



MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 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 pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Quorum Present (19 Present)

Present: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, Brian Coggins, Lois Goode. Dan Gudis arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Others Present: A. Heath, J. Wilk, C. Meyer, A. Gudis, T. Larson, R. Summerfield, R. Tatur, K. Bugbee, J. Bugbee, N. Robinson, E. Webster, G. Shilts, K. Shilts, R. Novak, D. Novak, J. Osborn, D. Mataczynski, D. Zimmer, J. Wiles, B. Wiles, G. Murray, P. Grassmann, J. Wallace. R. Roehl, S. Tiegs, E. Stoker, T. Inman-Stoker.

INVOCATION

Invocation led by Supervisor District # 9 Phil Unterschuetz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor District # 10 Brian Coggins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 21, 2024, June 20, 2024, June 25, 2024 and July 1, 2024

Motion by Cudo, seconded by Zimmer to approve the minutes from May 21, 2024, June 20, 2024, June 25, 2024 and July 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 18, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 1)

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

ABSENT: Dan Gudis.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Members of the public spoke about agenda items.

PRESENTATION

Rusk County Fair - B. Wiles, Fair Coordinator gave a presentation on the increase in fair entries, old and new events, new improvement projects and volunteers.

Recruitment and Retention in the Sheriff's Office - P. Grassmann, Deputy Sheriff, gave a presentation on recruitment and retention in the Sheriff's Office.

Presentation on Wisconsin Conservation Congress - R. Roehl spoke about the background of the WI Conservation Congress and the 5 Rusk County delegates spend money out of their own pocket to attend the Annual Conference. They are requesting Rusk County to support the 5 Rusk County delegates and reimburse them for lodging and mileage for the annual meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

The request for reimbursement up to \$2,500.00 for Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Schneider to approve the request for reimbursement up to \$2,500 for Wisconsin Conservation Congress. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 19, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, 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

Invoice Clarification from the Sheriff's Department for Out of County Housing - J. Wallace, Rusk County Sheriff gave clarification on the out-of-county housing of inmates and double bunking in the Rusk County Jail.

Resolution 38-24

Appointing Rusk County Veteran's Service Officer

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee: S/ Stacy Zimmer and Sherry Wallace

Motion by Schneider, seconded by Zimmer to approve the resolution to appoint Tami Inman-Stoker as Rusk County Veteran's Service Officer at a wage of \$29.40 with a starting date of July 24, 2024. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 19, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, 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

Resolution 39-24

Advocating for an Inpatient Behavioral Health Facility for Northern Wisconsin.

Submitted by Rusk County Health and Human Services Committee: S/ Sherry Wallace and Tom Hanson

Motion by Schneider, seconded by Russell to approve the resolution Advocating for an Inpatient Behavioral Health Facility for Northern Wisconsin. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 19, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, 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

Resolution 40-24

Designating HHS American Rescue Plan Funds to be used for Community Projects #3

Submitted by Rusk County Health and Human Services Committee: S/ Phil Schneider, Lois Goode, Tom Hanson, John Moore, Mark Schmitt,

Motion by Moore, seconded by Russell to approve the resolution Designating HHS American Rescue Plan Funds to be used for Community Projects #3. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 19, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, 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

Resolution 41-24

Wage Adjustments for Rusk County Seasonal Employees

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

Motion by Willingham, seconded by Zimmer to approve the resolution Wage Adjustments for Rusk County Seasonal Employees. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 18, NO: 1, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

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

NO: Tom Cudo

Resolution 42-24

Designation of Continuing Appropriation Account for Donations to the Rusk County Sheriff's Office.

Submitted by Rusk County Emergency Services Committee: S/ Terry Wedwick, Tom Cudo, Kurt Gorsegner, Phil Schneider and Suzanne Vohs.

Motion by Wedwick, seconded by Hampton to approve the resolution Designation of Continuing Appropriation Account for Donations to the Rusk County Sheriff's Office. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 19, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, 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

Resolution 43-24

Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes

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

Motion by Coggins, seconded by Wedwick to approve the resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 19, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, 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

Resolution 44-24

Increasing Dog Licensing Fees for 2025

Submitted by Rusk County Animal Shelter: S/ Terry Wedwick, Tom Hanson, Tom Cudo, Nancy Christianson and Randy Lovely.

Motion by Wedwick, seconded by Cudo to approve the resolution to increase dog licensing fees for 2025 as amended. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 19, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, 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

Motion by Cudo, seconded by Hanson to amend the intact dog license fee from \$15 to \$20. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 19, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, 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

Motion by Biller, seconded by Hampton to enter into closed session at 8:30 pm. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 18, NO: 1, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

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

CLOSED SESSION announced by Chair

Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. 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; 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: to take a ratification vote on the Disciplinary

Subcommittee's action taken on July 11, 2024 with respect to a public employee.

OPEN SESSION – at 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Cudo, seconded by Russell to terminate Gary Shilts – based upon his failure to sign the last chance agreement effective July 11, 2024. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 18, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 1)

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

APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of Interim Facilities Manager

Motion by Biller, seconded by Hampton to appoint Charmaine Riddle as Interim Facilities Manager. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 17, NO: 1, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 1)

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

Ad Hoc Construction Committee

Member from Finance – Brian Coggins

Member from Emergency Services – Tom Cudo

Member from Property – Terry Wedwick

Member At Large – Stacy Zimmer

County Board Chair – John Kalepp

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Gudis to approve the Ad Hoc Construction Committee appointment as amended. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 18, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 1)

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

Motion by Zimmer, seconded by Unterschuetz to amend the Ad Hoc Construction Committee to replace Zimmer with Moore. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 17, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 1, ABSENT: 1)

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

Housing Committee

Tom Cudo – County Board Supervisor
Suzanne Vohs – County Board Supervisor
Pauline Lundgren – Citizen Member
Mike Hraban – Citizen Member
Randy Tatur – Citizen Member

Motion by Biller, seconded by Unterschuetz to approve the Housing Committee appointments as presented. Motion carried.

Result: Passed by Majority Vote (YES: 18, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 1)

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next County Board Meeting Date – August 27, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Zimmer, seconded by Biller to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Motion carried by Voice Vote.