



**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**June 25, 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.

Others Present: A. Heath, J. Wilk, C. Meyer, T. Larson, R. Summerfield, R. Tatur, J. Jacobs, K. Bugbee, E. Webster, A. Grotzinger, E. van Doorn, J. Livingston, S. Moore, R. Carlson, G. Murray, A. Jenneman from GenComm.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation led by Supervisor District # 16 Lois Goode.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor District #1 Alec Hampton.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – May 21 and June 20, 2024

*Motion by Cudo, seconded by Wedwick to approve the minutes from May 21, 2024 and June 20, 2024. Discussion held. No vote.*

*Motion by Unterschuetz, seconded by Hampton to postpone approval of the minutes until the next meeting. Motion carried.*

Result: Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 19, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 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

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

**PRESENTATION**

Update on Visitor's Center Train Tour Given to Students

Lois Goode, Ray Carlson and Sue Moore gave an update on the train tours at the Rusk County Visitors Center.

Current Condition of Highway Department Equipment

E. van Doorn, Interim Highway Commissioner, and J. Livingston, Highway Shop Manager, gave a report on the background of the department and the condition of the current equipment.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Ashley Heath, Administrative Coordinator, discussed the Capital Improvement Plan and the proposed edits.

*Motion by Biller, seconded by Russell to approve the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan. Motion Carried.*

Result: Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 15, NO: 4, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, Mike Russell, Dan Gudis

NO: Stacy Zimmer, Phil Unterschuetz, Jim Meyer, Dave Willingham

Request for Proposal for Sale of 1201 Lake Ave, Ladysmith, WI – Parcel #246-02146-0000

Ashley Heath, Administrative Coordinator explained the proposed RFP and what is included.  
*Motion by Unterschuetz, seconded by Meyer to approve the Request for Proposal for Sale of 1201 Lake Ave, Ladysmith, WI without the Estimated Fair Market Value of \$203,100.00 listed in #5. 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, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, Dan Gudis

NO: Phil Schneider

**Resolution 24-24**

2024 DNR Shooting Range Program

Submitted by Rusk County Forestry Committee: S/ Phil Unterschuetz, Stacy Zimmer, Jerry Biller, Phil Schneider.

*Motion by Biller, seconded by Coggins to approve the resolution 2024 DNR Shooting Range Program. 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 25-24**

Designating HHS American Rescue Plan Funds to be Used for Community Projects #2.

Submitted by Rusk County: S/Phil Schneider.

*Motion by Willingham, seconded by Moore to approve the resolution Designating HHS American Rescue Plan Funds to be Used for Community Projects #2. 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 26-24**

Designating American Rescue Plan Act Funds to be Used for Rusk County Housing Authority – Addition of Bruce and Hawkins Locations.

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

*Motion by Biller, seconded by Russell to approve the resolution Designating American Rescue Plan Act Funds to be Used for Rusk County Housing Authority – Bruce and Hawkins Locations. 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 27-24**

Authorizing Proceeding with Rusk County Radio Project.

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

Submitted by Rusk County Property Committee: S/John Kalepp, Jerry Biller, Dan Gudis, Tom Hanson, Terry Wedwick.

*Motion by Gorsegner, seconded by Schneider to approve the resolution Authorizing Proceeding with Rusk County Radio Project as amended. 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, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell, Dan Gudis

NO: Lois Goode

*Motion by Zimmer, seconded by Schneider to amend the And Be It Further Resolved to add Not to Exceed \$2,430,938.00. 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 28-24**

Approve Utilization of General Fund Balance to Purchase Highway Department Equipment.

Submitted by Rusk County Highway Department: S/ Jerry Biller, Jim Meyer, Dan Gudis, Alec Hampton, John Kalepp.

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

*Motion by Biller, seconded by Gorsegner to approve the resolution Approve Utilization of General Fund Balance to Purchase Highway Department Equipment in the amount of \$500,000.00. 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 29-24**

Approving July 1, 2024 General Employee Wage Adjustments

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee: S/

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee S/

*Motion by Zimmer, seconded by Russell to approve the resolution Approving July 1, 2024 General Employee Wage Adjustments as approved by Finance. 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 30-24**

Approve Interim Highway Commissioner Retroactive Compensation from May 21, 2024 to June 2, 2024.

