

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 22, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair David Willingham at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call. Present – 16. Excused – 3. Present: DuSell, Rathsack, Hauser, Stout, Tatur, Lieffring, McBain, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Hraban, Brown, Willingham. Excused: Biller, Vacho, Schmitt.

Chair Willingham introduced the family present and gave brief biography of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kevin Reichert.

Invocation by David Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Colton Reichert in memory of his father Kevin Reichert.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Hraban, second by Gierke to approve minutes of December 18, 2018. Motion carried by aye vote.

RECOGNITION

Alert Award: Willingham announced that the award was presented a couple weeks ago by County Mutual Insurance to Deputy Mark Ohmstead. Deputy Ohmstead gave brief overview of the program and what participation involves. Willingham offered congratulations on behalf of the board to Deputy Ohmstead.

RUSK COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Jeremy Koslowski, Forestry Administrator, introduced report and Derek Jochimsen, DNR Liaison. Jochimsen commented on the great working relationship they have with the Rusk County Forestry Department. Koslowski gave highlights and overview of 2018 Forestry Department and all the programs they have within the department with slideshow that included photographs of projects.

RUSK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT

CeCe Tesky, Land Conservation & Development Director, highlighted 2018 achievements and activities, as well as work done and permits issued in 2018. Board questions and discussion.

RESOLUTION #16-21A REVISION TO THE RUSK COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SHORELAND, COMPREHENSIVE, NONMETALLIC MINING RECLAMATION AND SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Zoning Committee has met and reviewed the Rusk County Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Rusk County Zoning Committee and the committee having acted, subsequent thereto, in considering the revisions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rusk County Zoning Committee recommends the following amendments to the Rusk County Code or Ordinances. See attached.

Submitted by Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee: S/Willingham, Schneider, Vacho, McBain.

Motion by Schneider, second by McBain to adopt. Tesky gave brief overview of resolution and proposed ordinance changes. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #19-1 REVISION OF THE RUSK COUNTY ZONING FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the Rusk County recognizes that ongoing evaluation and updating of the zoning fee schedule is essential, and

WHEREAS, it has been noted that some fees need revision based on the amount of time devoted to the issuance and ongoing compliance checks of such permits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves the following revisions to the Zoning Fee Schedule effective February 1, 2019

	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Permits requiring mitigation	\$50	\$100

Submitted by Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee: S/Willingham, Schneider, Vacho, McBain.

Motion by Schneider, second by McBain to adopt. Tesky gave brief explanation of resolution and proposed fee increase due to the time involved by staff. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #13-08B REVISION TO THE RUSK COUNTY CORNER MONUMENTS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Land Information/Zoning Committee has met and reviewed the Rusk County Corner Monuments Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rusk County Land Information/Zoning Committee recommends the following amendments to the Rusk County Corner Monuments Ordinance:

Areas of change are highlighted. Strikethroughs to be removed. Bold italics lettering to be added.

Sec. 12-23. - Corners to be perpetuated.

Any unperpetuated corner *or perpetuated corner in need of coordinates, ties or monuments which was* monumented by the original federal survey such as a section corner, ¼ corner, or meander corner may be perpetuated.....

Sec. 12-28. - Application for payment.

The surveyor wishing to collect county payment for corner perpetuation must furnish a completed standard U.S. Public Land Survey Monument Record form along with a copy of the private survey which required these corners to be located to LCDD Personnel for their approval. Monument record forms must be completed in ink and be legible. The surveyor shall provide coordinates of the corner in Wisconsin County Coordinates, Rusk County Zone, Feet NAD 83/2007**2012**.

Sec. 12-31. - Payment.

For approved corner perpetuation forms, the county will pay the private surveyor such amounts as the county board may from time to time determine by resolution. Payment amounts shall be \$200.00 per corner *for unperpetuated corners or perpetuated corners lacking coordinates. Payment amounts shall be \$150.00 per corner for perpetuated corners that have coordinates but needing ties or monuments replaced.* The above amounts will be paid by the county for approved corner forms during the year until the amount determined by the county board for this payment has been exhausted. This payment policy will apply to all corners perpetuated on or after January 1, 1991.

Submitted by Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee: S/Willingham, Schneider, Vacho, McBain.

Motion by Stout, second by Schneider to adopt. Tesky gave brief explanation of resolution and proposed ordinance changes. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #19-2 POSITION AND WAGE ADJUSTMENTS IN CLERK OF COURTS/JUDICIAL/REGISTER IN PROBATE OFFICES

WHEREAS, Rusk County operates a Judicial branch and employs staff to support an elected Judge and Clerk of Court; and

WHEREAS, Judicial operation includes operation of the Court, Juvenile Court, Register in Probate and Clerk of Courts office; and

WHEREAS, an assessment of these offices has determined that a realignment of staff is appropriate to meet current workload and continuing to provide cost effective and efficient operations; and

WHEREAS, this realignment of positions and duties will provide flexibility by maintaining the current level of service and support to the Court but result in a net reduction of one position by assigning additional duties to existing personnel; and

WHEREAS, the realignment of positions and additional duties assigned to existing personnel will be reflected in adjustments to rates of pay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does approve the realignment of positions and duties within the Judicial and Clerk of Courts offices;

- Judicial Assistant will be combined with the Register in Probate and Juvenile Clerks Position, and hourly rate will increase from \$21.21/hr to \$24/hr.
- A Deputy I in the Clerk of Courts will become a Chief Deputy COC and Deputy Register in Probate/Juvenile Clerk, and hourly rate will increase from \$18.63/hr to \$21.13/hr.
- A Deputy I in the Clerk of Courts will have additional duties assigned due to realignment and hourly rate will increase from \$18.63/hr to \$19.63/hr.
- The Register in Probate position will not be filled, resulting in the net reduction of 1 position, and approximate savings of \$33,664 in pay plus benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position realignments and wage adjustments are effective February 1, 2019.

Submitted by the Rusk County Personnel Committee: S/Willingham.

Motion by Fisher, second by Lieftring to adopt. Steven Anderson, Circuit Court Judge, gave brief explanation of resolution combining positions and adjusting wage rates. Willingham commented that there would be a fiscal impact and savings should be noted. Discussion on the combination of positions. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

APPOINTMENTS

Veterans Service Commission: Brief explanation by Willingham. Motion by Stout, second by Gierke to approve appointment of Daniel Nigro to the Veterans Service Commission for a 3 year term. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lieftring, second by McBain to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Next meeting February 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Loren Beebe, Rusk County Clerk
Danielle Zimmer, Chief Deputy Clerk