

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JULY 24, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call. Present – 18. Excused – 1. Present: DuSell, Biller, Rathsack, Hauser, Vacho, Stout, Tatur, Lieffring, McBain, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Hraban, Brown, Willingham. Corporation Counsel, Rich Summerfield. Excused: Hanson.

Introduction and brief biography of Dennis Wood by Chair Willingham.

Invocation by David Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Dennis Wood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gierke, second by Hraban to approve minutes of June 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2018. Motion carried by aye vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Freeman invited all to attend the Rusk County Junior Fair in two weeks and asked anyone willing to volunteer to please do so.

Chair Willingham asked that the following statement be read into the record:

The Rusk County Board of Supervisors wishes to join together with the Town Board and the people of the Town of Big Bend along with the entire EMS community of Rusk County in celebrating today's dedication of the Big Bend Helipad facility in the Town of Big Bend. Donations from corporations, organizations and residents of the town too numerous to mention here made this helipad possible and all should be justifiably proud of this achievement. We are all grateful for this invaluable addition to the EMS System in our communities. Thank you Town of Big Bend.

RESOLUTION # 18-15 Resolution Requesting the Legislature to Increase DOJ Funding and Raise Reimbursement for Public Defenders

WHEREAS, Both the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin provide that persons accused of crime have the right to counsel. In Wisconsin, the Office of the State Public Defender [“SPD”] provides counsel to those persons meeting income eligibility guidelines for services. Where the SPD is unable to provide representation, due to conflict or other reason, the SPD appoints private attorneys to provide representation.

WHEREAS, Almost 40% of all SPD cases are appointed to private attorneys.

WHEREAS, The compensation rate for private bar appointed attorneys in Wisconsin has not been increased since 1995. It is the lowest in the nation, failing to even cover an appointed attorney’s overhead costs. As a result, private attorneys are increasingly declining to accept SPD appointments, which is creating an increasing burden on the courts and Wisconsin counties.

WHEREAS, Costs to counties are increasing as circuit court judges are being forced to appoint counsel at county expense and accused persons are being held in jail longer pending appointment of counsel. These delays also lead to inefficiency for courts and law enforcement agencies, and additional delay for obtaining justice for victims

WHEREAS, Approval of this resolution will have no impact on the 2018 adopted budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the State of Wisconsin to provide sufficient resources to the Office of the Public Defender to ensure that the criminal justice system operates effectively and efficiently, including increasing the rate of reimbursement for private attorneys appointed by the Public Defender to a market rate that will ensure the prompt appointment of counsel and that cases are handled in a timely and efficient manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin county.

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

Motion by Hauser, second by Hraban to adopt. Brief overview of the purpose for the resolution by Steven Anderson, Rusk County Circuit Court Judge. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION # 18-16 Rusk County Airport Statement of Project Intentions

RESOLVED, by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors that the attached list of proposed improvements are in the best interest of the Rusk County Airport;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes require a Statement of Project Intentions from airport owners contemplating federal and/or state aid within the next six years; and

WHEREAS, this Six Year Statement of project Intentions is used by the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics for planning and budgeting purposes and is not a petition for federal and/or state aid; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this governing body contemplates requesting federal and/or state aid for the projects listed on the attached schedule of airport improvements.

STATEMENT OF PROJECT INTENTIONS FOR RUSK COUNTY AIRPORT

Fiscal Year	Description of Improvement	Size of Improvement	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Petition Date
2018	Acquire/Replace Snow Removal Equipment		\$100,000	8/27/13 & 3/28/2017
	Crackseal & sealcoat runways, taxilanes, ramps		\$50,000	3/28/2017
	Clear runway approaches		\$60,000	8/27/13 & 2019

2019	Drainage Improvements		\$50,000	8/27/13 & 2019
	Design South Terminal/Hangar Area - Expansion		\$50,000	3/28/17
2020	Purchase/Install Security/Monitoring Cameras and Equipment		\$40,000	8/30/11 & 2019
	Runway Marking		\$100,000	8/30/11 & 2019
	Design/Develop/Construct Auto Parking Area – Extension	5,000 sq.ft.	\$25,000	8/30/11 & 2019
	Expand/Construct South Terminal Area		\$150,000	3/28/2017
	Rehabilitate North end hangar/former terminal (or remove asphalt)		\$150,000	8/30/11 & 2019
2021	Develop instrument approach & LPV approach		\$25,000	8/30/11 & 2020
	Master Plan & EA for Runway Extension		\$25,000	8/30/11 & 2020
	Construct/Designate Helipad		\$50,000	8/30/11 & 2019
	Wildlife Hazard Assessment/Study		\$15,000	8/27/13 & 2019
2022	Feasibility study for runway extension		\$35,000	8/27/13 & 2019
	Rehabilitate/Resurface Runway Pavement 14/32 (Major)		\$500,000	3/28/2017
	Land Acquisition for runway extension		\$250,000	8/27/13 & 2019
2023	Extend Primary Runway to 5000'	1,000 sq. ft.	\$1,000,000	2020
	Design & Install Perimeter Deer Fence w/Gates	5,000 ft.	\$1,000,000	2020
	Rehabilitate/Resurface Runway Pavement 01/19 (Major)		\$500,000	3/28/17

DESCRIBE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

Construct a paved runway or extension, construct or expand paved apron, develop hangar area, acquire land or easements, remove obstructions, develop auto parking, prepare master plan. List the size of the improvements in acres, square yards, length, width, or as appropriate. If estimated cost is unknown, the Bureau of Aeronautics will estimate.

Submitted by the Rusk County Property Committee: S/Hauser, Hraban, Rathsack, Hanson.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Tatur to adopt. Andy Albarado, Economic Development Director, gave brief explanation of the resolution, yearly requirement as funds are allocated through FAA. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

August Meeting Date: Chair Willingham explained that the meeting for August was inadvertently scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Discussion on whether to move the meeting to the regular date or leave it as the date has been published. Consensus to leave the meeting as scheduled for August 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Purchase Agreement from MCHS Hospitals, Inc. for N4711 State Hwy 27, Ladysmith, WI 54848: Rich Summerfield, Corporation Counsel, explained the amended agenda that was sent out Monday afternoon and the purchase agreement received from MCHS. Discussion regarding offer price and possible costs of relocation. Motion by Rathsack, second by Lieftring to reject proposed purchase agreement. Discussion regarding budget, appraisal. Motion by Schmitt, second by Gierke to postpone action on the motion to reject purchase agreement until the August 21st, 2018 meeting. Motion carried. Roll call vote requested by Hraban. Roll call vote. Voting yes: 18. Voting no: 0. Voting yes: Rathsack, Hauser, Vacho, Stout, Tatur, Lieftring, McBain, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Brown, DuSell, Biller. Motion carried by roll call vote. Discussion on having Highway Commissioner in to discuss with the board, previous consideration of improving or moving the Highway Shop.

DISCUSSION

Report on Cost Proposal Review and Analysis: Kitzie Nelson, Finance Director, gave overview of the top 20 cost proposals as ranked with all 19 supervisors scores factored in. Explanation of fund balance, rates and recommendation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

McBain recommends to all to go out to the Historical Museum and see what all they have to offer as he was very impressed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lieftring, second by Hraban to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Next meeting August 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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