



**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**March 19, 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 (17 Present, 2 Absent)

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

Absent: Vacant, Phil Unterschuetz

Others Present: A. Heath, J. Wilk, C. Meyer, J. Buchholz-Jones, A. Gudis, T. Larson, R. Summerfield, E. Van Dyke, L. Baltrusis, N. Stadnyk, J. Wallace, G. Murray, P. Grassmann, C. Longbella, J. Dekrey, A. Crabb, C. Fronk, R. Roeker, K. Berner, Samuels Group, L. Klink, K. Cole, J. Wappenschmidt, S. Schweickert, J. Jacobs, C. Riddle, J. Runstrom, M. Hash, J. Schmidt, A. Bratlie and A. Anderson

**INVOCATION**

Invocation led by Supervisor District # 10 Jonathon Unterschuetz.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor District #6 Bob Stout.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 27 and March 7, 2024

*Motion by M. Hraban, seconded by M. Schmitt to approve the February 27, 2024 and March 7, 2024 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, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis. ABSENT: VACANT, Phil Unterschuetz

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**PRESENTATION**

Update from Samuels Group and Venture Architects

Samuels Group and K. Berner gave a presentation on what will be presented at the April town hall meetings in Rusk County. Information to the public will include explanations on needs, how we got here, proposed solutions, tax impact, out of county transports and a learn more section where they introduce the website. It is the consensus of the board that Samuels Group and Venture Architects can move forward with the website.

Hawkins Daycare Proposal for Old Hawkins School.

A. Bratlie gave a presentation on opening a regulated daycare center at the old elementary school in Hawkins and is requesting financial support from Rusk County.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

Farmers Market Green Space / Pavilion Update: Postponed until the April County Board meeting.

Amend Extended Leave Bank Time Policy.

HR Manager A. Gudis gave an overview on the language to amend extended leave bank time policy.

*Motion by D. Willingham, seconded by M. Hraban to approve the Amended Extended Leave Bank Time Policy. Motion carried.*

Minutes prepared by:  
Connie Meyer, Rusk County Clerk  
Tracey Larson, Deputy 1

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, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis. ABSENT: VACANT, Phil Unterschuetz

Wage Increase for Fair Coordinator and Fair Intern

C. Riddle informed the County Board of the request for the wage increase for Fair Coordinator and Fair Intern.

*Motion by T. DuSell, seconded by J. Biller to approve the wage increase of \$.50 for Fair Coordinator and \$1.00 for Fair Intern. 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, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis. ABSENT: VACANT, Phil Unterschuetz

*Motion by J. Biller, seconded by T. Hauser to enter into Closed Session at 8:03 p.m. 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, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis. ABSENT: VACANT, Phil Unterschuetz

**CLOSED SESSION** – announced by Chair

Consider motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 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,” to wit: proposal to sell the former Marshfield Clinic Health Systems Building and Surrounding lands located at 906 College Ave., Ladysmith WI and the discussion of: (1) the HCA Offer to Purchase and Right of First Refusal for the following parcel numbers: 246-03596-0000, 246-03597-0000, 246-03598-0000, and 246-03599-0000; and (2) the proposed RFP process for the following parcel numbers: 246-03596-0000, 246-03597-0000, 246-03598-0000, 246-03599-0000, 246-03560-0000 and 246-03658-0005.

**OPEN SESSION** – at 9:00 pm

Approval of RFP for parcel numbers: 246-03596-0000, 246-03597-0000, 246-03598-0000, 246- 03599-0000, 246-03560-0000 and 246-03658-0005

*Motion by J. Unterschuetz, seconded by M. Hraban to approve to authorize the Administrative Coordinator to work with outside counsel to implement the RFP as presented and engage an appraiser for purposes of conducting an appraisal of the Property at a cost not to exceed \$5,500. The County will acknowledge that the HCA offer has expired and will not accept the HCA Offer but the County Board strongly encourages HCA to participate in the RFP Process. 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, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis. ABSENT: VACANT, Phil Unterschuetz

*Motion by M. Hraban, seconded by T. Wedwick to enter into Closed Session at 9:10 pm. 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, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis. ABSENT: VACANT, Phil Unterschuetz

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**OPEN SESSION** – at 9:35 pm

Minutes prepared by:  
Connie Meyer, Rusk County Clerk  
Tracey Larson, Deputy 1

Discussed Lease Agreement with Oakleaf for 1101 Lake Ave Building parcel #246-02144-0000  
*Motion M. Hraban, seconded by T. Cudo to approve the lease as written, provided that the shareholders of Oakleaf Clinic Inc. sign a personal guaranty guaranteeing all of the terms and conditions of the Lease. 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, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis. ABSENT: VACANT, Phil Unterschuetz

### **Resolution 13-24**

Addition of One Full-Time Information and Assistance (I&A) Specialist Within the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).  
Submitted by Rusk County Personnel Committee: S/ Terry DuSell, Robert Stout, John Kalepp, Jim Meyer and Jonathon Unterschuetz.  
*Motion by P. Schneider, seconded by M. Schmitt to approve the resolution Addition of One Full-Time Information and Assistance (I&A) Specialist Within the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). 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, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis. ABSENT: VACANT, Phil Unterschuetz

### **Resolution 14-24**

Designating Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Funds to be Used for Internal Rusk County Projects #2.  
Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee: S/Randy Tatur, Tony Hauser, Jim Meyer, and John Kalepp  
*Motion by J. Meyer, seconded by M. Hraban to approve the resolution Designating Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Funds to be Used for Internal Rusk County Projects #2. 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, Jon Unterschuetz, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Lois Goode, David Willingham, Mike Hraban, Dan Gudis. ABSENT: VACANT, Phil Unterschuetz

### **RECOGNITIONS**

Kaysie Seth (Bruce School District) 2024 WI Land & Water Conservation Association Speaking Contest, Elementary Division – N. Stadnyk, County Conservationist, recognized Kaysie Seth for taking 1st place in the local speaking contest and 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the regional contest.

Joshua Price (Bruce School District) 2024 WI Land & Water Conservation Association Speaking Contest, Junior Division – N. Stadnyk, County Conservationist, recognized Joshua Price for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the local speaking contest, 1<sup>st</sup> place at the regional contest and 1<sup>st</sup> place at the state contest.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Next County Board Meeting Date – April 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by J. Biller, seconded by M. Schmitt to adjourn at 9:50 pm. Motion carried by Voice Vote.*