

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NOVEMBER 13, 2018  
9:00 A.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair Willingham at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call. Present – 17. Excused – 2. Present: DuSell, Biller, Rathsack, Hauser, Vacho, Stout, Tatur, Lieftring, McBain, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hraban, Brown, Willingham. Corporation Counsel, Rich Summerfield. Excused: Hanson, Mai.

Introduction of Bob and Marge Wicik, Gold Star Parents, and brief biography of Scott Wicik by Chair Willingham.

Chair Willingham listed specific prayer requests for the Family of Jayme Closs, Joyce Tatur and Kathy Mai. Invocation by David Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob and Marge Wicik, in memory of their son, Scott Wicik.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Gierke, second by Hraban to approve minutes from October 23, 2018. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #18-32 ATVS/UTVS – US HWY 8 BRIDGE CROSSING OVER THE CHIPPEWA RIVER**

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. s. 23.33 allows all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) to be operated on state highways in certain instances.; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. s. 23.33 (4) (d) 3.b and 11(am)3, allows ATVs and UTVs to operate on the roadway or shoulder of a state highway to cross a bridge 1,000 feet or less in length if a town, village or city AND a county BOTH enact an ordinance to authorize the operation of ATVs on a state highway bridge that is not an interstate highway, is 1,000 feet or less in length, and is located within the territorial boundaries of the town, village or city and county.; and

WHEREAS, when a request for ATVs and UTVs to cross a state highway bridge meets Wis. Stat. s. 23.33 (4) (d) 3.b and 11(am)3 the request will not be subject to WisDOT approval.; and

WHEREAS, under the law, ATVs and UTVs must exit the highway as quickly and safely as practicable after crossing the bridge. WisDOT defines this as the first available road on either side of the bridge that is not a dead end, or an ATV trail on WisDOT right-of-way that is established after crossing the bridge, in which ATVs and UTVs may operate.; and

WHEREAS, ATV and UTV route signs are required on state highways in order for ATVs to legally operate on them. A traffic signing permit is also required from WisDOT. County Highway Departments will install the signs following the Wisconsin manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (WMUTCD).; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no way for ATVs and UTVs to cross over the Chippewa River at US Highway 8 from connecting designated ATV routes; and

WHEREAS, the county provides for recreational use of ATVs on county highways within the county.; and

WHEREAS, currently snowmobiles safely and efficiently cross the US Highway 8 bridge over the Chippewa River.; and

WHEREAS, If authorized, the Chippewa River Bridge on US Highway 8 West would act as the connector from the designated ATV route in the Town of Thornapple, east side of the bridge, to the designated ATV route in the Village of Bruce, west side of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, there is no other way to safely cross the river to connect these two ATV routes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize ATVs and UTVs over the US Highway 8 Bridge over the Chippewa River, contingent on written approval by resolution from the Town of Thornapple and the Village of Bruce. Allowing ATVs and UTVs to be able to enter and leave the Village of Bruce, and creating a safe connector for the subject ATV routes in the Town of Thornapple and the Village of Bruce. Costs for signing and shoulder improvement to be paid for by the ATV Clubs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rusk County Ordinance 46-37(a) amendment, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of, is adopted.

Submitted by Rusk County Highway Committee. S/

Motion by Biller, second by Pedersen to adopt resolution. Biller gave brief explanation. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

**READING OF THE 2019 BUDGET – 9:15 A.M.**

Finance Chair Tatur read the Rusk County 2019 Budget Proposal Summary at 9:20 a.m.

