

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AUGUST 27, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Chair Willingham congratulated Kitzie Winters, Rusk County Finance Director, on her recent wedding. Willingham also informed board that he would like to observe a moment of silence in memory of James Turner and Ron Moore prior to the invocation.

Moment of silence in memory of James Turner, former Emergency Management and Ambulance Director, and Ron Moore, former Mayor and longtime member of the City/County Tourism Committee for their many years of service and community work.

Invocation by David Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Veterans on board and in audience.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Hraban, second by Gierke to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #19-20 DRUG COURT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Rusk County operates a Drug Court and has been awarded a State of Wisconsin TAD (Treatment Alternatives and Diversion) grant to operate the Court, and

WHEREAS, the TAD Grant provides funding for staffing of the court and associated treatment programming, and

WHEREAS, the TAD Grant requires a match contribution from Rusk County in the form of cash or County supported in-kind contributions, and

WHEREAS, resolution 17-10 created a County position of Drug Court Coordinator to be paid with grant proceeds and specified that no additional County funds were to be allocated to support the Drug Court, and

WHEREAS, it is now possible that there will be inadequate County supported matching expenses for the grant due to the inability to utilize prior identified staffing expenses, and

WHEREAS, the ability to generate County matching expenses fluctuates dependent on the number of participants in the program, and

WHEREAS, due to a potential shortfall in County matching expenses it may be necessary to provide County funds to fill the gap in order to receive the full grant award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that if needed the Rusk County Drug Court be allowed to utilize County funds to supplement in-kind match expenses to receive full grant funding in 2019 with the amount estimated to be less than \$10,000 with needed funds to come from the contingency fund, and

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

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hraban to adopt. Albarado outlined resolution and explained the county match and transitions with the position. Judge Anderson explained the allocations since position was created in 2014. Questions and discussion. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

Rusk County Rodeo Fairground Usage Agreement and Request to Waive Certain Requirements: Albarado explained addendum and request for fairgrounds usage from August 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2020 and went through items that would need to be considered as they are against county ordinance. Motion by Lieftring, second by Tatur to approve usage agreement with the exceptions as presented in provided handout. Discussion. Motion carried. Usage agreement approved.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Announced by Chair Willingham for discussion regarding a personnel investigation.

Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(g)

Motion by Lieftring, second by Gierke to enter closed session. Roll call vote. Voting yes – 18. Voting no – 0. Voting yes: DuSell, Biller, Rathack, Hauser, Vacho, Stout, Tatur, Lieftring, McBain, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Hanson, Mai, Hraban, Brown, Willingham.

Closed Session at 7:28 p.m.

Open Session at 7:41 p.m.

The board took no action on any closed session item.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Winters reminded supervisors about the budget meetings to be held September 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

Loren Beebe, Rusk County Clerk, reminded Property Committee of special meeting on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. to review Capital Improvement Plans.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lieftring, second by McBain to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Next meeting September 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.