

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 28, 2020
9:00 A.M.**

OATH OF OFFICE

Judge Anderson administered oral oath of office to the 18 members of the Rusk County Board of Supervisors for two-year terms. Written oath of office signed by supervisors.

Meeting called to order by Chair Willingham at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call. Present – 18. Excused – 0. Present: DuSell, Biller, Rathsack, Hauser, Miller, Stout, Tatur, Lieftring, McBain, Pedersen, Schneider, Meyer, Schmitt, Dobrowolski, Hanson, Hraban, Brown, Willingham. Corporation Counsel, Rich Summerfield.

Invocation by David Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Willingham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by McBain, second by Hraban to approve minutes of April 2, 2020. Motion carried by aye vote.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Tatur called for nominations for County Board Chairman. Stout nominated Willingham. Tatur called for additional nominations three times. Motion by DuSell, second by Rathsack to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Willingham. Motion carried. Willingham elected County Board Chairman.

Willingham called for nominations for County Board Vice-Chairman. Stout nominated Tatur. Willingham called for additional nominations three times. Motion by Rathsack, second by Hauser to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Tatur. Motion carried. Tatur elected County Board Vice-Chairman.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Western District – Hanson nominated Lieftring. Dobrowolski nominated Schmitt. Willingham called for additional nominations three times. Nominations closed. Paper ballot results: Lieftring – 12, Schmitt – 6. Lieftring elected to Committee on Committees.

Eastern District – Pedersen nominated Schneider. Willingham called for additional nominations three times. Nominations closed. Motion by Dusell, second by Pedersen to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Schneider. Motion carried. Schneider elected to Committee on Committees.

Central District – Rathsack nominated Hraban. Pedersen nominated Stout. Stout declines nomination. Willingham called for additional nominations three times. Nominations closed. Motion by Hauser, second by Tatur to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Hraban. Motion carried. Hraban elected to Committee on Committees.

ELECTION OF HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

District #1 – Northeast – Hauser nominated Biller. Willingham called for additional nominations three times. Motion by DuSell, second by Lieftring to cast unanimous ballot for Biller. Motion carried. Biller elected to Highway Committee.

District #2 – Northwest – Pedersen nominated Stout. Rathsack nominated DuSell. Hauser nominated Tatur, Tatur declines nomination. Willingham called for additional nominations three times. Nominations closed. Paper ballot results: Stout – 13, DuSell - 5. Stout elected to Highway Committee.

District #3 – Southwest – Stout nominated Lieftring. Willingham called for additional nominations three times. Motion by Miller, second by McBain to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Lieftring. Motion carried. Lieftring elected to Highway committee.

District #4 – Southeast – Stout nominated Pedersen. Willingham called for additional nominations three times. Motion by Rathsack, second by Lieftring to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Pedersen. Pedersen elected to Highway committee.

District #5 – Central – Stout nominated Hraban. Willingham called for additional nominations three times. Motion by Rathsack, second by DuSell to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Hraban. Motion carried. Hraban elected to Highway Committee.

REPORT

Update on COVID-19: Andy Albarado, Administrative Coordinator, gave update on COVID-19 in Rusk County including information on daily meetings, supplies for employees/public, hospital precautions. Discussion has moved on to the processes for opening back up and economic impacts as this situation goes on. Currently waiting on State Supreme Court decision. Albarado also updated on the current status of employees in regards to onsite, at home and temporary furloughs. Rich Summerfield, Corporation Counsel, reminded supervisor of the resolution passed March 17th. Willingham commended county employees on the way they have stepped up in this unique time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Approval of Proposed County Board Meeting Dates – Willingham explained meeting dates and deviation from regularly scheduled dates in certain months. Motion by Hauser, second by Hraban to approve proposed meeting dates. Motion carried. Summerfield explained that for the foreseeable future you will be able to connect to all meetings by phone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Willingham explained the District 16 vacancy will be filled by an application process through the Committee on Committees.

Loren Beebe, County Clerk, reminded supervisors to turn in committee lists, directory information and oaths after adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chair Willingham at 9:55 a.m.

Next meeting May 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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