



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes - March 14, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The Rock County Board of Supervisors met, pursuant to adjournment, on February 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

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

ROLL CALL: At roll call, Supervisors Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Peer, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick were present. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Crary, Leavy, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Rashkin, Towns and Winter were absent. PRESENT – 20. ABSENT – 9.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda was read. Item 11.E. Modifying the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Small Business and Nonprofit Grants Program was removed from the Agenda at the request of the authors. 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 – February 22, 2024:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

Appointments to the Ad Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee:

New Appointments: Julie Grandeffo, Mary Gut
Effective Date: March 14, 2024

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing Jason Brown:

Resolution No. R-2024-389

Recognizing Deputy Lee Jackson:

Resolution No. R-2024-390

Recognizing Correctional Officer Janel Karstetter:
Resolution No. R-2024-391

OTHER:

Accepting Building Capacity for Local, State, and Tribal Child Death Review and Fetal-Infant Mortality Review Teams grant funding and amending the 2024 Rock County Public Health Department Budget:
Resolution No. R-2024-392

Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Snowmobile Grant Funds:
Resolution No. R-2024-393

PUBLIC HEARING:

Amending Chapter 3, Part 7, Subpart 2 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances (First Reading):
Public Hearing opened at 6:09 p.m. No public comment. Public Hearing closed at 6:09 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Joe Stadelamn spoke in favor of item 11.D. Extending Authorization of the Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Rail Development.

Supervisor Davis gave information that former Senator Tim Cullen wanted to appeal funding for the Boys and Girls Club. Supervisor Homan gave information about an upcoming walk for MS.

Supervisor Suttlerlin gave information about Blain's Farm and fleet being named the America's top employer by Forbes. Supervisor Brien gave a thank you to everyone that reached out to him.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION: None

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing Jill Housker:

Resolution No. R-2024-394

Supervisors Knudson and Tillman moved the resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

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

Supervisor Woodman introduced a resolution: *Updating Wage Grid Implementation Criteria Related to Positions at the Department of Public Works*. Supervisor Zoril introduced a resolution: *Advancing Accountability to Ensure Ethical Conduct and Equal Treatment in Rock County*.

REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

Authorizing Acceptance of Rock County Equity Project Grant Funds:

Resolution No. R-2024-395

Supervisors Knudson and Woodman moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Peer, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Crary, Leavy, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Rashkin, Towns and Winter were absent. AYES– 20. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 9.

***Authorizing ARPA Funds for Children's Museum of Rock County and Amending the 2024 Budget:**

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

Reclassification of a Vacant 1.0 FTE Human Services Professional I:

Resolution No. R-2024-396

Supervisors Knudson and Zajac moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Peer, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Crary, Leavy, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Rashkin, Towns and Winter were absent. AYES– 20. NOES -0. ABSENT – 9.

Extending Authorization of the Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Rail Development:

Resolution No. R-2024-397

Supervisors Suttlerlin and Brien moved the resolution. Supervisor Zoril and Schneider motioned to postpone until the April 25th meeting. Postponement FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Cullen, Schneider, Stevens, Whitledge, Woodman and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Peer, Schulz, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Wilson, Zajac and Bostwick voted against. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Crary, Leavy, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Rashkin, Towns and Winter were absent. AYES– 6. NOES- 14. ABSENT – 9.

Resolution ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Peer, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen, Schneider, Whitledge and Zoril voted against. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Crary, Leavy, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Rashkin, Towns and Winter were absent. AYES– 16. NOES- 4. ABSENT – 9.

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

Investigating Potential Sale of the Health Care Center :

Resolution No. R-2024-398

Supervisors Zajac and Zoril moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote.

Supervisors Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Peer, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Whitley, Wilson, Woodman, Zajac, Zoril and Bostwick voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver, Bobzien, Crary, Leavy, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Rashkin, Towns and Winter were absent. AYES – 20. NOES -0. ABSENT – 9.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisors Davis and Zajac moved to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. to March 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED by acclamation.

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