

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUNE 25, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Chair Willingham explained that the Pledge of Allegiance would be led in memory of SSG Patrick Lee Lybert by his grandfather, Robert Patrick and that also present are his mother, Cheryl Patrick and his grandmother Helen Patrick. Willingham read brief biography of SSG Patrick Lee Lybert.

Invocation by David Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Robert Patrick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Hraban, second by Gierke, to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Schneider – Comments regarding ambulance services of Rusk County and surrounding counties and the importance of recruitment and raising the wages for these employees.

Marty Huhn – Encouraged board to take action to enhance the current services and future services provided by the Rusk County Ambulance Service.

Chrysa Ostenson – Comments regarding Medicaid expansion and an explanation from her perspective as an optometrist in Ladysmith, gave brief breakdown of payment/repayment amounts and percentages.

REPORTS

Clerk of Circuit Court – Lori Gorseger, Clerk of Circuit Court, gave update on the combination of offices/positions and gave an explanation of the duties of the office and staff.

District Attorney – Annette Barna, District Attorney, explained the types of cases handled by the office and a brief explanation of committees/boards that she is a part of as well as a brief history of the office since her term began.

RESOLUTION #19-15 MEDICAID EXPANSION

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has traditionally ranked low in state ranking as to federal tax dollars to Washington D.C. versus federal dollars back to Wisconsin

WHEREAS, over 2/3 of the states have adopted the Medicaid Expansion dollars

WHEREAS, this expansion would save state taxpayers 324.5 million and provide health coverage for an additional 82,000 people. By requesting these dollars, the state would also be able to access an additional 1.6 billion in federal dollars for health, dental and mental health services for all Wisconsin resident, not just those covered by badger care

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Department of Health Services estimates that 296 Rusk County residents will be covered with an additional 6 million dollars

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does go on record in support of the expansion of Badger Care and other corresponding health services as described in detail in the Governor's 2019-2021 executive budget

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does go on record to request additional county administrative funding in order to complete the work needed to add and maintain county residents on Medicaid, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Wisconsin Counties Association and all Rusk County Legislators

Submitted by Rusk County Supervisors: S/Schneider, Tatur, Willingham.

Motion by Schneider, second by Schmitt to adopt. Schneider gave explanation of resolution and viewpoint. Roll call vote called for. Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes – 16. Voting No – 0. Voting Yes: Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Hanson, Mai, Hraban, Brown, Rathsack, Hauser, Vacho, Stout, Tatur, Lieffring, McBain, Pedersen, Willingham. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #19-16 RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT AID

WHEREAS, the Rusk County, Wisconsin hereinafter referred to as the sponsor, being a municipal body corporate of the State of Wisconsin, is authorized by Wis. Stat. §114.11, 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 Wis. Stat. §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:
Clear runway approaches, Land acquisition for runway and approach protection and/or runway extensions; Feasibility study for runway extensions, Airport Drainage improvements, Runway markings, Wildlife hazard assessment/study, Fuel system improvements/upgrades, Design-Develop-Construct Airport Auto Parking Area-Expansion, Purchase/ and Install Security/Monitoring Cameras and Equipment, Rehabilitate or Remove North End Hangar/Former Terminal and Pavements, Design and Construct Helipad, and any necessary related work to these items.
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 Secretary, and the sponsor does not provide the same; in the event the sponsor unilaterally terminates the project, all reasonable federal and state expenditures related to the project shall be paid by the sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor is required by Wis. Stat. §114.32(5) 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 Wis. Stat. §32.02; 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 Wis. Stat. §114.33(8)(a), 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 Wis. Admin. Code Trans §55, 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 the Rusk County Property Committee: S/Hauser, Hraban, Biller, Rathsack, Hanson.

Motion by Hauser, second by Hraban to adopt. Andy Albarado, Administrative Coordinator, explained resolution. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #19-17 AMBULANCE WAGE ADJUSTMENTS, CREATION OF 4 FULL-TIME AND 2 PART-TIME EMT POSITIONS, AND AMENDED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Committee adopted the Rusk County Ambulance Service Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, Phase One of that plan is to increase wages for all responders and create 4 full-time EMT positions, ~~and 2 part-time positions.~~

WHEREAS, these 4 positions would staff an ambulance 12 hours per day 7 days per week in the highest call volume area, during the busiest time of the day, and we would still use on call per call to fill the other hours currently covered.

WHEREAS, the wage increases would be as follows

	Current	Proposed
EMR-FR	\$8 per call	\$12 per hr
EMT-B	\$12 per hr	\$14 per hour (FT or PT)
On-call	\$2.70 and \$3.20 weekends	\$3 and \$3.50 week end diff
EMT-A		\$16 per hour after service goes to Advanced Level

WHEREAS, the Ambulance budget would be amended as attached to account for the full time staff for a 12 hour per day ambulance, and increased compensation for EMR-FR, EMT-B, On-call and EMT-A staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does approve the addition of the full and part-time positions, wage increases (effective July 1, 2019), and budget amendment for the revised Rusk County Ambulance Service.

Submitted by the Rusk County Personnel Committee: S/Hanson, Mai, Willingham, Stout.

Submitted by the Rusk County Emergency Services Committee: S/Stout.

Submitted by the Rusk County Finance Committee: S/Hraban, Hauser.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Stout to adopt. Power point presentation by Tom Hall, Emergency Management Director, that gave history of Ambulance Service and proposal including three possible phases. Discussion and questions. Roll call vote called for. Schneider will abstain. Albarado explained the full-time and part-time positions. Motion by Schmitt, second by Stout to amend resolution and remove the words "and 2 part-time" from the subtitle and line five. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes – 15. Voting No – 0. Voting Yes: Gierke, Schmitt, Hanson, Mai, Hraban, Brown, Rathsack, Hauser, Vacho, Stout, Tatur, Lieftring, McBain, Pedersen, Willingham. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lieftring, second by Hauser to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Next meeting July 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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