



Minutes - February 22, 2024

Call to Order: Chair Beaver called the hybrid meeting of the Public Safety & Justice Committee to order at 5:45 P.M. in the Jury Deliberation Room.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Whitledge, Knudson, and Zoril.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director; Rich Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Shanna Sanders, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Mike Parille, Facilities Superintendent; Tammy Kettleson, Deputy Emergency Management Director; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; Josh Smith, County Administrator; Sheriff Fell; Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk.

Others Present: Supervisor Tillman, Sweeney,

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Ratifying the Declared Local State of Emergency: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2024, does hereby ratify Proclamation Declaring a Local State of Emergency in Rock County made by the Rock County Administrator on February 8, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors hereby vests Rock County Administrator Smith with the general authority to order, subject to review by the Board of Supervisors, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within Rock County during the declared Local State of Emergency."

Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED.

***Requesting that the Governor and State and Federal Representatives and Agencies Maximize the Availability of Resources to Assist Rock County Residents in Tornado Recovery Efforts:**

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this ____ day of ____, 2024, does hereby request that, to the extent allowed by State and Federal law, the Governor seek

a federal disaster declaration and/or advocate for access to state and federal programs to assist Rock County residents recover from this event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors requests that the County's federal representatives advocate for access to federal programs, such as through the Small Business Administration and the United States Department of Agriculture, that may assist residents in the recovery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors requests that the Legislature and Governor consider amending state law to allow the Wisconsin Disaster Fund to be used to provide funding directly to residents that are in need of assistance to recover from disasters, as is the case in other states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors requests the Department of Natural Resources provide support to assess the impacted waterways, immediately conduct operations to remove life safety hazards and make the waterways passable for kayaks and canoes, and provide oversight and leadership of debris removal operations to restore the waterways to pre-storm conditions. The Rock County Board of Supervisors further requests that the Department of Natural Resources establish a formal program to provide this assistance in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Clerk is directed to provide copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Rock County's state legislative representatives, and Rock County's Congressional representatives. "

Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Whitledge.
ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Awarding Contract for County Building Disaster Planning : Supervisor Whitledge moved approval to contract for County building disaster planning, second by Supervisor Knudson.
ADOPTED.

Next meeting date and time: February 27 at 5:15 P.M.

Adjournment: Supervisor Whitledge moved to adjourn at 5:49 P.M., second by Supervisor Knudson.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Thompson
Executive Assistant

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