

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Janesville, Wisconsin
August 14, 2014

The Rock County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on August 14, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

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

3. Roll Call. At roll call, Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni were present. Supervisors Beaver and Heidenreich were absent. Supervisory District 11 is Vacant. PRESENT – 26. ABSENT – 2. VACANT – 1. Supervisor Brenton Driscoll was sworn in at item 8.A. and roll call was adjusted to: PRESENT – 27. ABSENT – 2. VACANT – 0.

QUORUM PRESENT

4. Adoption of Agenda.

Supervisors Arnold and Peer 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-July 10, 2014
6. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. Repealing Rock County Ordinance 3.104(1) and Repealing and Recreating Rock County Ordinance 3.212 (First Reading)
 - B. Amending Section 1.120 of the Rock County code of Ordinances (First Reading)
7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
 - A. Appointment to Supervisory District #11
 - B. Appointment of Chair to the Public Works Committee
 - C. Appointment of Chair to the Health Services Committee
 - D. Appointment to the County Board Staff Committee
 - E. Appointment to the Public Works Committee
 - F. Appointment to the Transportation Coordinating Committee
 - G. Appointment to the Health Services
 - H. Appointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - I. Appointment to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)
 - J. Appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - K. Appointment to Arrowhead Library System Board
 - L. Appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Council
9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
10. REPORTS
 - A. Review and Comments on the 2013 Certified Audit-Baker Tilley Virchow Krause, LLP
 - B. Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Program (PACE) Program Update - Tom Sweeney
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Supplementary Appropriations and Budget Changes – Roll Call
 - 1. Amending the 2014 Human Services Department Budget to Accept PATHS Grant Funding
- B. Bills Over \$10,000 – No Roll Call
- C. Encumbrances Over \$10,000 – Roll Call
- D. Contracts – Roll Call
 - 1. Contracting for Replacement of the Roof on the Rock County Jail
 - 2. Retaining Engineering Design Services Relating to Replacement of the Sewage Grinder/Lift Station Serving the Jail and Youth Services Center
 - 3. Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Walworth County for Maintenance of the Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail
 - 4. Awarding Contract to REM Wisconsin for a Level 5 Shift-Staff Treatment Foster Care Home for Children
- E. Amending the County’s Personnel Ordinance (Second Reading and Adoption)
- F. Placing Health Care Advisory Referendum on the November 4, 2014 Rock County Ballot
- G. Placing Minimum Wage Advisory Referendum on the November 4, 2014 Rock County Ballot
- H. Recognizing Kurtis Yankee
- I. Recognizing Deborah Stluka
- J. Jury Appreciation Month
- K. Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds and/or Notes in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,920,000
- L. Acceptance of Rock County 2014-2015 Snowmobile DNR Grant S-4365

13. ADJOURNMENT

5. Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2014

Supervisors Bostwick and Knudson moved the approval of the minutes of July 10, 2014 as presented. ADOPTED as presented by acclamation.

6.A. Repealing Rock County Ordinance 3.104(1) and Repealing and Recreating Rock County Ordinance 3.212 Resolution No. 14-8A-079 (First Reading)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This proposed ordinance repeals section 3.104(1) Regulation as to Parking at County Building in Beloit. Since the County no longer owns the building, this ordinance is not needed.

This proposed ordinance also repeals current section 3.212 Fish and Game Restrictions and recreates section 3.212 Shining Animals; Possession of Live Wild Animals. The current ordinance, because of a confusing format and changes in the Wisconsin Statutes it was based upon, became unenforceable. The proposed ordinance preserves the intent of the former ordinance but in a format that provides for clarity and ease of reporting. It is not necessary to spell out each permutation of the statutes nor the definitions therein since by publication thereof, each person is conclusively presumed to know what the proscribed activity is.

Chair Podzilni declared the Public Hearing open. No one spoke. Chair Podzilni declared the Public Hearing closed.

6.B. Amending Section 1.120 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances Resolution No. 14-8A-080 (First Reading)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Currently, there is no standard format for the drafting of ordinances. This has led to difficulty in the interpretation of the ordinances. Additionally, some agencies, notably the Rock County Sheriff’s Office, must report ordinance violations to the State of Wisconsin in a specific format. Variations in the format make this ordinance difficult, if not impossible. Enactment of the ordinance will not change the intent or substance of any existing ordinance but will, over time, bring more clarity to the Rock County Code of Ordinances.

