



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes - April 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The Rock County Board of Supervisors met, pursuant to adjournment, on April 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SWEARING IN - OATH OF OFFICE OF ENTIRE BOARD:

Clerk Tollefson recognized the new County Board Supervisors- Mike Schwarz, Doug Sutter, Erica Boehlke, Sue Ryan, Christine Fugelseth, Philip Gorman and Kevin Stone. Clerk Tollefson gave the oath of office to all Supervisors present.

ROLL CALL: At roll call, Supervisors Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy were present. Supervisors Bobzien and Cullen were absent. PRESENT – 24. ABSENT – 2. VACANT- 3.

SPECIAL REORGANIZATION ITEMS:

Election of County Board Chair: Clerk Tollefson asked for nominations for County Board Chair. Supervisor Homan nominated Supervisor Bostwick. Supervisor Bostwick declined the nomination. Supervisor Woodman nominated Supervisor Mawhinney. Supervisor Brien nominated Supervisor Leavy. Both candidates addressed the board. Nominations were closed. Supervisor Leavy was elected by paper ballot on the following vote. Leavy - 15. Mawhinney - 8. Blank- 1.

Election of County Board Vice Chair: Chair Leavy asked for nominations for County Board Vice Chair. Supervisor Towns nominated Supervisor Bostwick. Supervisor Schwarz nominated Supervisor Woodman. Nominations closed. Both candidates addressed the board. Supervisor Bostwick was elected as County Board Vice Chair by paper ballot on the following vote. Bostwick - 14. Woodman - 10.

Election of County Board Second Vice Chair: Chair Leavy asked for nominations for Second County Board Vice Chair. Supervisor Wilson nominated Supervisor Brien. Supervisor Sutterlin nominated Supervisor Towns. Nominations closed. Both candidates addressed the board. Supervisor Towns was elected as Second County Board Vice Chair by paper ballot on the following vote. Towns- 17. Brien- 7.

Review, Discussion and Adoption of Rules of the Board for 2024-2026:

Supervisors Wilson and Towns moved to adopt the new Rules of Procedure. (In all cases new language is underscored and language that is deleted is struck through.)

Amendment 1 - Supervisors Wilson and Homan motioned to amend lines 752 - 793 as follows:

(i) Land Conservation Committee.

i. Membership: The Land Conservation Committee shall be comprised of eight (8) members, of which ~~five (5) members shall be members of the County Board who serve on the Agriculture & Extension Education Committee, one (1) additional member of the County Board who should also serve on the Planning & Development Committee. The Chair of the Farm Service Agency or their designee shall also be a member of the Committee.~~ at least two shall be members of the County Board who serve on the Agriculture and Extension Committee, at least one member but no more than two members shall be persons who are not members of the County Board, with the remaining seats appointed to members of the County Board. One member shall be a person who is engaged in an agricultural use, as defined under Wis. Stat. § 91.01(2)(a)1. to 7. which may either be a member of the County Board or a citizen member.

ii. Policy Supervision and Oversight Responsibilities: The Land Conservation Committee has policy supervision and oversight responsibilities for the ~~Land & Conservation~~ functions of the Planning, Economic, and Community Development Department and County Farm.

iii. Purpose and General Responsibilities: The Land Conservation Committee is authorized, per Wis. Stats. 92.06, with responsibilities related to natural resource management such as soil and water conservation programs; erosion control; sedimentation and nonpoint source water pollution; and resource conservation operations and works of improvement for flood prevention for the conservation, development, utilization, and protection of soil and water resources within the county.

iv. Legal Responsibilities: Performs the land conservation duties and responsibilities set forth in Wis. Stat. § 92.06.

