MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 30, 2007
7:00 P.M.

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


Invocation: A Moment of Silence was requested by Chair Tatur in respect for fallen soldier, Andrew Matus.

Pledge of Allegiance led by John Stencil, District #18 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Golat, second by Skogen to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2006 meeting. Motion carried by aye vote.

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS
Jason Gillis commented and questioned if two members residing in the same township could be on the Board of Adjustment, referencing statute 59.694 (2)(c). He has spoke with representatives from the Town of Big Falls and 87 Assembly Representative Mary William’s office, stating a decision on the matter is pending. Tatur requested if Corporate Counsel Anderson concurred. Anderson responded. The statute distinguishes between fulltime members and alternates but does not address it. This item was requested to be on next month’s agenda.

Melanie Meyer addressed concerns with the large sum of money from Economical Development that had been transferred to Northwest Regional Planning. What was being done with it and is there an administrative fee? Tatur advised $100,000 of the mining fund was used for loans for two local businesses; Rusk County recouped more than they put in it and Rosemary Schmidt, County Auditor, stated the administrative money was returned and in the Economic Development budget.

REPORT
Paul Teska, Rusk County Forester, reviewed the 2006 report. Teska expressed concerns about the previous and present timber markets, timber being ready to cut but market needs to turn around first, payments to townships being double from last year the future of the market not looking good. Motion by Schneider, second by Kromrey to approve the 2006 Forestry report. Motion carried by aye vote. A copy of the report is available in the County Clerk’s office.

RESOLUTION #06-23D AMEND THE RUSK COUNTY GENERAL CODE TO CREATE AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ORDINANCE 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 Dzimiela 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 Muovy.
   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 Chipewa Ave, and CTH “E” from Bailey Rd North to Town of Thomaple.
   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 Chipewa River Bridge on CTH “A” to allow access to the ATV trail system in the Blue Hills.

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.

Approved by the Rusk County Highway Committee at their January 15, 2007 Highway Committee meeting.

Motion by DuSell, second by Svoma to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION 05-26A REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE
WHEREAS, Rusk County has operated a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) since 1991, and

WHEREAS, this RLF has been capitalized from loans originally made by the State of Wisconsin –Wisconsin Development Fund and repaid to Rusk County, and

WHEREAS, the RLF is guided by the Rusk County Revolving Loan Fund Manual and overseen by the RLF Committee, and

WHEREAS, the RLF Committee was established in Resolution #91-08, and
WHEREAS, the committee as originally established includes the Chair of the Rusk County Board of Supervisors, Chair of the Finance Committee- Rusk County Board of Supervisors, One member of a banking institution, One member of a lending agency, One business person, two citizen members, and County Clerk (serving in an administrative position), all terms to be two years except the banking institution where the term would be one year alternating between Security Bank (now Wells Fargo) an Pioneer Bank, and

WHEREAS, since inception the loan fund has made 78 loans worth over $2.6 million, and

WHEREAS, since 1991 the local lending/banking environment has changed with more banks becoming active in commercial/industrial lending, and

WHEREAS, strong partnerships with and participation by local lenders is necessary for the success of the RLF and more lenders have expressed a desire to participate on the RLF Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Revolving Loan Fund Committee be reformatted and enlarged to include the following positions:
Chair of the Rusk County Board of Supervisors
Chair of the Finance Committee, Rusk County Board of Supervisors
(If same as County Board Chair than Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee)
One Business/Utility Company person
Two (2) Citizen Members
Four (4) Lending/Banking Members
Econmac Development Director (in administrative position)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all terms with the exception of the Lending/Banking members are for two years and are appointed in January of even numbered years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lending/Banking members are also appointed in January and appointed for two years with staggered terms so two members are appointed in even numbered years and two members in odd numbered years.

