

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
August 30, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair Randy Tatur at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call. Present - 18. Excused - 3. Present: Boss, Hauser, Svoma, Knops, Roth, Nawrocki, Dixon, Costello, Skogen, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Fisher, Swoverland, Schneider, Gierke, Tatur. Excused: Kaiser, Schultz, Heiden.

Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Eldon Skogen, District #11 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dixon, second by Costello to approve minutes of July 20 & 26, 2011. Motion carried.

HARVEST OF TALENTS

Lynn Frederick, representing the First Church of Christ, spoke on the third annual Harvest of Talents program. The church partnered with Rusk County Department of Health & Human Services to assist in providing needed services to Rusk County residents through an auction and sale of handmade products, children's carnival, cribbage tournament, Bluegrass concert and car show. The event is October 8, 2011 at the church.

RUSK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR REPORT

UW Extension staff Michelle Sanderson, Charmaine Johnson and fair secretary Michelle Jorgenson spoke on the success of the first Junior Fair. They have received 100% positive feedback. They were over revenue with attendance alone. Bob Williams, County Fair Coordinator with WI DATCP, attended and will provide written report.

RESOLUTION #11-20 STIPEND INCREASE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

WHEREAS, the original reasoning behind paying the First Responders a stipend was to offset fuel cost; and

WHEREAS, fuel price has remained high for an extended period; and

WHEREAS, this change does not affect the County Levy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors will raise the stipend for First Responders from the current \$5.50 to \$6.50 per call with a maximum of 3 First Responders paid per call, unless the event is deemed a mass casualty, in which case they would be paid at the Directors discretion.

Submitted by Personnel & Emergency Services Committees: S/Costello, Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Dixon, Willingham.

Motion by Knops, second by Gierke to adopt. Schneider commented on number of calls, and volunteer time in 2010. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #10-52E AMEND 2011 BUDGET FOR ICAA NEW FREEDOM GRANT

WHEREAS, Indianhead Community Action Agency received a one-time payment in the amount of \$51,382.00 from the Federal government under the New Freedom grant; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the New Freedom grant is to provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers in transportation services for Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the work force and full participation into society; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding was not known when the 2011 budget was developed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves accepting the New Freedom grant and amending the 2011 budget as follows:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name of Account</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>
100-36-53527-000	ICAA New Freedom Grant Expense	51,382.00
100-36-43537-000	ICAA New Freedom Grant Revenue	51,382.00
LEVY		0.00

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur, Skogen, Platteter, Kaiser, Dixon.

Motion by Platteter, second by Skogen to adopt. Roll call. Voting yes –18. Voting no – 0. Voting yes: Dixon, Costello, Skogen, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Fisher, Swoverland, Schneider, Gierke, Boss, Hauser, Svoma, Knops, Roth, Nawrocki, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #11-21 CANCEL OUTDATED OUTSTANDING CHECKS

WHEREAS, Rusk County has issued checks that have not been cashed; and

WHEREAS, letters were sent to the payees asking them to cash the check or request a replacement check if the original check was misplaced, and

WHEREAS, no reply was received from certain payees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rusk County Board of Supervisors cancels the following checks.

General Checks – Community Bank of WI, Ladysmith, WI:
Replacement has not been requested on the following checks

Check #	Date of Issuance	Payee	Check Amount
212588	10/26/2010	Heiden, Erness	\$ 25.00
212759	11/11/2010	Koch, Jeannine	\$ 10.67
212888	11/16/2010	Sutten, Irene	\$ 4.00
213135	12/09/2010	Lake Country Title & Abstract	\$ 17.45
213263	12/14/2010	Olesiak, Joshua D	\$ 13.88
213326	12/16/2010	Alternators Starters & More	\$ 45.00

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur, Skogen, Dixon.

Motion by Dixon, second by Costello to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #11-22 CREATE 2011 TEEN COURT BUDGET

WHEREAS, the concept of Teen Court was presented at the February 10, 2011, joint Health and Human Services and Finance Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, the two committees approved the Finance Department acting as fiscal agent for the Teen Court Project; and

WHEREAS, donations and grant funds have been received to fund Teen Court expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves creating a 2011 Teen Court Budget as presented below and approves creating a non-lapsing continuing appropriation for Teen Court.

Account	Name	Budget
Expenses		
100-02-51211-216	Contract Service	\$24,350.00
100-02-51211-225	Communication	\$ 100.00
100-02-51211-311	Postage	\$ 100.00
100-02-51211-313	Print/Copy Costs	\$ 150.00
100-02-51211-319	Supplies	\$ 300.00
Total Expenses		\$25,000.00
Revenues		
100-02-46140-000	Participant Fees	\$ 600.00
100-02-48500-000	Donations	\$ 6,000.00
100-02-48501-000	Otto Bremer Grant	\$35,000.00
100-02-49990-000	Prior Year Funds	(\$16,600.00)
Total Revenues		\$25,000.00

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur, Skogen, Platteter, Dixon.