Chair Podzilni declared the Public Hearing open. No one spoke. Chair Podzilni declared the Public Hearing closed.

7. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements

Neil Deupree, Janesville, addressed the Board regarding the PACE Program.

Several residents spoke in favor of items 12.F and 12.G.

Those speaking in favor of agenda item 12.F are: Rob Wilkinson, Janesville; Margaret Jessup, Milton; Mark Fuller, Janesville; Kevin Kane representing Citizen Action WI, Milwaukee; and Anissa Welch, Milton. Those speaking in favor of agenda item 12.G are: Mark Fuller, Janesville; Sean Lane, Beloit.

Several residents appeared to register in favor of items 12.F and 12.G but did not wish to speak. Those registering in favor of agenda item 12.F and 12.G are: Jan and Ted Kinneman, Janesville; James and Janet Hay, Janesville; Pam Outhouse, Janesville; Ilah Hartung, Janesville.

Letters to the Rock County Board in favor of item 12.F came from Wisconsin Farmers Union, Chippewa Falls; National Alliance on Mental Illness, Madison; Mental Health America, Milwaukee; American College of Physicians, Milwaukee; Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans, Milwaukee; Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition, Milwaukee; Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, Milwaukee; Wisconsin Council of Churches.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld thanked the Board members for their care and support during his recent hospital stay. He also wished to recognize and thank the Rock County 911 Communications Center, Janesville Fire and EMS, Mercy Hospital and UW-Madison who supported and cared for him as he healed.

Supervisor Grahn said he performed an unofficial poll at the Rock County 4-H fair and learned from citizens the following: 39 said knock the tower down (one volunteered to do it for \$5), County F needs repair and many wondered what the specific process was for seeking change or action of County government.

8.A. Appointment to Supervisory District #11

NEW APPOINTMENT: Brenton Driscoll
620 Weirick Ave.
Beloit, WI 53511

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately (August 14, 2014)

Supervisors Thomas and Dowd moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation. Supervisor Driscoll was delivered and accepted his oath and welcomed by the Board and then took his seat.

8.B. Appointment of Chair of Public Works Committee

NEW APPOINTMENT: Supervisor Betty Jo Bussie
EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 2014

Supervisors Kraft and Grahn moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.C. Appointment of Chair of Health Services Committee

NEW APPOINTMENT: Supervisor William (Billy Bob) Grahn
EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 2014

Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.D. Appointment to County Board Staff Committee

NEW APPOINTMENT: Supervisor Terry Thomas
EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately (August 14, 2014)

Supervisors Kraft and Mawhinney moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.E. Appointment to Public Works Committee

NEW APPOINTMENT: Supervisor Brenton Driscoll
EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 2014

Supervisors Bussie and Fox moved the above appointment.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld commented that he believes that the County Committees are structured in a manner that has evolved into “five power committees” of the thirteen standing committees. He believes those power committees are Finance, Staff, Public Safety and Justice, Human Services and Public Works. Supervisor Wiedenfeld understands that the County Board rules give the Board chair the authority to appoint Board members subject to Board confirmation. While Supervisor Wiedenfeld indicated that he didn’t want the appointment, he knows of other “tenured” supervisors who should have had an opportunity to get that appointment. He encouraged other supervisors to speak up about this topic and asked if others agreed about giving “tenured” supervisors first chance at committee appointments.

Supervisor Addie concurred with Supervisor Wiedenfeld and used the example of being in the military to working your way up to these Boards via experience.

Supervisors Addie and Schulz moved that the appointment of Supervisor Driscoll be postponed to the September 11 County Board of Supervisors meeting to enable a discussion to possibly change the rules and suggests that Supervisors who have served at least one term be given priority. Supervisor Brien asked that the rules be reviewed and that the current and future chairs should solicit interest and considers experience during the filling of vacancies in order to be fair to experienced board members.

Supervisor Zajac agreed and expressed that this discussion is not in the least a personal attack on the new Supervisor Driscoll. Supervisor Dowd also emphasized that the procedure is what is in question here, not Supervisor Driscoll. He feels this is an organizational issue and he knows he’s been viewed as the vocal newcomer, but sometimes the Board should look at best practices, not just what we’ve always done.

