



MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
RUSK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER LEC BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kalepp at 7:01 pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Quorum Present (16 Present, 1 on Teams, 2 Absent)

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 joined Teams at 8:21 p.m.

Absent: Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

Others Present: A. Heath, J. Wilk, C. Meyer, T. Larson, A. Gudis, R. Summerfield, Annette Grotzinger, Randy Tatur, Sue Schweickert, J. Wallace, G. Murray, K. Berner, Samuels Group, Justin Fischer from Baird, Chrysa Ostenso, John Pohlman,

INVOCATION

Invocation led by Supervisor District # 9 Phil Unterschuetz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor District #6 Sherry Wallace.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 16 and April 22, 2024

Motion by Willingham, seconded by Biller to approve the April 16, 2024 and April 22, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

Result: Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 16, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 3)

YES: 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

ABSENT: Brian Coggins, Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

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

PRESENTATION

Update from Samuels Group, Venture Architects and Baird regarding Jail Project

K Berner from Samuels Group and Justin Fisher from Baird Financial gave a presentation with explanations to questions from the town hall meeting and financial and the tax impact.

ELECTION

Highway Committee – District #5 – Central

Cudo nominated Gudis

Wedwick nominated Goode.

Chair Kalepp nominated Russell. Russell declined

Corporation Council Summerfield called for additional nominations three times.

Paper Ballot Results: 3 – Goode, 12 - Gudis, and 1 - Abstain

Gudis is elected for Central Highway Committee

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Approve Jail Medical Contract: G. Murray, Jail Captain, explained the Jail Medical Contract.
Motion by Unterschuetz, seconded by Hampton to Approve the Jail Medical Contract. Motion Carried.

Result: Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 16, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 3)

YES: 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

ABSENT: Brian Coggins, Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

Approve Compensation for Acting Highway Commissioner. A. Gudis, HR Manager gave an overview of the history of the Operations Manager and Interim Highway Commissioner.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Zimmer to approve compensation for Acting Highway Commissioner from February 26, 2024 to March 10, 2024 at a wage of \$31.11. Motion carried.

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

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

ABSENT: Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

Approve Change to Discipline and Termination Process – Ashley Gudis, HR Manager, explained the changes and updates to the Discipline and Termination Policy. Discussion held.

Motion by Biller, seconded by Russell to Approve the Changes to Discipline and Termination Process as presented.

Motion by Willingham, seconded by Unterschuetz to refer the Discipline and Termination Process back to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Result: Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 11, NO: 6, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 2)

YES: Alec Hampton, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Suzanne Vohs, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, Tom Hanson, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell

NO: Jerry Biller, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Tom Cudo, Phil Schneider, John Kalepp

ABSENT: Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

Authorize County Board Chair to Send Miner Ave Street Vacation Request to City of Ladysmith
Corporation Council Summerfield spoke about sending the Miner Ave Street Vacation Request Letter to the City of Ladysmith.

Motion by Biller, seconded by Cudo to Authorize County Board Chair to Send Miner Ave Street Vacation Request to City of Ladysmith. Motion Carried.

Result: Passed By Majority Vote (YES: 11, NO: 6, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 2)

YES: Alec Hampton, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Suzanne Vohs, Phil Unterschuetz, Brian Coggins, Jim Meyer, Kurt Gorsegner, Tom Hanson, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell

NO: Jerry Biller, Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Tom Cudo, Phil Schneider, John Kalepp

ABSENT: Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

Resolution 19-24

Medical Examiner Staffing and Compensation Adjustments

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

Motion by Wedwick, seconded by Zimmer to approve the resolution Medical Examiner Staffing and Compensation Adjustments. Motion carried.

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

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
ABSENT: Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

Resolution 20-24

Designating Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Funds to be Used for Internal Rusk County Projects #3.

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 Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Funds to be Used for Internal Rusk County Projects #3. Motion carried.

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

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
ABSENT: Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

Resolution 21-24

2023 Contingency and General Fund Transfers

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

Motion by Zimmer, seconded by Hampton to replace the contingency transfers table in the resolution to the correct contingency transfers table as approved by Finance. Motion Carried

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

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
ABSENT: Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

Motion by Wedwick, seconded by Moore to approve the resolution 2023 Contingency and General Fund Transfers as amended. Motion Carried.

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

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
ABSENT: Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

Resolution 22-24

2023 Budget Amendments

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

Motion by Wedwick, seconded by Hampton to approve the resolution 2023 Budget Amendments. Motion Carried.

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

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
ABSENT: Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

Resolution 23-24

Amended Resolution 16-17 Rusk County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy (part-time) Wage Compensation

Submitted by Rusk County Emergency Services Committee S/ Phil Schneider, Kurt Gorsegner, Suzanne Vohs, Terry Wedwick, Tom Cudo and Rusk County Personnel Committee S/ Stacy Zimmer, Mike Russell, Dave Willingham, Sherry Wallace, Jim Meyer

Motion by Unterschuetz, seconded by Russell to approve the Amended Resolution 16-17 Rusk County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy (part-time) Wage Compensation to \$25. Motion Carried.

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

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

ABSENT: Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

Resolution 24-24

Approving July 1, 2024 General Employee Wage Adjustments - A. Gudis spoke on the Carlson-Dettmann wage study.

Submitted by Rusk County Finance Committee: S/John Kalepp, Jim Meyer, Brian Coggins, Terry Wedwick, Phil Unterschuetz and Rusk County Personnel Committee S/ Stacy Zimmer, Mike Russell, Dave Willingham, Sherry Wallace, Jim Meyer.

Motion by Wedwick, seconded by Wallace to approve the resolution Approving July 1, 2024 General Employee Wage Adjustments.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Willingham to refer this Resolution back to the Personnel committee to discuss further options. Motion carried.

Results of Roll Call Vote: Yes: 12, No: 5, Absent: 2

YES: Alec Hampton, Jerry Biller, Stacy Zimmer, John Moore, Suzanne Vohs, Tom Cudo, Phil Unterschuetz, Jim Meyer, John Kalepp, Tom Hanson, Dave Willingham, Mike Russell.

NO: Terry Wedwick, Sherry Wallace, Brian Coggins, Philip Schneider, Kurt Gorsegner.

ABSENT: Lois Goode, Dan Gudis.

APPOINTMENTS

- ADRC Advisory/Nutrition Committee – Sherry Wallace & Mike Russell, Mark Schmitt & Alice Kesan.
- Ethics Committee – Stacy Zimmer, Jeremy Jacobs, Cora Schultz (1 year), Russell Dukerschein (2 year) and Anthony Arts (3 year).
- Indianhead Federated Library – Lois Goode.
- Indianhead Community Action Agency (transit service) RCTC – Dave Willingham (2 year – even), John Moore (2 year – even), and Suzanne Vohs (1 year – odd).
- ICAA – Tom Hanson.
- Travel Northwest Wisconsin Board – Suzanne Vohs.
- Travel Northwest Wisconsin Tourism – Suzanne Vohs.
- Library Board – Dave Willingham.
- NWCEP – Terry Wedwick.
- Housing Committee – Tom Cudo and Phil Unterschuetz. Citizen Members – Randy Tatur and Mike Hraban.
- Traffic Safety Committee – John Kalepp.

- Land and Water Conservation – Dan Gudis.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Wedwick to approve all of the appointments with the change. Motion carried.

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

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

ABSENT: Lois Goode, Dan Gudis

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next County Board Meeting Date – June 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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