



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Minutes - November 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The Rock County Board of Supervisors met, pursuant to adjournment, on November 14th, 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 Sutterlin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: At roll call, Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick were present. Supervisors, Clasen, Davis, Rashkin and Winter were absent. PRESENT – 25. ABSENT – 4.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda was read. The following items were removed from the agenda: *11.E. Allocating ARPA Funds to Reduce the Risk of Human Trafficking in Rock County, Item 11.K. Advancing Responsible Leadership Through Voluntary Drug Testing, Item 11.L. Establishing a Policy on the Inclusion of Line Numbers in Resolutions, Item 11.M. Resolution for Performance Based Fiscal Responsibility Incentives and Item 11.H. Modifying the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Small Business and Nonprofit Grants Program.* Chair Bostwick asked for objections and questions about the items on the consent agenda. With no further objections or questions, the consent agenda was approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 26, 2023:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing Judy Hanson:
Resolution No. R-2023-326

Recognizing Randy Frost:
Resolution No. R-2023-327

Recognizing Sheila Grady for Service to Rock Haven:
Resolution No. R-2023-328

OTHER:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Amending Chapter 5 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances (Parks) (First Reading):

Public Hearing opened at 6:07 p.m. No public comment. Public Hearing closed at 6:07 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Max Olson spoke in favor of Item 11.D. Establishing an Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee.

Supervisor Brien gave information about Snow Driver Appreciation Day. Supervisor Knudson gave information about the Annual Children's Christmas Benefit. Supervisor Tillman gave information about training for Protecting Places of Worship. Supervisor Zoril spoke on a flyer passed out. Supervisor Bostwick gave information about the location of the next County Board Meeting.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

Appointment to Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Rail Development:

Supervisors Sweeney and Homan moved the appointment. APPROVED by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Clasen, Davis, Rashkin and Winter were absent. AYES – 25 . NOES - 0. ABSENT – 4.

Appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee on the County Board of Supervisors' Rules of Procedure :

Supervisors Crary and Zajac moved the appointments. Supervisors Zoril and Whitledge moved to divide the appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee on County Board Rules. Motion FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bomkamp, Pennycook, Schneider, Woodman, Whitledge and Zoril voted in favor. Beaver, Bobzien, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Zajac and Bostwick voted against. Supervisors Clasen, Davis, Rashkin and Winter were absent. AYES – 6. NOES - 19. ABSENT – 4. Appointments APPROVED by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson, Zajac and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Whitledge, Woodman and Zoril voted against. Supervisors Clasen, Davis, Rashkin and Winter were absent. AYES – 22 .NOES - 3. ABSENT – 4.

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

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

Supervisor Zoril introduced four resolutions: *Rock County's Transparent Budgeting and Five - Year Tax Roadmap, Clarify County Board Rules Regarding Budget Modifications, Protecting Taxpayers by Setting a Responsible Tax and Spending Cap for the 2025 Budget and Trial Implementation of Zero-Based Budgeting for Fiscal Year 2025 in Rock County.*

REPORTS:

Use of Social Media by Elected Officials - Andy Phillips, Attoles Law; Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Wisconsin Counties Association :

Report given by: Andy Phillips, Attoles Law and Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf Wisconsin Counties Association.

Briefing on Ransomware Event:

Report given by: Rock County Administrator Josh Smith, Corporation Counsel Rich Greenlee and IT Deputy Dara Mosley.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

Accepting Additional 2023 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Grant Funding and Amending the Sheriff's Office 2023 Budget:

Resolution No. R-2023-329

Supervisors Beaver and Bomkamp moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Clasen, Davis, Rashkin and Winter were absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 4.

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Conservation Aids Grant CC24-54WH Funds:

Resolution No. R-2023-330

Supervisors Mawhinney and Sweeney moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Clasen, Davis, Rashkin and Winter were absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 4.

Amending the Rock County Land Information Plan:

Resolution No. R-2023-331

Supervisors Sweeney and Mawhinney moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call

vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Clasen, Davis, Rashkin and Winter were absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 4.

Establishment of an Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee:

Resolution No. R-2023-332

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

Allocating ARPA funds to Reduce the Risk of Human Trafficking in Rock County:

Authorizing Purchase of Rock County Transit Vehicle:

Resolution No. R-2023-333

Supervisors Knudson and Woodman moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Clasen, Davis, Rashkin and Winter were absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 4.

Authorizing the Land Transfer Between Adjoining Landowners WISDOT Land Purchase - Lee Park:

Resolution No. R-2023-334

Supervisors Mawhinney and Woodman moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors, Clasen, Davis, Rashkin and Winter were absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 4.

Modifying the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Small Business and Nonprofit Grants Program:

Authorizing Double Fill Of Administrative Professional III Position:

Resolution No. R-2023-336

Supervisors Beaver and Bomkamp moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors, Clasen, Davis, Rashkin and Winter were absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 4.

Awarding \$200,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds for Youth Substance Use Prevention Initiatives:
Resolution R-2023-337

Supervisors Peer and Crary moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Clasen, Davis, Rashkin and Winter were absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 4.

Advancing Responsible Leadership Through Voluntary Drug Testing:

Establishing a Policy on the Inclusion of Line Numbers in Resolutions:

Resolution for Performance-Based Fiscal Responsibility Incentives:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Per Wis. Stat. § 19.85(g), to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.: Supervisors Bomkamp and Knudson moved to go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Crary, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Clasen, Davis, Rashkin and Winter were absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 4.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisors Bomkamp and Crary moved to exit Executive Session and adjourn at 8:44 p.m. to Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

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