

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OCTOBER 17, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Invocation by David Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Chair Boss asked for a moment of silence in honor of Lieffring's brother who passed away this morning.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Boss.

**DISCUSSION**

Chair Boss gave his reason for calling a meeting regarding the budget with the whole board and thanked board members for coming. Rosemary Schmit, Finance Director, gave an explanation of the budget process and went over changes for 2018 from the 2017 budget for each department. Ted East, Administrative Coordinator, reviewed the proposed reductions in each department and the steps they took to come to these reduction proposals. Discussion on fund balances, levy, and committees working on the budget. Concerns raised regarding the process for amending department budgets after the board passes the full budget in November of each year. Discussion on line item transfers, emergency expenses and policies. Kitzie Nelson, Assistant Finance Director, gave an overview of the cost proposals and scoring done to rank the proposals. Discussion on cost proposals and amounts budgeted for departments for these proposals. Discussion on Forestry, Highway and Maintenance working together to purchase and share equipment. Explanation of State Trust Fund loan by East and Nelson. Discussion on prioritizing and the process that was used. Schmit gave amount of general fund used for 2017. East informed board that the Finance Committee is recommending a 2% increase for employee wages for 2018 with the Health Insurance premium remaining the same. Discussion on libraries and costs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Lieffring to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting: October 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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