



MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

RUSK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER LEC BOARD ROOM

OATH OF OFFICE

Judge Anderson administered the oath of office to the 19 members of the Rusk County Board of Supervisors for two-year term. Written oath of office signed by supervisors.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Willingham at 9:03 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Willingham, DuSell, Biller, Rathsack, Hauser, Stout, Tatur, Schneider, Meyer, Schmitt, Hanson, Cudo, P. Unterschuetz, J. Unterschuetz, Kalepp, Wedwick, Goode, Hraban, Sanderson.

Others Present: A. Albarado, R. Summerfield, K. Winters, C. Meyer, J. Buchholz, J. Hendricks, J. Jacobs, J. Edming, J. Wallace.

INVOCATION

Invocation led by Chair Willingham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Andy Albarado.

PROCLAMATION

Law Enforcement Proclamation and EMS Proclamation was read by Chair Willingham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- March 22, 2022

Motion by Hraban, seconded by Sanderson to approve March 22, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

Result: Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 18 NO: 1 ABSTAIN:)

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Alan Rathsack, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Shane Sanderson. ABSTAIN: Jonathon Unterschuetz

PUBLIC COMMENT- No Public Comment

ELECTION

Election of County Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Tatur called for nominations for County Board Chairman. Hanson nominated Willingham. DuSell nominated Rathsack. Tatur called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by Stout, second by Unterschuetz to close nominations and cast paper ballot. Motion carried.

Paper Ballot Results: Willingham – 8, Rathsack – 11. Rathsack is elected as County Board Chairman.

Rathsack called for nominations for County Board Vice-Chairman. Hraban nominated Tatur. Unterschuetz nominated DuSell. Hauser nominated Willingham. Willingham declined nomination. Rathsack called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by DuSell, second by Schneider to close nominations and cast paper ballot. Motion carried.

Paper ballot results: Tatur – 10, DuSell – 9. Tatur elected as County Board Vice-Chairman.

Minutes prepared by:

Connie Meyer, Rusk County Clerk

Jill Buchholz, Chief Deputy Clerk

Election of Rusk County Committee on Committees

Western District - Unterschuetz nominated DuSell. Tatur nominated Hanson. Stout nominated Schmitt. Rath sack called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by Biller, seconded by Meyer to close nominations and cast paper ballots. Motion carried.

Paper ballot results: DuSell – 10, Hanson – 2, Schmitt - 6. DuSell elected to Committee on Committee.

Eastern District - Biller nominated Hauser. Stout nominated Schneider, DuSell nominated Unterschuetz. Unterschuetz declined nomination. Rath sack called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by Biller, seconded by Meyer to close nominations and cast paper ballots. Motion carried.

Paper ballots results: Hauser – 7, Schneider – 12. Schneider elected to Committee on Committee.

Central District - Hanson nominated Hraban. Sanderson nominated Willingham. Willingham declined nomination. J. Unterschuetz nominated P. Unterschuetz. Rath sack called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by Biller, seconded by DuSell to close nominations and cast paper ballot. Motion carried.

Paper ballot results: Hraban – 9, P. Unterschuetz – 10. P. Unterschuetz elected to Committee on Committee.

Election of Rusk County Highway Committee

District #1 - Northeast- DuSell nominated Biller. Rath sack called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by DuSell, seconded by Meyer to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Biller. Motion carried.

Biller elected to Highway Committee

District #2 - Northwest - Tatur nominated Stout. Meyer nominated DuSell. Rath sack called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by Unterschuetz, seconded by Schneider to close nominations and cast paper ballot. Motion carried.

Paper ballot results: Stout – 11, DuSell – 8. Stout elected to Highway Committee

District #3 - Southwest- Hanson nominated Schmitt. Biller nominated Kalepp. Rath sack called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by DuSell, seconded by Biller to close nominations and cast paper ballot. Motion carried.

Paper ballot results: Schmitt – 9, Kalepp – 10. Kalepp elected to Highway Committee.

