

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 26, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call. Present – 18. Excused – 1 . Present: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Tatur. Excused: Roth.

Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ron Freeman, District #18 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Hulback, second by Knops to approve minutes of February 26, 2013. Motion carried by aye vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Phil Schmidt – Country Rally – Request to Extend Hours of Noise Ordinance: Phil reports ticket sales are between 400 & 500 now and believe they will be under 1000. He is requesting to extend the 10 p.m. noise restriction to 2 a.m. Motion by Hauser, second by Gierke to extend hours to 2 a.m. Motion carried by aye vote.

REPORTS

UW Extension Annual Report: Heather Schmitz, 4H Youth Development Agent distributed the report and reviewed programs offered by the department. In 2012 they celebrated the 100th Anniversary of WI Cooperative Extension. Charmaine Johnson, Recycling coordinator reported on the success of the Clean Sweep Collection, recyclable collection totals around the county and touched on plans for the 2013 Junior Fair.

RESOLUTION #13-11 RESTORE BASE-LEVEL FUNDING TO LAND CONSERVATION AS SUPPORTED BY WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND WISCONSIN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

WHEREAS, the State Legislature and Governor enacted into law in 1997, a new county-based system to protect our land and water resources from impacts associated with Non Point Source Pollution that lead to soil loss and polluted runoff; and

WHEREAS, the County Land Conservation Committee and Department is the necessary local delivery mechanism for a wide range of natural resource management programs; and

WHEREAS, Section 92.16(6)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes states that the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection shall attempt to provide funding for an average of 3 staff persons per county, with an average of \$100,000 per county for cost-sharing grants; and

WHEREAS, the Department's Soil and Water Resource Management program has not met the funding expectations related to this statutory staffing goal; and

WHEREAS, County Land Conservation staff supported by state grants have consistently decreased since the program began, from 219 in 1997 to 97 in 2012, under the 2011-2013 biennial budget and approved agency lapses; and

WHEREAS, Counties have been asked to pick up the funding shortfalls to maintain necessary program implementation or reduce needed service to clients; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has requested that additional reductions in base staff funding allocations be included in the 2013-15 biennial budget reducing the funding from a 12 year average of \$9.3 million down to \$7.8 million in 2014 & 8 million in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) & the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation have both adopted 2013 statewide policy directives that recognize the value of the work County Land Conservation Committees and Departments provide to their membership by supporting directives that support maintaining this base level of funding; and

WHEREAS, County Land Conservation staff play a critical role to our local economy by assisting landowners obtain needed state and federal funds to help implement Non Point Source Pollution control Best Management Practices for their operations and the proposed cuts will therefore have a rippling negative impact on our county's citizens and its resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and all elected representatives in the Wisconsin State Legislature to return to the \$9.3 million appropriation for state aid to counties, recognizing the invaluable service that county conservation employees provide in helping Wisconsin farmers and growing our state's agriculture industry.

Submitted by Land and Water Conservation Committee: S/Knops, Gierke, Nawrocki.

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

RESOLUTION #13-12 2013 COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS PROGRAM

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;

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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors 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 National 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, Biller, Hauser.

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

RESOLUTION #13-13 SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

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

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

RESOLUTION #13-14 ATV TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

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- 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 Supervisors 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 National 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, Biller, Hauser.

Motion by Hauser, second by Knops to approve. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #13-15 2013 RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES GRANT

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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 National 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, Biller, Hauser.

Motion by Hauser, second by Nawrocki to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #11-39M AMEND 2012 GUARDIAN AD LITEM/INDIGENT BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2012 Guardian Ad Litem/Indigent budget is short a total of \$22,575.12 due to \$18,967.69 more expenditures than anticipated and a shortfall in revenue of \$3,607.43; and

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient money available in the contingency fund to cover the shortfall of \$22,575.12 so general fund money is needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves amending the 2012 Guardian Ad Litem/Indigent budget with \$22,575.12 to come from the general fund.

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur.

Motion by Fisher, second by Knops to adopt. Roll call. Voting yes - 18. Voting no - 0. Voting yes: Knops, Lieftring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #11-39N AMEND 2012 CORONER BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2012 Coroner budget is short a total of \$15,132.74 due to \$11,982.74 more in expenditures than anticipated and a shortfall in revenue of \$3,150.00; and

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient money available in the contingency fund to cover the shortfall of \$15,132.74 so general fund money is needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves amending the 2012 Coroner budget by adding \$328.79 to expense line 100-04-51261-152 Retirement, \$4,202.00 to expense line 100-04-51261-211 Consultation Fees, \$7,451.95 to expense line 100-04-51261-216 Autopsy Expense and \$3,150.00 to Coroner levy to cover expenditure overruns of \$11,982.74 and the shortfall in revenues of \$3,150.00 for a grand total of \$15,132.74 to come from the general fund.

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur, Platteter, Boss, Knops, Fisher.