Submitted By Finance: S/Tatur

Motion by Skogen, second by DuSell to amend the resolution that the representatives from two other banking institutes, Wells Fargo, and Ladysmith Community Bank be added to the RLF Committee. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Resolution as amended carried by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #07-01 DIGITAL RECORDING OF CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS GRANT AWARD

Whereas, funding has been made available from the State of Wisconsin, Office of Justice Assistance for the period of November 28, 2006 to January 31, 2007 for the purchase of equipment primarily used for recording custodial interrogations

WHEREAS, Rusk County applied for and received a State of Wisconsin Joint Effort Marketing Grant in 2006 for promotion of Northwest Wisconsin Trails, and

WHEREAS, this project had no effect on the levy and required no financial contribution by Rusk County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby amend the 2006 Budget as follows.

Revenue:

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Submitted by Finance: S/Tatur, Skogen, DuSell

Motion by Fetke, second by Kromrey to adopt. Roll Call. Voting yes-18. Voting no-0. Resolution carried by roll call vote.
RESOLUTION #05-52DD AMEND 2006 CORONER BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2006 Coroner budget levy is $21,938.34,
WHEREAS, the actual 2006 Coroner budget is $24,831.52, a shortage of $2,893.18,
WHEREAS, the 2006 Cremation Fee revenue was budgeted for 70 cases at $75 each and the actual number of cremations in 2006 was 59 at $75 each, leaving a shortage of $825,
WHEREAS, the 2006 Disinterment Fee revenue was budgeted at $100 and the actual revenue received was 0.00, leaving a shortage of $100,
WHEREAS, the 2006 Reimbursement Fee revenue was budgeted at $10 and the actual revenue received was 0.00, leaving a shortage of $10,
WHEREAS, the original 2006 Forensic Autopsy expense line budget was $3000 (estimated 2 cases based on none in 2005) and the actual number of forensic autopsies in 2006 was four (4) at a total cost of $7,749.50, leaving a shortage of $4,749.50,
WHEREAS, some expense lines had a surplus totaling $2,791.32 which has been transferred to the Forensic Autopsy line item to cover a portion of these overages,
WHEREAS, $2,893.18 will be needed from the Contingency fund to cover this budget shortfall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2006 Coroner budget be amended as follows with $2,893.18 from the Contingency fund:

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Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur, Skogen, Solsrud


RESOLUTION #06-40B AMEND 2007 BUDGET FOR COUNTY FOREST SUSTAINABLE GRANT

WHEREAS, at their November 13, 2006 meeting, the Forestry Committee approved applying for a grant under s. 28.11(5r) WI. Stats.; and
WHEREAS, Rusk County has received notification that a grant totaling $9,000.00 was approved for purchasing a GPS unit to be used for GIS data layers and for timber sale establishment; and
WHEREAS, this is a two-year project and must be completed by December of 2008; and
WHEREAS, these funds were not included in the 2007 State Aid Forestry Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the State Aid Forestry Budget be amended to include the following amounts in 2007 for the County Forestry Sustainable Grant:

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Submitted by the Forestry Committee: S/Schneider


RESOLUTION #07-02 APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY CORPORATION COUNSEL

WHEREAS, Rusk County requires the services of a Corporation Counsel to advise the County Board, Department Heads and perform other legal services on behalf of Rusk County, and
WHEREAS, former Corporation Counsel, Steve Anderson, has taken a position as Corporation Counsel with another County leaving the Rusk County Corporation Counsel position vacant, and
WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee conducted interviews on January 16, 2007, offering the position to Richard J. Summerfield of Kostner & Kostner, S.C of Ladysmith, and
WHEREAS, Mr. Summerfield has agreed to undertake the office of Corporation Counsel under the terms set out below.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Pursuant to Sec. 59.42 (3) Wis. Status. The Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby appoint Richard J. Summerfield, as Corporation Counsel for Rusk County, and
ADJOURNMENT

Government Day.
Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in Bruce.
Willingham offered his personal appreciation to Mr. Anderson for his work with the county, a thank you on behalf of the board members and best wishes in this future endeavors.
Tatur announced that theFebruary 27 county board meeting is also County Government Day.

