



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 1, 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 pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Quorum Present (18 Present, 1 Absent)

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

Absent: Phil Unterschuetz

Others Present: A. Heath, J. Wilk, C. Meyer, A. Gudis, J. Wallace, J. Bugbee, N. Robinson, G. Shilts, K. Shilts, S. Taylor, R. Novak, I. Fawley, Attorney Weld and Attorney Seltun.

INVOCATION

Invocation led by Supervisor District #17 Dave Willingham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor District #3 Stacy Zimmer.

Attorney Seltun goes over Board role, Admin role and employee role. Attorney Seltun discusses open versus closed session and asked Shilts and/or Attorney Weld if they want open or closed meeting. Attorney Weld and Mr. Shilts requested Open Session. Attorney Seltun requested that any matters appropriate for closed session be held until the end because other County employees have the right to have their privacy respected and clarifies with Clerk that no motion has been made to go into closed session.

Attorney Seltun indicated how voting will happen in closed session and that Clerk will record minutes and a transcript need not be made. Board will proceed with evidentiary hearing in open session. Attorney Seltun asks if Mr. Shilts received notice of meeting and if he understands what meeting is for. Attorney Weld answers that they received notice meeting on June 21, 2024 which the state statute 17.10 indicates notice be given at least 10 days in advance and will waive that requirement.

Board members were asked if they believe that they are able to make their decision tonight based solely upon the facts and arguments as presented during the meeting. All answered in the affirmative.

A. Gudis, Human Resource Manager presents a packet with Exhibit A-S on Rusk County's behalf. Board members and Mr. Weld were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Administration regarding the evidence presented.

Attorney Weld presents a packet on Mr. Shilts behalf. Board members and the Administration were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Administration regarding the evidence presented.

Closing arguments were given by A. Gudis, Human Resource Manager.

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CLOSED SESSION announced by Chair

Motion by Russell, seconded by Moore to enter into Closed Session at 8:17 p.m.

Result: Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 17, NO: 1, ABSTAIN: 0, DID NOT VOTE: 0, ABSENT: 1)

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

Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(a) for deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before the governmental body; and under 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 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.

OPEN SESSION - 9:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Russell, seconded by Hampton to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

Minutes prepared by:

Connie Meyer, Rusk County Clerk _____