

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JANUARY 23, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair Pete Boss at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call. Present – 16. Excused – 3. Present: Biller, Rathsack, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Tatur, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Boss. Excused: Schmitt, Hanson, Platteter.

Brief biography of Judy Novak read by Ted East, Administrative Coordinator.

Moment of silence in memory of Mary Will, former County Board Supervisor, followed by an invocation by David Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Judy Novak.

Chair Boss read proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS all children in Rusk County should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS Rusk County recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Rusk County to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Rusk County; and,

WHEREAS Rusk County is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS Rusk County has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Boss do hereby recognize January 21-27, 2018 as Rusk County School Choice Week, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Hraban, second by Gierke to approve minutes of December 19, 2017. Motion carried by aye vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chrysa Ostenso encouraged the board to support the PACE Program.

**RUSK COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

Paul Teska, Forestry Administrator, gave highlights and overview of 2017 Forestry Department and all the programs they have within the department. Chair Boss reminded board that Teska would be retiring as of next week and thanked Teska for all his years of service to Rusk County.

**PRESENTATION**

PACE Program: Jon Hochkammer, WCA Outreach Manager, began by thanking Tatur for his years of service and all he has done on behalf of WCA as a part of their board as well. Hochkammer explained that PACE stands for Property Assessed Clean Energy and this program stems from legislation passed in 2009, what this program has turned into and what it can do specifically for counties. Hochkammer also explained the partnership behind the program and those involved. He also explained that each county involved has a seat on the commission. Discussion and questions between board and Hochkammer.

**RESOLUTION #18-1 APPROVE JOINING PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0301, two or more municipalities of the State of Wisconsin, may by contract create a commission for the joint exercise of any power or duty required or authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, Rusk County is a “municipality” as that term is defined in Wis. Stat. § 66.0301 and a political subdivision located in the State; and

WHEREAS, Rusk County is empowered by law to promote economic, cultural and community development, including, without limitation, the promotion of opportunities for the creation or retention of employment, the stimulation of economic activity, the increase of the tax base, and the promotion of opportunities for education, cultural improvement and public health, safety and general welfare, which may be accomplished by various means; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0627(8) authorizes a city, a village, a town and a county in this State to, among other things, make a loan to or otherwise arrange, participate in or facilitate the financing of an energy improvement, a water efficiency improvement or a renewable resource application to a real property within its jurisdiction and to provide for such financing through the imposition of a special charge against the property benefitted by the energy or water efficiency improvement or renewable resource project; and

WHEREAS, such financings are commonly referred to as “Property Assessed Clean Energy” or “PACE” financings; and

WHEREAS, Rusk County has determined that it is in the public interest to provide real property owners, lessees, lenders and other transaction parties in Rusk County with access to a uniformly-administered program for PACE financing; and

WHEREAS, Rusk County and other counties, with the support and counsel of the Wisconsin Counties Association, League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Green Tier Legacy Communities and other stakeholders, have studied the possibility of creating a commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0301 to be known as the Wisconsin PACE Commission (“Commission”); and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin PACE Commission would be formed and operated in accordance with a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Relating to Wisconsin PACE Commission (“Commission Agreement”) of which a substantially final draft is attached to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in Rusk County’s best interests to join the Wisconsin PACE Commission and authorize the execution of the Commission Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 66.0627 and the provisions of the Commission Agreement, Rusk County must adopt an Ordinance relating to the administration of PACE financings in Rusk County and throughout the State (“PACE Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, attached to this Resolution is proposed Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, which will be considered at the same meeting at which this Resolution is being considered (“PACE Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, adoption of the PACE Ordinance is a necessary condition to Rusk County entering into the Commission Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Resolution to authorize Rusk County to become a member of the Commission and authorize a duly-appointed representative of Rusk County to finalize and execute the final Commission Agreement in substantially the form of the draft Commission Agreement attached to this Resolution;

SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Rusk County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the draft Commission Agreement, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution, and authorizes and directs the Rusk County Board Chair to sign such document after receipt of preliminary approval from the other participating municipalities, approval from the Rusk County official duly-appointed to approve the final form of the Commission Agreement and approval of the Rusk County Corporation Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Chair of the Rusk County Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to appoint a board supervisor to act as Rusk County's official representative in relation to the final approval of the form of the Commission Agreement and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; and

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:

That PETER BOSS is designated as the Rusk County "Representative Director" of the Board of Directors of the Commission in accordance with the Commission Agreement, he or she to serve at the pleasure of the Rusk County Board of Supervisors

All of which is respectfully submitted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of JANUARY, ~~2017~~ 2018.

