

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
November 10, 2015
9:00 A.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair Randy Tatur at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call. Present - 18. Excused – 1. Present: Boss, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffrin, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Tatur. Excused: Fillion in at 9:23 a.m. Corporation Counsel, Richard Summerfield.

Chair Tatur welcomed Loren Beebe as new Chief Deputy Clerk

Invocation by Dave Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lyle Lieffring, District #8 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gierke, second by Fisher to approve minutes of October 27, 2015. Motion carried by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #15-29 2016 WAGE RATE INCREASE AND ADJUSTMENTS

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

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Personnel Committee conducted an extensive study of wages internally through the use of the Point Factor Evaluation System (PFE) and in 2015 studied current trends and across the board raises for the calendar year 2016, and;

WHEREAS, through the PFE system, wages were adjusted for all employees, except Department Heads, in 2015 to achieve a balanced internal wage structure and;

WHEREAS, Department Heads were found to be both under market and below internal rates; indicating rates needed to be adjusted upward, as well as the fact that Department Heads have left for higher pay as well as replacements requiring a higher pay rate to work for Rusk County, and;

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Employee Personnel Handbook allows for wage adjustments, the Personnel Committee is recommending that the Rusk County wage scale for 2016 be adjusted to reflect that Dept. Heads that were found to be paid below market rates and internal comparison be adjusted upward, and that all other employees be given an across the board increase of 1%, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does adopt the proposed 2016 wage scale as amended, which includes the PFE system adjustments for Department Heads listed, and a 1% across the board wage increase for all other employees.

	Current	Suggested
LCDD Director	\$28.95	\$31.64
Finance Director	\$28.95	\$31.64
Ec. Development Director	\$28.91	\$31.64
IT Director	\$26.00	\$29.00
Emg. Management Director	\$24.60	\$29.00
Maintenance Director	\$24.65	\$29.00
Hwy Commissioner	\$31.00	\$33.00

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

Motion by Stout, second by Fisher to adopt. Explanation of Resolution by Fisher. Roll call: Voting yes-16. Voting no-2. Voting yes: Hraban, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Tatur. Voting no: Pedersen, Schneider. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #15-30 2016 COUNTY FOREST VARIABLE ACREAGE SHARE PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, Counties having lands entered as “County Forest Lands” under the provisions of s.s. 28.11 (4) (b) of the WISCONSIN STATUTES, annually receive from the state as a non-interest bearing loan, the amount of preservation and maintenance of such lands; and

WHEREAS, said loan monies are repaid through a 20% Severance tax on timber sales revenue coming from County Forest Lands unless a higher rate is mutually agreed to by the County and Department; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 28.11 (8) (b) 1. enacted in 1979 make it possible for the County at its option to receive instead of the payment based on 10 cents per acre, a payment more closely related to meeting the needs identified in its County Forest 15 Year Plan on the basis of \$.50 cents per acre.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Rusk County Board of Supervisors in consideration of meeting the needs identified in our County Forest 15 Year Plan hereby request the Department of Natural Resources to provide the 2016 payment to the County under s.s. 28.11 (8) (b) 1. on the basis of \$.50 cents for each acre of our County Forest Lands, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this request with the Department of Natural Resources prior to December 31 preceding the year in which said payment is being requested to be made.

Submitted by Rusk County Forestry Committee .S/. Scheider, Nawrocki, Boss, Knops, Biller.

Motioned by Knops, second by Biller, to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #15-31 ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PARCEL FROM AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL-RECREATIONAL 3 IN THE TOWN OF FLAMBEAU

WHEREAS, William Ollinger has presented a petition to rezone Lot 1, CSM 1056 in the SE ¼ - SE ¼ – Section 28 – T35N – R6W, Town of Flambeau; 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 Flambeau.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain that said parcel of real estate be rezoned from Agricultural to Recreational-Residential 3.