Chair Podzilni explained his rationale for the appointment of Supervisor Driscoll to the Public Works Committee. Supervisor Driscoll spent six years in the military with a focus on aeronautics, and because the airport is one third of this committee, he believed that his experience and knowledge would bring added benefit to the committee. He also explained that when a vacancy occurs, it is not always possible to just replace the old Board member assignments to the new Board member, as in this case. Making any shift in appointments can cause a domino effect and before you know it, the committee structure is greatly impacted and that is something he doesn’t want to do. Supervisor Thomas explained that he sat in on the interview of Supervisor Driscoll and is satisfied with the Board Chairs decision.

Supervisor Arnold expressed disappointment in the Board discussion on the floor and said she was embarrassed for the Board and the new supervisor. Supervisor Nash and Sweeney called the question. Motion to postpone failed on the following Roll Call vote. Supervisors Davis, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Addie, Dowd and Brien voting in favor of postponing. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Brill, Sweeney, and Podzilni voting against. AYES – 11. NOES – 16. ABSENT – 2.

The original appointment remained on the floor for more discussion. The location and review of Board rules was discussed. Supervisor Addie expressed great disappointment in being billed for County data used to address issues in his district with the School board and the Town Board. He reminded the administration that the County staff serves at the Boards pleasure and he should not be paying for such data. Corporation Counsel advised the Chair that this topic is out of order and the motion on the floor was the appointment to the Public Works committee. Supervisor Wiedenfeld reiterated that more information should be made available to supervisors prior to the arriving at a board meeting. It was suggested that when a recommendation is brought to the Board for confirmation, that an announcement be made explaining the candidate and the decision. Appointment ADOPTED by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voting in favor. Supervisors Wiedenfeld and Garrett voting in opposition. Supervisors Beaver and Heidenreich were absent. AYES – 25. NOES – 2. ABSENT – 2.

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8.F. Appointment to the Transportation Coordinating Committee

APPOINTMENT: Supervisor Brenton Driscoll
620 Weirick Ave.
Beloit, WI 53511

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 2014

Supervisors Thomas and Dowd moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.G. Appointment to Health Services Committee

NEW APPOINTMENT: Supervisor Brenton Driscoll
620 Weirick Ave.
Beloit, WI 53511

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 2014

Supervisors Bussie and Knudson moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.H. Appointments to Local Emergency Planning Committee

NEW APPOINTMENT: Steve Benton Gary Schenck
WCLO-WJVL 953 Elm Street
1 S. Parker Drive Beloit, WI 53511
Janesville, WI 53545

Robert Wildermuth Robert Swenarski
10001 S. Clinton Corners Rd. St. Mary's Janesville Hospital
Clinton, WI 53525 3400 E. Racine Street
Janesville, WI 53546

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 2014

Supervisors Arnold and Dowd moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.I. Appointment to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

NEW APPOINTMENT: Angela Moore
YWCA Rock County
1735 S. Washington St.
Janesville, WI 53546

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 2014

Supervisors Kraft and Grahn moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.J. Appointment to Local Emergency Planning Committee

NEW APPOINTMENT: Christine Walsh
City of Beloit Public Works
2351 Springbrook Court
Beloit, WI 53511

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 2014

Supervisors Arnold and pleasant moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.K. Appointment to Arrowhead Library System Board

NEW APPOINTMENT: John Watrous
805 Church Street
Beloit, WI 53511

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 2014

Supervisors Bostwick and Fell moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.L. Appointment to Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

NEW APPOINTMENT: Robert Swenarski
St. Mary's Janesville Hospital
3400 E. Racine Street.
Janesville, WI 53546

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 2014

Supervisors Kraft and Fell moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Chair Podzilni called for a 7 minute recess at 7:20pm.

10.A. Report – Review and Comments on the 2013 Certified Audit.

Finance Director, Sherry Oja, introduced Thomas Scheidegger of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP to provide a "Report to the Finance Committee" and the Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2013.

It is the opinion of the auditor that the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Rock County, Wisconsin, as of December 31, 2013 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the USA. In Layman's terms, this is the highest opinion that can be offered for an audit.

The overall numbers for the year ended December 31, 2013 include: Total Revenues were \$182.5 million; Total Expenditures were \$175.2 million; Total General Obligation Debt Outstanding is \$45.9 million (of which approximately \$30 million is for the new Rock Haven facility); the General Fund balance as of 12/31/13 was \$35 million (of which \$3 million is non-spendable and mostly made up of delinquent taxes and almost \$5 million is assigned).

