MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUNE 26, 2007
7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Chair Randy Tatur at 7:00 p.m.


Pledge of Allegiance led by Eugene DuSell, District #1 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Golat, second by Skogen to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2007 meeting. Motion carried by aye vote.

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

Jason Gillis and Ken Brown commented in favor of eliminating the mileage restriction in the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Revision. Duane Taylor and Jerry Gillis asked to speak when the resolution opens for discussion. Gillis also wanted to comment on Board of Adjustment.

Mike Shaw, Administrator of Rusk County Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home, gave an update on the status of the Hospital Proposed Plan. Regarding building deficiencies, loss of physicians and number of patients serviced. FHA HUDD 242 is a new program that could fund the building through a non-recourse loan. The hospitals accounts receivable must show they can pay off the loan. They are checking with the USDA and two other financial institutions. Discussion on x-ray and dialysis concerns, the DOT mandating closing of the current College Ave. and restricted access to the clinic. Further discussion on what the HUDD loan includes and whether they have considered other options for building. Tatur recommended a meeting with DOT to reconsider closing College Ave. Shaw and Andy Albarado, Administrator for Economic Development will make arrangements.

Randy Tatur introduced Carolyn Forde, the new Library Director.

Ed Wundrow, Highway Commissioner, assisted by staff, Nanci Mertes and Phil Montwill, gave an update on highway operations and provided a handout on the Rusk County Highway Department. Discussion on status of current projects and the blacktop plant. A complete copy of the handout is available in the county clerk’s office.

Recess at 8:14 p.m. Reconvene at 8:25 p.m.

RESOLUTION #07-20 TO APPROVE THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION APPLICATION OF PETER AND LUCILLE GROOTHOUSEN

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Board of supervisors elected to participate in the Farmland Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on June 4, 2007 and approved the Farmland Preservation Application of Peter and Lucille Groothousen; and

WHEREAS, the Farmland Preservation law states that the applications must be reviewed by the County Board of Supervisors prior to their submission to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the application of Peter and Lucille Groothousen;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby instruct the County Conservationist to make a copy of the application for the County Clerk's files and forward the original application to the Farmland Preservation Program, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 801 West Badger Road, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708.

Submitted by the Rusk County Land and Water Conservation Committee: Svoma, Heiden, Kaiser, Willingham.

Motion by Golat, second by Heiden to adopt. Paula Carow, Conservationist, answered questions on proximity of project to the airport and would it hinder future expansion. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #06-40H AMEND 2007 COUNTY CLERK BUDGET

WHEREAS, several factors, including increased programming costs for elections and staffing changes in the County Clerk’s office, after the 2007 budget was approved require a need for $54,121.74 from the contingency fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves amending the 2007 County Clerk’s budget as follows with a transfer from the 2007 contingency fund in the amount of $54,121.74:

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Eugene DuSell, District #1 Supervisor.
100-14-51440-000  Clerk-Elections       5,000.00  17,500.00  12,500.00
100-14-51440-141  Clerk-Bd. Canvass Per Diem          0.00     200.00        200.00
100-14-51440-151  Clerk-Bd. Canvass FICA          0.00     15.30          15.30
100-14-51440-156  Clerk-Bd. Canvass WC                    0.00         4.20                         4.20
100-14-51640-000  Clerk-Appraisal Update      2,650.00  2,650.00            0.00
100-14-51934-000  Clerk-Unemployment      1,760.00  1,760.00            0.00
100-14-52201-000  Clerk-Fire Protection       500.00     500.00            0.00
100-14-54703-000  Clerk-Care of Vets Graves   1,175.00  1,175.00            0.00

Total Expenses                 220,791.55         231,243.92   10,452.37

Revenues:
100-14-41802-000  Clerk-Redemption Fees      1,500.00  1,500.00            0.00
100-14-44203-000  Clerk-Rev./License Sol          810.00      810.00            0.00
100-14-47300-000  Clerk-Reimb. Election          200.00     3,585.17     3,385.17
100-14-47301-000  Clerk-Reimb. Hardware     2,375.00   2,407.12          32.12
100-14-48000-000  Clerk-Misc. Revenue           100.00  1,121.79     1,021.79
100-14-48330-000  Clerk-Materials/Supplies   100.00      138.18          38.18
100-14-48900-000  Clerk-Reimb. from RCMH      565.52          0.00       (565.52)
100-14-49110-000  Clerk-Reimb. Amb. Clerical 47,581.11          0.00  (47,581.11)
100-14-49112-000  Clerk-Reimb. Dog Fund       2,625.00   2,625.00            0.00

Total Revenues               55,856.63 12,187.26  (43,669.37)

LEVY/Contingency                        164,934.92             219,056.66    54,121.74


Motion by Solsrud, second by Costello to adopt. Rosemary Schmidt, Auditor, explained where $45,000,000 of the budget went to. Roll call.