Submitted by Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee.S/.Willingham, Fisher, Schmitt, Stout.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hraban to adopt. Explanation and comments by CeCe Tesky, LCDD Director. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #15-32 REQUEST TO REPEAL STATUTORY PROVISIONS ENACTED IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN 2015-2017 BUDGET CONCERNING SHORELAND ZONING STANDARDS (SECTIONS 1922AM-1922L OF 2015 WISCONSIN ACT 55)

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has adopted NR 115 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code relating to Shoreland Zoning Standards, and Rusk County has adopted and administered the requirements of said standards since April 20, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Rusk County's water resources include both Outstanding and Impaired ratings and existing regulations are in place to protect the Outstanding Resources and restore the impaired resources; and

WHEREAS, Rusk County's Land Conservation and Development Department, along with other county and state agencies, is charged with administering and enforcing State and County regulations to protect water resources and to educate the public in best management practices, stormwater and erosion control, land conservation, shoreland and wetland zoning, and long-range planning; and

WHEREAS, when acting on the 2015-17 State Biennial Budget, enacted as 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, the Wisconsin Legislature adopted into law Paragraph 23 of Motion Number 520 of the Joint Finance Committee, resulting in significant changes of the standards for protecting shorelands; and

WHEREAS, these changes were made outside of the normal legislative process and therefore, did not receive sufficient and specific input from the public; and

WHEREAS, these changes removed Rusk County's ability to protect shorelands in a way that is best for the county's property owners and the public, by requiring the county's ordinance to meet the exact same standards as the state's standards, while also allowing construction closest to the lakes and rivers to go unchecked; and

WHEREAS, with no oversight, property owners that rebuild or remodel nonconforming structures in Shoreland areas may unknowingly be in violation with the aforementioned state and county regulations causing after-the-fact enforcement by the County and therefore potentially placing a significant burden (financial, development delays, etc.) on Shoreland property owners to come into compliance; and

WHEREAS, with no oversight, neighboring property owners and the general public may be negatively impacted, specifically as it relates to property values, erosion & runoff from the site, substandard sanitary impacts, increased flooding issues, and overall enjoyment of the County's waterways; and

WHEREAS, the statutory provisions resulting from Paragraph 23 of Motion Number 520 also removes the ability of the DNR to appeal any action of a County Board of Adjustment decision which diminishes state support for the Shoreland program and its goals of protecting the waterways of the state; and

WHEREAS, State organizations including the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin County Code Administrators, Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association and Wisconsin County Planning and Zoning Directors have gone on record supporting the repeal of the statutory provisions created in the 2015-17 budget bill that concern the regulation of shorelands, specifically found in Sections 1922am through 1922L of 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 and request that these issues be addressed through the normal legislative process to allow for important input from the general public regarding managing development activity around our state waterways.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors that it hereby requests the State of Wisconsin to repeal the statutory provisions of Wisconsin Statute Sections 59.69 and 59.692 created or amended pursuant to Sections 1922am through 1922L of 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, commonly known as the 2015-17 State Budget Bill (SB 33 21 and AB 21), and requests the State of Wisconsin to discuss any changes to the Shoreland Zoning Provisions of Wisconsin Statutes through the normal legislative process to allow for open public discussion and input on such issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of the State's Joint Finance Committee, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and Representatives serving Rusk County constituents, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted by Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee.S/.Willingham, Fisher, Schmitt, Stout.

Motion by Gierke, second by Stout to adopt. Explanation by Tesky on new state regulations. Motion by Fisher, second by Schneider to amend resolution title by adding REQUEST at the beginning. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Resolution as amended adopted by aye vote.

READING OD THE 2016 BUDGET-10:00 A.M.

Tatur read the Rusk County 2016 Budget Proposal Summary

RUSK COUNTY 2016 APPROVED BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Number	Used for comparison purposes Budget Category	Approved By County Board
EXPENSES (Net of Applicable Revenue)		
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	
101	Circuit Court (net)	216,090.00
102	Drug Court (net)	0.00
103	Family Court Commissioner (net)	17,155.00
104	Teen Court (net)	0.00
105	Coroner/Medical Examiner (net)	61,865.00
106	Indigent/Guardian Ad Litem (net)	43,000.00
107	County Board (net)	85,113.00
108	Board of Adjustment (net)	943.00
110	District Attorney (net)	144,377.00
111	Crime Victim Witness Coord. (net)	25,771.00
112	Corporation Counsel (net)	70,000.00