The complete Rock County Financial Statements including Independent Auditors' Report for the year ended December 31, 2013 can be viewed at the Rock County Clerk's office at 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545 and is also online at <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/financial-reports>.

10.B. Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Program (PACE) Program Update

Tom Sweeney and Andrew Baker, Conservation Specialist of the Rock County Land Conservation Department reported. The purpose of the report was to provide an introduction to the PACE program, the implementation process, give a summary of easement acquisitions to date and discuss the future of the PACE program.

The PACE Program is a voluntary County program that compensates agricultural landowners for restricting the potential future uses of their land. The County purchases the "development rights" on an agricultural parcel through the application of a conservation easement.

Landowner retains ownership of land, but future use of the land is bound to easement terms (i.e. land cannot be developed or subdivided and conservation standards must be followed). The landowner is compensated for up to 75% of the appraised value of the easement, with 50% coming from the USDA-NRCS "Farm Bill" funding and 25% County Funding.

In 2013, the County Board authorized a revision to the PACE Program to allow full donations of Conservation Easements. No cash payment is made, but landowner gets benefit of non-cash charitable donation on income taxes. As with purchase option, PACE program funds are used for appraisal, title work and long term oversight of easement. All eligibility criteria remain the same.

The goals of the PACE Program are to identify, prioritize and preserve productive agricultural lands in Rock County. The Program promotes a regional land use and planning and development vision and encourages intergovernmental communication and cooperation.

Twenty One members, representing a cross section of parties interested in and affected by formation of the Program, including: Elected officials, government agency representatives, individuals from business, industry, and non-profit fields, and other interested citizens.

After program eligibility is determined, the implementation process starts off with application, review, evaluation and acquisition. The landowner submits an application and the land conservation department staff review the applications and make the initial determination of

eligibility. Applications are then send to other reviewing parties such as the planning and development agency, town, village or city.

The PACE Council reviews applications, recommendations and comments and makes a recommendation of approval or denial for potential easement acquisition to the Land Conservation Committee. The Land Conservation Committee reviews the recommendation and approves or denies applications. The landowner then agrees with the County terms of Conveyance Agreement. The County contracts for an appraisal of the FMV of the easement and the landowner and county sign an option to purchase based on appraised value, which is contingent on approval of Federal share of funding. If this is approved, the County works with NRCS to complete the acquisition process. The County then has the long-term monitoring responsibilities.

Applications in the PACE Program began in 2011 and to date, four applications have been approved for federal funding. Three of those applications have been finalized. There is one 2013 application in Federal approval process currently in process. There was one donated easement in 2013 as well. If all approved applications are approved, a total of 880 acres will have PACE Easements. The County Share will be \$342,040 and the Federal Share will be \$910,320. This Program is expected to grow as the interest and success stories are shared and information is distributed. There are already eight applications for consideration in 2014. The PACE Program has a large direct impact on the economy of Rock County and its resources.

12.A. Amending the 2014 Human Services Department Budget to Accept PATHS Grant Funding Resolution No. 14-8A-081

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of August, 2014, does hereby authorize the acceptance of PATHS grant funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Human Services Department budget for 2014 be amended as follows:

Account/Description	Budget 7/14/14	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			
36-3698-0000-42100 Federal Aid	\$0	\$472,360	\$472,360
Use of Funds			
36-3698-0000-62119 Contracted Services	\$0	\$472,360	\$472,360

Supervisors Knudson and Thomas moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Pleasant, Garrett, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voting in favor. Supervisors Beaver and Heidenreich were absent. AYES – 27. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 2.

12.B. Approval of Bills Over \$10,000.00 Resolution No. 14-8A-082

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on August 14, 2014, approves payment and authorized and directs the County Clerk and County Treasurer to pay the same.

Illinois Office Supply	County Clerk	Contracted Services	\$15,076.82
Community Care Programs, Inc	Human Services	Contracted Services	\$10,085.00
Netsmart Technologies, Inc	Human Services	Contracted Services	\$14,912.00
Highline Corporation	Info Tech	Contracted Services	\$18,050.00

Supervisors Fox and Mawhinney moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.C. Approval of Encumbrances over \$10,000.00 Resolution No. 14-8A-083

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on August 14, 2014, approves payment and authorizes and directs the County Clerk and County Treasurer to pay the same, upon acceptance by the Department Head.