(j) Planning & Development Committee.

i. Membership: The Planning & Development Committee shall be comprised of five (5) members of the County Board.

ii. Policy Supervision and Oversight Responsibilities: The Planning and Development Committee has policy supervision and oversight responsibilities for the Planning, Economic & Community Development Department and Real Property Lister ~~(including the Surveyor and Code Administrator) except for those functions related to land conservation, which fall under the purview of the Land Conservation Committee.~~

iii. Purpose and General Responsibilities: The Planning & Development Committee oversees and acts on all matters pertaining to County planning, zoning, community development and redevelopment, housing, land division and County ordinances relating to physical development as aesthetics as provided by State Statute, County Ordinance or County Board Resolution. In addition, all comprehensive planning matters within the County's jurisdictional authority fall under the purview of the Planning & Development Committee.

iv. Legal Responsibilities: The Planning & Development Committee performs its duties consistent with the application of Wis. Stat. Chapter 59, all other applicable federal and state statutes, the Rock County Code of Ordinances, and these Rock County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure.

Amendment 1 APPROVED by acclamation.

Amendment 2 - Supervisors Woodman and Schneider to amend lines 356 - 363 as follows:

iii. ~~The Chairperson shall appoint the Chairships of all Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees, who shall be a County Board Supervisor.~~ The Chairship of all Standing and Ad Hoc Committees shall be elected by the respective committee membership. All committee chairs must be County Board Supervisors. The Chairperson of the Board may serve as chair for a maximum of one standing committee.

The Vice Chairships of all Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees shall be elected by the committee membership and must be a County Board Supervisor. The manner of determining the Chairships of any Single Purpose committee may be established by the originating resolution or authority creating the committee. If no manner of establishing the Chairship is identified, then the Chairperson shall appoint the Chairship of the committee.

Amendment 2 - APPROVED on a vote of AYES - 13. NOES - 11. Individual votes not captured.

Motion to RECONSIDER (to capture votes) made by Supervisors Whitledge and Gorman.

Reconsideration APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Fugelseth, Gorman, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ryan, Schulz, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Schneider, Schwarz, Tillman and Woodman voted against. Supervisors Bobzien and Cullen were absent. AYES - 17. NOES - 7. ABSENT - 2. VACANT - 3.

Reconsideration of Amendment 2 APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Boehlke, Fugelseth, Gorman, Knudson, Pennycook, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Whitledge and Woodman voted in favor. Supervisors Bostwick, Brien, Homan, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Wilson and Leavy voted against. Supervisors Bobzien and Cullen were absent. AYES - 13. NOES - 11. ABSENT - 2. VACANT - 3.

Amendment 3 - Supervisors Whitledge and Sutter motioned to amend lines 1055 - 1064 as follows:

(7) When in the course of its business, the Board reaches “Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements”, the presiding officer shall ask if there are any citizens who would like to speak before the Board. Any citizen desiring to be heard shall stand and address the presiding officer indicating their name, the community in which they reside, and the item on which the citizen wishes to speak. The presiding officer will call on the citizen at the appropriate time. Each citizen shall be limited to three minutes of speaking time. Citizens who have submitted written comments shall be read during the board meeting. Citizens who have submitted written comments for the Board’s consideration on a specific item shall not be eligible to speak on the same item during the meeting. The presiding officer may limit the time of each speaker and select the speaking order. No one shall speak more than once on any item, unless in the opinion of the Chair, such request to speak more than once is relevant. ~~Where there are several speakers representing the same view, the presiding officer may require a speaker for the group.~~

Amendment 3 FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Fugelseth, Pennycook, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Whitledge and Woodman voted in favor. Supervisors Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Wilson and Leavy voted against. Supervisors Bobzien and Cullen were absent. AYES - 10. NOES - 14. ABSENT - 2. VACANT - 3.

Amendment 4 - Supervisors Sutter and Whitledge motioned to amend lines 207 - 210 as follows:

(4) County Administrators Report on the Recommended Budget. The County Administrator shall make an annual report to the County Board in ~~October~~ last Thursday in September of each year in conjunction with the submission of the recommended budget for the succeeding year.

