



MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
RUSK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER LEC BOARD ROOM

OFFICIAL OATH – 8:45 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kalepp at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Quorum Present (19 Present, 0 Absent)

Present: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell and James Platteter.

Others Present: A. Heath, J. Wilk, C. Meyer, J. Buchholz-Jones, A. Gudis, R. Summerfield, Sheriff Wallace, J. Waltz, K. Berner, Samuels Group, A. Wallace, D. Mansky, Judge Barna, L. Gorsegner, N. Robinson, R. Tatur, E. Webster, J. Bugbee, W. Combee, D. Zimmer, J. Macholl, M. Hash, N. Stadnyk, S. Schweickert, S. Christianson, J. Jacobs and K. Bugbee.

INVOCATION

Invocation led by Supervisor District #16 Lois Goode.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor District #2 Jerry Biller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 19, 2024

Motion by Cudo, seconded by Biller to approve the March 19, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 16, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 3, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacey Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell ABSTAIN: Sherry Wallace, Phil Unterschuetz, James Platteter

PUBLIC COMMENT – Public spoke about agenda items.

ELECTION

Election of County Board Chairman and Vice-Chair

Summerfield called for nomination for County Board Chairman.

Platteter nominated Willingham.

Cudo nominated Kalepp.

Summerfield called for additional nominations three times.

Paper Ballot Results: 11-Kalepp and 8-Willingham.

Kalepp is elected as County Board Chairman.

Summerfield called for nomination for County Board Vice-Chair.

Hanson nominated Schneider.

Goode nominated Unterschuetz.

Meyer nominated Biller.

Summerfield called for additional nominations three times.

1. Paper Ballot Results: 8-Unterschuetz, 7-Biller and 4-Schneider

2. Paper Ballot Results: 9-Unterschuetz, 7-Biller and 3-Schneider

Schneider has asked to draw his name out.

3. Paper Ballot Results: 11-Unterschuetz and 8-Biller

Unterschuetz is elected as County Board Vice-Chair

Minutes prepared by:

Connie Meyer, Rusk County Clerk

Jill Buchholz-Jones, Chief Deputy Clerk

Election of Rusk County Committee on Committees

Western District -

Biller nominated Wedwick.

Summerfield called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by Biller, seconded by Hanson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Wedwick. Motion carried by voice vote.

Wedwick is elected for Western District Committee on Committee.

Eastern District -

Kalepp nominated Meyer.

Goode nominated Schneider.

Summerfield called for additional nominations three times.

Paper Ballot Results: 9-Meyer and 10-Schneider

Schneider is elected for Eastern District Committee on Committee.

Central District -

Platteter nominated Willingham.

Cudo nominated Goode.

Summerfield called for additional nominations three times.

Paper Ballot Results: 12-Goode and 7-Willingham

Goode is elected for Central District Committee on Committee.

Election of Rusk County Highway Committee

District #1 - Northeast-

Zimmer nominated Biller.

Summerfield called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by Cudo, seconded by Schneider to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Biller. Motion carried by voice vote.

Biller is elected for Northeast Highway Committee

District #2 - Northwest -

Kalepp nominated Wedwick.

Unterschuetz nominated Hampton.

Summerfield called for additional nominations three times.

Paper Ballot Results: 10-Hampton and 9-Wedwick

Hampton is elected for Northwest Highway Committee

District #3 - Southwest-

Biller nominated Kalepp.

Summerfield called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by Coggins, seconded by Cudo to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kalepp. Motion carried by voice vote.

Kalepp is elected for Southwest Highway Committee

District #4 – Southeast -

Cudo nominated Meyer.

Summerfield called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by Schneider to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Meyer. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meyer is elected for Southeast Highway Committee

District #5 – Central -

Russell nominated Platteter.

Cudo nominated Goode.

Summerfield called for additional nominations three times.

Paper Ballot Results: 10-Platteter and 9-Goode

Platteter is elected for Central Highway Committee

PRESENTATION

Update from Samuels Group and Venture Architects regarding Jail Project

Samuels Group and Venture Architects gave an update on how the town hall meetings went and handed out a packet to give the new members information to try to get them caught up regarding the Jail project.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Law Enforcement Proclamation

Chairman Kalepp read the Law Enforcement Proclamation.

Approve Proposed County Board Meeting Dates:

May 21, 2024 7:00 p.m.

June 25, 2024 7:00 p.m.

July 23, 2024 7:00 p.m.

August 27, 2024 7:00 p.m.

September 24, 2024 7:00 p.m.

October* 22, 2024 7:00 p.m.

November** 12-14, 2024 9:00 a.m.

*Optional **November 13th & 14th is Optional

Motion by Cudo, seconded by Schneider to approve the 2024-2025 Proposed County Board Meeting Dates. Motion carried by voice vote.

December 17, 2024 7:00 p.m.

January 28, 2025 7:00 p.m.

February 25, 2025 7:00 p.m.

March 25, 2025 7:00 p.m.

April 15, 2025 7:00 p.m.

May 20, 2025 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 15-24

Designating HHS American Rescue Plan Funds to be used for Community Projects #1

Submitted by Rusk County Health and Human Services Committee: S/Phil Schneider

Motion by Schneider, seconded by Hanson to approve the resolution designating HHS American rescue plan funds to be used for community projects #1. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 16, NO: 3, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacey Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Suzanne Vohs, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, James Platteter
NO: Sherry Wallace, Tom Cudo, Lois Goode

Motion by Unterschuetz, seconded by Goode to strike out the embrace for supplies and set up for Harm Reduction Vending Machine out of the original resolution. Motion failed.

Result: Failed on Majority Vote (YES: 8, NO: 11, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp, Lois Goode
NO: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacey Zimmer, John Moore, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Kurt Gorsegner, Tom Hanson, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, James Platteter

Resolution 16-24

Modification of Vehicle Regulations Ordinance

Submitted by Rusk County Forestry Committee: S/Phil Schneider, Terry DuSell, Phil Unterschuetz, Jerry Biller and John Kalepp.

Motion by Biller, seconded by Unterschuetz to approve the resolution Modification of Vehicle Regulations Ordinance. Motion carried as amended.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 19, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacey Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, James Platteter

Motion by Schneider, seconded by Willingham to amend the resolution to include on line 116 hunter walking trails. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 19, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacey Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, James Platteter

Resolution 17-24

Modification of Chapter 46 Sec. 46-67 Restricted use of snowmobiles.

Submitted by Rusk County Forestry Committee: S/ Phil Schneider, Terry DuSell, Phil Unterschuetz, Jerry Biller and John Kalepp.

Motion by Unterschuetz, seconded by Hampton to approve the resolution Modification of Chapter 46 Sec. 46-67 Restricted use of snowmobiles. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 19, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacey Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, James Platteter

Resolution 18-24

Funding for Animal Shelter Assistant Position

Submitted by Animal Control Board Chair Terry Wedwick: S/ Terry Wedwick

Motion by Wedwick, seconded by Cudo to approve the resolution funding for animal shelter assistant position. Motion failed.

Result: Failed on Majority Vote (YES: 7, NO: 12, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Terry Wedwick, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode
NO: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacey Zimmer, John Moore, Sherry Wallace, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, John Kalepp, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, James Platteter

ANNOUNCEMENT

May County Board Meeting Date changed to – May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussed April 22, 2024 for County Board Orientation

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Biller, seconded by Meyer to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Motion carried by Voice Vote.