Motion by Knops, second by Willingham to adopt. Motion by Hulback, second by Fisher to adopt the substitute resolution as presented. Motion carried. Roll call. Voting yes - 17. Voting no - 1. Voting yes: Lieftring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Knops, Tatur. Voting no: Hauser. Substitute resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #11-39O AMEND 2012 TAX DEED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2012 Tax Deed budget is short a total of \$7,187.53 due to \$75.98 more in expenditures than anticipated and a shortfall in revenue of \$7,111.55; and

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient money available in the contingency fund to cover the shortfall of \$7,187.53 so general fund money is needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves amending the 2012 Tax Deed budget by adding \$75.98 to expense line 100-12-51540-319 Other Costs and \$7,111.55 to Tax Deed levy to cover the revenue shortfall in revenue 100-12-48303-000 Profit/Loss on Tax Deed Sales for a total of \$7,187.53 to come from the general fund.

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur, Platteter, Boss, Knops, Fisher.

Motion by Fisher, second by Platteter to adopt. Roll call. Voting yes - 18. Voting no - 0. Voting yes: Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieftring, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #11-39P AMEND 2012 TRAILS END BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2012 Trails End budget is short a total of \$4,774.12 due to \$689.12 more in expenditures than anticipated and a shortfall in rental income revenue of \$4,085.00; and

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient money available in the contingency fund to cover the shortfall of \$4,774.12 so general fund money is needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves amending the 2012 Trails End budget with \$4,774.12 to come from the general fund to cover the overrun in expenditures of \$689.12 and the revenue shortfall of \$4,085.00.

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur, Platteter, Boss, Knops, Fisher.

Motion by Knops, second by Platteter to adopt. Roll call. Voting yes - 18. Voting no - 0. Voting yes: Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieffring, Swoverland, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #11-39Q AMEND 2012 AMBULANCE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2012 the Ambulance budget projected the service would provide \$83,500.00 in excess revenue to reduce the 2012 levy; and

WHEREAS, the original 2012 Ambulance budget projected estimated write offs to be at 27 percent and the actual write offs were 42 percent; and

WHEREAS, there are \$7,711.50 in 2012 donation funds that need to be carried into 2013 so there is only \$5,159.68 available to reduce the levy instead of \$83,500.00 which is a shortfall of \$78,340.32; and

WHEREAS, there are \$22,667.83 in carry forward funds available to reduce this shortfall, so \$55,672.49 is needed from the general fund to balance the 2012 budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves amending the 2012 Ambulance budget to add \$55,672.49 to expense line 100-23-52301-543 Uncollectible Expense with funds to come from the general fund.

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur, Platteter, Boss, Knops, Fisher.

Motion by Gierke, second by Schneider to adopt. Roll call. Voting yes - 18. Voting no - 0. Voting yes: Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #11-39R AMEND 2012 COUNTY CLERK BUDGET

WHEREAS, when the 2012 budget was developed it was the opinion that elected officials would have to pay the employee portion of retirement and that opinion was overturned at a later date after the budget was approved; and

WHEREAS, due to an unknown state wide Recall Primary and Recall Election during the budget process made election costs for 2012 much higher than anticipated; and

WHEREAS, appraisal of assets and codification of records expenses were to have been expensed in 2011 when funds were budgeted but the work extended into 2012; and

WHEREAS, care of veterans graves expense was higher than average due to more municipalities submitting reimbursement requests; and

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient money available in the contingency fund to cover the total of \$33,483.19 so general fund money is needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves amending the 2012 Clerk's budget to add \$2,638.57 to expense line 100-14-51420-152 Retirement, \$20,567.52 to expense line 100-14-51440-000 Elections, \$6,630.00 to expense line 100-14-51640-000 Appraisal of Assets, \$3,473.10 to expense line 100-14-51650-000 Codification of Records, and \$174.00 to expense line 100-14-54703-000 Care of Veterans graves for a total of \$33,483.19 with funds to come from the general fund.

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur, Platteter, Boss, Knops, Fisher.

Motion by Boss, second by Schmitt to adopt. Roll call. Voting yes - 18. Voting no - 0. Voting yes: Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #11-39S AMEND 2012 COUNTY BOARD BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2012 County Board budget was short by \$11,431.07 due to more meeting in 2012 than anticipated; and

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient money available in the contingency fund to cover the total of \$11,431.07 so general fund money is needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves amending the 2012 County Board budget to add \$9,707.00 to expense line 100-11-51100-141 Per Diems and \$1,724.07 to expense line 100-11-51100-331 Committee Expense/Mileage with funds totaling \$11,431.07 to come from the general fund.

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur, Platteter, Boss, Knops, Fisher.

Motion by Boss, second by Platteter to adopt. Roll call. Voting yes - 18. Voting no - 0. Voting yes: Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

Rich Summerfield, Corporation Counsel advised we will not need a closed session. Requested a special board meeting with a closed session be scheduled for April 1, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hauser, second by Fisher to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting April 1, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.