O'Brien and Associates, Inc.	Human Services	Contracted Services	\$35,031.00
Veolia ES Tech. Solutions	Land Conservation	Contracted Services	\$12,575.19
<u>Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendment</u>			
Truesdell Corp. of WI Inc.	General Services	Contracted Services	\$40,435.00

Supervisors Mawhinney and Fox moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Pleasant, Garrett, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voting in favor. Supervisors Beaver and Heidenreich were absent. AYES – 27. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 2.

12.D.1. Contracting for Replacement of the Roof on the Rock County Jail

Resolution No. 14-8A-084

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of August, 2014, that a contract for replacement of the Jail's roof be awarded to Nieman Central Roofing, of Lyndon Station, WI, in the amount of \$250,270.00; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a project contingency in the amount of \$15,000 be established to cover all change orders authorized by the General Services Committee.

Supervisors Brill and Zajac moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Pleasant, Garrett, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voting in favor. Supervisors Beaver and Heidenreich were absent. AYES – 27. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 2.

12.D.2. Retaining Engineering Design Services Relating to Replacement of the Sewage Grinder/Lift Station Serving the Jail and Youth Services Center Resolution No. 14-8A-085

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of August, 2014 that RH Batterman and Co., Inc. of Beloit, WI be retained to complete the plans and specifications to upgrade and replace sewage grinder/lift station equipment and infrastructure at the Rock County Jail in the amount of \$19,150.00; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a reimbursable expense and design contingency be established in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Supervisors Brill and Brien moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Pleasant, Garrett, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voting in favor. Supervisors Beaver and Heidenreich were absent. AYES – 27. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 2.

12.D.3. Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Walworth County for Maintenance of the Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail Resolution No. 14-8A-086

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of August, 2014 does hereby approve a memorandum of understanding with Walworth County to improve maintenance on the Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail.

Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Pleasant, Garrett, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voting in favor. Supervisors Beaver and Heidenreich were absent. AYES – 27. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 2.

12.D.4. Awarding Contract to REM Wisconsin for a Level 5 Shift-staff Treatment Foster Care Home for Children Resolution No. 14-8A-087

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of August, 2014 does hereby authorize a contract with REM Wisconsin of Madison, Wisconsin.

Supervisors Knudson and Thomas moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Pleasant, Garrett, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld

Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voting in favor. Supervisors Beaver and Heidenreich were absent. AYES – 27. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 2.

12.E. Amending the County's Personnel Ordinance Resolution No. 14-7A-067

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of August, 2014 does hereby amend Chapter XVIII, the County's Personnel Ordinance, as follows:

The floating holiday may be taken upon at least ~~twenty-four (24) hours~~ 7 days advance notice ~~prior to the beginning of the shift.~~ The floating holiday request will normally be approved, however, it may be denied by the Department Head, even with a 7 day advance notice, if granting the request would put the department, division, unit, or shift below the minimum staffing needs of the department, division, unit or shift. A floating holiday with less than a ~~twenty-four (24) hours~~ 7 day notice may be ~~taken~~ granted in an emergency circumstance at the discretion of the Department Head or his/her designee. Employees are strongly encouraged to use their floating holiday prior to the last payroll period of the calendar year.

The entire Rock County Personnel Ordinance can be viewed at the office of the County Clerk at 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545 as well as on the Rock County website: <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/ordinances-a-resolutions>. Please call 608-757-5660 with questions or concerns.

Supervisors Kraft and Arnold moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.F. Placing Health Care Advisory Referendum on the November 4, 2014 Rock County Ballot Resolution No. 14-6A-056

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of August, 2014 does hereby direct the Rock County Clerk to place the following advisory referendum question on the countywide ballot at the election to be held on November 4, 2014:

"Shall the Governor and State Legislature accept Affordable Care Act Federal Medicaid funds earmarked to enhance BadgerCare?"

Supervisors Dowd and Zajac moved the above resolution. Discussion took place.

