



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes - January 11, 2024

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

ROLL CALL: At roll call, Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick were present. Supervisors Crary, Leavy and Stevens were absent. PRESENT – 26. ABSENT – 3.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda was read. 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 – December 14, 2023:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

Appointment to the Housing Authority (To be updated after County Board Staff Committee action on 1/8. Please see the updated agenda thereafter.):

New Appointment: Badri Belur
Effective Date: January 11, 2024

Appointments to the Prairie Lake Library System Board (To be updated after County Board Staff Committee action on 1/8. Please see the updated agenda thereafter.):

New Appointment: Susan Johnson (Term Expires 01/01/2027)
Bill Wilson (Term Expires 01/01/2027)
Effective Date: January 11, 2024

Appointments to the Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee (To be updated after County Board Staff Committee action on 1/8. Please see the updated agenda thereafter.):

New Appointment: Mark Dykstra, Maxwell Olson, Supervisor Bill Wilson, Supervisor Rj Sutterlin

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and Supervisor Debi Towns
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Appointments to the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport Board (To be updated after County Board Staff Committee action on 1/8. Please see the updated agenda thereafter.):

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing Bryan Fischer:

Resolution No. R-2024-356

Recognizing Chad Hrobsky:

Resolution No. R-2024-357

Recognizing Sue Eddy for Service to Rock Haven:

Resolution No. R-2024-358

Recognizing Lucy Kettle for Service to Rock Haven:

Resolution No. R-2024-359

OTHER:

Accepting Lead-Safe Homes Grant Funds and Amending the 2024 Rock County Public Health Department Budget:

Resolution No. R-2024-360

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bill Mitchell gave an introduction as a candidate for Rock County Supervisor District 26. Sheila Nitz gave an introduction as a candidate for Rock County Board Supervisor District 25. Rick Lyes spoke on the Ad Hoc Airport Committee.

Supervisor Towns recognized the passing of Dick Zanzinger. Supervisor Zoril recognized January 11th as Human Trafficking Awareness Day and would like to recognize the entire month of January as National Human Trafficking Prevention month. Supervisor Beaver commended the County Clerk's office.

Sandy Disrud, Rock County Register of Deeds, gave information about the photo contest for the 2024 Plat Book.

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 a resolution *Enhancing Oversight, Transparency, and Accountability in the Management of Rock Haven*. Supervisor Sutterlin introduced a resolution: *Supporting the Evansville Soybean Oilseed Processing and Refinery Project*.

REPORTS:

Greg Cullen, Airport Director - Ad Hoc Airport Planning Committee Report:

Report given by Greg Cullen, Airport Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

Approval to Purchase AVI Managed Service Agreement:

Resolution No. R-2024-361

Supervisors Mawhinney and Bomkamp moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Crary, Leavy and Stevens were absent. AYES – 26. NOES- 0. ABSENT – 3.

Amending 4.336 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances (Land Use Management – Airport and Airport Overlay Zoning District):

Ordinance No. O-2024-1

Supervisors Winter and Homan moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Crary, Leavy and Stevens were absent. AYES – 26. NOES- 0. ABSENT – 3.

Acquisition of the Bjugstad Property Agricultural Conservation Easement:

Resolution No. R-2024-362

Supervisors Sweeney and Towns moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns,

Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Crary, Leavy and Stevens were absent. AYES – 26. NOES- 0. ABSENT – 3.

Approving the 2024 Base Wage Rates for All Employees Except Represented Law Enforcement Employees, and Updating the Wage Grid:

Resolution R-2024-363

Supervisors Zajac and Mawhinney moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Crary, Leavy and Stevens were absent. AYES – 26. NOES- 0. ABSENT – 3.

Establishing Rock County's Policy and Commitment to Oppose Human Trafficking:

Resolution No. R-2024-364

Supervisors Zoril and Knudson moved the resolution. Supervisors Winter and Sutterlin motioned to amend to have Supervisors Mary Beaver and Mary Mawhinney's names reinstated on the resolution. Amendment APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Crary, Leavy and Stevens were absent. AYES – 26. NOES- 0. ABSENT – 3.

Resolution ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Crary, Leavy and Stevens were absent. AYES – 26. NOES- 0. ABSENT – 3.

Executive Session: Per section 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate the setting of bargaining parameters for 2024 negotiated collective bargaining agreements.:

Supervisors Bomkamp and Clasen moved to go into Executive Session. APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Crary, Leavy and Stevens were absent. AYES – 26. NOES- 0. ABSENT – 3.

Executive Session: Per section 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel 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 Mawhinney moved to go into Executive Session. APPROVED by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Crary, Leavy and Stevens were absent. AYES – 26. NOES- 0. ABSENT – 3.

Executive Session: Per section 19.85(1)(c) to consider the employment, promotion,

Compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.:

Supervisors Towns and Winter moved to go into Executive Session. APPROVED by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitedge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisor Zoril voted against. Supervisors Crary, Leavy and Stevens were absent. AYES – 25. NOES- 1. ABSENT – 3.

County Board went into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisors Sweeney and Homan moved to exit Executive Session and adjourn at 8:48 p.m. to Thursday January 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

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