RESOLUTION # 06-23G AMEND THE RUSK COUNTY GENERAL CODE TO CREATE AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ORDNANCE AND TO DESIGNATE ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES

WHEREAS, Rusk County has not created an ordinance regulating the uses of all-terrain vehicles in the county, and

WHEREAS, Rusk County has not designated any all-terrain vehicle routes in Rusk County, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to promote the recreational use of all-terrain vehicles in Rusk County to designate a limited number of all-terrain vehicle routes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 7.16 of the Rusk County Code is renumbered to Section 7.17.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 7.16 of the Rusk County Code is created as follows:

7.16 All-Terrain Vehicles.
(1) Except as provided in (2) below, Section 23.33 as it exists at the time of the adoption of this ordinance, and as it may from time to time be amended, is hereby adopted as a Rusk County ordinance.
(2) Sections 23.33 (13) (b) 2. And 3.; 23.33 (13) (c), (cg), (cm), and (d) are not adopted as portions of the Rusk County All-Terrain Vehicle Ordinance as they provide for criminal penalties which can not be made part of a county ordinance.
(3) The following are designated as all-terrain vehicle routes in Rusk County:
A. County Highway D from Plumber Road to Drimiela Road.
B. County Highway D from Cut Across Road to Fireside Lake Road.
C. The portion of CTH “M” in the Village of Hawkins from Grand Ave to South Ave. The portion of CTH “M” from Grand Ave to Highway “8” is Closed to ATV travel.
D. CTH “H” from Highway “40” to Imalone Road in the Town of Murry.
E. CTH M south of South Avenue in the Village of Hawkins to the Little Jump Road and CTH M north of the Village of Hawkins line to Cranberry Road.
F. Town of Washington – CTH “D” from Old “D” to Ranch Road, CTH “E” From CTH “D” north to Chippewa Ave, and CTH “E” from Bailey Rd North to Town of Thornapple.
G. Town of Hubbard – CTH “A” from the intersection of State Highway 40 and CTH “A” to the intersection of West Fairview Road and CTH “A”. For the purpose of ATV traffic across the Chippewa River Bridge on CTH “A” to allow access to the ATV trail system in the Blue Hills.
H. Town of Rusk – CTH “F” from Bednarek Road to Sugar Lake Road, a distance of 2.5 miles.
I. Town of Rusk – CTH “D” from Sunrise Point Road to the Town of Rusk/ Town of Big/Bend line, a distance of approximately 1.5 miles.
J. Town of Big Bend – CTH “D” from Plummer Road to the Town of Big Bend/Town of Rusk line.
K. Town of Stubbs – CTH “F” from Amacoy Lake Road to Norwegian Road.

(4) The cost of appropriate signage and markings for designated all-terrain vehicle routes shall be paid by an all-terrain vehicle club or the Township in which the route is located.
Resolved: It is hereby resolved the Personnel Committee recommend for all appointed official salaries, an annual increase of 2%, and non-union employees, an annual increase of 1%.

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the salaries of all appointed and non-union employees; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee is recommending an annual increase for 2007 of 2% on January 1, 2007 and 1% on September 1, 2007; and an annual increase for 2008 of 2% on January 1, 2008 and 1% on September 1, 2008, based on the settlement agreement with WPPA Sheriff’s Department Union and a recent union contract settlement with AFSCME Courthouse Employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves an annual increase for 2007 of 2% on January 1, 2007 and 1% on September 1, 2007; and an annual increase for 2008 of 2% on January 1, 2008 and 1% on September 1, 2008 for full-time and part-time appointed officials and hourly non-union employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appointed and non-union employees follow the same changes that were made in the settlement offer that was made with AFSCME courthouse employees regarding mandatory direct deposit and no longer receiving one hour paid time off for routine doctor visits.


Motion by Kromrey, second by Mai to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION # 07-07A RUSK COUNTY SHORELAND ORDINANCE REVISION – CHAPTER 17.57 – SECTION 9.0

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors has received a petition to change Chapter 17.57, Section 9.0 of the Shoreland Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Zoning Committee has met, reviewed, and held a public hearing on Chapter 17.57, Section 9.0 of the Rusk County Shoreland Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the current Rusk County Shoreland Ordinance Chapter 17.57, Section 9.0 has a two (2) mile limit for the placement of campgrounds, resorts, recreational vehicle parks, trailer camps and mobile home parks, and

WHEREAS, the committee recognizes that the ordinance, when created, is too restrictive and a change needs to be made, and

WHEREAS, the zoning committee met and voted on sending the following changes to County Board, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain the following changes to Section 9.0 of the Rusk County Shoreland Ordinance in Chapter 17.57 of the Rusk County General Code.

