



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes - April 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The Rock County Board of Supervisors met, pursuant to adjournment, on March 23, 2023, at 6:02 p.m. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Rich Bostwick called the meeting to order. Pastor Jeff Hanson gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: At roll call, Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Fox, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Rashkin, Richard, Schulz, Schneider, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zoril and Bostwick were present. Supervisors Cullen and Winter were absent. PRESENT –26. ABSENT –2. VACANT - 1.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent agenda was read. Supervisor Zoril requested *4.A Adoption of the Agenda* be removed from the consent agenda. Supervisor Beaver requested item *D.4 Recognizing Linda Updike* be removed from the consent agenda. With no other objections or questions, the remaining items on the consent agenda were approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 23, 2023:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing Deputy Jason C. Harding:

Resolution No. R-2023-173

Recognizing Deputy Darrell C. Knutson:

Resolution No. R-2023-174

Recognizing Duane Collins for Service to Rock County:

Resolution No. R-2023-175

OTHER:

Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Snowmobile Grant Funds:

Resolution R-2023-177

Authorizing the Human Services Department to Enter Into Contract with Integrity Residential Services:

Resolution No. R-2023-178

Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application for the 2024 Clean Sweep Program:

Resolution No. R-2023-179

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Supervisors Zoril and Towns move to remove 8.B Proclaiming April 20 - 27, 2023 Stand Against Racism Week. Supervisors Peer and Stevens moved to call the question to end debate. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Fox, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Rashkin, Richard, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisor Schneider voted against. Supervisors Cullen and Winter were absent. AYES - 25. NOES - 1. ABSENT - 2. VACANT - 1.

Motion to remove item 8.B from the agenda FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Towns, Whitledge, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Fox, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Rashkin, Richard, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Wilson, and Bostwick voted against. Supervisors Cullen and Winter were absent. AYES - 4. NOES - 22. ABSENT - 2. VACANT - 1. Supervisors Farrell and Wilson moved to approve the agenda with item 10.A moved directly after approval of agenda and item 11.G moved up to directly after 11.B.1. Agenda APPROVED by acclamation.

Rock County Sheriff's Office - Honor Guard Presentation: Presentation was given by Detective Luke DuCharme (Team Commander) and Honor Guard members.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Amending Chapter 18 of the Rock County Ordinances (First Reading):

Chair Bostwick opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. Citizen comments: Dan DeFore spoke on transparency in government. Public Hearing closed at 6:42 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bob Buchanan spoke about Department of Public Works funding. (Dan DeFore spoke on transparency in government during the public hearing.) Vicki Brown and Dorothy Harrell submitted comments in favor of item 8.B. Proclaiming April 20-27, 2023 Stand Against Racism Week. Pamela Charles and Sheryl Hengeveld submitted comments in favor of item 11.E. Amending Rule I-F of the Rock County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure.

Supervisor Mawhinney and Corporation Counsel Rich Greenlee thanked Deputy Corporation Counsel Bridget Laurent for a job well done as her last day with Rock County is Friday, April 14, 2023.

Supervisor Mawhinney also spoke on Farm Safety. Supervisor Richard gave information about the benefit at Mocha Moments for Rock County Trail Coalition. Sherry Oja, Finance Director, ~~spoke in response to inaccurate information in a Facebook post~~ spoke to ensure the public and the county board

that there is not a financial fiasco and that the county is in a very stable financial position.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing Deborah Harris For Service to Rock Haven:

Resolution No. R-2023-180

Supervisors Brien and Bomkamp moved the resolution. APPROVED by acclamation.

***Proclaiming April 20 - 27, 2023 Stand Against Racism Week:**

Resolution No. R-2023-181

Supervisors Crary and Stevens moved the resolution. While Supervisor Zoril had the floor, Supervisor Farrell called Point of Order - speech had gone on long enough and highly offensive. Supervisor Podzilni called the question. Chair Bostwick stated Supervisor Zoril has the floor and is allowed to continue to speak on his proposed amendment. Supervisor Bomkamp called Point of Order - No one had seconded the amendment. Chair Bostwick noted no amendment had been made yet. Supervisor Farrell called Point of Inquiry - How long does Supervisor Zoril have to make an amendment? Chair Bostwick asked Supervisor Zoril to wrap up discussion and make his amendment.

During the discussion, Supervisors Sutterlin, Stevens, Clasen, Farrell, Crary and Schulz left the meeting for a short period of time.

Supervisor Zoril made a motion to amend the resolution to strike the following whereas clause from the resolution: "WHEREAS, Rock County supports YWCA in its praiseworthy mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen communities; and". Motion FAILED due to the lack of a second.

Supervisors Mawhinney and Stevens called the question to end debate. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Fox, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Rashkin, Richard, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen and Winter were absent. AYES - 26. NOES - 0. ABSENT - 2. VACANT - 1.

Resolution APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Fox, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Rashkin, Richard, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisor Zoril voted against. Supervisors Cullen and Winter were absent. AYES - 25. NOES - 1. ABSENT - 2. VACANT - 1.

Designating Work Zone Awareness Week 2023: Supervisors Richard and Mawhinney moved the resolution. Resolution APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Fox, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Rashkin, Richard, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen, Leavy and Winter were absent. AYES - 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT - 3. VACANT - 1.

Supervisor Leavy left the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and returned at 7:24 p.m.

