

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JULY 17, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

County Board Supervisors were invited to attend a tour of county owned commercial properties prior to their board meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chair Randy Tatur at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call. Present-21. Excused-0. Present: DuSell, Hauser, Svoma, Fetke, Kromrey, Solsrud at 6:42 p.m., Kaiser, Dixon, Costello, Skogen, Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Platteter, Hofacker, Heiden, Stencil, Taylor, Schneider, Golat, Tatur. Corporation Counsel Richard Summerfield present.

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

6:30 P.M. JOINT MEETING WITH LADYSMITH CITY COUNSEL

Chair announces closed session for discussion and possible motion regarding Mount Senario College property proposal. Pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion by Platteter, second by Dixon to enter closed session.

Roll Call. Voting yes-20. Voting no-0. Voting yes: DuSell, Hauser, Svoma, Fetke, Kromrey, Kaiser, Dixon, Costello, Skogen, Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Stencil, Taylor, Schneider, Golat, Tatur. Motion carried by roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION at 6:40 p.m.

Motion by Dixon, second by Fetke to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

OPEN SESSION at 8:32 p.m.

Recess at 8:32 p.m. Reconvene at 8:48 p.m.

DISUCSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Review of Joint City / County Activities

1. Industrial Building Expansion
2. Rusk Regional Trans-shipment Facility
3. Parking Lot at Lake and 3rd St.
4. Hospital/Fine Arts Center/Wal-Mart Development

Andy Albarado, Economic Development Coordinator, and Al Christenson, Administrator for the City of Ladysmith, reviewed the activities of each site listed for the board. #1 Industrial Building Expansion; need for more space. #2 Rusk Regional Trans-shipment Facility; Village of Tony signed on to the project and pre-application is filed. #3 Parking Lot at Lake & 3rd St; public facility grant applied for, and discussion regarding government center signage. #4 Hospital/Fine Arts Center/Wal-Mart Development; fill is in place, curb & gutter in, paving done in coming weeks, and discussion regarding were we are at regarding College Ave.

Chair announces closed session for discussion and possible motion regarding. Possible Purchase of Goodman Forest Industries Property for County Forest. Pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion by Skogen, second by DuSell to enter closed session.

Roll Call. Voting yes-21. Voting no-0. Voting yes: DuSell, Hauser, Svoma, Fetke, Kromrey, Solsrud, Kaiser, Dixon, Costello, Skogen, Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Stencil, Taylor, Schneider, Golat, Tatur. Motion carried by roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION at 9:14 p.m.

Motion by Platteter, second by Costello to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

OPEN SESSION at 10:10 p.m.

RESOLUTION # 07-23 PURCHASE OF GOODMAN FOREST INDUSTRIES PROPERTY FOR COUNTY FOREST

WHEREAS, The Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee, recommends purchasing approximately 479.1 Acres of Goodman Forest Industries property to meet the objectives of the Rusk County Forest 15-Year Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the property is further described in Addendum A; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, and improve property administration on the County Forest: and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose of establishing County Forest Land pursuant to SS59.52(6) and 28.10, Stats; and

WHEREAS, Rusk County maybe eligible for a grant from the State Stewardship Funds to pay for 50% of the total cost of this land acquisition;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby agree as follows:

1. To authorize bidding on the Goodman Forest Industries property described in Addendum A. contingent on receiving a grant from the State Stewardship funds for 50% of the total cost of the land acquisition.
2. To authorize the encumbrance of up to 50% of the total bid price of the One-Time Environmental Impact Fee from the Arrowhead to Weston Transmission Line Project; and
3. To authorize the proper County officials to execute all documents necessary to implement this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board authorize the Land and Forestry Committee and Forestry Department to have this property be independently appraised to help set the bid amount: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any offer to purchase shall be contingent upon subsequent County Board Approval.

Submitted by Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee: S/Hauser, Schneider, Svoma, DuSell, Platteter.

Motion by DuSell, second by Hauser to adopt.

Roll Call. Voting yes-21. Voting no-0. Voting yes: Dixon, Costello, Skogen, Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Stencil, Taylor, Schneider, Golat, DuSell, Hauser, Svoma, Fetke, Kromrey, Solsrud, Kaiser, Tatur.
Motion carried by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Heiden, second by Costello to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Next meeting July 31,2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Denise Nelson, Rusk County Clerk
Bonnie Stoneberg, Chief Deputy