

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
May 24, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call. Present -17. Present: Boss, Biller, Rathsack, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Tatur, Lieftring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Gierke, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter. Corporation Council, Richard Summerfield. Excused: Schneider, Schmitt.

Invocation by Dave Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lieftring, second by Gierke to approve minutes from April, 2016. Motion carried by aye vote.

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

Bob Lorkowski spoke of Fresh Start program that will be done as of June 17, 2016 due to lack of funding. Lorkowski asked board for ideas for funding to keep program running..

RESOLUTION # 16-15 ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PARCEL FROM FORESTRY TO AGRICULTURAL IN THE TOWN OF STUBBS

WHEREAS, Dawn Phetteplace has presented a petition to rezone Lot 1 and 2, CSM 985 in the NE ¼ - NW ¼ – Section 2 – T34N – R8W, Town of Stubbs; and

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

WHEREAS, the committee recommends the amendment in application of the Rusk County Zoning Ordinance to subject real estate upon petition submitted by the Town of Stubbs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain that said parcel of real estate be rezoned from Forestry to Agricultural.

Submitted by Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee.S/Schneider, Willingham, Knops, Stout, Biller, Schmitt.

Motion by Willingham, second by Knops to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote. Willingham gave brief review of property and informed board that the owner wants to put in a cemetery on the parcel.

RESOLUTION #16-2A AMEND RESOLUTION 16-2 ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR POSITION

WHEREAS, at the February 23, 2016 County Board meeting, Board Supervisors, passed Resolution #16-2 appointing Denise Wetzel as Administrative Coordinator with a salary of \$5,500.00 commencing January 2, 2017 and;

WHEREAS, Wis. Statute 59.19 allows the County Board of Supervisors to assign the duties of Administrative Coordinator to “an elected or appointed official” and that it is in the best interest of the County to reserve the right to select the best person to perform these important duties at its pleasure and to change the assignment when needed and;

WHEREAS, Denise Wetzel, County Clerk/Administrative Coordinator will be resigning her position with Rusk County as of May 31, 2016 and a new Administrative Coordinator needs to be appointed effective June 1, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ted East, be appointed by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors as Rusk County’s Administrative Coordinator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for Ted East as the Administrative Coordinator shall be the sum of \$5,500.00 per annum commencing June 1, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this position shall be held by the appointed individual until resigned by the individual or until removed by a majority vote of the County Board of Supervisors; and that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to assign or re-assign officials to perform the duties of Administrative Coordinator as it determines to be appropriate.

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee.S./ Hanson, Fisher, Willingham, Mai, Stout.

Motion by Gierke, second by Stout to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote. Summerfield clarified definition of resolution as asked by the board. Fisher explained duties of the Administrative position.

RESOLUTION #16-16 ADDING A FEE SCHEDULE TO COUNTY ORDINANCE SECTION 8-64

WHEREAS, under Section 8-64 of the Rusk County Code of Ordinance requires sterilization of all animals adopted from the Rusk County Animal Shelter, and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing issue of adopted animals not being sterilized, and

WHEREAS, the adoption contract states that failure to sterilize an adopted animal is a violation of Section 8-64, and

WHEREAS, the ability to issue a citation for failure to sterilize would increase adoption contract compliance, and

WHEREAS, increased compliance would decrease the unwanted and stray animal population in the county, and

WHEREAS, the increased revenue from citations would allow for more sterilization prior to adoption

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors that a fee schedule of \$200.50 be added to Section 8-64 of the Rusk County Code of Ordinance

Submitted by Rusk County Animal Control Committee.S/ Gierke, Mai, Pedersen, Brown, Hall.

Motion by Gierke, second by Pedersen to adopt. Discussion to change the “be added” to “established for” in the resolution. Motion by Fisher, second by Knops by striking out” be added” and put “established for”. Amendment passed by aye vote. Resolution as amended adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #16-17 RUSK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RESERVE DEPUTY (PART-TIME) TRANSPORT OFFICER WAGE COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee is charged with recommending equitable and competitive wage rates for Rusk County Employees, and;

WHEREAS, the creation of a Transport Team, consisting of retired part-time officers, will be utilized to transport inmates to other facilities as needed, replacing private contracting and saving hundreds of dollars per transport, and;

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Emergency Services Committee, at their February 10, 2016 meeting, has approved the creation of a Transport Team, and;

WHEREAS, Rusk County Personnel Committee, at their March 3, 2016 meeting, approved the creation of a transport team and determined that the normal part-time pay rate was not adequate considering the duties of transporting prisoners, recommended a pay rate of \$15 per hour for transports and to forward the recommendation to the County Board for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does adopt the proposed Transport Team concept with a wage rate of \$15.00 effective May 1, 2016.

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee.S/Platteter, Hanson, Fisher, Willingham, Mai, Stout.