Amendment 4 - APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bostwick, Fugelseth, Gorman, Knudson, Pennycook, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Whitledge and Woodman voted in favor. Supervisors Boehlke, Brien, Homan, Mawhinney, Peer, Rashkin, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Wilson and Leavy voted against. Supervisors Bobzien and Cullen were absent.
AYES - 13. NOES - 11. ABSENT - 2. VACANT - 3.

Amendment 5 - Supervisors Knudson and Mawhinney motioned to delete sentence starting on line 1263 ending on 1267 as follows:

(b) If no governing committee reports a resolution within 90 days from the time it was introduced to the County Board, five supervisors may bring the resolution to the Board floor. ~~The date on which a resolution is considered introduced shall be the date that the proposed resolution was introduced during the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisor.~~

Amendment 5 APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Towns, Whitledge and Woodman voted in favor. Supervisors Tillman, Wilson and Leavy voted against. Supervisors Bobzien and Cullen were absent.
AYES – 21. NOES - 3. ABSENT – 2. VACANT- 3.

Amendment 6 - Supervisors Schwarz and Sutter moved to amend lines 1199 - 1201 as follows:

(a) The County Board Chairperson shall refer every proposed resolution or ordinance introduced to the appropriate Standing Committee within ~~30~~ 20 calendar days from the date that the resolution or ordinance was introduced.

Amendment 6 - APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Fugelseth, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge and Woodman voted in favor. Supervisors Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Gorman, Sutterlin, Wilson and Leavy voted against. Supervisors Bobzien and Cullen were absent. AYES – 17. NOES - 7. ABSENT – 2. VACANT - 3.

Amendment 7 - Supervisors Schwarz and Sutter moved to amend lines 1337 - 1339 as follows:

(1) Introduction of the Proposed Budget. The County Administrator shall submit the Proposed Budget for the succeeding year pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.18(5) no later than the ~~first~~ last Board Meeting in ~~October~~ September.

Amendment 7 - APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Boehlke, Bostwick, Fugelseth, Gorman, Knudson, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Brien, Homan, Peer and Rashkin voted against. Supervisors Bobzien and Cullen were

absent. AYES – 20. NOES - 4. ABSENT – 2. VACANT- 3.

Amendment 8 - Supervisors Sutterlin and Rashkin move to amend lines 1263 - 1267 as follows:

(b) If no governing committee reports a resolution within 90 days from the time it was introduced to the County Board, ~~five~~ nine supervisors may bring the resolution to the Board floor. The date on which a resolution is considered introduced shall be the date that the proposed resolution was introduced during the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Amendment 8 FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bostwick, Brien, Knudson, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ryan, Stone, Sutterlin, Towns and Wilson voted in favor. Supervisors Boehlke, Gorman, Fugelseth, Homan, Peer, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Sutter, Tillman, Whitledge, Woodman and Leavy voted against. Supervisors Bobzien and Cullen were absent. AYES - 11. NOES - 13. ABSENT - 2. VACANT - 3.

Amendment 9 - Supervisors Schwarz and Sutter moved to amend lines 1263 - 1267 as follows:

(b) If no governing committee reports a resolution within ~~90~~ 60 days from the time it was introduced to the County Board, five supervisors may bring the resolution to the Board floor. The date on which a resolution is considered introduced shall be the date that the proposed resolution was introduced during the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Amendment 9 FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Boehlke, Fugelseth, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Sutter, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge and Woodman voted in favor. Supervisors Bostwick, Brien, Homan, Gorman, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Stone, Sutterlin, Wilson and Leavy voted against. Supervisors Bobzien and Cullen were absent. AYES - 11. NOES - 13. ABSENT - 2. VACANT - 3.

The Rock County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure as amended APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien and Cullen were absent. AYES – 24. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 2. VACANT - 3.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent Agenda was read. With no actionable items on the remainder of the agenda deemed approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS: None

OTHER:

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Bostwick gave information about the Canoe and Kayak event fundraiser on April 20, 2024.

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: None

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisors Bostwick and Woodman moved to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. to Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

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

