

RUSK COUNTY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 1, 2023

Personnel Committee Present: Rathsack, Meyer, Stout, Unterschuetz and DuSell.

Employees Present: C. Meyer, A. Heath and S. Jones.

Others Present: K. Webster, E. Webster, C. Forde, D. McKittrick, J. McKittrick, D. Zimmer, S. Piekarski, A. Dearhamer, R. Hultman and V. Seltun, Rusk County Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair DuSell at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Rathsack, seconded by J. Unterschuetz to enter into Closed Session at 6:03 p.m. All responded yes.
Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(b) for considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person, and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the public employee is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action may be taken. The notice shall contain a statement that the person has the right to demand that the evidentiary hearing or meeting be held in open session; 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.

OPEN SESSION – at 6:18 p.m.

Open session evidentiary hearing on the matter in above closed session if demanded by the public employee.

Summary of Deputy Wojcik report was given taken from 3 passengers riding with Mr. Wester to a job, texting and driving, swerving on Highway F. He was cited for operating a vehicle with visible electronic device and reckless driving. Question was asked by Board members and Mr. Webster.

Commissioner Jones gave a summary of June 19, 2023, from 3 employees about Mr. Webster texting and driving, swerving on Highway F and dropping trees on equipment, road and employees.

Kurt Webster gave a defense of complaints brought against him.

Motion by J. Unterschuetz, seconded by Rathsack to enter into Closed Session at 7:22 p.m. All Responded yes.

CLOSED SESSION announced by Chair of Personnel Committee

I hereby move to adjourn into closed session for the purpose of deliberating regarding the proposed discipline as permitted by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(a) and for the purpose of conferring with the Committee's legal counsel as permitted by Wis. Stats. Sec. 1985(1)(g).

OPEN SESSION - at 8:22 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Rathsack, seconded by Stout to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried.