



MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 23, 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 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Quorum Present (17 Present, 1 Absent)

Present: Terry DuSell, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Jonathon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, John Kalepp, Mike Hraban, Jim Meyer, Dan Gudis, Tom Hanson, Jerry Biller, Lois Goode and Dave Willingham

Absent: Mark Schmidt

Others Present: A. Heath, J. Wilk, C. Meyer, J. Buchholz-Jones, R. Summerfield, J. Wallace, J. Murray, J. Macholl, J. Jacobs, M. Huhn, A. Engel, M. Wojcik, K. Gorsegner, J. Hoover, S. Wallace, S. Moore, S. Kuchta, T. Jerry, J. Wappenschmidt, M. Hash, S. Hash and E. Webster.

INVOCATION

Invocation led by Supervisor District #16 Lois Goode.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor District #12 Jim Meyer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 19, 2023

Motion by Hraban, seconded by Cudo to approve the December 19, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

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

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis ABSENT: Vacant, Mark Schmitt

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Consideration of Financial Support for Hawkins Daycare

Postponed until February County Board Meeting.

Approve Radio Tower Update Project

Sheriff Wallace, Officer A. Engel and Officer M. Wojcik spoke about places in the County communication with other officers or dispatch to help other officers in the county during emergencies.

Bre Krech with Motorola gave a presentation on the challenges and gave two options to upgrade the radio system for EMS. Options are as follows: option 1 – direct replacement, system modulation choices, option 2 – move to simulcast, using PL tones vs. simulcast, other benefits of simulcast and dispatch upgrade

Motion by J. Unterschuetz, seconded by Stout to refer to property committee to get bids and bring back to County Board. Motion carried.

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

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis ABSENT: Vacant, Mark Schmitt

Approve Highway Road Projects for 2024

Ashley Heath, gave an update on bonding for highway projects.

Minutes prepared by:
Connie Meyer, Rusk County Clerk
Jill Buchholz, Chief Deputy Clerk

Motion by Hraban, seconded by Willingham to approve the highway road projects for 2024 as amended. Motion carried.

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

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis ABSENT: VACANT, Mark Schmitt

Motion by J. Unterschuetz, seconded by Cudo to amend Authorize Highway Road Projects for 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$1,789,270.00. Motion carried.

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

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis NO: Jim Meyer ABSENT: VACANT, Mark Schmitt

2023 Annual Forestry Report

Jerrad Macholl, Forest Administrator gave a report on Parks and Recreation, Campgrounds, Camping Permits, Rusk County ATV/UVT Trails, Timber Sales and Carbon Credits.

Motion by Biller, seconded by DuSell to approve the 2023 annual Rusk County Forestry report. Motion carried.

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

YES: Terry Dusell, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis ABSTAIN: Jerry Biller ABSENT: Vacant, Mark Schmitt

RESOLUTION

Resolution 01-24

Modification of Vehicle Regulations Ordinance- County Forest

Submitted by Rusk County Forestry Committee: S/ Phil Schneider, Terry DuSell, Phil Unterschuetz and John Kalepp.

Motion by DuSell, seconded by Schneider to approve the resolution for the Modification of Vehicle Regulations Ordinance-County Forest. Motion carried.

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

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis NO: Tom Hanson ABSENT: Vacant, Mark Schmitt

Resolution 02-24

Reclassification of Health and Human Services Clerk II to Clerk III

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee: S/Randy Tatur and John Kalepp

Motion by Schneider, seconded by Hraban to approve the resolution for reclassification of health and human services clerk II to clerk III. Motion carried.

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

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis NO: Phil Unterschuetz ABSENT: Vacant, Mark Schmitt

Resolution 03-24

Classification of Finance Accountant II – RCTC

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee: S/Randy Tatur and John Kalepp

Motion by Tatur, seconded by Hraban to approve the resolution for classification of finance accountant II - RCTC. Motion carried.

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

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis ABSENT: Vacant, Mark Schmitt

Resolution 04-24

Establishing Total Annual Compensation for County Elected Officials Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 59.22
Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee: S/Terry DuSell, Robert Stout, Jim Meyer and Jonathon
Unterschuetz.

*Motion by Willingham, seconded by Hraban to approve the resolution for Establishing Total Annual Compensation for County
Elected Officials Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 59.22. Motion carried.*

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

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Phil
Unterschuetz, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David
Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis ABSENT: Vacant, Mark Schmitt

Resolution 05-24

Designating American Rescue Plan Act Funds to be used for Internal Rusk County Projects #6
Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee: S/Randy Tatur, Tony Hauser, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp and
Phil Unterschuetz.

*Motion by DuSell, seconded by Wedwick to approve the resolution Designating American Rescue Plan Act Funds to be used for
Internal Rusk County Projects #6. Motion carried.*

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

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Phil
Unterschuetz, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David
Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis ABSENT: Vacant, Mark Schmitt

Resolution 06-24

Designating Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds to be used for Internal Rusk County Projects #1
Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee: S/Randy Tatur, Tony Hauser, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp and
Phil Unterschuetz.

*Motion by Tatur, seconded by Hraban to approve the resolution for Designating Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds
to be used for Internal Rusk County Projects #1. Motion carried.*

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

YES: Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Tony Hauser, Terry Wedwick, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Tom Cudo, Jon
Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike
Hraban, Dan Gudis NO: Phil Unterschuetz ABSENT: Vacant, Mark Schmitt

Motion by Biller, seconded by DuSell to enter into Closed Session at 9:02 p.m. All responded yes.

CLOSED SESSION – announced by Chair

Conferring with legal counsel in regards to lawsuit against the County 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 9:09 p.m.

Motion by Biller, seconded by Hauser to enter into Closed Session at 9:10 p.m. All responded yes.

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 9:36 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT – County Board meeting – February 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Ladysmith Family Restaurant will be giving 100% of the proceeds back to Rusk County EMS on Tuesday,
January 30, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. split between Rusk County Sheriff's Office, Ladysmith Police
Department and Ladysmith Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT -*Motion by Biller, seconded by DuSell to adjourn at 9:39 p.m. Motion carried by Voice Vote.*