113	Family Counseling Fund (net)	5,100.00
114	County Clerk/Elections (net)	250,759.00
116	Finance/Payroll/Insurance Adm./Audit (net)	314,259.00
117	Property and Liability Insurance (net)	135,921.00
118	Cost Allocations Reimbursed (net)	(152,683.00)
119	County Treasurer (net)	196,681.00
121	Plat Books Fund (net)	0.00
122	County Car Operations Internal Service Fund (net)	0.00
123	Central Services Internal Service Fund (net)	0.00
126	General Buildings & Plant (net)	571,440.00
127	Other County Property (net)	21,490.00
128	Tax Deed Property Management (net)	0.00
129	Register of Deeds (net)	16,990.00
130	LCDD-Land Information Division (net)	96,540.00
132	LCDD-Land Information Public Access (net)	0.00
140	Legal Fees/Labor Negot/Human Res/Sec 125 (net)	8,026.00
142	IT Department (net)	189,812.00
143	Vending Machine (net)	0.00
144	Insurance Deductible Funding (net)	0.00
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT (net of revenue)	2,318,649.00
	PUBLIC SAFETY:	
210	Sheriff Patrol/Administration (net)	1,907,268.00
211	Jail Operations (net)	1,510,982.00
212	Water Patrol Program (net)	3,978.00
213	Snowmobile Patrol Program (net)	0.00
214	Sheriff K-9 (net)	0.00
216	Conservation Officer (net)	0.00
217	Click or Ticket/Booze and Belts (net)	0.00
220	E.D.G.E (net)	0.00
221	B.R.D.E.U. (net)	0.00
225	Victim Service Specialist (net)	6,617.00
228	BRDEU Meth Grant (net)	0.00
229	Wireless 911 (net)	14,675.00
233	ATV Grant (net)	0.00
236	Shop with a Cop (net)	0.00
237	Project Lifesaver (net)	0.00
239	Unfunded Equipment Grant (net)	0.00
240	Jail - Building Maintenance (net)	20,070.00
241	Jail Assessment Fund (net)	0.00
250	Ambulance Operations (net)	0.00

251	First Responder Equipment grant (net)	0.00
252	Ambulance Equipment Grant (net)	0.00
253	Local Emergency Planning Grant (net)	0.00
254	LEPC Equipment Grant (net)	500.00
255	Emergency Government (net)	38,543.00
256	Hazmat Operations (net)	0.00
280	Dog Tax Trust Fund (net)	0.00
281	Animal Control (net)	47,899.00
282	Animal Shelter Building Fund (net)	0.00
284	Animal Control-Spay/Neuter Fund (net)	0.00
285	Animal Control-Gift Fund (net)	0.00
286	Animal Control-Endowment Fund (net)	0.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY (net of revenue)	3,550,532.00
	PUBLIC WORKS:	
310	Highway Administration (net)	101,932.00
311	Trunk Highway Maintenance (net)	787,414.00
312	Trunk Hwy Construction (net)	0.00
313	Bridge Construction & Aid (net)	544,630.00
314a	Bituminous Operations (net)	0.00
314b	Gravel Pits (net)	0.00
314c	Equipment Fund (net)	0.00
315	State Maintenance (net)	0.00
316	Local Districts (net)	0.00
317	Local Departments (net)	0.00
318	Public Charges (net)	0.00
350	Airport Operations (net)	49,393.00
351	Airport Expansion (net)	7,500.00
352A	Rusk Co. Transit Commission Service (net)	18,500.00
352D	RCTC New Freedom Grant (net)	0.00
353	RCTC Drivers Escort Service (net)	13,769.00
354	Recycling Grant (net)	14,887.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS (net of revenue)	1,538,025.00
	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:	
410	Senior Services-Senior Citizen Center (net)	10,753.00
412	Senior Services-Source Newsletter (net)	0.00
413	Senior Services-Service Management (net)	59,685.00
415	Senior Services-Congregate Meals (net)	4,878.00
417	Senior Services-Home Delivered Meals (net)	93,525.00