**RUSK COUNTY 2019 APPROVED BUDGET SUMMARY**

<b>Budget Number</b>	<b>Used for comparison purposes Budget Category</b>	<b>Proposed For 2019</b>
<b>EXPENSES (Net of Applicable Revenue)</b>		
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>		
101	Circuit Court (net)	259,537
102	Drug Court (net)	0
103	Family Court Commissioner (net)	0
104	Teen Court (net)	0
105	Medical Examiner (net)	75,581
106	Indigent/Guardian Ad Litem (net)	43,000
107	County Board (net)	87,121
108	Board of Adjustment (net)	1,279
110	District Attorney (net)	187,109
111	Crime Victim Witness Coord. (net)	25,644
112	Corporation Counsel (net)	78,000
113	Family Counseling Fund (net)	0
114	County Clerk/Elections (net)	215,335
116	Finance/Payroll/Insurance Adm./Audit (net)	364,292

117	Property and Liability Insurance (net)	118,746
118	Cost Allocations Reimbursed (net)	(70,305)
119	County Treasurer (net)	113,567
121	Plat Books Fund (net)	0
122	County Car Operations Internal Service Fund (net)	0
123	Central Services Internal Service Fund (net)	0
126	General Buildings & Plant (net)	560,311
127	Other County Property (net)	20,000
128	Tax Deed Property Management (net)	12,625
129	Register of Deeds (net)	73,627
130	LCDD-Land Information Division (net)	112,142
132	LCDD-Land Information Public Access (net)	24,808
133	Gustafson Road Building	0
134	Transfers from RCMH	0
140	Legal Fees/Labor Negot/Human Res/Sec 125 (net)	119,632
142	IT Department (net)	447,515
143	Vending Machine (net)	0
144	Insurance Deductible Funding (net)	0
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT (net of revenue)</b>	<b>2,869,566</b>
	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>	
210	Sheriff Patrol/Administration (net)	2,032,104
211	Jail Operations (net)	1,566,307
212	Water Patrol Program (net)	0
213	Snowmobile Patrol Program (net)	2,108
214	Sheriff K-9 (net)	0
215	Tactical Team (net)	33,398
216	Conservation Officer (net)	46,787
217	Click or Ticket/Booze and Belts (net)	0
219	Dan Glaze Memorial	250
220	E.D.G.E (net)	0
221	B.R.D.E.U. (net)	0
222	Speed Enforcement (net)	0
223	WI DOT/TRACS/OWI (net)	0
225	Victim Service Specialist (net)	6,187
228	BRDEU Meth Grant (net)	0
229	Wireless 911 (net)	14,722
233	ATV Grant (net)	2,720
236	Shop with a Cop (net)	0
237	Project Lifesaver (net)	0
239	Unfunded Equipment Grant (net)	0
240	Jail - Building Maintenance (net)	14,470
241	Jail Assessment Fund (net)	0
250	Ambulance Operations (net)	375,000
252	Ambulance Equipment Grant (net)	0
253	Local Emergency Planning Grant (net)	0
254	LEPC Equipment Grant (net)	500
255	Emergency Government (net)	43,551
280	Dog Tax Trust Fund (net)	0
281	Animal Control (net)	47,593
282	Animal Shelter Building Fund (net)	0
284	Animal Control-Spay/Neuter Fund (net)	0
285	Animal Control-Gift Fund (net)	0
286	Animal Control-Endowment Fund (net)	0
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY (net of revenue)</b>	<b>4,185,697</b>
	<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>	
310	Highway Administration (net)	165,380
311	Trunk Highway Maintenance (net)	453,521
312	Trunk Hwy Construction (net)	0
313	Bridge Construction & Aid (net)	262,378
314a	Bituminous Operations (net)	0
314b	Gravel Pits (net)	0
314c	Equipment Fund (net)	0

