

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 25, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Randy Tatur at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call. Present – 17. Excused – 2. Present: Biller, Rathsack, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Tatur, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hanson, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter. Corporation Counsel, Rich Summerfield. Excused: Mai, Boss.

Introduction and brief biography of Marshall O’Leary by Vice-Chair Tatur.

Invocation by David Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Marshall O’Leary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Hraban, second by Knops to approve minutes of June 12, 13 & 27, 2017. Motion carried by aye vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Freeman thanked board members for help at past fairs and announced that there is a sign-up sheet going around if anyone would be willing to help out again this year. He also gave a brief overview of the fair and some of the entertainment that there will be at this year’s fair which will be held August 10th-13th.

Dr. Rick Rapp, physician at Rusk County Memorial Hospital, expressed concerns regarding the talks between Rusk County and Marshfield Clinic and concerns whether or not the hospital would be able to retain physicians if Marshfield Clinic were to purchase RCMH.

RESOLUTION # 17-21 HIGHWAY OPERATIONS MANAGER WAGE ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway shops has a department head in the Highway Commissioner, but no clear second in command or Assistant Manager; the Highway Commissioner has requested, from Personnel, that the Operations Manager position be elevated to a level of authority which recognizes the position as the next level of authority behind the Commissioner and;

WHEREAS, with this level of greater responsibility in a leadership position the job description should be changed to require a bachelor’s degree with two years’ supervisory experience and at least four years’ experience in highway construction or maintenance and;

WHEREAS, placing the Operations Manager into the Point Factor Evaluation system, the average wage would be \$27.67 as an “exempt” employee, meaning there is no overtime pay, and by further using outside comparables from Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Price, and Washburn Counties, it was determined that Rusk County was the lowest paying county and a wage of \$27.67 would still place Rusk County as second lowest by \$1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approve the change in job duties of the Operations Manager at the Highway Shop with the recommended wage of \$27.67 per hour beginning at the start of the next pay period after this date.

Submitted by the Personnel Committee: S/Hanson, Fisher.

Motion by Fisher, second by Hanson to adopt. Fisher gave explanation of point factor assessment, position history, and inequality of wage for position in comparison to surrounding counties. Pedersen inquired as to what this would do to the Highway Department budget. Fisher explained. Scott Emch, Highway Commissioner, asked the board to support this resolution and gave brief history of turnover in a couple of the management positions at the Highway Department. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION # 17-22 EASEMENT AGREEMENT THROUGH A PARCEL OF HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY IN THE TOWN OF DEWEY ALONG CTH “X”

WHEREAS, Antonio Ruiz and Lucjan Gmiterek husband and wife and the School District of Flambeau own property located in the Town of Dewey along CTH “X”; and

WHEREAS, the property owned by Ruiz/Gmiterek and the School District of Flambeau is landlocked leaving the property without access to CTH “X” or without access to the property from the county highway; and

WHEREAS, the land that locks access to and from the Ruiz/Gmiterek and School District properties is owned by the County Highway Department as highway right of way; and

WHEREAS, Antonio Ruiz, Lucjan Gmiterek and the School District of Flambeau requested of the Highway Committee that they be granted easement through the County Highway Department right of way; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee met on March 20, 2017 and approved granting to Antonio Ruiz, Lucjan Gmiterek and the School District of Flambeau a two-rod perpetual nonexclusive easement for the purpose of ingress and egress over and across land owned by the Highway Department as highway right of way and described as follows: CTH “X” - South two rods of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 35 North, Range 5 West, Town of Dewey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves granting Antonio Ruiz and Lucjan Gmiterek, husband and wife, and the School District of Flambeau a two-rod perpetual nonexclusive easement for the purpose of ingress and egress over and across the South two rods of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 35 North, Range 5 West, Town of Dewey, Rusk County Wisconsin.

Submitted by Highway Committee: S/Fisher.

Motion by Fisher, second by Platteter to adopt. Explanation of resolution and property location by Richard Summerfield, Corporation Counsel. Motion carried by aye vote.

Tatur announced that there will be no closed session. Summerfield explained that there have been letters going back and forth between the county and Marshfield Clinic and asks that the board schedule a meeting to go into closed session and review the letter of intent at a later date. Board will set meeting for August 15, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Platteter, second by Hauser to approve appointments of Randy Tatur, Michael Hraban, and Andy Albarado to the Rusk County Housing Authority. Motion carried by aye vote.

Motion by Schneider, second by Knops to approve appointments of Marcia Lyons (Hawkins Library), Jill Baker (Hawkins Library), Arlene Mabie (Hawkins Library), Cindy Janota (Bruce Library), Nancy Kelley (Bruce Library), Kathy Voss (Bruce Library), Randy Tatur (Ladysmith Library), Hollis Helmaci (Ladysmith Library), and Colleen Peters (Ladysmith Library) to the Library Planning Committee. Motion carried by aye vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schneider announced that the Health and Human Services Board is still looking for one more board member.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lieftring, second by Knops to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Special Meeting August 15, 2017 at 8:30a.m.

Next meeting August 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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