

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
October 25, 2011  
7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call. Present - 20. Excused - 1. Present: Boss, Hauser, Svoma, Knops, Roth, Nawrocki, Kaiser, Dixon, Costello, Skogen, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Heiden, Fisher, Swoverland, Schneider, Gierke, Tatur. Excused: Schultz.

Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave Willingham, District #13 Supervisor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mai, second by Dixon to approve minutes of September 20, 2011. Motion carried.

**RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS**

Jerry Carow, President of WRA spoke against the consideration to consolidate LWCD, Land Information and Zoning departments, WRA's investment and the economic results of their work.

**RESOLUTION #09-24A WRITE OFF ILLEGAL TAX DEED PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Finance Committee at its June 17, 2009 meeting passed a motion to transfer funds of \$418.23 to pay for the illegal; and

WHEREAS, County Board approval is needed to remove a tax deed property as illegal; and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Board at its July 28, 2009 meeting postponed writing the property off due to the request of the Treasurer's office; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's office is now in agreement to writing this property off as an illegal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby declares the following tax deed property illegal and approves the expense for writing off the related taxes effective October 2011.

Big Bend #004-00450-0000 (No property left)      \$418.23  
Account # 100-16130-000

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

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

**RESOLUTION #11- 30 WRITE OFF ILLEGAL TAX DEED PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Finance Committee at its August 29, 2011 meeting passed a motion to recommend to the County Board to write off the below listed properties as illegal's; and

WHEREAS, County Board approval is needed to remove a tax deed property as an illegal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare the following tax deed properties illegal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves the transferring of funds of \$341.76 to pay for expenses for writing off the related taxes effective October 2011.

City of Ladysmith #246-00398-0000 (Street)      \$ 341.76

Account # 100-16130-000

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

Motion by Dixon second by Costello to adopt. Discussion on reasoning behind illegal write off. Motion by Platteter, second by Costello to remove the two Rusk parcels and change total in the last paragraph to \$341.76. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Resolution as amended adopted by aye vote.

**RESOLUTION #11- 31 WAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee did not do a wage adjustment prior to hiring the new Emergency Government Director; and

WHEREAS, at the time it was the intention of the Personnel Committee to adjust the wages upon completion of work satisfactorily performed after a year of service; and

WHEREAS, over a year of service has passed with satisfactory performance in the position; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed internal comparables for salary parity; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee recommends the following wage:

Effective January 1, 2012 \$20.69

Effective January 1, 2013 \$22.42 (with the addition of any other wage increase granted to Department Administrators)

Fiscal Note: Current wage rate for 2011 \$16.25

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves the wage for the Emergency Government Director effective January 1, 2012, and January 1, 2013.

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

Motion by Skogen, second by Costello to adopt. Costello explained state comparables and position changes. Discussion on wages, benefits, funding, state projected share and number of employees the position supervises. Resolution adopted by aye vote. Heiden abstained.

**RESOLUTION #10- 52F ADJUST RUSK COUNTY 2012 ALLOWABLE LEVY LIMIT FOR PREVIOUS YEAR'S UNUSED LEVY**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits on counties and other municipalities over the last several years; and

WHEREAS, Rusk County's levy for library and bridge and culvert aid is not subject to these levy limits; and

WHEREAS, due to the fluctuation in the bridge and culvert levy over previous years there is unused levy capacity that can be used for the 2012 allowable levy per Section 66.0602(3)(f)3a, Wisconsin State Statutes, but it requires a three-quarters vote of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the dollar amount of the previous year's unused levy capacity is \$26,907.00; and

WHEREAS, if the governing body approves the use of this prior year unused levy capacity it will result in a proposed levy of \$5,811,736.00 for 2012, which is \$32,913.00 lower than the 2011 approved levy of \$5,844,649.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves adjusting the allowable 2012 levy by \$26,907.00 to recover the previous year's unused levy capacity as allowed by Section 66.0602(3)(f)3a of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur.

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Motion by Platteter, second by Skogen to adopt. Rosemary Schmit, Finance Director explained reason for resolution. Roll call. Voting yes –20. Voting no – 0. Voting yes: Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Heiden, Fisher, Swoverland, Schneider, Gierke, Boss, Hauser, Svoma, Knops, Roth, Nawrocki, Kaiser, Dixon, Costello, Skogen, Tatur. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

2012 Budget Review: Rosemary Schmit, Finance Director distributed and reviewed health insurance comparables, general fund continuing appropriations estimates and highlighted the budget packet.

RCMH & NH RFP Proposal Update: Tatur advised the proposal period ends 10/29/11. Group that put proposal together will evaluate, analyze and bring the proposals back to the Board.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Rusk County Community Library – Arlene Knops & Indianhead Community Action Agency Board – Arian Knops: Motion by Dixon, second by Costello to approve both appointments. Motion carried by aye vote. Knops abstained.

Tatur advised a closed session is not needed at this time. Andy Albarado, Economic Development Coordinator explained project is close to completion. No firm proposal at this time.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Skogen advised the Board the federal government has awarded RCMH with 1.1 million dollars in revenue over the next two years. Tatur advised there is interest in the railroad coming back to the north. Wetzel reminded everyone Tom Hall is holding a CPR AED training 10/26/11.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Knops, second by Costello to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Next meeting November 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Denise Wetzel, Rusk County Clerk  
Bonnie Stoneberg, Chief Deputy Clerk