

Y PROCEEDINGS OF WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 20, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

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The Wood County Board of Supervisors composed of nineteen members convened at the Wood County Boardroom in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin on October 20, 2020.

Chairman Pliml called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Supervisors present were: Ashbeck, Breu, Clendenning, Curry, Feirer, Fischer, Hahn, Hokamp, Hamilton, LaFontaine, Leichtnam, Pliml, Polach, Rozar, Thao, Valenstein, Wagner, Winch, and Zurfluh.

Supervisor Rozar gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Feirer/LaFontaine to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Wagner/LaFontaine to approve the following appointments: South Central Library Board of Trustees – Francis Cherney, Veterans Service Commission – Tom Heiser, Civil Service Commission – David Laude, Ethics Committee – Robert Whitrock & Jeff Conradt. Motion carried by voice vote.

Under public comment, Jim Walsh, former County Board Supervisor and River Cities Community Access Coordinator, shared with the board that he was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame for Community Access Professionals. Numerous county residents came forward and commented in support of having Wood County be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary County. Information was provided in the packet from the Public Safety Committee. A petition with 600 signatures in this regard was presented by Mr. Mike Derrie. Motion by Wagner/Rozar to accept the petitions and place on file in the Office of County Clerk. Motion carried by voice vote. Clerk Miner took possession of the petitions. Discussion followed on next steps. Motion by Rozar/Zurfluh to have this item place on the next Judicial & Legislative Committee agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

There were no referrals.

Committee minutes presented: Operations.

**RESOLUTION 20-10-1**

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To contract with MaryAnn Lippert Consultant LLC to coordinate a Broadband Workgroup, resulting in submission of a funding application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) for a Broadband Expansion Grant.

FISCAL NOTE: Cost not to exceed \$6,200.

Motion by Wagner/Feirer to adopt Resolution 20-10-1. Lengthy discussion on process and succeeding steps. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 20-10-2**

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Authorize the sale of tax deed property back to former owner.

FISCAL NOTE: Paid Amount - \$7,463.39

Motion by Valenstein/Feirer to adopt Resolution 20-10-2. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 20-10-3**

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To adopt a comprehensive Classification and Compensation Plan for Wood County which will provide fair, competitive, and equitable wages for full and part-time employees of Wood County not covered by union contracts, excluding any professional employees paid outside of the pay plan as well as employees in positions with flat wages established by statute or County Board.

FISCAL NOTE: None in 2020. If adopted, based upon standard projections, the cost of implementation is approximately \$700,000 in wages in 2021.

Motion by LaFontaine/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 20-10-3. Discussion on issues and solutions with the 2021 budget. Motion by Wagner/Breu to amend resolution to change the implementation date to July 1, 2021. Motion to amend carried unanimously. Motion to adopt amended Resolution 20-10-3 carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services, Public Safety, Civil Service Commission.

Due to technological issues with the voting system, Chair Pliml called for a 5 minute recess at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened the board at 10:45 a.m.

Supervisor Hamilton was excused.

**RESOLUTION 20-10-4**

Introduced by: Public Safety Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To accept Legacy Foundation Grant funding and create a Mental Health Liaison Officer position (1.0 FTE).

FISCAL NOTE:

	<u>Year 1 (2021)</u>	<u>Year 2 (2022)</u>
Wages:	\$72,155.20	\$75,041.41
Fringe:	\$37,284.25	\$38,113.17
Total:	\$109,439.45	\$113,154.58
Grant funded:	109,439.45	\$113,154.58
County cost:	\$0	\$0

Years one (2021) and two (2022) wages and benefits are based on Investigator-Sergeant rates outlined in the Deputy Sheriff's 2020-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement and are fully funded by a Legacy Foundation Grant. Subsequent years' wages and benefits will be funded through the annual budget process.

Motion by Ashbeck/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 20-10-4. Discussion ensued. Motion carried. Voting no were Wagner, Ashbeck & Winch. Excused was Hamilton.

Committee minutes presented: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development, Golden Sands Resource &

Development Council, North Central ITBEC, Judicial & Legislative, Criminal Justice Coordinator Adhoc, Highway Infrastructure & Recreation.

**RESOLUTION 20-10-5**

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the County Clerk to execute a quit claim deed transferring county highway property CSM #10783 to Peter P. Winistorfer.

FISCAL NOTE: The County will receive \$7,500 for the sale of CSM #10783.

Motion by Clendenning/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 20-10-5. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Property & Information Technology, Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin, Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of Directors, McMillan Library Board of Trustees, South Central Library System Board of Trustees.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Jonette Arms, Executive Director of ADRC-CW presented the 2019 Annual Report. She extensively highlighted the many programs that are offered and how many residents are impacted by the services they provide. These include Meals on Wheels and the congregate meal locations. She discussed the many volunteer hours spent on programs as well as the number of contacts the organization makes in each program.

Chairman Pliml recognized Supervisor Rozar who eulogized and recalled the public service of former Chairman Gordon Stargardt, who passed from this life recently.

**RESOLUTION 20-10-6**

Introduced by: County Board of Supervisors

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Relating to the Life and Public Service of Gordon E. Stargardt

Motion by Rozar/Feirer to adopt Resolution 20-10-6. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The board stood in silence in honor of former Chairman Stargardt.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Next scheduled county board meeting is November 10, 2020, with the annual budget hearing preceding the meeting.

Trent Miner  
County Clerk