



RESOLUTION # 72-24
**ELIMINATE SEC 2-296 AND AMEND SEC 8-5 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF
 RUSK COUNTY, WI**

RUSK COUNTY

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain/Excused
1. ALEC HAMPTON	✓		
2. JERRY BILLER	✓		
3. KATHY HALBUR	✓		
4. JOHN MOORE	✓		
5. TERRY WEDWICK	✓		
6. KEITH JACOBSON	Absent		
7. SUZANNE VOHS	✓		
8. TOM CUDO	✓		
9. PHIL UNTERSCHUETZ	✓		
10. BRIAN COGGINS	✓		
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER	✓		
12. JIM MEYER	✓		
13. KURT GORSEGNER	✓		
14. JOHN KALEPP	✓		
15. TOM HANSON	✓		
16. LOIS GOODE	✓		
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM	✓		
18. MIKE RUSSELL	✓		
19. DAN GUDIS	✓		
TOTAL	18	0	1

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted

1st Cudo Defeated

2nd Wedwick

No: 0 Yes: 18 Exc: 1

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: Jaimie Wilk, Finance Director

FISCAL IMPACT: (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)
Additional levy of \$63,934 due to loss of City funding

Certification:

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 17 day of December, 2024 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

Connie Meyer
 Connie Meyer
 County Clerk, Rusk County

1 TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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3 **WHEREAS**, Rusk County (“County”) and the City of Ladysmith (“City”) have

4 jointly operated an animal shelter since 1987; and,

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6 **WHEREAS**, as of January 1, 2025, the City will no longer contribute financially

7 to the animal shelter; and,

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9 **WHEREAS**, as of January 1, 2025, there is no longer an operating agreement for

10 the animal shelter between the City and the county; and,

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12 **WHEREAS**, because the County will be solely responsible for the management

13 and operation of the animal shelter, it is necessary to update the County

14 Ordinances to reflect the same; and,

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16 **WHEREAS**, Section 2-296 of the Rusk County Code of Ordinances needs to be

17 eliminated to reflect the county’s sole oversight of the animal shelter by an

18 Animal Shelter Board; and,

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20 **WHEREAS**, Section 8-5 of the Rusk County Code of Ordinances needs to be

21 amended to clearly outline the duties and makeup of the Animal Shelter Board.

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rusk County Board of

24 Supervisors approve the elimination of Section 2-296 and approve amending

25 Section 8-5 of the Rusk County Code of Ordinances as follows:

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27 **Sec. 2-296. — Joint animal control board**

28 ~~_____The joint animal control board shall consist of five voting members,~~

29 ~~three of whom are county board supervisors. Those three supervisors shall be~~

30 ~~appointed in the same manner and at the same time as are county standing~~

31 ~~committee members. Other voting members consist of one Ladysmith council~~

32 ~~member and one resident from the City of Ladysmith.~~

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36 **Sec. 8-5. – Animal shelter board.**

37 The animal shelter board shall meet at the call of the chairperson and do the

38 following:

39 (1) Recommend to the county board of supervisors rules and regulations

40 concerning the operation of the animal shelter, standards for collection,

41 care, custody, and disposal of animals at large, public nuisance animals,

42 vicious animals, and standards for the maintenance of animal holding

43 facilities and guard and sentry dogs.

44 (2) Review the proposed budget of the animal shelter and make

45 recommendations to the county board in accordance with the county

46 budget procedure.

47 (3) Upon written complaint, conduct a public hearing to determine if an

48 animal or holding facility, is a public nuisance animal or holding facility.

49 (4) Upon written complaint, conduct a public hearing to determine if an

50 animal is a vicious animal.

51 (5) The county animal shelter board shall examine all claims against the dog

52 license fund and make its report therein as provided by Wis. Stats. Ch.

53 174.

- 1 (6) To provide that the county animal shelter board is the board designated
- 2 as required by state statutes that may modify or withdraw abatement
- 3 orders issued under Wis. Stats. § 173.11 by humane officers appointed
- 4 by the county.
- 5 (7) Shall oversee maintenance of the animal shelter.
- 6 (8) Shall be the oversight committee of the animal shelter manager and the
- 7 Rusk County Humane Officer.
- 8 (9) Shall consist of five voting members, all of whom are county board
- 9 supervisors. Each member shall be appointed in the same manner and at
- 10 the same time as are county standing committee members.
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- 12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the change is effective January 1, 2025.
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SUBMITTED BY:

Supervisor Terry Wedwick

Terry Wedwick