Motion by Platteter, second by Willingham to adopt. Roll call. Voting yes –18. Voting no – 0. Voting yes: Costello, Skogen, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Fisher, Swoverland, Schneider, Gierke, Boss, Hauser, Svoma, Knops, Roth, Nawrocki, Dixon, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #11-23 WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND RECLASSIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Personnel Committee to review and recommend salaries for all Rusk County employees; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has received wage adjustment and reclassification requests for various positions; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed all requests, support documents, and information provided for each position; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has also reviewed internal comparables and salary parity and proposes reclassification for the following positions – UW Extension Secretary/Bookkeeper to Secretary/Bookkeeper Trails End Coordinator and Janitor II to Assistant Maintenance Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee also proposes the following wage increase for each position – Secretary/Bookkeeper Trails End Coordinator \$16.51 per hour, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor to \$17.67 per hour and Assistant Forest Administrator \$22.42; and

WHEREAS, The Personnel Committee recommends the following increases for Secretary/Bookkeeper Trails End Coordinator and Assistant Maintenance Supervisor start January 1, 2012 and Assistant Forest Administrator start July 1, 2012.

RECLASSIFICATION: CURRENT 9/1/11 WAGE 1/1/12 SUGGESTED

Secretary/Bookkeeper
Trails End Coordinator \$15.93 \$16.09 \$16.51

Janitor II to Assistant
Maintenance Supervisor \$16.29 \$16.45 \$17.67

WAGE ADJUSTMENTS: CURRENT 9/1/11 WAGE 7/1/12 SUGGESTED

Assistant Forest Administrator \$21.53 \$21.75 \$22.42

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves the wage adjustments and reclassification of the two positions effective January 1, 2012 and one for July 1,2012.

Submitted by Personnel Committee: S/Costello, Willingham, Dixon.

Motion by Dixon, second by Costello to adopt. Roll call. Voting yes –18. Voting no – 0. Voting yes: Skogen, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Fisher, Swoverland, Schneider, Gierke, Boss, Hauser, Svoma, Knops, Roth, Nawrocki, Dixon, Costello, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #11-24 PETITIONING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT AID

WHEREAS, Rusk County, Wisconsin hereinafter referred to as the Sponsor, being a municipal Body Corporate of the State of Wisconsin, is authorized by law (sec. 114.11, Wis. Stats.) to acquire, establish, construct, own, control, lease, equip, improve, maintain, and operate an airport, and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor desires to develop or improve the Rusk County Airport, Rusk County, Wisconsin,

"PETITION FOR AIRPORT PROJECT"

WHEREAS, airport users have been consulted in formulation of the improvements included in this Resolution, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held prior to the adoption of this petition in accordance with Chapter 114.33(2) as amended, and a transcript of the hearing is transmitted with this petition, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sponsor that a petition for Federal and (or) State Aid in the following form is hereby approved:

The petitioner, desiring to sponsor an airport development project with Federal and State Aid or State Aid only, in accordance with the applicable State and Federal laws, respectfully represents and states:

1. That the airport, which it is desired to develop, should generally conform to the requirements for a General Aviation type airport as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration.
2. The character, extent, and kind of improvements desired under the project are as follows: purchase/install security monitoring cameras & equipment, develop hangar area, develop auto parking area, rehabilitate north end hangar/former terminal, Master Plan & EA for runway extension, survey for LPV approach, construct helipad, runway marking; and any necessary related work for these activities.
3. That the airport project, which your petitioner desires to sponsor, is necessary for the following reasons: to meet the existing and future needs of the airport.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the improvements petitioned for as listed will be funded individually or collectively as funds are available, with specific project costs to be approved as work is authorized, the proportionate cost of the airport development projects described above which are to be paid by the Sponsor to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) to be held in trust for the purposes of the project; any unneeded and unspent balance after the project is completed is to be returned to the Sponsor by the Secretary; the Sponsor will make available any additional monies that may be found necessary, upon request of the Secretary, to complete the project as described above; the Secretary shall have the right to suspend or discontinue the project at any time additional monies are found to be necessary by the

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Secretary, and the Sponsor does not provide the same; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor is required by law (sec. 114.32(5), Wis. Stats.) to designate the Secretary as its agent to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse any funds granted by the United States under the federal Airport and Airway Improvement Act, and is authorized by law to designate the Secretary as its agent for other purposes.

"DESIGNATION OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AS SPONSOR'S AGENT"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sponsor that the Secretary is hereby designated as its agent and is requested to agree to act as such in matters relating to the airport development project described above, and is hereby authorized as its agent to make all arrangements for the development and final acceptance of the completed project whether by contract, agreement, force account or otherwise; and particularly, to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse federal monies or other monies, either public or private, for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance and operation of the airport; and, to acquire property or interests in property by purchase, gift, lease, or eminent domain under chapter 32 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and, to supervise the work of any engineer, appraiser, negotiator, contractor or other person employed by the Secretary; and, to execute any assurances or other documents required or requested by any agency of the federal government and to comply with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations relating to airport development projects.