Supervisors Dowd and Brien moved to substitute the full resolution that was in the Board packets with the one at their desk tonight. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Supervisor Dowd gave background on his request to bring this to the Board. He believes that the voice of the voters and average people have a far greater impact on what elected officials do versus the County Board or the City Council. While the referendum is advisory, this allows the voters to have a voice in addition to the resolution the County Board passed last December.

Some Supervisors are not in favor of non-binding referendums and fear that they cause apathy of the voter. Supervisor Sweeney said he'll support the referendum but is not in general in favor of non-binding questions on the ballot. Several other Supervisors weighed in on the issue.

ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Driscoll, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Pleasant, Garrett, Wiedenfeld Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voting in favor. Supervisors Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Gustina, Bussie, Nash and Brill voted in opposition. Supervisors Beaver and Heidenreich were absent. AYES – 20. NOES – 7. ABSENT – 2.

12.G. Placing Minimum Wage Advisory Referendum on the November 4, 2014 Rock County Ballot Resolution No. 14-8A-088

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of August, 2014 does hereby direct the Rock County Clerk to place the following advisory referendum question on the countywide ballot at the election to be held on November 4, 2014: "Should the State of Wisconsin increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour?"

Supervisors Thomas and Grahn moved the above resolution. Discussion took place.

Supervisor Addie stated he was not in favor of a mandate for employers to rob Peter to pay Paul. He shared his personal story of hard work. He also had concerns that higher wages would equal layoffs, more part time employees and less employee benefits. He reminded Board members that

we live in a Republic and referenced “and for the Republic for which we stand”. To him this means that we are not mandated to share our prosperity with anyone. He also stated that he hears about the desire to make Americans have more in common when it comes to wages and he thinks the word common comes from communism and that’s not a direction he wants to head. Supervisor Thomas cited statistics that showed that if the minimum wage had kept up with inflation between 1968 and 2014, the minimum wage today would be \$18.30. He also reminded the Board that if the minimum wage were to raise it would do so over a 3-year time period at a rate of .95/year. Supervisor Brien cited a report from the Budget office that supported raising the wage and explained that the numbers being cited against the wage raise are simply pie in the sky numbers.

ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Pleasant, Garrett, Wiedenfeld Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voting in favor. Supervisors Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Nash, Brill, Sweeney and Addie voted in opposition. Supervisors Beaver and Heidenreich were absent. AYES – 17. NOES – 10. ABSENT – 2.

12.H. Recognizing Kurtis Yankee Resolution No. 14-8A-089
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of August, 2014 does hereby recognize Kurtis Yankee.

Supervisors Bussie and Knudson moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.I. Recognizing Deborah Stluka Resolution No. 14-8A-090
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of August, 2014 does hereby recognize Deborah Stluka for her many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Rock County and wishes her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Deborah Stluka.

Supervisors Richard and Zajac moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.J. Jury Appreciation Month Resolution No. 14-8A-091
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of August, 2014 does hereby support the goals of Juror Appreciation Month:

- Educate the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service; and,
- Applaud the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty; and,
- Ensure that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to all employers who pay employees their normal wages while allowing them to serve as jurors, preventing financial hardship and fostering community strength.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors honors the service and commitment of citizens who perform jury duty, who by participating in the judicial process aid those elected to serve the citizens of Rock County by preserving the rule of law, the basis for a free society.

Supervisors Arnold and Grahn moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.K. Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds and/or Notes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,920.00 Resolution No. 14-8A-092

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of August, 2014, that there shall be issued, Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, General Obligation Bonds and/or Notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,920,000 for the purchase of the land and building at 1900 South Center Avenue, Janesville, WI.

Supervisors Fox and Mawhinney moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.L. Acceptance of Rock County 2014-2015 Snowmobile DNR Grant S-4365
Resolution No. 14-8A-093

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of August, 2014, hereby accepts the 2014-2015 Rock County Snowmobile Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair is hereby authorized and directed to sign the grant agreement and that this document be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks Director be named the Snowmobile Trail Coordinator and act as authorized official to file all necessary documents for administration and reimbursement of this program, with the Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs named as subcontractor to carry out the work of the program (signing, grooming, and general trail maintenance). The Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs is a 501(c)(3) federal charitable organization. They are in partnership with Rock County to carry out this recreational program in Rock County.

Supervisors Bussie and Dowd moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

13. Adjournment.

Supervisors Arnold and Grahn moved to adjourn at 9:00pm to Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Prepared by Lorena R. Stottler, County Clerk
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