



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes - June 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The Rock County Board of Supervisors met, pursuant to adjournment, on June 8, 2023, at 6:01 p.m. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chair Leavy called the meeting to order. Supervisor Wilson gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: At roll call, Supervisors Beaver, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Richard, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Zoril were present. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. PRESENT – 23. ABSENT – 5. VACANT - 1.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items on the consent agenda were read noting item *D.3. Recognizing Kathleen Lawver* was being removed from the consent agenda. Vice Chair Leavy asked for objections and questions about the items on the consent agenda. Supervisor Zoril requested the following items be removed from the consent agenda: *4.B. Approval of Minutes - June 8, 2023, D.2. Recognizing Terry Teipner, D.3. Recognizing Kathleen Lawver* and *D.6. Recognizing Kimberly Williams*. Supervisors Towns and Davis moved to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. Approved by acclamation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION: None

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness :
Resolution No. R-2023-239

Recognizing Chief Deputy Craig L. Strouse:
Resolution No. R-2023-245

Recognizing Administrative Assistant Sherry S. Jackson:
Resolution No. R-2023-246

OTHER:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 8, 2023: Supervisors Wilson and Mawhinney moved the Approval of Minutes - June 8, 2023. Supervisors Zoril and Woodman moved to amend the minutes by adding the following item in quotes after the motion to *postpone indefinitely* during discussion of *Proclaiming July 2-8 Standing Against Illegal Immigration & Child Sex Trafficking Week*: "Supervisor Farrell caused a disruption by speaking out of turn. Supervisor Zoril invoked a point of order at this time. No action was taken by Chair Bostwick against Supervisor Farrell for this interruption and Supervisor Zoril subsequently resumed discussion following the disruption." Motion FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Pennycook, Richard, Schulz, Towns, Whitledge, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Brien, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni, Sutterlin, Sweeney and Wilson voted against. Supervisor Clasen Abstained. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES– 9. NOES- 13. ABSTAIN- 1. ABSENT – 5. VACANT - 1.

Minutes for June 8, 2023 APPROVED by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Richard, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns and Wilson voted in favor. Supervisors Woodman, Winter, Whitledge and Zoril voted against. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES – 19. NOES- 4. ABSENT – 5. VACANT - 1.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stephanie Hormig, Lindsey West, Philip Gorman, Ali Larson, Daniel Hartung, Stephanie Agnew and Emily Hutto spoke in favor of item 8.B. Designating June Pride Month in Rock County. Supervisor Woodman gave information about Shopiere Days from June 23 - 25, 2023.

The following individuals submitted written comments prior to the meeting: Jenny Hoople, Karen Marino, James Fox and John Pfleiderer. (Names nor written comments were read during the meeting.)

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation of Appointment of Communication Center Director:

Resolution No. R-2023-248

Appointment: Fredd Carr

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

Appointments to the Traffic Safety Commission:

Supervisors Crary and Wilson moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation.

Appointments:

Christopher Wells- State Highway Engineer

Captain Josh Lund-Chief County Traffic Law Enforcement Officer

Sergeant Aaron Gross-State Patrol

Randy Wiessinger-State Highway Safety Coordinator

Duane Jorgenson-County Highway Commissioner (alternate: Nick Elmer)

Brian Barnes-Education

Appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Rail Development:

Supervisors Winter and Wilson moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation.

Appointments:

Henry Londo

Judith Robson

Brian Rose

Joseph Stadelman

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Appointment to the Rail Transit Commission:

Supervisors Sweeney and Knudson moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation.

Appointment:

Supervisor Tom Brien

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Appointments to Local Emergency Planning Commission:

Supervisors Richard and Beaver moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation.

Appointments:

Patti Miller (Expiring 07/31/2026)

Jeannette Rogers-Wedel (Expiring 07/31/2026)

Ted Flynn (Expiring 07/31/2026)

Nicholas Thompson (Expiring 07/31/2026)

Michael Stack (Expiring 07/31/2026)

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Appointments to Board of Adjustment:

Supervisors Davis and Mawhinney moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation.

Appointments:

Jason Heidenreich (term expires 06/30/2024)

Mike Saunders (term expires 06/30/2025)

Dave Diestler (term expires 06/30/2025)

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Appointments to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council:

Supervisors Beaver and Peer moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation. Two opposing votes noted.

Appointments:

Heidi Deninger (alternate for : Aimee Leavy)

Assistant Chief Thomas Stigler (alternate for : Chief Andre Sayles)

Deputy Chief Chad Pearson (alternate for: Chief David Moore)

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Appointment to District 21:

Supervisors Farrell and Crary moved the appointment. APPROVED by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni, Richard, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter and Woodman voted in favor. Supervisors Pennycook and Zoril voted against. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES – 21. NOES- 2. ABSENT – 5. VACANT - 1.

