



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes - March 28, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The Rock County Board of Supervisors met, pursuant to adjournment, on March 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chair Kevin Leavy called the meeting to order. Supervisor Winter gave the invocation.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda was read. Vice Chair Leavy 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 – March 14, 2024:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

Appointments to Ad Hoc Passenger Rail Committee:

Reappointment: Supervisor RJ Sutterlin, Supervisor Jeremy Zajac, VACANT, Henry Londo, Judith Robson, Brian Rose, Joseph Stadelman.

Effective Date: March 28, 2024

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing Beth Jessie:

Resolution No. R-2024-399

Recognizing David Howard:

Resolution No. R-2024-400

OTHER:

Requesting Authorization for the Sheriff's Office to Purchase Five Portable Radios:

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Elizabeth Paull, Claire Gray, Sara Iverson Smith spoke in favor of item 11. A.1. Authorizing ARPA Funds for Children's Museum of Rock County and Amending the 2024 Budget. Jill Grant, Cathy Myers, Richard McGrath, Santo Carfora, Jeanne Carfora, Vicki Brown, Heidi Deininger and Amiee Leavy spoke in opposition to item 11.G. Advancing Accountability to Ensure Ethical Conduct and Equal Treatment in Rock County. Supervisor Zoril called point of order the speaker has already spoken submitting written comments on the following speakers: Sara Iverson Smith, Santo Carfora, Jeannie Carfora. Chair Leavy ruled citizens can speak if they have submitted written comments. Supervisor Zoril appealed the rulings of the Chair. Appeals failed due to the lack of second.

Supervisor Clasen gave information about the 2nd annual Flock to U-Rock Event. Supervisor Mawhinney asked for special thoughts and prayers for Supervisor Beaver. Supervisor Brien gave information about Vietnam Veteran Day.

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: None

REPORTS:

Rock County Housing Authority-Housing Crisis/Supervisor Wilson:

Presentation given by Supervisor Wilson.

Supervisor Bostwick left the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

Carryover of 2023 Budget Items to 2024:

Resolution No. R-2024-401

Supervisors Mawhinney and Woodman moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Beaver,

Crary and Bostwick were absent. AYES – 26. NOES- 0. ABSENT – 3.

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

Awarding Bid for Correctional Healthcare Services at the Rock County Jail for 2025-2029:

Resolution No. R-2024-402

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

Amending Chapter 3, Part 7, Subpart 2 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances (Second Reading):

Ordinance No. O-2024-8

Supervisors Zoril and Pennycook moved the ordinance. ADOPTED by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Davis, Peer, Stevens and Sutterlin voted against. Supervisors Beaver, Crary and Bostwick were absent. AYES – 22. NOES- 4. ABSENT – 3.

Approval of Final Rock County 2024-2027 Strategic Plan:

Updating Wage Grid Implementation Criteria Related to Positions at the Department of Public Works:

Resolution No. R-2024-403

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

Establishing The Salary For The Rock County Register of Deeds, County Clerk, and Treasurer For The 2025-2028 Term:

Resolution No. R-2024-404

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

Advancing Accountability to Ensure Ethical Conduct and Equal Treatment in Rock County:

Resolution No. R-2024-405

Supervisors Zoril and Pennycook moved the resolution. Supervisors Wilson and Stevens moved a substitute amendment. Substitute amendment as follows:

"Ensuring Equal Opportunity in Rock County Hiring Practices

Whereas, Rock County is dedicated to upholding the principles of equality, fairness, and legal compliance in its employment practices and workplace environment; and

Whereas, Rock County is committed to emphasizing individual merit and qualifications in employment decisions but acknowledges that implicit bias can affect decision-making based on a variety of personal affinities and characteristics;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Rock County shall actively work to identify and mitigate implicit biases in its hiring and promotion decisions and shall demonstrate a commitment to applying the principles of individual merit, qualifications, professional competence in its hiring practices, and

Be It Further Resolved, that it is the policy of Rock County to foster a merit-based, unbiased decision-making culture in hiring and promoting staff."

Supervisor Stevens and Davis moved to postpone to the April 25, 2024 County Board Meeting. Supervisor Zoril moved to remove notes from the resolution. Motion out of order. Motion withdrawn. Supervisor Bomkamp and Tillman called the question to end debate. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson and Winter voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen, Schneider, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted against. Supervisors Beaver, Crary and Bostwick were absent. AYES – 21. NOES- 5. ABSENT – 3.

Motion to postpone to the April 25, 2024 County Board meeting APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Wilson and Winter voted in favor. Supervisors Schneider, Whitledge, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted against. Supervisors Beaver, Crary and Bostwick were absent. AYES – 21. NOES- 5. ABSENT – 3.

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

Supervisors Winter and Bomkamp moved the resolution. FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Leavy, Peer, Rashkin, Schulz, Stevens, Tillman, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Zajac voted in favor. Supervisors Knudson, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Schneider, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge and Zoril voted against. Supervisor Sutterlin abstained. Supervisors Beaver, Crary and Bostwick were absent. AYES – 17. NOES- 8. ABSTAIN-1. ABSENT – 3. (Budget changes require 20 votes for approval.)

Supervisor Zoril and Clasen moved to Reconsider. Reconsideration of the resolution APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Bomkamp, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Leavy, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Tillman, Wilson, Winter, Zajac and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Brien, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge and Woodman voted against. Supervisor Sutterlin abstained. Supervisors Beaver, Crary and Bostwick were absent. AYES – 17. NOES- 8. ABSTAIN-1. ABSENT – 3.

Supervisor Zoril and Pennycook moved to amend the resolution to change the funding as follows by eliminating the Equity Strategist (Strikethroughs are deleted; underlined are added):

Account	Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds	\$3,200,000	(\$500,000)	\$2,700,000
19-180-2901-64908		<u>(383,195.24)</u>	<u>\$2,816,804.76</u>
Small Business Grants			
Source of Funds	<u>\$807,782</u>	<u>(\$116,804.76)</u>	<u>\$690,977.24</u>
<u>01-1320-0000-61XXX</u>			
<u>Administrator Office</u>			
<u>Payroll</u>			
Use of Funds	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,0000
19-1980-2142-64908			
Children's Musuem of Rock County Program			

Supervisor Stevens and Mawhinney to call the to end debate on the amendment. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider Schulz, Stevens, Sweeney, Tillman, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Peer, Towns, Woodman and Zajac voted against. Supervisor Sutterlin abstained. Supervisors Beaver, Crary and Bostwick were absent. AYES– 21. NOES- 4. ABSTAIN - 1. ABSENT – 3.

Amendment FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Pennycook and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Sweeney, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Winter, Woodman and Zajac voted against. Supervisor Sutterlin abstained. Supervisors Beaver, Crary and Bostwick were absent. AYES – 2. NOES- 23. ABSTAIN -1. ABSENT – 3.

Supervisors Zoril and Zajac move to postpone the resolution to April 25, 2024 County Board Meeting. Resolution POSTPONED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Bomkamp, Brien, Clasen, Cullen, Davis, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Tillman, Winter, Woodman, Zajac and Zoril voted in favor. Supervisors Peer, Stevens, Sweeney, Towns, Whitledge and Wilson voted against. Supervisor Sutterlin abstained. Supervisors Beaver, Crary and Bostwick were absent. AYES– 19. NOES- 6. ABSTAIN - 1. ABSENT – 3.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisors Bomkamp and Tillman moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. to April 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

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