

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NOVEMBER 12, 2013  
9:00 A.M.**

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

Roll Call. Present – 18. Excused –0 . Present: Boss, Biller, Hauser, Nawrocki, Knops, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Mai, Hulback, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Tatur. Corporation Counsel: Rich Summerfield.

Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tony Hauser, District #4 Supervisor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Hulback, second by Knops to approve minutes of October 29, 2013. Motion carried by aye vote.

**RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS**

**PROCLAMATION BY THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN ESTABLISHING NOVEMBER 15, 2013 AS AMERICA RECYCLES DAY**

WHEREAS, Rusk County recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving our natural resources and adopting conscientious habits that will improve our daily lives and bring about a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, although there has been a significant increase in the amount of recycling in the State of Wisconsin, we must also continue to focus on other initiatives such as waste reduction, composting, the reuse of products and materials, and purchasing recycled products; and

WHEREAS, by encouraging businesses, state agencies, non-profit organizations, schools and individuals to celebrate America Recycles Day 2013, we can further promote recycling as an environmentally efficient and economically smart habit; and

WHEREAS, state and community leaders can help encourage recycling by informing citizens about local recycling options, they can also help foster greater awareness of the need to expand collection programs by promoting the benefits of recycling investments for businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Rusk County citizens become involved in recycling activities and learn more about the many recycled and recyclable products available to them as consumers; it is also fitting for the Rusk County to celebrate America Recycles Day 2013 and take action by educating citizens about the recycling options available in our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as County Board Chairman, Rusk County does hereby recognize November 15, 2013 as America Recycles Day.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Government Meeting Management Software Co: Representatives presented via speaker phone and web portal. Board will refer it to the property committee for consideration and then bring back to the board.

**RESOLUTION #13-38                      OBJECTION TO COMMUNITY CARE OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN BOARD CONFIGURATION**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Wisconsin Long-Term Care District, subsequently known as NorthernBridges (NB) and referred to as GSR 7 by the Department of Health Service (DHS), includes the counties of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn, and

WHEREAS, the NorthernBridges Long-Term Care District formed a Managed Care Organization (MCO) to provide Family Care services to the district per Wisconsin Statute 46.2895 and has provided these services since 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Family Care contract for GSR 7 beginning on January 1, 2014 has been awarded to an MCO being operated by the Community Care of Central Wisconsin (CCCW) Long-Term Care District, another long-term care district created per Wisconsin Statute 46.2895, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 46.2895 provides that a long-term care district's (LTCD) jurisdiction is the geographic area of the county or counties that created the LTCD and that an enabling resolution be adopted by each county choosing to participate in a LTCD and that such resolution specifies the number of individuals who shall be appointed as members of the LTCD board and how many members shall be appointed by each member county board, and

WHEREAS, representation on the LTCD board is an important determinant in Rusk County electing to join a LTCD, and

WHEREAS, the CCCW Board has adopted a new board configuration to include the counties of GSR 7 as of January 1, 2014 based on the population of certain, but not all, of the counties in the area to be serviced by CCCW, and

WHEREAS, the new board configuration of the CCCW Board does not provide for representation from all of the 11 counties of GSR 7 including representation from Rusk County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisor's objects to the CCCW Board configuration and requests that the CCCW Board reconsider its action on board configuration and provide for specific representation for Rusk County and each of the other counties in GSR 7.

Submitted by County Board Chairman: S/Tatur, Boss.

Motion by Boss, second by Schmitt to adopt. Tatur explained contract changes for the Long Term Care District. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

**READING OF THE 2014 BUDGET**

Tatur read the Rusk County 2014 Budget Proposal Summary.

