



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Minutes - November 14, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Rock County Board of Supervisors met, pursuant to adjournment, on November 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

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

**ROLL CALL:** At roll call, Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zoril and Bostwick were present. Supervisors Winter and Zajac were absent. PRESENT – 27. ABSENT – 2.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Consent Agenda was read. Chair Bostwick asked for objections and questions about the items on the consent agenda. Supervisor Zoril objected to item 4.A. Adoption of the Agenda. With no other objections or questions, consent agenda was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –November 2, 2023:**

**NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:**

**RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:**

**OTHER:**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Supervisors Bomkamp and Rashkin moved item 4.A. Adoption of Agenda. Supervisor Zoril motioned to remove item 11.C. Consideration and Adoption of Recommended 2024 Annual County Budget from the agenda. Motion FAILED due to a lack of a second. Agenda approved by acclamation.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Sally Horton, Dan Defore, Bill Mitchell, GERALYN KETTERMANN, Paul Lembrich, Dennis Wendt and Manuel Casares spoke against an increase in taxes. Nick Dimassis, Rachelle Elliott, Janie Wu and Tia Johnson spoke in favor of funding for the Beloit Public Library Playce. Neil Deupree thanked board and staff for their work on the budget. Kevin Lahner spoke in favor of funding for Woodman's Center Project. Marc Perry spoke in favor of Community Action of Rock and Walworth Counties and Oaks

Shelter. Heidi Deininger spoke in support of the YWCA.  
Supervisor Mawhinney thanked Josh Smith, department heads and everyone else who helped to prepare the budget. Supervisor Schulz spoke about the equitable housing system.

**NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:** None

**RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:** None

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

Supervisor Zoril introduced the following resolutions: *Protect Elderly Homeowners with Property Tax Relief; Voluntary Testing of Non-Prescribed Illegal Substances; and Initiate Official Inquiry into the Procedures Followed for the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Services/Jail Renovation Project and Related Borrowing.*

**REPORTS:**

**Annual Report by County Clerk per Wis. Stats. 59.23(2)(o):**

Report given by County Clerk Lisa Tollefson.

**Recommendations by Finance Committee for Revisions to the 2024 Recommended Budget:**

Report given by Supervisor Mawhinney.

- The committee approved the reclassification of an IT Support Specialist II in pay group J, step 7 to IT Service Support Specialist Lead in pay Group L, step 1, for total cost of \$3,969 to be funded by an equal reduction in contracted services. The committee approved this amendment on a vote of 5 to 0.
- The committee approved removing the \$500,000 in sales tax funding for the Woodman's Center and using it to reduce the debt levy. The committee approved this amendment on a vote of 4 to 1.
- The committee approved using an additional \$1.5 million in the General Fund balance to further reduce the debt levy. The committee approved this amendment on a vote of 5 to 0.
- The Project Lifesaver Program was inadvertently not included in the Sheriff's budget request. This program is funded with program fees. The committee approved adding the program to the budget on a vote of 5 to 0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:**

**CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:**

**Consideration and Adoption of Recommended 2024 Annual County Budget:**

Supervisors Stevens and Towns moved the budget.

**Amendment 1** - Supervisors Mawhinney and Crary moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to reclassify an IT Support Specialist II in pay group J, step 7 to IT Service Support Specialist Lead in pay group L, step 1 for total cost of \$3,969 to be funded by equal reduction in contracted services.

**Amendment 1 APPROVED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Winter and Zajac were absent. AYES – 27. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 2.

**Amendment 2** - Supervisors Mawhinney and Zoril moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to remove the \$500,000 in sales tax funding for the Woodman's Center and using it to reduce the debt levy.

**Amendment 2 APPROVED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Bomkamp, Clasen, Homan, Rashkin, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Wilson and Bostwick voted against. Supervisors Winter and Zajac were absent. AYES – 17. NOES - 10. ABSENT – 2.

**Amendment 3** - Supervisors Mawhinney and Crary moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget by adding the Project Lifesaver Program to the Sheriff's Budget. This program is funded with program fees.

**Amendment 3 APPROVED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Woodman and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisor Whitledge voted against. Supervisor Zoril abstained. Supervisors Winter and Zajac were absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 1. ABSTAIN - 1. ABSENT – 2.

**Amendment 4** - Supervisors Mawhinney and Towns moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to use an additional \$1.5 million in General Fund balance to further reduce the debt levy.

**Amendment 4 APPROVED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Winter and Zajac were absent. AYES – 27. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 2.

**Amendment 5** - Supervisors Stevens and Wilson moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to reallocate \$500,000 from the ARPA funds from the Small Business and Non-profit Grant Program to the Beloit Discovery Playce Program. Supervisor Zoril moved to take a ten minute recess. Motion failed. Second made by Whitledge. Supervisor Leavy called point of order - the second came after the motion failed. Supervisor Zoril called point of order - the chair needed to rule on point of order. Chair Bostwick ruled that Supervisor Leavy's point of order sustained. Supervisors Zoril and Whitledge moved to take a ten minute recess. Recess motion FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Pennycook, Whitledge, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson and Bostwick voted against.