Submitted by Rusk County: S/

*Motion by Hampton, seconded by Unterschuetz to approve the resolution Approve Interim Highway Commissioner Retroactive Compensation from May 21, 2024 to June 2, 2024 of \$1,500. 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 31-24**

Approve Interim Highway Commissioner Retroactive Compensation from June 3, 2024.

Submitted by Rusk County: S/

*Motion by Zimmer, seconded by Hampton to approve the resolution Approve Interim Highway Commissioner Retroactive Compensation from June 3, 2024 through August 8 or until the position is filled at an hourly rate of \$38.79. 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 32-24**

Changes to Rusk County Personnel Handbook

Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee: S/

*Motion by Coggins, seconded by Russell to approve the resolution Changes to Rusk County Personnel Handbook as amended. Motion carried.*

Result: Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 15, NO: 4, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

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

NO: Jerry Biller, Tom Cudo, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp

*Motion by Cudo, seconded by Meyer to amend the Resolution to remove the Telecommuting policy. Motion failed by majority vote.*

Result: Failed On Majority Vote (YES: 9, NO: 10, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Jim Meyer, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, Dave Willingham, Dan Gudis

NO: Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Mike Russell

*Motion by Willingham, seconded by Unterschuetz to amend to strike the changes outlined in Level IV. Motion carried.*

Result: Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 10, NO: 9, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Alec Hampton, Stacy Zimmer, Suzanne Vohs, Phil Unterschuetz, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, Dave Willingham, Dan Gudis

NO: Jerry Biller, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Tom Cudo, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, John Kalepp, Mike Russell

*Motion by Meyer, seconded by Biller to amend the Telecommuting Policy and add that each individual request be approved by their oversight committee. Motion Failed by majority vote.*

Result: Failed On Majority Vote (YES: 5, NO: 14, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

YES: Jerry Biller, Tom Cudo, Jim Meyer, Dave Willingham, Dan Gudis

NO: Alec Hampton, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Suzanne Vohs, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Phil Schneider, Kurt Gorsegner, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, Mike Russell

### **Resolution 33-24**

Provision of Short-Term Financial Assistance to the Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (NWCEP)

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee: S/

*Motion by Wedwick, seconded by Russell to approve the resolution Provision of Short-Term Financial Assistance to the Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (NWCEP) of \$5,000 to be paid back by December 2025. 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 34-24**

Authorizing Rusk County to Enter into the Settlement Agreement with the Kroger Co. and Agree to the Terms of Addendum Two to the MOU Allocating Settlement Proceeds.

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

*Motion by Unterschuetz, seconded by Russell to approve the resolution Authorizing Rusk County to Enter into the Settlement Agreement with the Kroger Co. and Agree to the Terms of Addendum Two to the MOU Allocating Settlement Proceeds. 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 35-24**

Creating the Position of Social Services Case Manager in the Rusk County Health and Human Services Department.

Submitted by Rusk County: S/Phil Schneider.

*Motion by Schneider, seconded by Russell to approve the resolution Creating the Position of Social Services Case Manager in the Rusk County Health and Human Services Department. 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 36-24**

Initial Resolution Authorizing Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes for Capital Projects.

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

*Motion by Wedwick, seconded by Russell to approve the resolution Initial Resolution Authorizing Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes for Capital Projects. Motion Carried.*

Result: Passed With 3/4 of Full Membership (YES: 18, NO: 1, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

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

NO: Phil Unterschuetz

### **Resolution 37-24**

Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes.

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

*Motion by Biller, seconded by Wedwick to approve the Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. Motion Carried.*

Result: Passed With Majority of Full Membership (YES: 18, NO: 1, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0)

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

NO: Phil Unterschuetz

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- Board of Adjustment – Robert Nelson (1 year), Robert Lorkowski (2 year), Thomas Meisner (3 year), Betsy Patterson – Alternate (2 year).
- Health & Human Services – Mark Schmitt, Community Member Representative (3 year)
- Health & Human Services – Clark County Commission – Phil Schneider.

*Motion by Willingham, seconded by Russell to approve all of the appointments. 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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Next County Board Meeting Date – July 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Biller, seconded by Unterschuetz to adjourn at 10:11 p.m. Motion carried by Voice Vote.*