

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 25, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Gary Swoverland, District #9 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fisher, second by Schmitt to approve minutes of February 25, 2014. Motion carried by aye vote.

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

Recognition of Departing County Board Members:

Tatur recognized and thanked Ron Freeman and Gary Swoverland for their terms as board members.

Freeman thanked the 2010 Committee on Committees for appointing him to fill the supervisor position after Jim Hofackers' death.

PRESENTATION

Charisse Oland, Administrator – RCMH Review Status and Operational Plans:

Oland thanked the departing board members, executive staff, board of trustees and citizens for their continued support through the difficulties RCMH has faced. She explained the impact on the community should the hospital close, their thoughts on remodeling the facility and desire to go to a Provider Based Rural Health Clinic.

Tatur advised with no objection he will move an agenda item up for discussion at this time.

RCMH Possible Remodel:

Oland provided a brief explanation on remodeling they would like to complete in the old clinic, ER, bathrooms and administration. Motion by Willingham, second by Fisher to approve the concept of Rural Health Clinic and approve necessary remodeling. Motion by Boss, second by Hauser to amend original motion to approve remodeling of the hospital. Motion failed by nay vote. Motion by Willingham, second by Boss to amend the original motion to authorize the RCMH Board of Trustees to expend funds to remodel the 4th floor of the 1948 building, and 1st floor of the east wing. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Roll call. Voting yes - 17. Voting no - 0. Voting yes: Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Tatur. Resolution as amended adopted by roll call vote.

Tatur advised Al Christiansen has requested his presentation be postponed.

Break at 8:20 p.m.

Reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

REPORT

UW Extension 2013 Annual Report:

Heather Schmitz, 4H Youth Development Agent distributed the report and reviewed programs offered by the department. The staff gave an overview of the program they are responsible for and the role it plays in the department. 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of 4-H.

**RESOLUTION #14-06 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	\$50,834.54	\$51,597.06
Sheriff	\$61,632.00	\$61,632.00	\$61,632.00	\$61,632.00

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

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/Fisher.

Motion by Hulback, second by Fisher to adopt. Motion by Lieffring, second by Knops to amend by increasing the sheriff's by 1% per year. Summerfield calculated 1 % changes: **2015** = \$62,248.32, **2016** = \$62,870.80, **2017** = \$63,499.51, **2018** = \$64,134.51. Roll call. Voting yes - 4. Voting no - 13. Voting yes: Knops, Lieffring, Willingham, Tatur. Voting no: Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Freeman. Resolution as amended failed by roll call vote. Roll call. Voting yes - 12. Voting no - 5. Voting yes: Biller, Hauser, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter. Voting no: Boss, Nawrocki, Knops, Lieffring, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #14-07 SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Rusk County is interested in acquiring or developing lands for public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the application; and

WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out the project; and

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

HEREBY AUTHORIZES Paul Teska, Rusk County Forestry Department to act on behalf of Rusk County to:

- Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available;
- Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within 6 months of project completion date;
- Submit signed documents; and
- Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisor's will comply with state or federal rules for the programs to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the Natural Park Service approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

Submitted by Land and Forestry Committee. S/Schneider, Nawrocki, Boss, Hauser, Biller.

Motion by Schneider, second by Biller to approve. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14-08 COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS PROGRAM

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Submitted by Land and Forestry Committee. S/Schneider, Nawrocki, Boss, Hauser, Biller.

Motion by Schneider, second by Biller to approve. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14-09 ATV TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

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Submitted by Land and Forestry Committee. S/Schneider, Nawrocki, Boss, Hauser, Biller.

Motion by Biller, second by Schneider to approve. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14-10 REVISION TO THE RUSK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Zoning Committee has met and reviewed the Rusk County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Rusk County Zoning Committee and the committee having acted, subsequent thereto, in considering the revisions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rusk County Zoning Committee recommends the following amendments to the Rusk County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. See attached.

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

Motion by Schmitt, second by Willingham to adopt. Willingham explained recommendations from attorney. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14-11 ORDINANCE ELECTING TO PROCEED UNDER SECTION 75.521 Wis. Stats. IN RELATION TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF COLLECTION OF TAX LIENS

The county board of supervisors of the county of Rusk do ordain as follows:

From and after March 25, 2014, the County of Rusk elects to adopt the provisions of section 75.521 Wis. Stat. for the purpose of enforcing tax liens in such county in the cases where the procedure provided by such section is applicable.

Submitted by Corporation Counsel. S/Tatur.

Motion by Platteter, second by Boss to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14-12 ESTABLISHING DEPUTY CORONER PER DIEM

WHEREAS, Rusk County Deputy Coroners receive a per diem per case; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Coroners provide other commitment's and supplies beyond the case per diem; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services, Personnel and Finance Committees have studied and reviewed the daily commitment and personal expenses of the Deputy Coroner's; and

WHEREAS, the Committees find the commitment exceeds the per diem case rate and find the need to supplement individual expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Committees propose and recommend that as of April 1, 2014, the County of Rusk provide a per diem rate of \$100.00 per month, per Deputy Coroner; and

WHEREAS, the \$100.00 per diem be paid out of the annual collected cremation fees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approve the recommendation of the Emergency Services, Personnel and Finance Committees to establish the \$100.00 per month per diem effective April 1, 2014.

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

Motion by Lieftring, second by Willingham to approve. Discussion on fiscal impact. Motion by Fisher, second by Boss to amend by removing "and budget changes". Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Resolution as amended adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14-13 RUSK COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COUNTY WIDE / STRATEGIC PLAN

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin requires the County Board to promulgate and approve the Countywide Hazardous materials Plan annually; and

WHEREAS, The State also sets the requirements of the Plan; and

WHEREAS The LEPC has reviewed and approved said plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve and promulgate the 2014 Rusk County Hazardous Materials/Strategic Plan.

Submitted by LEPC. S/Hall.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Regarding the Sale of Menasha Woodenware Co.'s 1st Add N 91' Lot 1 Block 19 in the City of Ladysmith:

Platteter advised the property committee recommends accepting an offer to purchase for \$4250. from John Hoover. Motion by Freeman, second by Knops to sell property to Hoover for \$4250. Motion carried by aye vote.

Tatur advised the closed session was not needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wetzel advised an application for the Rusk County Historical Society was submitted for the Governor's Archive Award.

Tatur advised Northern Rail Transit Commission has been approached by Canadian National RR in reference to a grant to purchase a number of log cars.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Biller, second by Hauser to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Next meeting April 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.