Meeting called to order by Chair Peter Boss at 7:00 p.m.


Introduction and brief biography of Harold Kanning by Chair Boss.

Invocation by David Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Moment of silence for fallen service members. Pledge of Allegiance led by Harold Kanning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Gierke, second by Hraban to approve minutes of February 21, 2017. Motion carried by aye vote.

Motion by Knops, second by Stout to approve minutes of February 28, 2017. Motion carried by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #17-12 REVISION OF COUNTY ORDINANCE 24
WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Division of the WI Department of Health Services (DHS) was moved into the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) on July 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this move consolidated all of Wisconsin’s food licensing into one state-level agency. As a result of the move all restaurants in WI are now classified as retail sales; and

WHEREAS, all retail food establishments are now under one licensing and inspection standard and will be inspected by one agent; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the merger all DHS Food Safety and Recreational Licensing statutes and rules have been transferred to DATCP Retail Food and Recreational Safety statutes and rules. The following are statute changes that need to be made to the Rusk County Ordinance 24:

- Statute 254 Environmental Health will become part of Statute 97 Food, Lodging and Recreation.
- DHS 196 - Restaurants will become part of ATCP 75.
- DHS 195 – Hotels, Motels and Tourist Rooming Houses will become ATCP 72.
- DHS 197 – Bed & Breakfast Establishments will become ATCP 73.
- DHS 172 – Swimming Pools will become ATCP 76.
- DHS 175 Recreation Educational Camps will become ATCP 78.
- DHS 178 – Campgrounds will become ATCP 79

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jim Kaplanek, DATCP Retail Food and Recreational Technical Section Chief, has reviewed and approved the Rusk County Ordinance 24 revisions as being in compliance with the administrative rule and statute changes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors do approve the statute changes that need to be made to the Rusk County Ordinance 24.

Submitted by the Health & Human Services Board: S/Schneider, Boss.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hauser to adopt. Explanation of revisions and reason for changes to the county ordinance by Kristen Walters, Registered Sanitarian. Walters also explained new coding and headers within the ordinances and answered questions. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #17-13 CREATION OF A PARK MANAGER
WHEREAS, parks provide intrinsic environmental, aesthetic, and recreation benefits to our communities. They are also a source of positive economic benefits. They enhance property values, increase municipal revenue, bring in homebuyers and workers, and attract retirees; and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Park System currently provides 329 miles of snow mobile trails, 24 miles of ATV trails, 25 boat landings, 4 campgrounds and access to 89,000 acres of County Forest; and

WHEREAS, Rusk County recently acquired 521 acres along the scenic Chippewa River with the intent of developing recreational access; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry Committee has determined the need for a Park Manager position dedicated to the development, maintenance and sustainability of the County Park System; and

WHEREAS, having a dedicated staff position in the Park System will enhance Rusk County’s access to the multitude of grant opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the proposed position and has determined the point factor/wage for the position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors do approve the creation of a Park Manager position at a pay rate of $27.75 per hour.

Submitted by the Personnel Committee: S/Hanson, Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Stout.
Submitted by the Forestry Committee: S/Knops, Schneider, Boss Lieffring, Biller.

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

RESOLUTION #17-14 RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT AID
WHEREAS, the Rusk County, Wisconsin hereinafter referred to as the sponsor, being a municipal body corporate of the State of Wisconsin, is authorized by Wis. Stat. §114.11, to acquire, establish, construct, own, control, lease, equip, improve, maintain, and operate an airport; and
WHEREAS, the sponsor desires to develop or improve the Rusk County Airport, Rusk County, Wisconsin,

"PETITION FOR AIRPORT PROJECT"

WHEREAS, airport users have been consulted in formulation of the improvements included in this resolution, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held prior to the adoption of this petition in accordance with Wis. Stat. §114.33(2) as amended, and a transcript of the hearing is transmitted with this petition, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the sponsor that a petition for federal and (or) state aid in the following form is hereby approved:

The petitioner, desiring to sponsor an airport development project with federal and state aid or state aid only, in accordance with the applicable state and federal laws, respectfully represents and states:

1. That the airport which it is desired to develop, should generally conform to the requirements for a General Aviation type airport as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration.

2. The character, extent, and kind of improvements desired under the project are as follows: Reconstruct/Rehabilitate runways; Reconstruct/Rehabilitate ramp, taxiways and taxilanes; Hangar site development; Sealcoat and crack seal airport pavements; Acquire/replace snow removal equipment; and any necessary related work.