Supervisors Winter and Zajac were absent. AYES – 4. NOES - 23. ABSENT – 2.

**Amendment 5 APPROVED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Woodman and Bostwick voted in favor.

Supervisors Mawhinney, Sweeney and Whitledge voted against. Supervisor Zoril abstained.

Supervisors Winter and Zajac were absent. AYES – 23. NOES - 3. ABSTAIN -1. ABSENT – 2.

Supervisor Zajac arrived at 7:35 p.m.

**Amendment 6** - Supervisors Knudson and Schneider moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to allocate an additional \$750,000 on top of the \$375,000 already included in the budget from the unspent funds in the ARPA Small Business Grant Funds to Reduce the Risk of Human Trafficking in Rock County.

**Amendment 6 APPROVED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen, Sweeney and Whitledge voted against. Supervisor Zoril abstained.

Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 24. NOES - 3. ABSTAIN -1. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 7** - Supervisors Schulz and Zoril moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to postpone the use of \$1,200,000 for abatement of the old Healthcare Center for one year.

Supervisors Zoril and Woodman moved to amend the amendment to use the \$1,200,000 to lower the debt service levy. Supervisors Clasen and Crary called the question to end debate on the amendment to the amendment. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 3. ABSENT – 1. The amendment to the amendment to use the \$1,200,000 to lower the debt service levy FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Brien, Crary, Homan, Knudson, Pennycook, Schneider, Sweeney, Whitledge, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns and Wilson voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 12. NOES - 16. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 7 APPROVED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Knudson, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Bomkamp, Brien, Homan, Leavy, Mawhinney, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge and Wilson voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 18. NOES - 10. ABSENT – 1.

Supervisor Zoril moved to use \$1,200,000 to pay down the 2025 budget. Not allowed.

**Amendment 8** - Supervisors Zoril and Woodman moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to take ~~\$8,000~~ \$9,556 from the Wisconsin County Utility Tax Association under the County Board section of the budget.

**Amendment 8 FAILED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Clasen, Crary, Homan, Knudson, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted

in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Cullen, Davis, Leavy, Mawhinney, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Wilson and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 14. NOES - 14. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 9** - Supervisors Zoril and Pennycook moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to remove \$750,000 from Community Action of Walworth County back to ARPA funds.

**Amendment 9 FAILED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Pennycook, Schneider, Whitledge and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 4. NOES - 24. ABSENT – 1.

Supervisor Zoril called point of order - not following the rules on tie vote. Chair sustained the previous ruling on the subject and to move on to the next subject.

**Amendment 10** - Supervisors Zoril and Pennycook moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to remove \$150,000 for the Rock County Human Traffic Task Force and move the funds to Supervisor Knudson's resolution (Human Services - Reduce the Risk of Human Trafficking in Rock County). Supervisors Peer and Stevens called the question to end debate. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Woodman and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Pennycook, Schneider, Whitledge, Zajac and Zoril voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 23. NOES - 5. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 10 FAILED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Davis, Pennycook, Whitledge, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Zajac and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 5. NOES - 23. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 11** - Supervisors Woodman and Zoril moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to reduce the levy by 3% (\$2,265,026) across the board.

Supervisors Zoril and Pennycook moved to amend the amendment (1) to reduce the levy by 3% by eliminating vacant positions or future vacancies, not including grant-funded positions, 911 or Rock Haven. Supervisors Stevens and Wilson called the question to end debate on the amendment to the amendment (1). Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Pennycook, Schneider, Tillman, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 22. NOES - 6. ABSENT – 1.

Amendment to the amendment (1) **FAILED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Mawhinney, Pennycook, Schneider and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 4. NOES - 24. ABSENT – 1.

Supervisors Zoril and Zajac moved to amend the amendment (2) to use \$1,200,000 from the unallocated sales tax levy to lower the debt service levy. Supervisors Clasen and Stevens called the

question to end debate. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Woodman and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Pennycook, Schneider, Whitledge, Zajac and Zoril voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 23. NOES - 5. ABSENT – 1.

Amendment to the amendment (2) **FAILED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Brien, Crary, Homan, Knudson, Pennycook, Schneider, Tillman, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Bomkamp, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Towns and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 13. NOES - 15. ABSENT – 1.

Supervisors Raskin and Levy call the question to end debate on the amendment 11. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Pennycook, Schneider, Whitledge, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 22. NOES - 6. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 11 FAILED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Pennycook, Schneider, Whitledge, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Zajac and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 5. NOES - 23. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 12** - Supervisor Zoril moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to eliminate the new position in the County Clerk's office. **Amendment 12 FAILED** due to the lack of a second.

**Amendment 13** - Supervisors Zoril and Pennycook moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to eliminate the vacant Equity Strategist position. Supervisors Peer and Stevens called the question to end debate. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Crary, Cullen, Pennycook, Whitledge, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 21. NOES - 7. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 13 FAILED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook, Schneider, Sweeney, Whitledge, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Zajac and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 7. NOES - 21. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 14** - Supervisor Zoril moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to eliminate the \$20,000 Cultural Competency fund. **Amendment 14 FAILED** due to the lack of a second.

