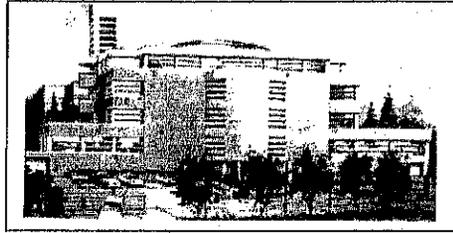


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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Janesville, Wisconsin
November 9, 2011

The Rock County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on November 9, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

Chair Podzilni called the meeting to order. Supervisor Yoss gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call. At roll call, Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Innis, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Diestler, Yankee, Gustina, Bussie, Combs, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Fizzell, Thompson, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Jensen, Sweeney, Owens, Yoss and Podzilni were present. Supervisors Beaver, Wopat, Bostwick and Collins were absent. District 13 is vacant. PRESENT – 24. ABSENT – 4. VACANT – 1.

QUORUM PRESENT

4. Adoption of Agenda.

Supervisors Thomas and Knudson moved to the Agenda as presented. ADOPTED as presented. Agenda is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
5. ~~APPROVAL OF MINUTES~~
6. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. Public Hearing on 2012 Recommended Budget
7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. ~~NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION~~
9. ~~INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE~~
10. ~~REPORTS~~
11. ~~UNFINISHED BUSINESS~~
12. ~~NEW BUSINESS~~
 - A. ~~Supplementary Appropriations and Budget Changes – Roll Call~~
 - B. ~~Bills Over \$10,000 – No Roll Call~~
 - C. ~~Encumbrances Over \$10,000 – Roll Call~~
 - D. ~~Contracts – Roll Call~~
13. ADJOURNMENT

- 6.A. Public Hearing on 2012 Recommended Budget.

Chair Podzilni declared the Public Hearing on the 2012 Recommended Budget open. Teresa Mears of Janesville addressed the Board regarding the Developmental Disabilities Budget and the Epilepsy Foundation. Recipients rely on the funds provided through the DD Board.

Mike Rufer of Janesville shared with the Board in favor of increasing funding to the DD Board and expressed the impact and consequences of losing a son due to an Epileptic seizure. Mr. Rufer stated that funds assist in promoting education via the Epilepsy Foundation and urged the Board to increase funding to the DD Board for such purpose.

Lin Newman of Janesville shared her personal experience with Epilepsy with the Board sharing that she was able to get her driver's license at the age of 32 thanks to medication to control her seizures. She encouraged the Board to increase funding in this budget for the Epilepsy Foundation through the DD Board.

Gary Bersell, Janesville addressed the Board as the Executive Director of Kandu Industries. Kandu's current mission is to have diversified revenue sources to increase opportunities while decreasing dependence on government funding. Mr. Bersell thanked the Board for the funds for the Day Services Community Employment Program. Mr. Bersell stated that the programs are not asking for more money, however, urged them to continue the support needed to meet the needs of all clients.

Brenda Cakinis of Milton has a son with Developmental Disabilities. She presented the Board with 899 signatures via petition requesting that the DD Board Budget not be reduced by \$75,216. She asked the Board to reconsider this reduction.

Larry Harding, Chair of the Town of Plymouth addressed the Board in regard to the Public Works Budget. The township would like the Board to reduce the current \$885/mile to \$700/mile. He explained the impact of these fees on Towns who already pay taxes (property owners in the Town of Plymouth pay a total of \$402,441 for County services) and asked the Board to reconsider this cost. The reduction of the fees would result in roughly \$116,000. He stated that currently, under these prices, towns are seriously considering purchase of their own equipment and beginning their own co-op.

Sheila JaDou, of Janesville addressed the board as the AFSCME 2489 President. She is a proud ESS Worker for the County and encouraged the Board to keep people working and not reduce the number of staff necessary to service the citizens of Rock County. She made this comment based on the reduction of 13.3 FTE employees in this budget.

Nancy Lannert of Milton addressed the Board regarding the Developmental Disabilities Budget. She explained how a \$30,000 Tax Levy increase translates into nearly \$75,000 after matching funds from the State are factored in. She believed that the Board should include these funds in the 2012 budget to keep further services from deteriorating. There is already currently a 9-10 year wait now for some services that she is aware of because Nancy personally has two brothers in a Center in Madison and understands the constant need and financial constraints of services.

Anna Fuller of Edgerton shared the family story of Kim Kellner to stress the importance of financial support to families with disabilities. Mrs. Kellner's disabled child was immediately put on the Birth to Three Program and received occupational and physical therapy. Ms. Kellner's family was subsequently put on a waiting list and 6 ½ years later started to receive family support that equates to \$8.22 per day to help with the disabled children. Her husband worked tirelessly to support his family and provide for their individual needs. Sadly, in 2010, he lost his life in an auto accident and Ms. Kellner now is raising two children on her own. She encourages the need to increase financial support to families with disabled children to help lessen the burden.

Sue Lethlean, Represented Rehab Services located on Creston Park Drive, providing services for the Birth to Three Program since 1999. She thanked the Board for their years of support and encouraged the Board to continue providing necessary funds needed to continue the program.

Edward A. Sadlowski, Janesville, did not address the Board but provided written testimony requesting no budget cuts.

Becky Heimerl, Evansville, did not address the Board but provided written testimony opposing any cuts in Developmental Disabilities Funding.

Edward Brandsey, Janesville did not address the Board but provided written testimony opposing any cuts in Developmental Disabilities Funding.

Chair Podzielni declared the Public Hearing closed.

7. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements.

Kay Deupree of Janesville thanked the Board for their dedication and invited all to a Voter ID Forum on November 15th.

Supervisor Bussie shared a memo from the Samuels Group that was distributed at the 11/1 General Services Meeting. She reported that the process and communication has been

going very well and that the Board would be very pleased with Samuels Group's professionalism and style. She sees this as a good sign of being on time and on budget for completion of the new Rock Haven Nursing home. Supervisor Owens added to her comments that Kevin has been present at the General Services meetings to give construction reports on the Rock Haven Skilled Nursing Facility Project.

13. Adjournment.

Supervisors Arnold and Gustina moved to adjourn at 6:53pm to Thursday, November 15, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. ADOPTED by acclamation.



Prepared by Lorena R. Stottler, County Clerk

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