418	Senior Services-Vehicle/Equip. Trust (net)	0.00
422	Senior Services-Elder Abuse Grant (net)	0.00
423	Senior Services-Family Caregiver Grant (net)	0.00
424	Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (net)	0.00
440	Public Health (net)	191,692.00
441	Public Health-Home Health Care (net)	219,820.00
443	EBOLA (net)	0.00
445	Public Health-WIC Grant (net)	0.00
446	Public Health-Reproductive Health Grant (net)	0.00
449	Public Health-Women's Cancer Grant (net)	0.00
450	Public Health-Prenatal Care Grant (net)	0.00
451	Public Health-Core Services-Prev. Grant (net)	0.00
452	Public Health-Immunization Action Grant (net)	0.00
453	Public Health-Birth to Three (net)	0.00
455	Public Health-Children with Special Needs (net)	0.00
458	Public Health-MCH (net)	0.00
459	Public Health-Preparedness (net)	0.00
461	Human Services-Child Care (net)	0.00
462	Human Services-Economic Support (net)	80,756.00
463	Human Services-Services (net)	60,071.00
464	Human Services-Wis. Works (W2) (net)	0.00
466	Human Services-Community Intervention (net)	0.00
467	Human Services-LIHEAP-Low Inc Energy (net)	0.00
468	Human Services-Temporary Assistance (net)	0.00
469	Human Services-Intoxicated Drivers Surchg. (net)	0.00
470	Human Services-Foster Care & Domestic Abuse (net)	0.00
471	Human Services-Youth Aids (net)	0.00
472	Human Services-MA Pers Care/EDS Case Mgmt (net)	0.00
474	Human Services-Children & Families (net)	239,543.00
475	Human Services-Adult & Disability Resourc Ctr (net)	14,385.00
476	Human Services-PPACA (net)	0.00
480	Veterans Service Office (net)	88,128.00
482	Veteran's Service Commission (net)	0.00
490	Child Support Agency (net)	65,356.00
495	Rusk County Memorial Hospital (net)	0.00
	TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (net of rev.)	1,128,592.00
	CULTURE, RECREATION & EDUCATION (net of rev.)	
510	Library Services (net)	267,898.00
511	Fairgrounds Upkeep (net)	33,340.00
512	Youth/Senior Community Center operations (net)	18,105.00

513	Junior Fair (net)	0.00
514	Trails End Youth Camp (net)	6,505.00
515	UW Extension Office (net)	56,221.00
516	UW Extension Meeting Fund (net)	0.00
517	WNEP (net)	0.00
	TOTAL CULTURE, RECREATION & EDUCATION (net of rev.)	382,069.00
	CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT	
610	County Forest Operations (net)	(33,445.00)
611	State Aid Forestry Loan (net)	0.00
612	County Forest Road Aid Grant (net)	6,989.00
613	Land Acquisition Fund (net)	0.00
614	County Conservation Aids (net)	2,477.00
615	Snowmobile Trails Maintenance (net)	1,826.00
616	Development of Habitat (net)	0.00
617	ATV Trail Grant (net)	0.00
618	Forestry Gravel Crushing (net)	0.00
620	County Parks & Recreation (net)	196,002.00
621	County Owned Dam Repairs (net)	0.00
623	Park Development (net)	0.00
624	Boat Landing Repairs (net)	0.00
641	LCDD-Wildlife Damage Program (net)	0.00
643	LCDD-Tree Program (net)	0.00
644	LCDD-Environmental Challenge (net)	0.00
650	LCDD-LWRM Cost Share Program	0.00
651	LCDD-Land Conservation Division (net)	97,864.00
659	Powerline (net)	(51,941.00)
661	Revolving Loan Fund DOD (net)	0.00
662	Economic Development - County (net)	0.00
663	County Industrial Development Agency (net)	0.00
665	Bruce/Co USDA Revolving Loan Fund (net)	0.00
666	Visitor Center (net)	32,500.00
669	Joint Management Project - Enterprise Center (net)	0.00
672	Joint Management Project - Fritz (net)	0.00
673	Gates Avenue Building (net)	0.00
674	Weyerhaeuser Building (net)	0.00
676	Miner Avenue Building (net)	0.00
678	Fine Arts Center Building (net)	0.00
679	Rail Industrial Park (net)	0.00
680	Forest Indust Park Building I Doughty Rd (net)	0.00
681	Forest Indust Park Building II Jez Rd (net)	0.00

