



**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**August 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**RUSK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER LEC BOARD ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kalepp at 7:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call: Quorum Present (17 Present: 2 Absent)

Present: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, Brian Coggins and Dan Gudis

Absent: Sherry Wallace and Lois Goode

Others Present: A. Heath, J. Wilk, C. Meyer, A. Gudis, J. Buchholz-Jones, R. Summerfield, T. Hall, E. Webster, M. Huhn, L. Jennerman and M. Hash

**INVOCATION**

Invocation led by Supervisor District # 9 Phil Unterschuetz.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor District # 19 Dan Gudis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 23, 2024**

*Motion by Cudo, seconded by Russell to approve the minutes from July 23, 2024. Motion carried.*

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 17, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 2)

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None.**

**ELECTION**

Election of Highway Commissioner – Not needed.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

Hospital Item:

Review Property Recommendation to Amend Hospital RFP to Include Separation of Parcels  
Ashley Health, Administrative Coordinator gave an over view of the property committees recommendation to separate the parcels.

*Motion by Cudo, seconded by Wedwick to accept the changes to the Hospital RFP proposal as a whole or individual Parcels. Motion carried.*

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 17, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 2)

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

### **Resolution 45-24**

Ambulance Service Wage Adjustments for 2025

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee: S/ Stacy Zimmer, Sherry Wallace, Mike Russell and Jim Meyer.

*Motion by Willingham, seconded by Zimmer to approve the resolution for Ambulance Service Wage Adjustments for 2025 with the 2 amendments. Motion carried.*

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 16, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 1, ABSENT: 2)

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

*Motion by Willingham, seconded by Zimmer to add at the end of line 21 to read when an employee works a full-time Emergency Medical Technician shift... Motion carried.*

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 16, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 1, ABSENT: 2)

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

*Motion by Schneider, seconded by Willingham to change start date to September 1, 2024 in all 3 places in the resolution lines 17, 23 and 30. Motion carried.*

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 15, NO: 1, ABSTAIN: 1, ABSENT: 2)

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

### **Resolution 46-24**

Wage Adjustments for Rusk County Seasonal Employees

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee: S/John Kalepp, Jim Meyer, Brian Coggins, Phil Unterschuetz and Terry Wedwick.

*Motion by Russell, seconded by Hampton to approve the resolution for Wage Adjustments for Rusk County Seasonal Employees. Motion carried.*

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 16, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 1, ABSENT: 2)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy 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, Dan Gudis ABSTAIN: Tom Cudo ABSENT: Sherry Wallace, Lois Goode

### **Resolution 47-24**

Approve Change to Rusk County Employee Corrective Action and Discipline Policy

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee: S/ Stacy Zimmer

*Motion by Zimmer, seconded by Moore to approve the resolution Approve Change to Rusk County Employee Corrective Action and Discipline Policy. Motion carried.*

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 15, NO: 1, ABSTAIN: 1, ABSENT: 2)

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

## **Resolution 48-24**

Approve Interim Highway Commissioner Compensation from 08/13/2024

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee: S/ Stacy Zimmer, Mike Russell and Dave Willingham.

*Motion by Russell seconded by Moore to approve the resolution to Approve Interim Highway Commissioner Compensation from 08/13/2024. Motion carried.*

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 17, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 2)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorseger, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, Dan Gudis ABSENT: Sherry Wallace, Lois Goode

*Motion by Zimmer, seconded by Russell to enter into closed session at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.*

**CLOSED SESSION** announced by Chair

Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis.Stats19.85(1)(f). Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons; and under Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g) for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. To wit: Correspondence regarding County Employee over which the committee has jurisdiction.

**OPEN SESSION** – at 7:32 p.m.

*Motion by Russell, seconded by Meyer to enter into closed session at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried.*

**CLOSED SESSION** – announced by Chair

Conferring with legal counsel in regards to settlement demand pursuant to 19.85(1)(g) for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

**OPEN SESSION** – at 7:43 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Next County Board Meeting Date – September 24, 2024

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Biller, seconded by Unterschuetz to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried by Voice Vote.*