Recognizing Linda Updike:

Resolution No. R-2023-176

Supervisors Beaver and Wilson moved the resolution. APPROVED by acclamation.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR
REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE:**

Supervisor Zoril introduced resolution: *Proclaiming June 25 - July 2, 2023 Stand Against Illegal Immigration Week.* Supervisor Bomkamp introduced resolution: *Resolution to Recognize the Need for Additional Funding for Rock County Emergency Medical Services, So that Vital EMS Services Can Be Maintained.*

Supervisor Pennycook left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

REPORTS:

Review of 2023 Capital Improvement Debt Issue - Carol Wirth, President, Wisconsin Public Finance Professionals, LLC: Presentation given by Carol Wirth.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

Accepting Broadband Equity and Access Deployment (BEAD) Planning Grant and Amending the 2023 Budget:

Resolution No. R-2023-183

Supervisors Wilson and Stevens moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Fox, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni, Rashkin, Richard, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook and Winter were absent. AYES - 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT - 3. VACANT - 1.

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

Awarding the Contract for the Roof Replacement of the Rock County Fairgrounds Grandstands:

Resolution No. R-2023-184

Supervisors Wilson and Stevens moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Fox, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni, Rashkin, Richard, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook and Winter were absent. AYES - 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT - 3. VACANT - 1.

Adopting the Updated Rock County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Resolution No. R-2023-188

Supervisors Beaver and Knudson moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Fox, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni, Rashkin, Richard, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook and Winter were absent. AYES - 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT - 3. VACANT - 1.

Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds and/or Notes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,660,000 for Highway Road Construction Capital Projects:

Resolution No. R-2023-148

Supervisors Mawhinney and Richard moved the resolution. Supervisor Zoril moved to amend \$3,660,000 to \$2,362,000. Motion FAILED due to a lack of a second.

Resolution ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Fox, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni, Rashkin, Richard, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisor Zoril voted against. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook and Winter were absent. AYES - 24. NOES - 1. ABSENT - 3. VACANT - 1.

Amending Rule I-F of the Rock County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure:

Resolution No. R-2023-185

Supervisors Whitledge and Schneider moved the resolution. Supervisor Schneider and Whitledge move to replace the resolution with the substitute resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the office of County Board Supervisor is an elected office; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors wishes to make the process of appointing the candidates to fill vacancies an open and transparent process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 20__ hereby amends the Rule of Procedure of the Rock County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. Rule I-F. shall be amended as follows:

F. Vacancies during the term of any supervisor shall be filled as follows:

(1) Upon any vacancy in the position of County Board Supervisor, the County Clerk shall publicly announce a two-week solicitation period whereby electors who reside in the district where the vacancy has been created may submit their interest to the Clerk.

(2) Any person who wishes to be appointed shall submit a declaration of candidacy and nomination papers signed by at least 25 electors residing in the supervisory district in which the vacancy occurs. The signatures on the nomination papers may only be solicited by the person seeking the appointment. The submissions shall be on forms established by or required by the Wisconsin Elections Commission or any successor agency.

(3) Immediately upon the close of the two week window, the clerk shall publicly announce the names of all of the candidates.

(4) The candidates shall be interviewed at the first available Staff Committee meeting following the closure of the solicitation period. The meeting shall be subject to the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law and will allow a period for public comment. All persons applying for the vacancy may address the committee for up to three minutes.

(5) The recommendation of the Staff Committee shall be forwarded to the Board at the next available meeting of the County Board, subject to the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. Such recommendation shall be subject to confirmation by the County Board. A person appointed herein shall serve for the remainder of the term.

(6) If practicable, the vacancy shall be filled within 60 days from the date on which the vacancy was created. If the vacancy occurs within four months of the next election in which the vacant seat would be up for election, then at the discretion of the County Board Chair, the seat may be left vacant in anticipation that it be filled by election. If the vacancy remains after the date of election, then the seat shall be filled in accordance with subsections (1)-(5), above.

Supervisor Towns and Bomkamp moved to postpone six months. Postponement APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bomkamp, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni, Rashkin, Richard, Schulz, Stevens, Sweeney, Towns, Wilson and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Brien, Fox, Schneider, Sutterlin, Whitledge, Woodman and Zoril voted against. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook and Winter were absent. AYES - 17. NOES - 8 . ABSENT - 3. VACANT - 1.

Creating a 1.0 Business Manager position and Deleting a 1.0 Administrative Services Supervisor position:

Resolution No. R-2023-186

Supervisors Wilson and Peer moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Wilson and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisor Fox, Richard, Whitledge, Woodman and Zoril voted against. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook and Winter were absent. AYES - 20. NOES - 5. ABSENT - 3. VACANT - 1.

Re-Creating a Public Safety Systems Manager Position:

Resolution No. R-2023-187

Supervisors Mawhinney and Crary moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Fox, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Wilson, and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Richard, Whitledge, Woodman and Zoril voted against. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook and Winter were absent. AYES - 21. NOES - 4. ABSENT - 3. VACANT - 1.

Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Rail Development:

Resolution No. R-2023-189

Proceedings of the Rock County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, April 13, 2023

Supervisors Wilson and Stevens moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Wilson, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Fox, Richard, Schneider, Towns, Whitledge and Woodman voted against. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook and Winter were absent. AYES - 19. NOES - 6. ABSENT - 3. VACANT - 1.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisors Richard and Crary moved to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. to Thursday April 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

Prepared by Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk and Jaymee Stephens, Deputy County Clerk.