FURTHER, the Sponsor requests that the Secretary provide, per Section 114.33(8)(a) of the Wis. Stats., that the Sponsor may acquire certain parts of the required land or interests in land that the Secretary shall find necessary to complete the aforesaid project.

"AIRPORT OWNER ASSURANCES"

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sponsor agrees to maintain and operate the airport in accordance with certain conditions established in Chapter Trans 55, Wisconsin Administrative Code, or in accordance with Sponsor assurances enumerated in a Federal Grant Agreement.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Rusk County Board Chair and Rusk County Clerk be authorized to sign and execute the Agency Agreement and Federal Block Grant Owner Assurances authorized by this Resolution.

Submitted by Property/Airport Committee: S/Skogen, Platteter, Hauser, Kaiser, Swoverland.

Motion by Hauser, second by Skogen to adopt. Discussion on transportation agent. Skogen spoke on how grant funds are obtained. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #11-25 ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PARCEL FROM FORESTRY TO AGRICULTURAL IN THE TOWN OF GRANT

WHEREAS, CSP Property Holdings LLC has presented a petition to rezone a parcel in SW ¼ - NW ¼ and the SE ¼ - NW ¼ – Section 5 – T34N – R6W; 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 established that the request is made because of a future conditional use request to process mining materials on the property and that neighboring land uses include agricultural, forestry, residential and commercial; 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 Grant.

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

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

Motion by Costello, second by Freeman to adopt. Denise Schindler, adjacent property owner, spoke on concerns of noise, decreasing property values and traffic danger. Richard Kibbe, representative for CSP, discussed their intent, abating noise at site and highway and the DOT covenant for driveway location. Discussion on public hearing, easement of power line, taxes and zoning. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION: REQUEST TO CREATE A NON-UNION HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR POSITION

Personnel Committee Chairman, Tom Costello, requested this be removed from agenda.

RESOLUTION #11-26 RUSK COUNTY JOINING THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

WHEREAS, the governing body of Rusk County expresses their support of the United States Senate regarding coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, at 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and

WHEREAS, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

WHEREAS, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2011, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

WHEREAS, 10 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, 10 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

WHEREAS, on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

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WHEREAS, the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13; 123 Stat. 1460); and

WHEREAS, in September 2009 and 2010, President Obama issued Proclamation 8413 (74 Fed. Reg. 47045) and Proclamation 8559 (75 Fed. Reg. 56463) proclaiming September 11, 2009, and September 11, 2010, respectively, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of *Rusk County*:

(1) recognizes September 11, 2011, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation; and

(2) offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

(3) honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and

(4) recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States; and

(5) reaffirms that the people of the United States will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day in United States history the governing body of the *Rusk County* calls upon all of the people and institutions of the United States to observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2011, including (i) media outlets; (ii) houses of worship; (iii) military organizations; (iv) veterans organizations; (v) airlines; (vi) airports; (vii) railroads; (viii) sports teams; (ix) the Federal Government; (x) State and local governments; (xi) police, fire, and other public institutions; (xii) educational institutions; (xiii) businesses; and (xiv) other public and private institutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of *Rusk County* encourages the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1 minute beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time by, to the maximum extent practicable ceasing all work or other activity; and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

Submitted by County Board Chairman Tatur

Motion by Costello, second by Knops to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #11-27 VETERANS TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY LIVING INITIATIVE GRANT

WHEREAS, Rusk County is an eligible applicant to apply for a Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative Grant, and

WHEREAS, Rusk County, along with other counties in the Northern Region, would benefit from a Transportation Resource Center, and

WHEREAS, a Transportation Resource Center would be available to coordinate the travel needs of area County Veterans offices and Aging and Disability Resource Centers, and

WHEREAS, Indianhead Transit would be the sub recipient of this grant, and would be able to expand their present dispatch system to enhance services in Rusk County and the Northern Region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes making the application for this grant, and further authorizes its Chairman to sign application documents as necessary.

Submitted by County Board Chairman Tatur

Motion by Dixon, second by Gierke to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Courtroom Audio Visual Upgrades: Judge Anderson spoke on current speaker phone and video conferencing inabilities, need for upgrading, potential savings by reducing prisoner transports, more efficient presentation of evidence and taped interviews. Assessments have been done and appraisals are coming in.

Adopt Grievance Procedure and Review and Adopt Employment Policies for General Municipal Employee: Denise Wetzel, Clerk requested these be removed from agenda.

Recess at 8:27 p.m. Reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Update on RFP's for RCMH & NH: Andy Albarado, Economic Development Coordinator, explained the draft of the RFP. Changes are due by Friday, proposals due October 29th, budget meeting is November 9th and should be before the Board in January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tatur commented on success of Animal Shelter fundraiser, thanked those who helped and Vacho's at Club 8 for donating food and use of the facility.

Wetzel reminded everyone that next meeting will be September 20th due to WCA conference.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Knops, second by Hauser to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Next meeting September 20, 2011 at 7:00p.m.