Submitted by Chair Boss: S/Boss.

Motion by Schneider, second by Knops to adopt. Andy Albarado, Economic Development Director, explained he put a draft ordinance at each supervisor's seat. This ordinance will be addressed at the February meeting once posting requirements are met. Motion by Hauser, second by Knops to appoint Boss as the designee to the commission as today's date. Motion carried by aye vote. Resolution adopted as amended by aye vote.

**RESOLUTION #18-2 ESTABLISHING TOTAL ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTE 59.22**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.22(1), the Board must establish the total annual compensation for services to be paid to county elected officials (other than supervisors and circuit judges) prior to the earliest time for filing nomination papers for the county elective offices and;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish the total annual compensation for county elected officials, which is separate and distinct from the fringe benefits offered by the County to elected officials, and which fringe benefits are subject to increase or decrease during the officer's term at the discretion of the Board and in accordance with state and federal law and;

WHEREAS, as part of the County's fringe benefit program, county elected officials may participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with state law and;

WHEREAS, as part of the County's fringe benefit program, county elected officials may elect to receive health insurance coverage under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial county employees who are not law enforcement managerial employees or non-represented managerial employees described in Wis. Stat. § 111.70(1)(mm)2 and;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Personnel Committee to recommend salaries for elected officials to the Board for final approval; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the elected officials salaries and recommends the following salaries starting on January 1, 2019 as follows;

OFFICIALS	2019	2020	2021	2022
Clerk of Court	\$55,000.00	\$56,650.00	\$58,349.50	\$60,099.98
Sheriff	\$68,000.00	\$70,040.00	\$72,141.20	\$74,305.44

Informational Only

Treasurer	\$52,371.02	\$53,156.59
Reg. of Deeds	\$52,371.02	\$53,156.59
County Clerk	\$52,371.02	\$53,156.59

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisor approves the recommendation of the Personnel Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned county elected officials are entitled to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with law and the County shall pay only its share of contributions required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned county elected officials are entitled to participate in the County's health insurance program subject to the terms and conditions of the program, which may be modified from time to time, under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial county employees who are not law enforcement managerial employees or non-represented managerial employees described in Wis. Stat. § 111.70(1)(mm)2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the elected officials listed above shall be subject to the provision of the fringe benefit programs as set forth in the County Employee Handbook, except as otherwise required by State Law.

Submitted by the Personnel Committee: S/.

Motion by Fisher, second by Willingham to adopt. Pedersen call for roll call vote. Roll call. Voting yes-15. Voting no-0. Voting yes: Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Biller, Rathsack, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Tatur, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

Rusk County Housing Authority: Tatur gave update regarding the current state of the housing authority as the management company (Impact 7) gave notice in December that they will be terminating their lease on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The housing authority has met with two other management firms and those firms are in the process of due diligence. Will update once further information is available.

Ratify WPPA Sheriff Deputy & Investigator Contract: Motion by Fisher, second by Stout to ratify contract. Fisher explained changes as laid out in county board packet. Motion carried by aye vote.

Boss asked individuals in attendance regarding the hospital to introduce themselves to the board, Jeff Euclide (CEO, Rusk County Memorial Hospital), Pat Board (Regional VP of Operations Marshfield Clinic Health System), Gordon Dukerschein (President RCMH Board of Trustees), Matthew Schneider (Communications, Marshfield Clinic Health System), Scott Polenz (Marshfield Clinic Health System).

**CLOSED SESSION**

Announced by Chair for discussion regarding the hospital.

For 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 Fisher, second by Gierke to enter closed session. Roll call vote. Voting yes: 16. Voting no: 0. Voting yes: Biller, Rathsack, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Tatur, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Boss.

Closed session 8:03 p.m.

Open session 8:55 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Announced by Chair for discussion and possible land acquisition – contract for services

For negotiating sale of city/county owned property: 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). 7.

Motion by Gierke, second by Biller to enter closed session. Roll call vote. Voting yes: 16. Voting no: 0. Voting yes: Biller, Rathack, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Tatur, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Boss.

Closed session 8:56 p.m.

Open session 9:24 p.m.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Joint Management: Motion by Biller, second by Hraban to appoint Tatur, Hauser, Platteter to Joint Management until after the election, to be addressed again at the April meeting of the County Board. Motion carried.

Revolving Loan: Motion by Hauser, second by Stout to appoint Boss & Tatur, as well as Citizens Community Federal and Pioneer Bank. Boss explained the rotating schedule for the banks with Chippewa Valley Bank and Wells Fargo entering their off year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Lieffring to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Next meeting February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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