



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes - October 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The Rock County Board of Supervisors met, pursuant to adjournment, on September 28, 2023, at 6:04 p.m. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Rich Bostwick called the meeting to order. Supervisor Homan gave the invocation.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda was read. Item 8.B. *Recognizing Jim Farrell* was pulled from the agenda. Chair Bostwick asked for objections and questions about the items on the consent agenda. Supervisor Zoril objected to item: 4.A. *Adoption of Agenda*. With no further objections or questions, the remaining items on the consent agenda were approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –September 28, 2023:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

OTHER:

Authorizing Acceptance of 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant and Amending the 2023 Budget:

Resolution No. R-2023-318

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Supervisors Zoril and Sweeney moved the agenda. Supervisors Zoril and Schneider moved to remove Items 7.B *Appointment to District 23* and 7.C *Appointment to District 24* from the agenda. Supervisors Leavy and Rashkin called the question to end debate. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisor Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Bomkamp was absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 1. ABSENT – 1. VACANT - 2. Removal of 7.B and 7.C FAILED on the following roll call vote.

Supervisor Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Bostwick against. Supervisor Bomkamp was absent. AYES – 1. NOES - 25. ABSENT – 1. VACANT - 2.

Agenda APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisor Bomkamp was absent. AYES – 26. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 1. VACANT - 2.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sally Horton spoke on spending county funds. Sheila Williams spoke on District 23 and 24 appointments. Supervisor Mawhinney gave information on the Chili Cookoff at Heritage Park on October 21st. Supervisor Zoril recognized German American Heritage Month.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

Appointment to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (Alternate):

Supervisors Beaver and Whitledge moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation.
Sara Ledholdt (alternate for: Troy Enger)
Effective Date: October 12, 2023

Appointment to District 23 :

Supervisors Peer and Towns moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation.
Barbara Barrington-Tillman
Effective: October 12, 2023

Appointment to District 24 :

Supervisors Wilson and Brien moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation.
Jeremy Zajac
Effective: October 12, 2023

Appointment to County Board Staff Committee :

Supervisors Beaver and Towns moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation.
Supervisor Mawhinney
Effective: October 12, 2023

Appointment to Finance Committee :

Supervisors Winter and Mawhinney moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation.
Supervisor Towns
Effective: October 12, 2023

Appointment to Evidence Based Decision Making Committee:

Supervisors Crary and Peer moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation.
Amanda Nelson, Clerk of Court
Effective: October 12, 2023

Confirmation Of Appointment Of Emergency Management Director:

Resolution No. R-2023-319
Supervisors Beaver and Brien moved the appointment. APPROVED by acclamation

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing J. Russell Podzilni:

Resolution No. R-2023-320
Supervisors Mawhinney and Peer moved the resolution. Supervisors Stevens and Crary moved to amend the resolution to add additional years of service as underlined below.

WHEREAS, J. Russell Podzilni (Russ) served on the County Board from 1996 to 2000 and 2002 to 2023 representing Districts 19, 22 and 23; and,

WHEREAS, Russ has devoted many hours to faithfully serving on the following Committees:

County Board Staff Committee (1998-2000), (2002-2023); Chair (2008-202019)
General Services Committee (1996-2000), (2002-20087), Vice Chair (1998-2000); Chair (2002-20087)
County Board Vice Chair (2003-20087)
Health Services Committee (2005-20087)
County Board Chair (2008-202019)
Finance Committee (1998-2000), (2008-202019)
Human Services Board (1996-1998), (2020-2023)

Amendment APPROVED by acclamation. Resolution ADOPTED as amended by acclamation.

Recognizing Jim Farrell:

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

Supervisor Zoril introduced the following resolutions: *Resolution to Repeal Resolution No. R-2023-266 Submitted by a Non-Elected Rock County Resident; Resolution to Repeal Resolution No. R-2023-258; Resolution to Repeal Resolution No. R-2023-197 Initiated and Submitted by a Non-Elected Person; Resolution in Opposition to COVID-19 Mandates; A Resolution To Amend Ordinance 3.702 Regarding Possession Of Tobacco Products And Electronic Smoking Devices By Children Prohibited; Resolution Declaring Pornography a Public Health Crisis and Initiating Content Filters and Public Wi-Fi Networks; Resolution on Advancing Responsible Leadership Through Voluntary Drug Testing; Resolution for Mandatory Referral of Unsuccessful Rule Changes; Resolution to Prioritize Children's Safety and Advocate for Death Penalty for Pedophiles; The Individual Merit Act; Allocating \$200,000 in ARPA Funds for Hispanics United Wisconsin, Inc (HUWI) Initiatives Assisting*

Homeless Migrants; Cybersecurity Enhancement Resolution; and A Resolution Directing the County Administrator to Disclose Relationships Affecting the Preparation and Assignment of Resolutions Since April 8, 2020, and Going Forward.

REPORTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

Updating Wage Grid Implementation Criteria Related to Appeals:

Resolution No. R-2023-321

Supervisors Wilson and Sweeney moved the resolution. Supervisors Zoril and Zajac moved to amend the resolution to open the employee appeals process for 30 days. Amendment FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Crary, Davis, Pennycook, Stevens, Sutterlin, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Bomkamp was absent. AYES – 8. NOES - 20. ABSENT – 1. Resolution as submitted ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisor Bomkamp was absent. AYES – 28. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 1.

Amending 4.205 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances (Zoning of Shorelands – Minimum Lot Size and Setbacks):

Ordinance O-2023-6

Supervisors Sweeney and Davis moved the ordinance. Ordinance approved on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisor Bomkamp was absent. AYES – 28. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 1.

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

Resolution brought back to the floor after being postponed six months from the April 13, 2023 meeting. Discussion began with the substitute resolution (previously moved by Supervisors Schneider and Whitledge). Supervisors Stevens and Zoril moved to strikeout the following line from the substitute amendment: "~~The signatures on the nomination papers may only be solicited by the person seeking the appointment.~~" Amendment APPROVED on the following call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisor Sweeney voted against. Supervisor Bomkamp was absent. AYES – 27. NOES - 1. ABSENT – 1. Substitution resolution as

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amended FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook, Schneider, Whitledge, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Zajac and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Bomkamp was absent. AYES – 7. NOES - 21. ABSENT – 1.

Resolution FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Brien, Cullen, Pennycook, Schneider, Whitledge, Winter, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Clasen, Crary, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Zajac and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Bomkamp was absent. AYES – 9. NOES - 19. ABSENT – 1.

Review of 2024 Recommended Budget with County Administrator:

Report given by Administrator Smith.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisors Knudson and Zoril moved to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. to Monday, October 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

Prepared by Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk.

