



# RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 17, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

## AMENDED AGENDA

**LOCATION: RUSK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER LEC BOARD ROOM**

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

INVOCATION – Phil Unterschuetz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Tom Hanson

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - Limit to 3 minutes per person with a maximum public comment of 30 minutes on agenda items only.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – November 12, 2024 and **December 3, 2024**

**PUBLIC HEARING** - Proposed Community Development Block Grant Application

1. Identification of total potential funding available
2. Eligible CDBG activities
3. Presentation of identified community development and housing needs
4. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application
5. Review of any potential residential and non-residential displacement
6. Resident input regarding community development and housing needs, the proposed CDBG project, and other CDBG activities

**PRESENTATION** – Highway Storage Garage/**Discussion and Possible Motion**

1. Cedar Corporation
2. Kueny Architects

### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

1. Approval of the 2025 Forestry Work Plan
2. Determine Funding Source for Stairs Removed on County Highway W

### RESOLUTION

3. Child Support Specialist I to Child Support Specialist II
4. IT Team Lead Job Description
5. Policy to Prohibit the use of Excessive Force and to Enforce Applicable State and Local Laws Prohibiting Physically Barring Entrances/Exits for Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations
6. Wisconsin Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs
7. Adopt a Citizen Participation Plan
8. Authorizing Resolution to Submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application
9. Authorizing Resolution to Commit Matching Funds & Certification of Matching Funds Secured
10. Reassign Victim Witness Hours in Sheriff's Department to District Attorney's Office
11. Eliminate Sec 2-296 and Amend Sec 8-5 of the General Code of Rusk County, WI – regarding the Animal Shelter Operations.
12. Acknowledging the Investment of sales Revenue from City Owned Economic Development Property to Jointly Managed Economic Development Property for the construction of 20,000 sq ft. building to connect 501 Doughty Rd and 1402 Jez Rd.

**CLOSED SESSION** – announced by Chair

Response to RFP from HCA Charity Inc. to acquire County-owned land pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e). Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

**OPEN SESSION** – Possible Motion on Topic of Closed Session

**CLOSED SESSION** – announced by Chair

Conferring with legal counsel in regards to settlement demand pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 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** – Possible Motion on Topic of Closed Session

**CLOSED SESSION** – announced by Chair

Consider offer from City of Ladysmith to acquire jointly owned industrial buildings and land pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e). - Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

**OPEN SESSION** – Possible Motion on Topic of Closed Session

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURN**

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**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**December 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**RUSK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER LEC BOARD ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kalepp at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

Brian Coggins arrived at 6:02 p.m., Suzanne Vohs arrived at 6:08 p.m., Tom Hanson arrived at 6:08 p.m., Tom Cudo arrived at 6:10 p.m. and Alec Hampton arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Others Present: A. Heath, J. Wilk, C. Meyer, A. Gudis, R. Summerfield, E. Webster, L. Jennerman, B. Stout, J. Jacobs, N. Robinson, B. Urhn, R. Schmidt, D. Flater, D. Schindler, J. Baye, Brinker, Hetchler, P. Grassmann, S. Didrech-Kasdorf, A. Phillips.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation led by Supervisor District # 16 Lois Goode

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor District # 13 Kurt Gorsegner

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – N. Robinson, R. Schmidt, D. Flater, E. Webster, D. Schindler and B. Stout spoke about agenda items.

*Motion by Schneider, seconded by Gudis to enter into closed session at 6:17 p.m. All responded yes.*

RESULTS: Passed by Majority Vote of Members Present

Results tallied – **Yes:** Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Kathy Halbur, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Keith Jacobson, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, Dan Gudis

**CLOSED SESSION** – announced by Chair

Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wi Stats 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and, Wi Stats 19.85(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 except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.; to wit: employment status of a position previously eliminated on October 10, 2024 due to budget constraints.

**OPEN SESSION** – at 6:43 p.m.

**Resolution 63-24**

Reinstatement of Position Previously Eliminated

Submitted by Rusk County Board Chair/S: John Kalepp

*Motion by Hampton, seconded by Russell to approve the resolution to reinstate the following positions previously eliminated by Personnel; HHS Clerk I, Black Top Foreman, GIS Technician, Day Custodial/Housekeeping, and Jail Accounts Specialist. Motion carried.*

RESULTS: Passed by Majority Vote of Members Present

Results tallied – **Yes:** Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Kathy Halbur, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Keith Jacobson, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, Dan Gudis

Discussion provided by Wisconsin Counties Association with Andy Phillips and Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf on training topic - Relationship between the Administrative Coordinator and the Board.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Meyer, seconded by Moore to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried by Voice Vote.*