

PROCEEDINGS OF WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 19, 2014 - 9:30 a.m.

The Wood County Board of Supervisors composed of nineteen members convened at the Wood County Boardroom in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin on August 19, 2014.

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

Supervisors present were: Ashbeck, Breu, Clendenning, Curry, Feirer, Hamilton, Hendler, Henkel, Leichtnam, Machon, Miner, Nelson, Pliml, Polach, Rozar, Wagner and Winch.

Supervisors excused were Allworden and Hokamp.

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

Motion by Hamilton/Feirer to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Miner/Hamilton to amend the July meeting meetings to reflect that Hendler was present and that those voting no for Resolution 14-7-2 were Supervisors Winch, Curry, Clendenning and Hamilton. Motion to approve the July 2014 county board minutes as amended carried by voice vote.

Motion by Feirer/Henkel to appoint Supervisors Miner, Ashbeck and Winch to three year terms to the Board of Adjustment and also to approve the appointment of Supervisor Clendenning to the McMillan Library Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

There were public comments. Mary Wright spoke in support of placing a question on the November ballot to accept funds for BadgerCare. Deb Beadle read a letter from Wisconsin Farmers Union in support of referendum for BadgerCare. Mark Holbrook representing Wisconsin Council of Churches spoke in support of referendum for BadgerCare. Sandy Hurd read a letter from American College of Physicians in support of referendum for BadgerCare. Bruce Dimick spoke in support of referendum for BadgerCare. Christine Johanic representing Wisconsin Alliance on Mental Illness spoke in support of referendum for BadgerCare funds. Justin Pluess spoke in support of both proposed referendum questions. Rick Potter spoke in support of both proposed referendum questions. Frank Baltus spoke against the referendum to increase the federal minimum wage. Scott Larson, MACCI Executive Director spoke against both proposed referendum questions. Melissa Reichert, Heart of Wisconsin Business and Economic Alliance spoke against putting referenda question on the November ballot for increase in federal minimum wage. Kevin Kane spoke in support of putting both proposed referenda questions on the November ballot. Laura Loken representing Council of Churches supports both proposed referenda questions. Tom Stensberg representing Union Steelworkers supports putting both referenda questions on the November ballot. Brad Hardin spoke in support of both proposed referenda questions. Mark Loken spoke in support of putting both questions on the ballot.

Supervisor Clendenning asked to bring forward Item 5-1 and 5-2 to be acted on at this time as it appeared the majority of the audience was interested in these items. General consensus from the body.

RESOLUTION 14-8-1

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To direct the County Clerk to place on the November 2014 ballot an advisory referendum question as to whether the state should accept federal Medicaid funds for the BadgerCare program.

FISCAL NOTE: The maximum cost of the referendum for publication and printing expenses would be \$2,500, depending upon the final ballot contents and layout.

Motion by Hamilton/Nelson to adopt Resolution 14-8-1. Discussion ensued as to value of advisory referenda. Motion to adopt Resolution 14-8-1 carried. Voting no were Rozar, Breu, Miner, Winch, Henkel, Pliml. Excused were Allworden and Hokamp.

RESOLUTION 14-8-2

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To direct the County Clerk to place on the November 2014 ballot an advisory referendum question as to whether the state should increase the minimum wage in Wisconsin from \$7.25 per hour to \$10.10 per hour.

FISCAL NOTE: The maximum cost of the referendum for publication and printing expenses would be \$2,500, depending upon the final ballot contents and layout.

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 14-8-2. Discussion ensued as to value of advisory referendum as well as effect this has on small business. Motion to adopt Resolution 14-8-2 carried. Voting no were Rozar, Breu, Ashbeck, Miner, Winch, Henkel, Polach, Pliml. Excused were Allworden and Hokamp.

Minutes of various committees were reviewed. Reports, requests and resolutions relating to county board business are as follows:

Committee minutes presented: Executive, Health and Human Services, Public Safety

RESOLUTION 14-8-3

Introduced by: Public Safety Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To return a small parcel of donated real estate to the successor in interest of the grantor so as to have it placed back on the tax roll.