682	ADF Building (net)	0.00
683	County M Relocation (net)	0.00
685	Mining Reuse Fund (net)	0.00
690	LCDD-Zoning Division (net)	127,075.00
692	LCDD-Zoning Septic Maintenance Fund (net)	0.00
696	Housing Grant - Revolving Loan #1-#2-#3 (net)	0.00
697	CDBG-Home Grant (net)	0.00
698	CDBG-Wisconsin Neighborhood Stab. (net)	0.00
699	CDBG-Wisconsin Neighborhood Stab. (net)	0.00
	TOTAL CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (net of rev)	379,347.00
	CAPITAL OUTLAY:	
713	Office Equipment - Courthouse Fund	30,000.00
714	Squad Leases	0.00
715	Capital Projects	0.00
716	Capital Projects Fund	0.00
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY (net of revenue)	30,000.00
	DEBT SERVICE:	
125	Debt Service Fund (net)	1,342,480.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	1,342,480.00
	CONTINGENCY: (to be transferred to depts)	
719	Emergencies/Wage Adjustments/Shortages	150,000.00
	TOTAL CONTINGENCY	150,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES AFTER REIMBURSEMENTS (net)	10,819,694.00
	OTHER GENERAL COUNTY REVENUES:	
120	Other Tax Collections (net)	(1,368,052.00)
124	Sales Tax Fund Applied	(950,000.00)
--	General Fund Applied-From Prior Years	(1,219,912.00)
120	Exempt Computer Aid	(11,077.00)
	TOTAL OTHER GENERAL COUNTY REVENUES	(3,549,041.00)
	LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2016	7,270,653.00

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015 BUDGET

Public Hearing on the budget opened at 10:19

Public Hearing closed at 10:29 a.m.

RESOLUTION #15-33 ADOPT 2016 BUDGET AND 2015 PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2016

WHEREAS, department administrators and overseeing committees, elected officials, and the Finance Committee have met and determined the 2016 budget and 2015 tax levy to be collected in 2016; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held for interested citizens and taxpayers to voice their opinions on the proposed budget and levy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget has been published in the Ladysmith News and copies have been made available to the public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors adopts the 2016 proposed budget and establishes the 2015 levy on the taxpayers of Rusk County of \$7,270,653 to be collected in 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors has established this levy within the guidelines and mandates issued by the State of Wisconsin, Department Revenue for 1993 and years thereafter

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

Motion by Boss, second by Knops, to adopt. Roll call: Voting yes-18. Voting no-1. Voting yes: Platteter, Boss, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Tatur. Voting no: Biller. Resolution adopted by roll call vote

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Rusk County Memorial Hospital Board Selection Process

Resolution presented by Boss. Rich Summerfield, Corporation Council, explained terms of office. Discussion on selection process and number of members on board.

RESOLUTION #15-34 HOSPITAL BOARD SELECTION PROCESS

WHEREAS, The Rusk County Board of Trustees was created by Resolution #30 dated November 14, 1973;

WHEREAS, That 1973 Resolution provides for an election process for the Board of Trustees to occur by Ballot at the County Board;

WHEREAS, The current Rusk County Board of Supervisors would like to modify and change the election process to require at least one county board member to have a seat on the Hospital Board of Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors that the Hospital Board of Trustees election process shall be modified as follows:

1. There shall at all times be one County Board Member on the Hospital Board of Trustees. If the designated County Board Member ceases to be a County Board Member, his/her seat on the Hospital Board of Trustees shall be vacated as well. This vacant seat shall be replaced by the County Board for the duration of the term then remaining. The County Board Chair may appoint a Trustee to fill the vacancy until the County Board acts.
2. The initial County Board member's term shall commence on the first Monday in January, 2016 and continue for three years consistent with the current Hospital Board of Trustee election process.
3. This County Board member's appointment to the Hospital Board of Trustees shall replace one of the three members who are up for election in the current year so that in 2015 there shall be only two members appointed to the Hospital Board of Trustees other than the County Board appointment.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mai announced Friends of the Animal Shelter Fundraiser is on Saturday November 14th at J&S Supper Club.

Denise Wetzel, County Clerk, announced County Board nomination packets were ready to be picked up and provided dates for signature, filing and non-candidacy deadline.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lieffring, second by Fillion to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next meeting: December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.