

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 26, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call. Present - 17. Excused - 4. Present: Boss, Hauser, Knops, Nawrocki, Kaiser, Dixon, Costello, Skogen, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Fisher, Swoverland, Schneider, Gierke, Tatur. Excused: Svoma, Roth, Schultz, Heiden.

Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Costello, District #10 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gierke, second by Costello to approve minutes of June 20, 2011. Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE PRESENTATION

Paula Carow, Conservationist spoke on the programs 13th year, explained components and partnership between schools, WRA and County. College interns, Kate McMahon, Matt Jansen, Jake Doro and Cassie Young provided power point presentation on projects they assisted students with.

WISCONSIN COUNTY CLERK'S ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Denise Wetzel, Clerk spoke on the conference success, number in attendance, county employee and supervisor volunteers, cost, vendors, local businesses and individuals who donated items or services and revenue brought in to the community.

RESOLUTION #11-17 DEVELOPMENT AND REPAIRS OF RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES: JOSIE CREEK PARK BOAT LANDING

WHEREAS, Rusk County hereby requests assistance for the purpose of improving and repairing recreational boating facilities at Josie Creek Park Boat Landing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Rusk County has budgeted a sum sufficient to complete the project and;

HEREBY AUTHORIZES Paul Teska, Rusk County Forest Administrator, to act on behalf of Rusk County to: Submit an application to the Wisconsin Waterways Commission; Sign documents; and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rusk County will comply with state and federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain in writing from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission before any change is made in the use of the project site.

Submitted by Land and Forestry Committee: S/Hauser, Nawrocki, Boss, Svoma.

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

RESOLUTION #11-18 AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTHWEST WISCONSIN REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AID COMPACT

WHEREAS, §66.0301, Wis. Stats., authorizes Wisconsin municipalities to enter into agreements with other counties for the receipt or furnishing of services or the joint exercise of any power or duty required or authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, a mutual aid compact for county emergency management services has been proposed for implementation within the Northwest Wisconsin Emergency Management Region; and

WHEREAS the Northwest Wisconsin Emergency Management Region contains the governments of the Wisconsin Counties of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn and the St. Croix Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors believes that intergovernmental cooperation for purposes of sharing emergency management resources should be encouraged and that the Northwest Wisconsin Mutual Aid Compact would afford benefits to county residents by coordinating emergency management services in the event of a large scale emergency, natural disaster, or man-made catastrophe; and emergencies involving natural disasters and/or technological incidents which may arise within the boundaries of counties located in the Northwest Wisconsin Emergency Management Region, which may require an affected county to seek additional assistance beyond its own resources; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge, skills and abilities of emergency management staff personnel throughout the Northwest Wisconsin region could be requested to assist in dealing with natural and/or man-made disasters within the geographical boundaries of the Northwest Wisconsin Emergency Management Region; and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that natural and/or man-made disasters can more effectively be handled by pooling of human resources; and

WHEREAS, the counties have authority to enter into this Mutual Aid Compact pursuant to Sections 59.03, 59.04, 66.0301, 66.0313, 66.0314 and 166.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors endorses the concept of the Mutual Aid Compact for emergency management services between the County and Tribal governments of the Northwest Wisconsin Emergency Management Region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the participation of Rusk County in the Northwest Wisconsin Regional Emergency Management Mutual Aid Compact pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Mutual Aid Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Board Chairperson, the County Clerk and the Emergency Management Coordinator to execute and enter into the Mutual Aid Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Emergency Management Director shall review with the County Board Chairperson, or designee, any and all requests for assistance made by Rusk County or of Rusk County under the Northwest Wisconsin Regional Emergency Management Mutual Aid Compact prior to providing or receiving said assistance and gain approval of the Chairperson, or designee, prior to acting pursuant to the Mutual Aid Agreement.

Submitted by Finance and Emergency Services Committees: S/Tatur, Platteter, Skogen, Dixon, Willingham, Knops, Schneider.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Rusk County Representative to Woodland Enhanced Health Services Committee: Motion by Platteter, second by Dixon to appoint Randy Tatur to the committee. Motion carried by aye vote.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN

Public Hearing opened by Tatur at 7:45 p.m. Wetzel explained there are no changes from the tentative approved plan. Tatur called for public comment. None heard. Motion by Skogen, second by Platteter to approve adoption of final redistricting plan. Motion carried by aye vote. Public Hearing closed at 7:48 p.m.

RESOLUTION #11- 19 (a) DISPOSITION OF RUSK COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME

WHEREAS, The Rusk County Memorial Hospital & Nursing Home Board of Trustees recommended on October 6, 2009 to the Rusk County Board of Supervisors that the Nursing Home be closed due to continued financial losses,

WHEREAS, the County has had numerous discussions and information gathering efforts to determine the disposition of the Nursing Home, and

WHEREAS, other than day to day operations the County Board is responsible for the Nursing Home as provided in the authorizing resolution dated, November 14, 1973 and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors needs to provide the Board Chair with direction for disposition of the Rusk County Nursing Home.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Randy Tatur, Rusk County Board Chair is directed to advertise and solicit RFP's for the lease and/or sale of the Rusk County Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chair shall report back to the board at the August meeting.

Motion by Platteter, second by Hauser to adopt resolution (a). Tatur explained the difference between the three resolutions presented to the Board. Discussion on including hospital and RFP's in body of resolution. Motion by Fisher, second by Swoverland to amend making it clear that RFP's are for both the Rusk County Hospital and Nursing Home. Discussion on response to RFP's. Mike Shaw, RCMH & NH Administrator spoke on licenses and state requirements. Roll call. Voting yes –13. Voting no – 4. Voting yes: Nawrocki, Kaiser, Dixon, Mai, Freeman, Platteter, Fisher, Swoverland, Schneider, Gierke, Boss, Knops, Tatur. Voting no: Costello, Skogen, Willingham, Hauser. Motion to amend carried by roll call vote. Discussion on the use of local sources for their expertise. Roll call. Voting yes –14. Voting no – 3. Voting yes: Kaiser, Skogen, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Fisher, Swoverland, Gierke, Boss, Hauser, Knops, Nawrocki, Tatur. Voting no: Dixon, Costello, Schneider. Resolution as amended adopted by roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Core Group Members to Construct Proposals: Tatur volunteered himself, Rich Summerfield and Andy Albarado to the Core Group. Motion by Platteter second by Kaiser to appoint Randy Tatur, Rich Summerfield and Andy Albarado and a fourth person being a county board member to the Core Group. Motion by Dixon, second by Platteter to amend the motion to add County Board Supervisor, Ron Freeman to the Core Group. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Motion as amended carried by aye vote.

Expectations and Possible Timelines for Hospital RFP's: Andy Albarado, Economic Development Coordinator suggested 60 days for response time on RFP's to allow for site visits and meeting with Shaw. Discussion on approval process and progress reports.

Define Request for Proposal as it Pertains to Rusk County Memorial Hospital:
Discussion as it may Apply to the Execution Process of the Rusk County Nursing Home:

Discussion on these issues being addressed by the Core Group Members and brought back to the Board .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Swoverland - Junior Fair dates are August 11 through August 14, volunteers are needed, contact Charmaine Johnson.

Denise Wetzel – WCA registration needs to be in by July 29

Randy Tatur – 2nd ½ of property taxes are due July 31

Arian Knops – asked that we keep Jerry Gillis in our thoughts and prayers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Boss, second by Hauser to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting August 30, 2011 at 7:00p.m.