District #4 – Southeast - Biller nominated Meyer. Rath sack called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by DuSell, seconded by Sanderson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Meyer. Motion carried. Meyer elected to Highway Committee

District #5 – Central - Unterschuetz nominated Goode. Hanson nominated Hraban. Rath sack called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by DuSell, seconded by Meyer to close nominations and cast paper ballot. Motion carried.

Paper ballot results: Goode – 6, Hraban – 13. Hraban elected to Highway Committee

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Proposed County Board Meeting Dates

May 24, 2022 (7:00 p.m.)

September 20, 2022 (7:00 p.m.)

January 24, 2023 (7:00 p.m.)

June 28, 2022 (7:00 p.m.)

*October 25, 2022 (7:00 p.m.)

February 28, 2023 (9:00 a.m.)

July 26, 2022 (7:00 p.m.)

*November 15-17 2022 (9:00 a.m.)

March 28, 2023 (7:00 p.m.)

August 23, 2022 (7:00 p.m.)

**November 16 & 17 is Optional

April 25, 2023 (7:00 p.m.)

December 20, 2022 (7:00 p.m.)

May 23, 2023 (7:00 p.m.)

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* Optional

Motion by DuSell, seconded by Meyer to approve dates as proposed. Motion carried.

Separation of Dispatch/Jailer position - Sheriff Wallace and Jail Captain Murry spoke about the hiring and retention for the Dispatch/Jailer position and how other counties are handling both positions. Additional staff for 5 added positions with insurance and benefits would be in excess of \$400,000.00, Jail training at \$17,000, Dispatch training at \$17,000 and the request to move the dispatch location away from the jail. Sheriff Wallace is requesting a committee to look at the current location of the Dispatch/Jail.

Motion by Biller, seconded by Stout to take the Separation of Dispatch/Jailer position back to emergency management committee due to new committee members. Motion carried.

Administrative Coordinator Replacement and Recruitment Process- Andy spoke about the recruitment process to hire his replacement. M. Hraban explained what was discussed in the Personnel Meeting and the interim plan until a person is hired for the position. Discussed the job description that has not been approved or updated.

Motion by Hanson, second by Stout to keep the administrative coordinator position and send the job description to the personnel committee to update. Discussion held.

Motion by J. Unterschuetz, seconded by Kalepp to amend the motion to include refer back to the Personnel for distribution of duties for the Administrative Coordinator.

*Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 17 NO: 1 ABSTAIN:1) YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Alan Rathsack, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Phil Unterschuetz, Jonathon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Shane Sanderson
NO: Randy Tatur ABSTAIN: Tom Cudo*

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION #1 Request State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula.

Submitted by Rusk County Land Info/Surveyor, Zoning Committee: S/ Willingham, Schmitt, Schneider, Meyer, McBain.

Motion by Meyer second by Biller to adopt the Resolution. Motion carried.

Result: Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 19 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0)

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Alan Rathsack, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Jonathon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Shane Sanderson

APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION

Interim Administrative Coordinator:

Andy informed the County Board that the Personnel Committee has appointed Jeremy Jacobs as interim and included a stipend of \$1,700.00 per month until a person is hired.

Motion by Schneider, second by Biller to approve Jacobs as interim administrative coordinator. Motion carried.

Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 16 NO: 1 ABSTAIN: 2 DID NOT VOTE: 0 ABSENT: 2)

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Alan Rathsack, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Randy Tatur, Phil Unterschuetz, Jonathon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Shane Sanderson

NO: Jim Meyer

ANNOUNCEMENT

Clerk Meyer informed the Board Members about the WCA Annual Conference in September.

Chair Rathsack wants some advice on the invocation.

Mark Schmitt informed everyone on May 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the amphitheater in Memorial park they will be having a service for Law Enforcement Memorial.

Phil Schneider thanked Andy Albarado for all his work in Rusk County.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hauser, seconded by Biller to adjourn meeting at 11:20 p.m. Motion carried.