9.0 CAMPGROUNDS, RESORTS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS, TRAILER CAMPS AND MOBILE HOME PARKS

9.1 The provisions of this section (Shoreland and Shoreland/Wetland Overlay) including but not limited to Sections 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 9.0, 11.4 and 11.5 in their entirety, shall apply to each installation as defined herein.

9.2 Density: Not more than one installation shall be allowed in any two (2) miles of shoreline. The two (2) mile distance in this case shall be measured along a line that follows the shoreline in question. The intent is to not follow the abrupt ins and outs of a shoreline but rather use an average shoreline.

Proximity: Not more than one installation shall be allowed within two mile straight line distance in any direction from another installation.

Submitted by Zoning Committee.

Motion by Mai, second by Mai to adopt. Tatur opened the discussion to the audience. Duane Taylor in support of eliminating the ordinance in its entirety and how the outcome of this meeting will directly affect the businesses in Rusk County due to loss of tourism. Jerry Gillis commented on a township that will not be able to benefit at all by the rule, it is bad for business, the economy and Rusk County. Albarado spoke in support of the ordinance from a tourism standpoint and feels it will bring more revenue to the county. Rich Summerfield Corporation Counsel, read the State Statute 59.695(5)(e)(5) and explained that the Zoning Committee recommended amending the petition by placing a one mile rule. The County Board can accept the petition as is, deny the petition and do nothing further or deny it and give direction to the Zoning Committee to draft an ordinance that effectuates the original filed petition.

Motion by Taylor, second by Mai to amend the petition by modifying the ordinance, advising the petition to be effective that there shall be no section 9 in the ordinance. Motion to amend the amendment failed due to it being an improper motion. Motion to amend the motion failed by voice vote. Motion by Taylor, second by Mai to amend the motion to deny the proposed ordinance and no order that the Zoning Committee draft an ordinance that effectuates the original filed petition eliminating section 9 of the ordinance. Roll call. Voting yes – 13. Voting no – 7. Voting yes; Costello, Farrington, Heiden, Stencil, Taylor, Golat, DuSell, Hauser, Svoma, Fetke, Kromrey, Solsrud, Kaiser. Voting no; Dixon, Skogen, Mai, Hofacker, Plateter, Schneider, Tatur. Motion as amended. Roll call. Voting yes-13. Voting no-7. Voting yes; Farrington, Heiden, Stencil, Taylor, Golat, DuSell, Hauser, Svoma, Fetke, Kromrey, Solsrud, Kaiser, Costello. Voting no; Skogen, Mai, Hofacker, Plateter, Schneider, Dixon, Tatur. Motion as amended carried by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # 07-22 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION SEEKING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE FOR THE RUSK REGIONAL TRANS-SHIPMENT FACILITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, Rusk County has previously engaged in successful joint economic development projects and are interested in undertaking a new project- the Rusk Regional Trans-Shipement Facility in partnership with the Village of Tony, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration has loans and grants available for public works projects such as the Rusk Regional Trans-Shipement Facility, with its significant potential to create additional new jobs, and

WHEREAS, a need exists in Rusk County and the Village of Tony for continued job creation and economic growth, and

WHEREAS, previous efforts of Rusk County to make available suitable space for industrial activities have been successful in job creation and business expansion or location, and
WHEREAS, the cost of the project is estimated at $1,658,000, not including project planning costs, and a pre-application seeking a grant of 50% of this amount has been invited from Rusk County and the Village of Tony by the Economic Development Administration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the submission of a pre-application and application documents to the Economic Development Administration as are necessary to secure such grant assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board Chair and Rusk County Economic Development Director are hereby authorized to prepare, execute, and submit said pre-application and application documents to the Economic Development Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rusk County will serve as the Lead Agency for the project and act as the official representative of the Grantee, subject to a Lead Agency Agreement between Rusk County and the Village of Tony.


Motion by Schneider, second by Hauser to adopt.  Albarado provided handouts and brief explanation of plan.  Resolution adopted by aye vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Hofacker commented that they all had an invitation to Trails End and only 3 people showed up.

Randy Tatur notified the Board that Mark Steward, Zoning Administrator had turned in his resignation to accept a position in Sauk County.  Tatur thanked Mark for his service to Rusk County.

Eldon Skogen confirmed that the property tour is scheduled for 7/17/07 at 1:00 p.m. leaving from the LEC.  A meeting with the Ladysmith City Counsel will follow at 6:00 p.m.  Arrangements will be made for dinner.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Golat, second by Kromrey to adjourn.  Motion carried by aye vote.  Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Next meeting July 31, 2007