



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Minutes - March 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: The Rock County Board of Supervisors met at 6:05 p.m. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin, pursuant to adjournment on February 27, 2025.

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

ROLL CALL: At roll call, Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy were present. PRESENT – 29. ABSENT – 0 .

CONSENT AGENDA:

Supervisors Peer and Mawhinney moved the consent agenda. Item 4.E.5. Dissolving Evidence-Based Decision-Making (EBDM) Committee was removed from the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Schwarz requested the following items be removed from the consent agenda: 4.E.3. Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Support the County Courts and 4.E.6. Allocating Excess Sales Tax Funds for Components of the County Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan Update Projects and Amending the 2025 Planning and Development Agency Budget. Chair Leavy asked for objections and questions about the items on the consent agenda. Consent agenda approved by acclamation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 13, 2025 and February 27, 2025:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

Appointment to the Traffic Safety Commission:

New Appointment: Brian Morgan
Effective Date: February 27, 2025

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

OTHER:

Accepting Leveraging Intersectional Frameworks and Tools for Data-to-Action at the Local Level

(LIFT) Grant Funds and Amending the 2025 Rock County Public Health Department Budget:
Resolution No. R-2025-27

Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Snowmobile Grant Funds:
Resolution No. R-2025-28

Dissolving the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee (BHRSC) Based Upon Completion of Original Purposes:
Resolution No. R-2025-29

Amending the 2025 Communications Center Budget to Accept Wisconsin Telephonic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Grant Funds:
Resolution No. R-2025-33

PUBLIC HEARING:

Amending 4.10 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances (Land Use Management and Zoning, Environmental Management and Board of Adjustment, Subchapter 2 – Environmental Management, Part 10 – Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation):

Public Hearing Open at 6:12 p.m. Public comments: Sheila Williams questioned the process the ordinance went through and asked that it be started over. Public hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dean Paynter and Neil Deupree spoke in favor of the resolution: Supporting the Renewal and Funding Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

Supervisor Bostwick gave information on the meet and greet for new Administrator John Light on April 3rd, 5-7 pm. Supervisor Bostwick also thanked Randy Terronze for working as interim administrator.

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 Ryan introduced the following resolution: *Resolution to Recognize and Honor Rock County Residents Who Have Reached the Remarkable Age of 100+ Years of Age*. Supervisor Schwarz introduced the following resolutions: *Resolution Implementing the Process for the Rock County Administrator Performance Review* and *Authorize the Elimination of the Rock County Community Agency Initiatives Policy (Policy 2.02)*.

REPORTS:

***Report on Evidence-Based Decision Making Committee ~~Criminal Justice Coordinating~~ Council Presentation:**

Report given by: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Judge Hanson, Heather Korth and Katherine Luster.

Pistons & Props and STEM Class, Josh Gowey:

Report given by: Joshua Gowey

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

Supporting the Renewal and Funding of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program:

Resolution No. R-2025-24

Supervisors Wilson and Mawhinney motioned to amend the resolution starting on line 30 (Items removed are struck through. Items added are underlined.)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2025 ~~supports the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and it's funding for the next ten-year cycle at 100 million dollars as stated in the Governor's proposed budget.~~ does hereby express to the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor our full support for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and request that sufficient funding annually be allocated to support worthy projects in future years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors directs that the County forward a copy of this resolution to the offices of each of our State Legislators and to the Office of the Governor.

Supervisors Cullen and Stevens motioned to end debate. Debate ended by acclamation. Amendment APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Gorman, Homan, Rashkin, Stevens and Sutterlin voted against. AYES – 23. NOES- 6. ABSENT –0.

Resolution ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. AYES – 29. NOES - 0. ABSENT –0

Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Support the County Courts:

Resolution No. R-2025-32

Supervisors Whitledge and Knudson moved the resolution. Supervisors Schwarz and Towns moved to amend line 25 deleting: ~~by \$70 million payable.~~

Supervisors Stevens and Fugelseth moved to postpone until the next meeting on March 27, 2025.

POSTPONEMENT APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bostwick, Brien,

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Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Pennycook, Ringhand, Ryan, Schulz, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Tillman, Towns, Whitedge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Cullen, Mawhinney, Peer, Schneider and Sutterlin moved against. Supervisor Rashkin abstained. AYES – 21. NOES - 7. ABSTAIN - 1. ABSENT – 0 .

Dissolving Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Committee:

Resolution No. R-2025-30

Supervisors Woodman and Wilson moved the resolution. ADOPTED by the acclamation.

Allocating Excess Sales Tax Funds for Components of the County Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan Update Projects and Amending the 2025 Planning and Development Agency Budget:

Resolution No. R-2025-31

Supervisors Sutterlin and Woodman moved the resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation. One no vote noted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisors Bostwick and Pennycook moved to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. to Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

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