315	State Maintenance (net)	0
316	Local Districts (net)	0
317	Local Departments (net)	0
318	Public Charges (net)	0
350	Airport Operations (net)	49,848
351	Airport Expansion (net)	7,500
352A	Rusk Co. Transit Commission Service (net)	18,500
352D	RCTC New Freedom Grant (net)	0
353	RCTC Drivers Escort Service (net)	14,478
354	Recycling Grant (net)	9,237
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS (net of revenue)</b>	<b>980,842</b>
	<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES:</b>	
410	Senior Services-Senior Citizen Center (net)	12,490
412	Senior Services-Source Newsletter (net)	0
413	Senior Services-Service Management (net)	110,275
415	Senior Services-Congregate Meals (net)	7,002
417	Senior Services-Home Delivered Meals (net)	32,355
418	Senior Services-Vehicle/Equip. Trust (net)	0
422	Senior Services-Elder Abuse Grant (net)	0
423	Senior Services-Family Caregiver Grant (net)	0
424	Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (net)	0
125	HHS Jail Meals	11,512
440	Public Health (net)	236,215
441	Public Health-Home Health Care (net)	0
445	Public Health-WIC Grant (net)	0
446	Public Health-Reproductive Health Grant (net)	0
450	Public Health-Prenatal Care Grant (net)	0
451	Public Health-Core Services-Prev. Grant (net)	0
452	Public Health-Immunization Action Grant (net)	0
453	Public Health-Birth to Three (net)	0
458	Public Health-MCH (net)	0
459	Public Health-Preparedness (net)	0
461	Human Services-Child Care (net)	0
462	Human Services-Economic Support (net)	92,071
463	Human Services-Services (net)	96,939
464	Human Services-Wis. Works (W2) (net)	0
466	Human Services-Community Intervention (net)	0
467	Human Services-LIHEAP-Low Inc Energy (net)	0
468	Human Services-Temporary Assistance (net)	0
469	Human Services-Intoxicated Drivers Surchg. (net)	0
470	Human Services-Foster Care & Domestic Abuse (net)	0
471	Human Services-Youth Aids (net)	0
472	Human Services-MA Pers Care/EDS Case Mgmt (net)	0
474	Human Services-Children & Families (net)	182,902
475	Human Services-Adult & Disability Resourc Ctr (net)	51,087
476	Human Services-MA Enhanced Dollars (net)	0
480	Veterans Service Office (net)	90,161
482	Veteran's Service Commission (net)	500
490	Child Support Agency (net)	51,924
492	CST	0
495	Rusk County Memorial Hospital (net)	0
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES (net of rev.)</b>	<b>975,433</b>
	<b>CULTURE, RECREATION &amp; EDUCATION (net of rev.)</b>	
510	Library Services (net)	335,028
511	Fairgrounds Upkeep (net)	29,625
512	Youth/Senior Community Center operations (net)	18,605
513	Junior Fair (net)	0
514	Trails End Youth Camp (net)	5,475
515	UW Extension Office (net)	53,966
516	UW Extension Meeting Fund (net)	0
517	Food Wise (net)	500
518	RRYP	0

	<b>TOTAL CULTURE, RECREATION &amp; EDUCATION (net of rev.)</b>	<b>443,199</b>
	<b>CONSERVATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>	
610	County Forest Operations (net)	60,724
611	State Aid Forestry Loan (net)	0
612	County Forest Road Aid Grant (net)	0
613	Land Acquisition Fund (net)	0
614	County Conservation Aids (net)	2,477
615	Snowmobile Trails Maintenance (net)	1,535
616	Development of Habitat (net)	0
617	ATV Trail Grant (net)	0
618	Forestry Gravel Crushing (net)	0
620	County Parks & Recreation (net)	190,667
621	County Owned Dam Repairs (net)	0
623	Park Development (net)	0
624	Boat Landing Repairs (net)	0
641	LCDD-Wildlife Damage Program (net)	0
643	LCDD-Tree Program (net)	0
650	LCDD-LWRM Cost Share Program	0
651	LCDD-Land Conservation Division (net)	116,764
659	Powerline (net)	(46,914)
660	Trail & Park Development Fund	0
662	Economic Development - County (net)	0
663	County Industrial Development Agency (net)	0
665	Bruce/Co USDA Revolving Loan Fund (net)	0
666	Visitor Center (net)	32,500
669	Joint Management Project - Enterprise Center (net)	0
672	Joint Management Project - Fritz (net)	0
673	Gates Avenue Building (net)	0
674	Weyerhaeuser Building (net)	0
676	Miner Avenue Building (net)	0
678	Fine Arts Center Building (net)	0
679	Rail Industrial Park (net)	0
680	Forest Indust Park Building I Doughty Rd (net)	0
681	Forest Indust Park Building II Jez Rd (net)	0
682	ADF Building (net)	0
683	County M Relocation (net)	0
685	Mining Reuse Fund (net)	0
690	LCDD-Zoning Division (net)	105,748
696	Housing Grant - Revolving Loan #1-#2-#3 (net)	0
697	CDBG-Home Grant (net)	0
	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT (net of rev)</b>	<b>463,501</b>
	<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>	
713	Office Equipment - Courthouse Fund	11,469
714	Squad Leases	0
715	Capital Projects	0
716	Capital Projects Fund	0
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY (net of revenue)</b>	<b>11,469</b>
	<b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>	
125	Debt Service Fund (net)	1,612,735
	<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>1,612,735</b>
	<b>CONTINGENCY: (to be transferred to depts)</b>	
719	Emergencies/Wage Adjustments/Shortages	150,000
	<b>TOTAL CONTINGENCY</b>	<b>150,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES AFTER REIMBURSEMENTS (net)</b>	<b>11,692,442</b>