Motion by Fisher, second by Hanson to adopt. Fisher gave description of job duties. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14:34F AMEND 2015 BUDGET FOR AMBULANCE USING FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, the 2015 Ambulance budget estimated a revenue of \$1,186,000 but the actual revenue was only \$750,112.50 resulting in a shortfall of \$435,887.50; and

WHEREAS, an analysis of the ambulance accounts receivable show that the actual write off percentage is 44 percent but only 35 percent were being reserved; and

WHEREAS, adjusting that reserve to 44 percent plus writing off old collectible accounts caused a higher Uncollectible Expense recorded in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the lack of revenues and increased bad debt expense caused a shortfall of \$377,309.52 in 2015.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves amending the 2015 Ambulance budget using \$377,309.52 from the general fund.

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee.S./Boss, Tatur, Fisher, Hauser, Hraban.

Motion by Hauser, second by Fisher to adopt. Resolution adopted by roll call vote. Roll call: Voting yes-15. Voting no-1. Voting yes: Gierke, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Biller, Rath sack, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Tatur, Lieffring, Pedersen. Voting no: Swoverland.

RESOLUTION #16-18 DESIRE TO RELOCATE WISCONSIN DNR DIVISION OF FORESTRY HEADQUARTERS TO RUSK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Rusk County desires to be the home of the Wisconsin DNR's Division of Forestry Headquarters, and

WHEREAS, Rusk County was settled and built on the timber industry, and

WHEREAS, to this day the forest economy is a critical component of the area's overall economic health, and

WHEREAS, Rusk County is home to actively managed private, County, and State owned forests, and

WHEREAS, harvested timber from these forests feed the forest products industry, and

WHEREAS, Rusk County has one of the highest concentrations of wood products manufacturing employment in the State of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, these forests also provide endless recreational opportunities for residents and tourists, and

WHEREAS, Rusk County is geographically centered amongst the Wisconsin State Forests, and

WHEREAS, Rusk County has existing available properties that would be suitable for the Division of Forestry Headquarters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the Wisconsin DNR consider Rusk County as the location for the Division of Forestry Headquarters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rusk County will work cooperatively with the DNR to assist with the relocation including identifying location and facility options within Rusk County.

Submitted by County Board Chair Peter Boss

Motion by Hraban, second by Willingham, to adopt. Andy Albarado spoke of different location possibilities. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

APPOINTMENTS

Rusk County Transit Commission- Willingham, 3yr terms- Boss, 2yr terms- Tatur 1yr term. Motion by Hauser, second Fisher to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

Administrative Coordinator- Ted East. Motion by Fisher, second by Stout to approve. Motion carried.

County clerk to finish current term- Loren Beebe. Motion by Gierke, second by Hraban to approve. Motion carried.

ADRC- Mark Schmitt, Kathy Mai- 2yr terms. Motion by Lieffring, second by Fisher to approve. Motion carried.

Ethics- Phil Schneider 2yr, John Pohlman -3yr terms. Motion by Hraban, second by Knops to approve. Motion carried.

Health & Human Services- Phil Schneider, Roger Gierke, Mark Schmitt, Kathy Mai, Randy Tatur, Dave Willingham, Peter Boss- all 2yr terms. Motion by Stout, second by Knops to approve. Motion carried.

International Trade Business & Economic Development- Peter Boss, Andy Albarado- 2 yr term. Motion by Hanson, second by Hraban to approve. Motion carried.

Traffic Safety-Randy Wiesringer, Ben Jiskra, Karl Fisher, Jeff Wallace, Tom Hall, Anita Zimmer, Jennifer Berg, Mike Morrin, Cliff Parr, Scott Emch, Jim Platteter, Peter Boss- 2 yr terms. Motion by Knops, second by Gierke to approve. Motion carried.

Library- Randy Tatur, Joni Weinert, Stan Schmit- 3yr terms. Motion by Gierke, second by Lieffring to approve. Motion carried.

Northern Regional Trail- Arian Knops, Paul Teska- 2 yr terms. Motion by Tatur, second by Stout to approve. Motion carried.

Northwoods Rail Transit- Peter Boss, Andy Albarado- 2 yr terms. Motion by Hauser, second by Gierke to approve. Motion carried.

Trail End- Tom Hanson- 2 yr term. Motion by Knops, second by Willingham to approve. Motion carried.

Woodland Enhanced Health Services-Peter Boss- 3 yr term. Motion by Fisher, second by Hanson to approve. Motion carried.

Revolving Loan- William Schmidt- 2 yr term. Motion by Biller, second by Hraban to approve. Motion carried.

DISSCUSSION ANS POSSIBLE MOTION

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Acceptance of Ambulance Ad Hoc Report- Motion by Tatur, second by Willingham to adopt. Motion carried.
Dissolution of the Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee- Motion by Knops, second by Lieftring to adopt. Motion carried.
Amendment of Code 2-63- Motion by Platteter, second by Hauser to adopt. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lieftring, second by Tatur to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next meeting: June 28, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Loren Beebe, Rusk County Clerk