performance measures and comply with state and federal regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisor's does hereby support a funding allocation methodology for IM Consortia that reduces no consortia by greater than an overall statewide reduction of 17%, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Rusk County's legislative delegation as well as the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association and the Clerk's office in all counties of Wisconsin.

Submitted by H&HS Committee: S/Schneider, Mai, Tatur, Boss, Schmitt, Hulback, Grzeszkowiak, Golat, Gierke, Costello.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Boss to adopt. Gary Rivers, H&HS Director, explained similar resolutions were being passed throughout consortium to request more funding. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

**RESOLUTION # 12-19 ACCEPTANCE OF WISCONSIN LAND INFORMATION PROGRAM 2012 GRANT**

WHEREAS, a resolution designating the Land Information Office was passed by the Rusk County Board in August, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Plan for Land Records Modernization was last updated in September 2010 as required by State Statute 59.88(3)(b); and

WHEREAS, State Statute 16.967(7)(b) provides grant monies to counties for Land Records Modernization; and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Land Information Council has approved and the Rusk County Land Information/ Surveyor's Office has applied for the WLIP 2012 Base Budget and Training Grant; and

WHEREAS, said WLIP Grant Funds will be used for the purpose of:

- Purchasing Topcon Tesla GPS handheld for the creation of a point file for address location as a layer on our GIS.
- Hiring an LTE position to acquire point data with handheld GPS and import data to crosscheck with our current address database and 911 database, cleaning up out of date addresses and fixing incorrect addresses.
- Purchasing a new mobile workstation for the purpose of the addressing project for the LTE; once the project is complete the workstation will be used to replace the current desktop in Land Info, which will also provide a mobile mapping solution for the purpose of EMS.
- Purchasing of "Custom Tab" for Rusk County web mapping application to serve up scanned images of current tax statements from the Treasurer's office to the public; and

WHEREAS, the WLIP has stated the Rusk County Land Information Office is eligible for \$29,756.00 Base Budget Grant and a \$300.00 Training Grant (2012 budget), for a total of \$30,056.00, the total amount applied for was \$30,056.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors that Rusk County will accept the WLIP 2012 Grant of \$30,056.00 and that Randy Tatur, County Board Chairman, and David A. Kaiser, Land Information Officer, be hereby authorized to sign the necessary documents to receive said grant.

Submitted by Property Committee: S/Willingham, Mai, Fisher, Schneider, Schmitt.

Motion by Willingham, second by Schmitt to adopt. Discussion on LTE position and addressing issues. Motion by Willingham, second by Hulback to amend by using the substitute resolution. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Resolution as amended carried by aye vote.

**RESOLUTION # 06-23AB REQUEST TO AMEND COUNTY ORDINANCE FOR ALL-TERRAIN (ATV) TRAVEL 2012**

WHEREAS, Rusk County has created an ordinance regulating the uses of all-terrain vehicles in the county which includes designation of all-terrain vehicle routes along county highways in Rusk County; and

WHEREAS, a Permanent Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) program sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and the State of Wisconsin went into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, allowing County Highway Commissioners authority to add the usage of UTV's on county highways through their ATV Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee has reviewed the current open ATV routes and after careful examination of these routes the Committee found that it would be in the best interest of the County to open all highways to ATV/UTV traffic with the exception of CTH "G" from Old 14 Road to Doughty Road in the City of Ladysmith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisor's does hereby authorize the amendment of the County Ordinance for All-Terrain Vehicle Routes to include Permanent Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) and to open all county highways to ATV/UTV traffic with the exception of CTH "G" from Old 14 Road to Doughty Road in the City of Ladysmith.

Submitted by Highway Committee: S/Freeman, Lieffring, Gierke, Nawrocki.

Motion by Lieffring, second by Gierke to adopt. Discussion on more information needed. Motion by Platteter, second by Knops to postpone till next month's meeting. Roll call. Voting yes - 11. Voting no - 8. Voting yes: Knops, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Platteter, Tatur. Voting no: Nawrocki, Hauser, Roth, Lieffring, Gierke, Freeman, Boss, Biller. Resolution postponed by roll call vote.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

Approval of Personnel Handbook-Ambulance and Squad Rules/Regulations and Lease Agreements:

Tom Hall, Emergency Government Director, requested this be postponed as there are items that still need to be included. Chair Tatur withdrew the item from agenda.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Board of Adjustments – JoDi Oman (2yr.), Robert Nelson (3 yr.), Thomas Meisner (2yr.) Stanley Kromrey (1yr.). Motion by Hauser, second by Fisher to approve all appointments. Motion carried by aye vote.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

Authorize Contract with WIPFLI CPA's and Consultants Regarding Rusk County Hospital and Nursing Home: Andy Albarado, Ec. Development Director, informed the board on the scope of the contract. Discussion on funding source. Motion by Platteter, second by Swoverland to go ahead with the contract from WIPFLI with funds coming out of the general fund until such time funds are available from Hospital resources. Motion by Hauser, second by Willingham to amend to include in the contract that in the event that the cost were to exceed \$40,000 it needs to come back to the County Board for approval. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Motion as amended carried by aye vote. Fisher abstained due to conflict.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tatur reminded board that WCA conference reservations need to be in. Wetzel confirmed those registered.

Tatur announced upcoming WCA seminar on Sheriff's Duties and consideration on conducting seminar here for all County Constitutional Officers duties.

Freeman reported Rusk County Jr. Fair is hosting talent show for all ages.

Hall informed board that NWRP Hazardous plan is moving ahead and Dairyland Energy is conducting a tabletop demonstration toward the end of August.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lieffring, second by Roth to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Next meeting August 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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