

PROCEEDINGS OF WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 19, 2015 - 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 May 19, 2015.

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

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

Excused was Supervisor Henkel.

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

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

Motion by Hamilton/Zurfluh to accept the re-appointment of Francis Cherney and Jane Maciejewski to the Wood County Library Board for a three year term. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comments: Duane Hofmeister requested permission to make an audio recording of this meeting.

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

Committee minutes presented: Executive

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION FUNDING**

County Highway Commissioner Doug Passineau, County Highway Engineer Roland Hawk and Finance Director Mike Martin presented valuable information regarding the road rating system and current road ratings in Wood County and the life expectancy of those roads. The board received an update regarding current road projects and the process used in prioritizing those projects. Also explained were the financial shortfalls in the Highway department budgeting in previous years and the long term financial plan of approval of the proposed borrowing. The three accepted questions from the supervisors and further discussion ensued regarding raising the sales tax or possible road funding from other sources.

**RESOLUTION 15-5-1**

Introduced by: Executive Committee

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** Initial resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation promissory notes in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for Highway Projects.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Proceeds from general obligation promissory notes not to exceed \$5,000,000.

Motion by Hendler/Miner to adopt Resolution 15-5-1. Discussion ensued regarding possible state transportation funding or a possible sales tax increase affecting road funding. Motion to adopt Resolution 15-5-1 carried. Voting no were Winch and Curry. Excused was Henkel.

**RESOLUTION 15-5-2**

Introduced by: Executive Committee

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** Initial resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation promissory notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 for UW Marshfield/Wood County Campus Building Project.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Proceeds from general obligation promissory notes not to exceed \$1,200,000.

Motion by Hendler/Breu to adopt Resolution 15-5-2. Discussion and questions asked of Assistant Dean Michelle Boernke regarding timeline of their fund raising efforts and the construction project. Motion to adopt resolution 15-5-2 carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION 15-5-3**

Introduced by: Executive Committee

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** To authorize and fund an architect to draft plans for a new front entrance at the Wood County Annex and Health Center and to amend the 2015 budget for Norwood.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Transfer \$16,500 from available balance in contingency (51590) to Norwood Plant Operations Maintenance Capital Improvement (54351). At the time of this request the funds in contingency are \$301,775. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
54351	Norwood Plant Ops. Cap. Imp.		\$16,500
51590	Contingency	\$16,500	

Motion by Wagner/Breu to adopt Resolution 15-5-3. Motion to adopt Resolution 15-5-3 carried. Voting no were Winch and Nelson. Excused was Henkel.

Committee minutes presented: Health and Human Services.

### **RESOLUTION 15-5-4**

Introduced by: Health & Human Services and Executive Committees

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** To create a teacher/service coordinator position (0.97 FTE) in the Human Services Birth to Three Program.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Currently \$50,000 is budgeted and the remainder will be covered by new revenues.

Wages: \$43,342.65  
Fringes: \$21,831.71  
\$65,174.36

Motion by Feirer/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 15-5-4. Motion to adopt Resolution 15-5-4 carried. Voting no were Nelson and Clendenning. Excused was Henkel.

Committee minutes presented: Public Safety, Conservation, Education & Economic Development, Judicial & Legislative

### **RESOLUTION 15-5-5**

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** To increase the per diems of the Wood County board supervisors to \$50 per meeting irrespective of the length of the meeting and set the monthly salary at \$150.

**FISCAL NOTE:** An annual increase of a few thousand dollars for all of the people who receive meeting per diems and \$11,400 per year for the salary increase.

Motion by Clendenning/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 15-5-5. Discussion as to the merits of the resolution. Motion to adopt Resolution 15-5-5 carried. Voting no were Nelson, Rozar, Feirer, Hendler, Ashbeck, Miner, Polach. Excused was Henkel.

### **RESOLUTION 15-5-6**

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** To increase the meal allowances of the Wood County board supervisors and staff commencing in April 2016.

**FISCAL NOTE:** An annual increase of a few thousand dollars for all of the people who receive meal allowances paid by the county. The funds would be contained in the department budgets.

Motion by Zurfluh/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 15-5-6. Motion to adopt Resolution 15-5-6 carried. Voting no was Nelson. Excused was Henkel.

### **RESOLUTION 15-5-7**

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** To modify Rule #28 of the county board rules so as to require any changes in pay grade to positions of employment to be approved by the county board before going into effect.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Unknown and probably nominal.

Motion by Clendenning/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 15-5-7. Discussion regarding current practice of approving pay grade changes and merit of changes to this procedure. Motion by Clendenning/Miner to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee minutes presented: Highway, Infrastructure & Recreation

### **RESOLUTION 15-5-8**

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** To authorize the Park and Forestry Department to retain the services of the Highway Department to perform certain work, as set forth below, without obtaining bids for that work, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 59.52(29), Wis. Stats.

**FISCAL NOTE:** The work at issue here has been budgeted for. Generally there are savings and efficiencies applicable to both departments by having the work here done in-house. Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 15-5-8. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Henkel.

## **RESOLUTION 15-5-9**

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** Support the efforts of Pavloski Development LLC., Nepco Lake Development LLC., and Nepco Lake Owner's Association, Inc. in the dredging and maintenance of Nepco Lake and Four Mile Creek for the improvement of recreation, navigability, access and overall water quality.

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

Motion by Clendenning to indefinitely postpone. Discussion as to the appropriateness of the motion at this point in time. Determination that it was not appropriate. Motion by Zurfluh/Nelson to adopt Resolution 15-5-9. Motion by Clendenning/Hamilton to indefinitely postpone. Discussion ensued. Motion to indefinitely postpone failed. Voting no were Nelson, Rozar, Feirer, Wagner, Hendler, Breu, Ashbeck, Miner, Winch, Polach, Pliml, Zurfluh. Excused was Henkel. Further discussion. Motion by Miner/Rozar to refer this resolution to the Conservation Education and Economic Development Committee. Discussion regarding referring to CEED committee. Motion to refer carried. Voting no were Nelson, Breu, Winch, Hokamp, Clendenning, Pliml, Zurfluh. Excused was Henkel.

## **RESOLUTION 15-5-10**

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** Increase the County Forest Acreage Share Payment from \$.30 to \$1.00 per acre.

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

Motion by Miner/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 15-5-10. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Henkel.

## **RESOLUTION 15-5-11**

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** Restoring Funding for County Forest Administration Grant Program

**FISCAL NOTE:** Potential loss of 50% of County Forest Administrator's wage and 40% of benefits, along with 50% of WCFA Membership dues.

(2015 grant amount = \$42,478)

Motion by Hamilton/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 15-5-11. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Henkel.

Committee minutes presented: Marshfield Fairgrounds Commission, McMillan Memorial Library Board, South Central Library Board of Trustees, Spray Irrigation of Waste ad hoc Committee,

Next scheduled county board meeting is June 16, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Cepass

Wood County Clerk