**RUSK COUNTY 2014 APPROVED BUDGET SUMMARY**

Budget Number	Budget Category	Approved By County Board
<b>EXPENSES (Net of Applicable Revenue)</b>		
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>		
101	Circuit Court (net)	<b>186,236.00</b>
103	Family Court Commissioner (net)	<b>16,670.00</b>
104	Teen Court (net)	<b>0.00</b>
105	Coroner (net)	<b>40,119.00</b>
106	Indigent/Guardian Ad Litem (net)	<b>41,815.00</b>
107	County Board (net)	<b>88,409.00</b>
108	Board of Adjustment (net)	<b>1,640.00</b>
110	District Attorney (net)	<b>131,772.00</b>

111	Crime Victim Witness Coord. (net)	25,689.00
112	Corporation Counsel (net)	67,531.00
113	Family Counseling Fund (net)	2,500.00
114	County Clerk/Elections (net)	251,660.00
116	Finance/Payroll/Insurance Adm./Audit (net)	292,966.00
117	Property and Liability Insurance (net)	109,500.00
118	Cost Allocations Reimbursed (net)	(161,908.00)
119	County Treasurer (net)	169,633.00
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)	489,148.00
127	Other County Property (net)	23,358.00
128	Tax Deed Property Management (net)	0.00
129	Register of Deeds (net)	28,165.00
130	LCDD-Land Information Division (net)	96,513.00
132	LCDD-Land Information Public Access (net)	0.00
140	Legal Fees/Labor Negot/Human Res/Sec 125 (net)	25,533.00
142	IT Department (net)	159,256.00
143	Vending Machine (net)	0.00
144	Insurance Deductible Funding (net)	0.00
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT (net of revenue)</b>	<b>2,086,205.00</b>
	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>	
210	Sheriff Patrol/Administration (net)	1,816,662.00
211	Jail Operations (net)	1,421,065.00
212	Water Patrol Program (net)	0.00
213	Snowmobile Patrol Program (net)	0.00
216	Conservation Officer (net)	0.00
220	D.A.R.E. (net)	0.00
221	B.R.D.E.U. (net)	0.00
224	Underage Alcohol Violators (net)	0.00
225	Victim Service Specialist (net)	7,211.00
226	Explorer Post (net)	0.00
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
238	Video Camera Project (net)	0.00
240	Jail - Building Maintenance (net)	16,020.00
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)	27,830.00
256	Hazmat Operations (net)	0.00
257	Homeland Security Grant	0.00
280	Dog Tax Trust Fund (net)	0.00
281	Animal Control (net)	34,595.00
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
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY (net of revenue)</b>	<b>3,338,558.00</b>
	<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>	
310	Highway Administration (net)	103,191.00
311	Trunk Highway Maintenance (net)	643,716.00
312	Trunk Hwy Construction (net)	470,713.00
313	Bridge Construction & Aid (net)	320,840.00
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)	33,785.00
351	Airport Expansion (net)	3,750.00
352A&B	Indianhead Transit Service (net)	18,500.00
352C	Indianhead Transit Service Strap Program (net)	0.00

352D	Indianhead Transit New Freedom Grant (net)	0.00
353	Drivers Escort Service (net)	13,623.00
354	Recycling Grant (net)	6,237.00
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS (net of revenue)</b>	<b>1,614,355.00</b>
	<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES:</b>	
410	Senior Services-Senior Citizen Center (net)	10,753.00
412	Senior Services-Source Newsletter (net)	0.00
413	Senior Services-Service Management (net)	0.00
415	Senior Services-Congregate Meals (net)	27,979.00
417	Senior Services-Home Delivered Meals (net)	45,363.00
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
440	Public Health (net)	222,467.00
441	Public Health-Home Health Care (net)	130,869.00
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)	79,830.00
463	Human Services-Services (net)	242,350.00
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)	225,206.00
475	Human Services-Adult & Disability Resourc Ctr (net)	22,793.00
480	Veterans Service Office (net)	97,526.00
482	Veteran's Service Commission (net)	0.00
490	Child Support Agency (net)	59,849.00
495	Rusk County Memorial Hospital (net)	0.00
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES (net of rev.)</b>	<b>1,164,985.00</b>
	<b>CULTURE, RECREATION &amp; EDUCATION (net of rev.)</b>	
510	Library Services (net)	281,374.00
511	Fairgrounds Upkeep (net)	24,250.00
512	Youth/Senior Community Center operations (net)	16,103.00
513	Junior Fair (net)	0.00
514	Trails End Youth Camp (net)	2,605.00
515	UW Extension Office (net)	99,489.00
516	UW Extension Meeting Fund (net)	0.00
518	WNEP (net)	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CULTURE, RECREATION &amp; EDUCATION (net of rev.)</b>	<b>423,821.00</b>
	<b>CONSERVATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>	
610	County Forest Operations (net)	(67,133.00)
611	State Aid Forestry Loan (net)	0.00
612	County Forest Road Aid Grant (net)	0.00
613	Land Acquisition Fund (net)	0.00
614	County Conservation Aids (net)	2,477.00
615	Snowmobile Trails Maintenance (net)	1,780.00
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)	163,571.00
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
642	LCDD-Wisconsin Farmers Fund (net)	0.00