**Amendment 15** - Supervisor Zoril moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to eliminate the \$850,000 for UW - Whitewater at Rock County from the General Services budget. **Amendment 15 FAILED** due to the lack of a second.

**Amendment 16** - Supervisors Zoril and Cullen moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to move \$200,000 from sales tax to expand the medical examiner's garage. Supervisor Zoril called point of order - discussion not germane to the amendment. Chair ruled the discussion was germane. Supervisors Sweeney and Wilson called the question to end debate. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Woodman and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook, Whitledge, Zajac and Zoril voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 23. NOES - 5. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 16 FAILED** on the following roll call. Supervisors Cullen, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Zajac voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 3. NOES - 25. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 17** - Supervisors Zajac and Woodman moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to take \$50,000 from the Community Engagement Consultant and \$1,200,000 from excess sales tax and apply both amounts to the tax levy. Supervisors Schulz and Sutterlin motioned to vote on the items separately - division of the question. Division of the question (\$50,000 and \$1,200,000) approved on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Leavy, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Whitledge, Wilson, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Bomkamp, Knudson, Mawhinney, Tillman, Towns, Woodman and Zajac voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 21. NOES - 7. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 17 - (\$50,000) - FAILED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Clasen, Cullen, Pennycook, Schneider, Sweeney, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Crary, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 8. NOES - 20. ABSENT – 1.

Supervisors Sweeney and Stevens called the question to end debate. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen, Pennycook, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 23. NOES - 5. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 17 - (\$1,200,000) - FAILED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Pennycook, Schneider, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Clasen, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 14. NOES - 14. ABSENT – 1.

Supervisors Zoril and Cullen moved to **renew the motion to move \$1,200,000 from excess sales tax and apply to the tax levy**. Supervisors Sweeney and Sutterlin moved to called question to end debate. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen,

Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Pennycook, Schneider, Zajac and Zoril voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 24. NOES - 4. ABSENT – 1.

**Renew of Amendment 17 - (\$1,200,000) - FAILED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Brien, Cullen, Homan, Pennycook, Schneider, Whitledge, Zajac and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Clasen, Crary, Davis, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Woodman and Bostwick voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 8. NOES - 20. ABSENT – 1.

**Amendment 18** - Supervisors Zoril and Cullen moved to reduce the \$6,258,373 of ARPA funding in the budget by 47.94% proportionately to free up \$3,000,000 for rural Rock County volunteer fire department and EMS capital expenditures.

Supervisor Zoril moved to amend to the amendment to shift dollars to countywide EMS System (only). Failed due to the lack of a second.

Supervisor Clasen left the meeting.

**Amendment 18 FAILED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Pennycook, Whitledge and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac and Bostwick voted against. Supervisors Clasen and Winter were absent. AYES – 3. NOES - 24. ABSENT – 2.

Supervisor Clasen returned to the meeting.

**Amendment 19** - Supervisor Zoril moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to move \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to apply to the debt service levy. **Amendment 19 FAILED** due to the lack of a second.

**Amendment 20** - Supervisor Zoril moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to implement a 6-month hiring freeze on all vacant positions except for 911, grant-funded, and Rock Haven positions; and reevaluate those positions on July 1st. **Amendment FAILED** due to the lack of a second.

**Amendment 21** - Supervisor Zoril moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to move \$2,500,000 from the General Fund to apply to the debt service levy. **Amendment 21 FAILED** due to the lack of a second.

**Amendment 22** - Supervisor Zoril moved to amend the 2024 recommended budget to move \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to apply to the debt service levy. **Amendment 22 FAILED** due to the lack of a second.

**The Recommended 2024 Rock County Budget as amended was APPROVED** on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Zajac and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Pennycook, Schneider, Whitledge, Woodman and Zoril voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 23. NOES - 5. ABSENT –1.



The board went into recess for the Finance Committee to convene to set the tax rate at 10:22 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:35 p.m.

**Setting the Tax Levy and Tax Rate for 2023 (The Finance Committee will complete the resolution upon adoption of the 2024 Budget.):** Resolution No, R-2023-324

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the sum of \$7,221,000 is hereby transferred from the General Fund to be applied against the proposed budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the detailed line items are not adopted but are for informational purposes only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special charges in the amount of \$798, are hereby ratified.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the line summary budget and personnel roster, as modified, are hereby adopted and that the resulting tax levy for 2023 be in the amount of \$75,500,871, which reflects a rate of \$4.085713 of equalized valuation.

Supervisors Sweeney and Towns moved the item. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote.

Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Pennycook, Schneider, Whitledge and Zoril voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 24. NOES - 4. ABSENT –1.

**Cancellation of Checks Over Two Years Old:** Resolution No. R-2023-325

Supervisors Mawhinney and Woodman moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Crary, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisor Zoril voted against. Supervisor Winter was absent. AYES – 27. NOES - 1. ABSENT – 1.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Supervisors Leavy and Peer moved to adjourn at 10:41 p.m. to Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

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