3. That the airport project, which your petitioner desires to sponsor, is necessary for the following reasons: to meet the existing and future needs of the airport.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the improvements petitioned for as listed will be funded individually or collectively as funds are available, with specific project costs to be approved as work is authorized, the proportionate cost of the airport development projects described above which are to be paid by the sponsor to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) to be held in trust for the purposes of the project; any unneeded and unspent balance after the project is completed is to be returned to the sponsor by the Secretary; the sponsor will make available any additional monies that may be found necessary, upon request of the Secretary, to complete the project as described above; the Secretary shall have the right to suspend or discontinue the project at any time additional monies are found to be necessary by the Secretary, and the sponsor does not provide the same; in the event the sponsor unilaterally terminates the project, all reasonable federal and state expenditures related to the project shall be paid by the sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor is required by Wis. Stat. §114.32(5) to designate the Secretary as its agent to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse any funds granted by the United States under the Federal Airport and Airway Improvement Act, and is authorized by law to designate the Secretary as its agent for other purposes.

"DESIGNATION OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AS SPONSOR'S AGENT"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the sponsor that the Secretary is hereby designated as its agent and is requested to agree to act as such, in matters relating to the airport development project described above, and is hereby authorized as its agent to make all arrangements for the development and final acceptance of the completed project whether by contract, agreement, force account or otherwise; and particularly, to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse federal monies or other monies, either public or private, for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance and operation of the airport; and, to acquire property or interests in property by purchase, gift, lease, or eminent domain under Wis. Stat. §32.02; and, to supervise the work of any engineer, appraiser, negotiator, contractor or other person employed by the Secretary; and, to execute any assurances or other documents required or requested by any agency of the federal government and to comply with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations relating to airport development projects.

FURTHER, the sponsor requests that the Secretary provide, per Wis. Stat. §114.33(8)(a), that the sponsor may acquire certain parts of the required land or interests in land that the Secretary shall find necessary to complete the aforesaid project.

"AIRPORT OWNER ASSURANCES"

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sponsor agrees to maintain and operate the airport in accordance with certain conditions established in Wis. Admin. Code Trans §55, or in accordance with sponsor assurances enumerated in a federal grant agreement.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Rusk County Board Chair and Rusk County Clerk be authorized to sign and execute the agency agreement and federal block grant owner assurances authorized by this resolution.

Submitted by the Property Committee: S/ Hauser, Hanson, Platteter, Hraban, Ruthsack.

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

RESOLUTION #17-15 SIGNAGE OF COUNTY VEHICLES

WHEREAS, in a democracy, the principle of accountability holds that government officials — whether elected or appointed by those who have been elected — are responsible to the citizenry for their decisions and actions; and

WHEREAS, in order that officials may be held accountable, the principle of transparency requires that the decisions and actions of those in government are open to public scrutiny; and

WHEREAS, government accountability is achieved through the use of a variety of mechanisms. Fleet signage is a visual accountability to the public of the services and activities of the governmental agencies serving them; and

WHEREAS, effective vehicle signage also promotes good driving habits and accountability of its employees; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing signage on the remaining vehicles would be $3,576.00. This would cover the material costs of a 17” x 15.4” County Logo and lettering on two sides of each vehicle; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors do approve and require the signage of all county vehicles. Cost for the initial signage would be taken from the County Car Fleet Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, should a department or committee bring forth a request for the replacement of a county vehicle, the request shall include the price of signage for the vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all signage shall be completed by the end of May 2017 and any exemptions shall be approved by the Property Committee.

Submitted by the Property Committee: S/ Hauser, Hanson, Platteter, Hraban, Ruthsack.

Submitted by the Forestry Committee: S/Schneider, Boss, Biller.

Motion by Biller, second by Platteter to adopt. Motion by Knops to amend resolution to set deadline as end of May 2017. Hauser informed board that only vehicles that will not have signage are the undercover/unmarked sheriff’s department vehicles. Discussion on signage appearance and size. Resolution adopted by aye vote. Discussion on motion to amend and lack of second so resolution has been adopted as is. Motion by Willingham, second by Knops to reconsider resolution. Motion carried. Motion by Knops, second by Platteter to amend resolution by adding “be it further resolved, that all signage shall be completed by the end of May 2017 and any exemptions shall be approved by the Property Committee.” Discussion on colors of signage. Roll call vote called for by Pedersen. Roll call vote on amendment to resolution. Voting yes: 15 Voting no: 2. Voting yes: Knops,

**APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Gierke, second by Knops to appoint Jeremy Jacobs as Health and Human Services Executive Director. Discussion on nepotism. Motion carried.

Motion by Schneider, second by Gierke to appoint Mark Schmitt to LEPC. Motion carried.

Motion by Willingham, second by Schmitt to appoint Randy Tatur, Anthony Hauser and Jim Platteter to Joint Management Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Platteter, second by Tatur to appoint Peter Filipiak, Rod Ellwanger & Scott Peterson as citizen members and Dairyland State Bank and Ladysmith Federal Savings & Loan as banks to the Revolving Loan Committee. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Lieffring to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting April 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Loren Beebe, Rusk County Clerk
Danielle Zimmer, Chief Deputy Clerk