REGIONAL SUMMIT ON LONG TERM CARE REFORM

Gary Revers, Health & Human Services Director, reviewed some of the critical decision the County will have to make in the redesign of long term care from the state.
Rivers expressed the importance of board members attending the summit meeting in Hayward on February 15, 2007.

ASBESTOS REMOVAL AT FINE ARTS BUILDING

Skogen informed the board that advertising for asbestos removal was done, bids received, and time limit to accept bids running out.
Andy Albarado, Economic Development Director, gave update on the entire project in regards to Wal-Mart, intersection, asbestos removal, and DOT being done.
Discussion on asbestos being removed regardless, bid of $77,000 being half of expected price for removal, environmental money being used and what happens if building does not come down.
Motion by Golat, second by Dixon to accept the low bid and proceed with the asbestos removal. Motion carried by aye vote.

LONG TIME USE OF POWER-LINE MONEY

Discussion on long time use of power-line funds, money already allocated for use, stipulations, funds received, interest received each year, yearly uses and setting limits for projects.

USE OF POWER-LINE MONEY FOR FLAMBEAU FLOWAGE DRAWDOWN.

Jerry Carow presented proposed plans and construction methods needed for the drawdown process of the Flambeau Flowage.
Discussion on water clarity, food productivity, economic impacts, DNR cooperation, permits, fish habitat, materials, administration costs, volunteers, time frame and funds needed.
Paula Carow stated there was no need to recoup administration or department staffing costs.
Motion by Solrud, second by Taylor to use $75,000 of power-line money for the Flambeau Flowage drawdown project with the Land Conservation department being the administrative agent for the project.
Motion by Stencil, second by Taylor to amend the motion that if the project does not go through or get completed the money goes back to the fund it was received from at a prorated amount.
Motion to amend carried by aye vote.
Motion as amended carried by aye vote.
Motion by Taylor, second by Kromrey that from this point forward we set the interest from the funds of the power-line money be used for projects each year.
Discussion on letting the Finance Committee come up with ideas for usage, create a resolution for usage and bring this back next month.
Motion by Willingham, second by Taylor to postpone till next month. Motion carried by aye vote.

USE OF POWER-LINE MONEY FOR FLAMBEAU FLOWAGE DRAWDOWN.

Jerry Carow presented two possible plans and construction methods needed for the drawdown process of the Flambeau Flowage.
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Recess 9:18 p.m. – Reconvene 9:29 p.m.

Chair announces closed session for discussion and possible motion regarding the sale of Industrial Park Land.
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, WI Stats 19.85(1)(e).

Motion by Dusell, second by Fetke to enter closed session.
Roll call.
Motion carried by roll call vote.

OPEN SESSION at 10:05 p.m.
Motion by Skogen, second by Costello to return to open session.
Motion carried by aye vote.

OPEN SESSION at 10:12 p.m.
Motion by Golat, second by Costello to accept the terms of the sale for the Industrial Park land.
Motion carried by aye vote.

UPDATE ON FAIR COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

Jim Meng, of the fair commission, update the board of their current status of debt, premiums needing to be paid, sheriff’s investigation, and fund raisers planned for this year.
Discussion on how other fairs are funded, county involvement or not, liabilities if county is involved, annual state reports, and the need for public hearings so that the public is informed as to what is going on with the fair.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Willingham, seconded by Dixon to approve Randy Tatur, Henry Golat and James Plattner for appointment to the Joint Management Board.
Motion carried by aye vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tatur announced it was the 100th year anniversary of the Library and passed a card around to show appreciation for work done by Mary Bloedow, County Librarian.
DuSell informed the board that former county board member Roy Beebe passed away and funeral services will be held Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in Bruce.
Willingham offered his personal appreciation to Mr. Anderson for his work with the county, a thank you on behalf of the board members and best wishes in this future endeavors.
Tatur announced that the February 27th county board meeting is also County Government Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stencil, second by Fetke to adjourn.
Motion carried by aye vote.
Meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Next meeting February 27, 2007.