643	LCDD-Tree Program (net)	0.00
644	LCDD-Environmental Challenge (net)	0.00
646	LCDD-Conservation Camp (net)	0.00
650	LCDD-LWRM Cost Share Program	0.00
651	LCDD-Land Conservation Division (net)	106,222.00
659	Powerline (net)	(55,292.00)
661	Revolving Loan Fund DOD (net)	0.00
662	Economic Development - County (net)	0.00
663	County Industrial Development Agency (net)	0.00
664	Internet Site Development (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
686	Mining Fund (net)	0.00
690	LCDD-Zoning Division (net)	107,184.00
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
	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT (net of rev)</b>	<b>291,309.00</b>
	<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>	
713	Office Equipment - Courthouse Fund	30,000.00
715	Capital Projects	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY (net of revenue)</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
	<b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>	
125	Debt Service Fund (net)	459,606.00
	<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>459,606.00</b>
	<b>CONTINGENCY: (to be transferred to depts)</b>	
719	Emergencies/Wage Adjustments/Shortages	150,000.00
	<b>TOTAL CONTINGENCY</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES AFTER REIMBURSEMENTS (net)</b>	<b>9,558,839.00</b>
	<b>OTHER GENERAL COUNTY REVENUES:</b>	
120	Other Tax Collections (net)	(1,314,133.00)
124	Sales Tax Fund Applied	(950,000.00)
--	General Fund Applied-From Prior Years	(1,130,126.00)
--	Transfer from RCMH General Fund	0.00
120	Exempt Computer Aid	(7,608.00)
	<b>TOTAL OTHER GENERAL COUNTY REVENUES</b>	<b>(3,401,867.00)</b>
	<b>LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2014</b>	<b>6,156,972.00</b>

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2014 BUDGET**

Public Hearing on the budget opened at 10:15a.m. Rosemary Schmit, Finance Director, reviewed a 2014 Budget Proposal Summary to the board.

Public Hearing closed at 10:24a.m.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

2014-2016 County Board Supervisors' Per Diem & Salary of Chairman: Motion by Pedersen, second by Swoverland to leave it the same. Motion carried by aye vote.

Tatur advised the resolution Establishing Medical Examiner Position was withdrawn until next month.

**RESOLUTION #13-39 ADOPT 2014 BUDGET AND 2013 PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2014**

WHEREAS, department administrators and overseeing committees, elected officials, and the Finance Committee have met and determined the 2014 budget and 2013 tax levy to be collected in 2014; 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 2014 proposed budget and establishes the 2013 levy on the taxpayers of Rusk County of \$6,156,972 to be collected in 2014; 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 the Finance Committee: S/Tatur, Boss, Knops.

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

Charisse Oland, RCMH Administrator provided an update on RCMH, the nursing home separation, large loss of physicians and new staff replacing those retiring. Gary Lewens was introduced. He will be here temporarily to reorganize books during the transition.

**RESOLUTION #10-05A REVISION TO THE RUSK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ZONING AND FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Zoning Committee has met and reviewed the Rusk County Comprehensive Zoning and Floodplain Ordinances; 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 and Floodplain Ordinances.

