

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SEPTEMBER 18, 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, Rathsack, Hauser, Vacho, Stout, Tatur, Lieffring, McBain, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hanson, Mai, Hraban, Brown, Willingham. Corporation Counsel, Rich Summerfield. Excused: Biller.

Introduction and brief biography of Elmer Wishard, written in his own words by Chair Willingham. Biography followed by poem.

Invocation by David Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Elmer Wishard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gierke, second by Hraban to approve minutes from August 21st, 2018. Motion carried by aye vote.

Biller present at 7:07 p.m.

Willingham gave brief explanation of the ambulance presentations and explained that there is no decision being made tonight.

Supervisors and others in attendance sang “Happy Birthday” to Mr. Biller.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MJ Nelson shared thoughts regarding the need for better ambulance service and her personal experience regarding the service currently provided.

PRESENTATION

Rusk County Ambulance Service: Mark Manning, Manager of Lakeview Medical Ambulance Service, presented information on the number of employees, ambulances, and services that would be provided in the model recommended by 2nd Ad Hoc Committee. Questions and discussion regarding ambulance service. Manning clarified that the presentation was put together based on the service requested. Tom Hall, Rusk County Emergency Management Director, presented information on plans and ideas discussed on service that the county could provide. Discussion regarding county locations and services.

Review of Rusk County Junior Fair: Ron Freeman read letter from the Ladysmith News and gave information regarding attendance (up 22%), events and other exciting happenings that took place at the fair in August. Video of skydive viewed. Video of exhibits, exhibitors, and events viewed. Ron expressed thanks to many individuals who contributed and made the fair a great event. Discussion on fair and rodeo plans for next year, Ron informed board that they are in negotiations at this time.

RESOLUTION #18-18 AMENDING THE RUSK COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

WHEREAS, Rusk County has lands enrolled as County Forest pursuant to s. 28.11 of the Wisconsin statutes, and;

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors on December 22, 2005, adopted resolution #05-60 approving the Rusk County Comprehensive Land Use Plan for a period of 15 years, and;

WHEREAS, said Plan is a dynamic document to be revised as changing conditions require, and;

WHEREAS, subsection (5) (a) of the above referenced State statute requires said Plan Amendments be approved by the County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Natural Resources, and;

WHEREAS, Plan amendments for the fifteen year period encompassing 2006-2020 have been prepared by the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee and are submitted for approval before the Rusk County Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Rusk does ordain as follows: The Rusk County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan be amended as attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee is directed to forward these amendments to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for their approval.

Submitted by Rusk County Forestry Committee: S/Schneider, Lieffring, DuSell, Rathsack, Biller.

Motion by Biller, second by Schneider to adopt. Jeremy Koslowski, Forestry Administrator, gave brief explanation of the resolution and the changes and updates to the plan. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #18-19 CREATING AN ADDITIONAL PATROL DEPUTY POSITION

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Sheriff’s Department currently staffs 11 Patrol Deputies (10 full-time, 1 part-time); and

WHEREAS, it has been difficult to keep all positions filled and on the road; and

WHEREAS, due to time off, leave, and turnover the Department has had an increasing number of open shifts annually; and

WHEREAS, open shifts result in straining staff and considerable overtime expense to the Department ; and

WHEREAS, adding an additional patrol deputy position would allow the Department greater flexibility to cover shifts resulting in lower overtime expense and less strain on staff; and

WHEREAS, the additional position will have a neutral effect on the overall operating budget as it will not increase the number of shifts and will be absorbed in the patrol budget and through lowered overtime cost/

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sheriff’s Department be allowed to increase their Patrol Deputy staffing from 11 positions to 12 positions (10 full-time, 2 part-time).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the additional position will have a neutral effect on the overall Sheriff’s Department budget.

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee: S/Dave Willingham.

Motion by Petersen, second by Schmitt to adopt. Jeff Wallace, Rusk County Sheriff, passed handout and explained the cost associated with the addition of a patrol deputy. Fisher further explained. Discussion on overtime and open shifts so far this year. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #18-20 RECLASSIFICATION OF ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR TO MAINTENANCE MANAGER

WHEREAS, Rusk County has a considerable amount of buildings and grounds assets that need to be maintained; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have a properly staffed Maintenance Department to care for these properties; and

WHEREAS, Property Committee has reviewed the necessary staffing in the Maintenance Department and determined the need for a Maintenance Manager position dedicated to overseeing the day-to-day operation of the Department; and

WHEREAS, having this position will allow for adequate supervision and direction of the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the position, determined the point factor/wage for the position, and determined it suitable to reclassify the current Assistance Maintenance Supervisor position to a Maintenance Manager position; and

WHEREAS, the estimated fiscal impact in 2018 will be \$2,100.64 and will come out of department, but will not have a negative impact on the overall budget as the Maintenance Supervisor position will not be filled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors do approve the reclassification of the Assistance Maintenance Supervisor Position to a Maintenance Manager position at a rate of \$23.90 per hour.

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee. S/Dave Willingham.

Motion by Gierke, second by DuSell to adopt. Andy Albarado, Administrative Coordinator explained the proposed changes and the resolution. Motion by Stout, second by Hauser to amend resolution to add effective date of October 1, 2018. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Motion to adopt resolution carried. Resolution as amended adopted by aye vote.

APPOINTMENTS

ADRC Committee: Motion by Schmitt, second by Schneider to appoint Kathy Halbur to the ADRC Committee. Motion carried by aye vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loren Beebe, County Clerk, announced that the packets placed prior to meeting contained the information needed for the conference next week.

Willingham announced that there will be board training on October 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. put on by John from WCA.

Willingham asked if supervisors would be interested in moving meeting times to an earlier start time.

Hraban reminded board that there are Finance Committee meetings the next three days to work on the 2019 budget.

Schneider announced a meeting at the library on September 29th regarding concerns with the possibility of another Enbridge Line being put in.

Stout announced that the Wheel Tax has been temporarily tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Liefkring, second by Hauser to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Next meeting: October 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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