FISCAL NOTE: Minimal; the .34 acre parcel is landlocked and, therefore, has nominal value except when reattached to the adjacent parcel it was originally removed from.

Motion by Feirer/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 14-7-3. Motion carried unanimously. Excused were Allworden and Hokamp.

Committee minutes presented: Conservation, Education and Economic Development; Supervisor Henkel noted that the Annual Land Conservation Tour will be held on September 11th. Everyone is welcome and more information will be forthcoming, Judicial and Legislative.

RESOLUTION 14-8-4

Introduced by: Judicial and Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To allow for multiple compensated meetings on county board day.

FISCAL NOTE: Unknown but likely not a significant monetary impact to the county.

Motion by Henkel/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 14-8-4. Discussion regarding timing and ethics of the proposed compensation change. Motion by Clendenning to allow for meetings that occur after the county board meeting to be paid if deemed in the best interest of the county, demonstrate a cost savings, and at the discretion of the county board chair. This practice to remain in place until the new board is seated. Motion died for lack of a second. Further discussion. Motion by Clendenning/Rozar to amend Resolution 14-8-4 to become effective immediately, not effective with the seating of the new county board in April 2016. Further discussion. Motion failed. Voting no were Rozar, Wagner, Hendler, Breu, Ashbeck, Miner, Henkel, Curry, Machon, Pliml, Leichtnam. Motion to adopt Resolution 14-8-4 carried. Voting no were Feirer and Ashbeck. Excused were Hokamp and Allworden.

RESOLUTION 14-8-5

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Opposition to proposed reduction in State funding to the circuit court system.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County.

Motion by Clendenning/Henkel to adopt Resolution 14-8-5. Motion carried unanimously. Excused were Hokamp and Allworden.

RESOLUTION 14-8-6

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To form an ad hoc study committee of 6 county board supervisors to look into the appropriateness of regulating waste irrigation in Wood County.

FISCAL NOTE: No direct cost to Wood County other than per diems and mileage.

Motion by Wagner/Breu to adopt Resolution 14-8-6. Motion carried. Voting no was Winch. Excused were Hokamp and Allworden.

Committee minutes presented: Highway Infrastructure and Recreation,

RESOLUTION 14-8-7

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To give the Park and Forestry Director and/or Forest Administrator and the Highway Infrastructure and Recreation Committee authorization to apply for reimbursement for Fish and Game and Wildlife Habitat Projects through the County Conservation Fund.

FISCAL NOTE: This is a 50/50 matching fund grant for projects totaling approximately \$5,000.00 per year.

Motion by Miner/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 14-8-7. Motion carried unanimously. Excused were Hokamp and Allworden.

RESOLUTION 14-8-8

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To release the Department of Military Affairs of all obligations and terminate lease of Wood County land for the use of military communications tower, and to reenroll said Wood County lands in the County Forest Program.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County.

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 14-8-8. Motion carried unanimously. Excused were Hokamp and Allworden.

RESOLUTION 14-8-9

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To approve the withdrawal of .98 acres of Wood County Forest lands from the County Forest Program and approve sale of these lands to the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the purpose of State Highway right-of-way.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County, however, there will be unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$1,650.00.

Motion by Rozar/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 14-8-9. Motion carried unanimously. Absent were Allworden and Hokamp.

Committee minutes presented: Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin, Central Wisconsin State Fair Board, McMillan Memorial Library, Wood County Library Board, Space Needs Study Implementation

Supervisor Clendenning noted that there will be a meeting of the Judicial and Legislative Committee on September 4th at 1:00 in the courthouse auditorium to review the Wisconsin Counties Association resolutions.

Motion by Machon//Hamilton to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Next scheduled county board meeting is September 23, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted
Cynthia Cephress
Wood County Clerk