Appointment:

Mark Bobzien

Effective Date: June 22, 2023

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognize Kathleen Lawyer: Resolution No. R-2023-241

Supervisors Knudson and Crary moved the resolution. Supervisors Zoril and Wilson moved to suspend Board rule III.E. Rule SUSPENDED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Richard, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Davis, Farrell, Podzilni, Schulz and Sutterlin voted against. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES – 18. NOES -6. ABSENT – 5.

Resolution ADOPTED by acclamation.

Recognizing June 19, 2023 as Juneteenth Celebration:

Resolution No. R-2023-249

Supervisors Crary and Farrell moved the resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Designating June Pride Month in Rock County:

Resolution No. R-2023-250

Supervisors Crary and Davis moved the resolution. Supervisors Whitledge and Cullen moved to amend the resolution removing the following *Whereas* clauses:

"WHEREAS, surveys conducted by the CDC and Prevention and Gallup polling indicate that over 17% of the Wisconsin population identifies as LGBTQ+; and if state statistics hold true locally, more than 27,000 Rock County residents identify as LGBTQ+; and,

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community continues to be the target of lingering social stigmas, often bearing the brunt of discrimination in the areas of education, employment , health care, housing, and numerous studies have shown that these inequities may result in poverty, homelessness, violence, mental health issues, and substance abuse concerns; and,

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth are at increased risk of experiencing anxiety, depression, and bullying compared to their peers. Suicide is the second leading cause of death amongst young people ages 10-24 with LGBTQ+ youth over 4 times as likely to attempt suicide. Most young LGBTQ+ people cite lack of family and community support as the biggest contributor to their suicidal thoughts."

Amendment FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook, Podzilni, Richard, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Davis, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Schulz, Sutterlin and Wilson voted against. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens

were absent. AYES – 10. NOES – 14. ABSENT- 5.

Supervisors Zoril and Winter motioned to table indefinitely. Motion FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook, Podzilni, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Davis, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Richard, Schulz, Sutterlin and Wilson voted against. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES – 9. NOES – 15. ABSENT- 5.

Resolution ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Davis, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Richard, Schulz, Sutterlin and Wilson voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook, Podzilni, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted against. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES – 15. NOES – 9. ABSENT- 5.

Resolution to Recognize Terry Teipner:

Resolution No. R-2023-240

Supervisors Knudson and Crary moved the resolution. Supervisors Zoril and Towns moved to suspend Board rules III.E. and III.I. Rules SUSPENDED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Richard, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Davis, Farrell, Schulz and Sutterlin voted against. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES – 20. NOES- 4. ABSENT – 5.

Resolution ADOPTED by acclamation.

Recognizing Kimberly Williams:

Resolution No. R-2023-347

Supervisors Mawhinney and Crary moved the resolution. Supervisors Zoril and Woodman moved to suspend Board rules III.E. and III.I. Rules SUSPENDED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Richard, Schulz, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Davis, Farrell and Sutterlin voted against. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES – 21. NOES- 3. ABSENT – 5.

Resolution ADOPTED by acclamation.

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

Supervisor Zoril introduced resolutions 1) *Prioritize Wisconsin Taxpayer Interests Through the BCPL State Trust Fund Loan Program*, 2) *Mandating the Increase of a Zero Tax Increase Option for 2024* and 3) *Add Rule II-D and Amend Rule X-C*.

REPORTS:

Rock County Sheriff's Office - Mobile Field Force Team :

Presentation given by Sgt. Shawn Natter, Detective Beau Douglas and Deputy Donovan Dodge.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

Reserving Broadband Bonding Commission Guarantee Payments for Broadband Project and Amending the 2023 Budget:

Resolution No. R-2023-242

Supervisors Davis and Sweeney moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Richard, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES – 24. NOES – 0. ABSENT- 5.

Approval for Amending the 2023 Facilities Management Budget for the Fairgrounds Grandstand Roof Replacement :

Resolution No. R-2023-251

Supervisors Zoril and Brien moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Richard, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES – 24. NOES – 0. ABSENT- 5.

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

Awarding Contract for the Youth Services Center Fire Alarm System Replacement:

Resolution No. R-2023-252

Supervisors Brien and Knudson moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Richard, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES – 24. NOES – 0. ABSENT- 5.

Modifying the Number of Members on the Evidence Based Decision Making Committee:

Resolution No. R-2023-253

Supervisors Richard and Zoril moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Richard, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin, Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES – 24. NOES – 0. ABSENT- 5.

Approval to Increase Contingency Funds for the Information Technology/ 911 Communications Center Addition and Renovation Project:

Resolution No. R-2023-254

Supervisors Peer and Knudson moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Farrell, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Podzilni, Richard, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Bomkamp, Bostwick, Rashkin,

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Schneider and Stevens were absent. AYES – 24. NOES – 0. ABSENT- 5.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisors Richard and Whitledge moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. to Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

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