<b>OTHER GENERAL COUNTY REVENUES:</b>		
120	Other Tax Collections (net)	(1,257,943)
124	Sales Tax Fund Applied	(950,000)
--	General Fund Applied-From Prior Years	(1,227,578)
120	Exempt Computer Aid	(8,576)
<b>TOTAL OTHER GENERAL COUNTY REVENUES</b>		
		<b>(3,444,097)</b>
<b>LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2019</b>		
		<b>8,248,345</b>

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2019 BUDGET**

Public Hearing on the budget opened at 9:34 a.m.

Public Hearing closed at 9:35 a.m.

**RESOLUTION # 18-33 ADOPT 2019 BUDGET AND 2018 PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2019**

WHEREAS, department administrators and overseeing committees, elected officials, and the Finance Committee have met and determined the 2019 budget and 2018 tax levy to be collected in 2019; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held for interested citizens and taxpayers to voice their opinions on the proposed budget and levy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget has been published in the Ladysmith News and copies have been made available to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors adopts the 2019 proposed budget and establishes the 2018 levy on the taxpayers of Rusk County of \$8,248,345 to be collected in 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors has established this levy within the guidelines and mandates issued by the State of Wisconsin, Department Revenue for 1993 and years thereafter.

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee. S/Willingham/Hraban.

Motion by Hauser, second by Fisher to adopt resolution. Kitzie Nelson, Finance Director, explained some of the changes from the 2018 budget to the 2019 budget. Roll call vote. Voting yes – 17. Voting no – 0. Voting yes: Vacho, Stout, Tatur, Lieftring, McBain, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hraban, Brown, DuSell, Biller, Rathsack, Hauser, Willingham. Resolution adopted by roll call vote. Andy Albarado, Administrative Coordinator, explained that the 2020 budget process will begin after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year as the 2019 budget is the end of the 3 year budget process and a new base will be set for 2020 as the start of the new 3 year budget.

**RESOLUTION # 18-34 ANIMAL SHELTER PART-TIME EMPLOYEE WAGE ADJUSTMENT**

WHEREAS, Rusk County with the City of Ladysmith jointly operate an Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, Rusk County is the managing entity of the Animal Shelter and employees the staff that operate the shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter operation utilizes part-time employees and it is necessary to offer a competitive hourly wage to attract and retain these employees; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the part-time positions at the Animal Shelter as well as the local job market and determined that an increase in the hourly wage from \$8.50 to \$10.00 is warranted; and

WHEREAS, the estimated fiscal impact for the remainder of 2018 will be approximately \$300 and in 2019 will be approximately \$2,400, which will be accommodated out of the existing department budget and will not have a negative impact on the department’s budgeted levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does approve the increase in hourly wages for part-time employees at the Rusk County Animal Shelter from \$8.50/hr to \$10.00/hr effective the next pay period.

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee. S/Willingham.

Motion by Fisher, second by Stout to adopt resolution. Karen Welke, Animal Control Officer, explained the wages and adjustment set forth in the resolution. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brown commended the Rusk County Highway Department for their salting of the roads on Sunday during the first snow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lieftring, second by McBain to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Next meeting: December 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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