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

Motion by Knops, second by Fisher to adopt. CeCe Tesky, Zoning Administrator explained changes. Resolution adopted by aye vote. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the clerk's office.

Break at 10:51 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

Drug Court Grant Ratification: Motion by Schneider, second by Schmitt to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

**RESOLUTION #10-05B ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PARCEL FROM AGRICULTURAL TO INDUSTRIAL IN THE TOWN OF FLAMBEAU**

WHEREAS, Dana Franson has presented a petition to rezone a parcel in SE ¼ - SW ¼ - SW ¼ – Section 10 – 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 does recommend 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 Industrial with the following conditions.

- The applicant shall record a deed restriction before the rezoning is effective, which limits the use of the property to the conditional use identified in Section 50-143(2)(c). None of the other uses in Section 50-143 may be conducted on the property.
- Adult entertainment activities may not be conducted on more than (1) structure on the property, if a conditional use permit is issued.
- If a conditional use permit is not issued within six (6) months, this zoning ordinance shall lapse and the property shall revert to Agriculture Zoning.

Submitted by Zoning Committee

Motion by Hauser, second by Swoverland to adopt. Motion by Willingham, second by Fisher to amend with substitute resolution. Tatur read the substitute resolution. Willingham briefed everyone on the public hearing. CeCe explained resolution changes. Mark Hazelbaker, attorney representing the county on speaker phone explained reasoning in more detail. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Roll call. Voting yes - 17. Voting no - 1. Voting yes: Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieftring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Tatur. Voting no: Freeman. Resolution as amended adopted by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION #00-40C RUSK COUNTY PARKS AND FOREST ORDINANCE - AMENDMENT**

Chapter 34, Sec. 34-194 Applicability

(d) Seasonal Restriction.

1. It shall be unlawful to operate or permit the operation of any motorized vehicle except on all-weather gravel county forest roads ~~from except there shall be no prohibition to authorized maintenance patrol, emergency vehicles or other official use~~ from March 15 to the ~~Thursday~~ **Friday** before Memorial Day weekend.
  - a. **This prohibition shall not apply to authorized maintenance patrol, emergency vehicle or other official use.**
2. No ~~four wheel drive vehicle, passenger car, all-terrain vehicle, truck or motorcycle shall be permitted to travel on approved county snowmobile trails between December 1 and June 1 without written permission of the county snowmobile coordinator. Exception will be given allowing~~ motorized vehicles **shall be permitted to travel on approved county Snowmobile Trails to travel from between December 1 to June 1 the Friday before Memorial Day weekend without permission of the County Forest Administrator. on all-weather, gravel county forest roads unless groomed for snowmobile trail: Betty Lake Road, Three Lakes Road, and 4 Hill Road.**
  - a. **This prohibition shall not apply to the following:**
    - i. **County Forest Roads listed as follows:**
      - a. **Betty Lake Road, Three Lakes road and 4 Hill Road**
    - ii. **County Forest ATV/UTV trail shall be open for use from the Friday before Memorial Day weekend to December 31, unless it is also a County Snowmobile Trail that is groomed for snow.**
    - iii. **Snowmobiles.**

Submitted by Committee: S/Schneider, Nawrocki.

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Motion by Hauser, second by Biller to adopt. Motion by Fisher, second by Swoverland to amend #1 removing "from", #2 changing December 1 to December 31 and June 1 to Friday before Memorial Day weekend. Discussion on date changes. Motion failed by nay vote. Motion by Fisher, second by Boss to amend #1 removing "from" to keep December 1 the same and amend June 1 to the Friday before Memorial Day weekend. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Resolution as amended adopted by aye vote.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tatur advised election for 3 RCMH Board of Trustees will be in December.

Platteter commended CeCe and the Zoning Committee for their hard work involved in the recent zoning issues.

Wetzel advised when papers for re-election can be circulated.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lyle Lieffring, second by Hauser to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next meeting December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Denise Wetzel, Rusk County Clerk  
Bonnie Stoneberg, Chief Deputy Clerk