

PROCEEDINGS OF WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
June 20, 2017 - 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 June 20, 2017.

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

Supervisors present were: Ashbeck, Breu, Clendenning, Curry, Feirer, Fischer, Hamilton, Henkel, Hokamp, Kremer, LaFontaine, Leichtnam, Machon, Pliml, Polach, Rozar, Wagner, Winch, Zurfluh.

County Clerk Cephess 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 Hamilton/Fischer to accept the resignation of Brittany Boyer from the Ethics Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Leichtnam/Henkel to approve the following appointments:

McMillan Memorial Library Board of Trustees (3-year term) – Supervisor Clendenning
Wood County Wildlife Area Advisory Committee (3-year term) – Dale Weis, Scott Arneson,
& Curt Pluke
North Central Regional Planning Commission (county appointee) – Jerry Nelson

Motion carried by voice vote.

Public comments: Supervisor Rozar introduced the new Director at Edgewater Haven, Cindy Robinson. Ms. Robinson gave the board a little background about herself. Supervisor Polach questioned the absence of the June 6th Executive committee minutes from the county board packet.

Acknowledgements and Recognitions: Long Term Employees were presented plaques by their department heads and thanked for their dedicated service to Wood County.

Committee minutes presented: Executive Committee, Executive sub-committee on River Block, Annex, Relocation/Remodeling, Wellness Board

RESOLUTION 17-6-1

Introduced by: Executive Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Accept and sign off on the quit claim deed of a 1.27 acre parcel located in the Town of Saratoga from a private individual.

FISCAL NOTE: Small savings by avoiding the tax deeding process.

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 17-6-1. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Health and Human Services, Community Care Connections of Wisconsin

RESOLUTION 17-6-2

Introduced by: Health & Human Services and Judicial & Legislative Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To change the Programs and Services Description for County Departments section of the "Rules and Committees of the Wood County Board of Supervisors" so as to move Edgewater Haven from an independent program to a subunit of the Wood County Human Services Department.

FISCAL NOTE: Unknown. There are expected efficiencies and cost-savings anticipated which cannot be quantified accurately at this time

Motion by Fischer/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 17-6-2. Brief discussion as to what cost savings might be expected. Motion to adopt Resolution 17-6-2 carried. Voting no was Winch.

Committee minutes presented: Conservation, Education & Economic Development. Supervisor Leichtnam was recognized and gave an update to the board regarding water issues and a recent meeting of the "80 is Enough" group. Discussion followed. Golden Sands Resources, Conservation & Development Council, North Central ITBEC Board.

RESOLUTION 17-6-3

Introduced by: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the submittal of a state grant application and the subsequent appropriation of County funds and outside donations for a Household Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep program for Wood County, in 2018.

FISCAL NOTE: County Funds - \$20,000
Anticipated State Grants - \$9,000

Motion by Rozar/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 17-6-3. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 17-6-4

Introduced by: Conservation, Education and Economic Development Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To allow the extraterritorial planning of areas outside of the boundaries of the City of Marshfield to be included in the City of Marshfield 2017-2037 Comprehensive Plan.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County.

Motion by Feirer/Fischer to adopt Resolution 17-6-4. Discussion ensued. Questions regarding aspects of this resolution turned to Josh Miller, City of Marshfield Planner. Motion to adopt Resolution 17-6-4 carried. Voting no were Ashbeck, Winch, Curry, Clendenning and Polach.

As the time was 10:30 a.m. and the designated earliest time for the Special Order of Business regarding the final step in the Complaint Resolution Process, the Chairman called for a short break before it starts. Called back to order at 10:41 a.m.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ESWEIN APPEAL

The Board considered the appeal of Mr. Eswein to the decision of the Independent Hearing Officer in the final step of the Complaint Resolution Process. Chairman Pliml briefly explained the Complaint Resolution Process

appeal procedures. Mr. Eswein and Human Resources Director Warren Kraft each gave a summation to the Board as to what the Board's position should be and why. The Board members deliberated in open session. Motion by Zurfluh/Fischer to affirm the decision of the Independent Hearing Officer to sustain the termination of the employment of Mr. Eswein. Discussion regarding the impact this decision will have on the application of policy in the future. Motion carried with a vote of 16 yes, 3 no. Voting no were Ashbeck, Polach and Clendenning. The County Clerk will inform parties in writing of the Board's decision.

RESOLUTION 17-6-5

Introduced by: Conservation, Education & Economic Development and Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To support full funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).

FISCAL NOTE: None

Motion by Hamilton/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 17-6-5. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 17-6-6

Introduced by: Conservation, Education & Economic Development and Executive Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To seek County Board approval to amend the 2017 Wood County Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) grant budget for unanticipated state aid monies and to appropriate those monies to the DATCP grant budget expenditures.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The source of the funding is unanticipated revenue from the DATCP. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
56122-480	DATCP Grant		\$ 60,614.00
43586-480	State Aid	\$ 60,614.00	
56122-481	DATCP Grant		\$ 8,400.00
43586-481	State Aid	\$ 8,400.00	

Motion by Curry/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 17-6-6. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 17-6-7

Introduced by: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the CEED Committee to appoint a Weed Commissioner and to enter into a contract with that Weed Commissioner that sets forth the powers and duties of that position.

FISCAL NOTE: No additional funds for contracting with a Weed Commissioner as the costs therefore would be paid by the land owners.

Motion by Rozar/Breu to adopt Resolution 17-6-7. Discussion ensued. Land Conservation Department Head, Shane Wucherphennig was called forward to answer questions from the board. Motion to adopt Resolution 17-6-7 carried. Voting no was Clendenning.

Committee minutes presented: Judicial and Legislative, Joint Legislative Committee, Highway Infrastructure &

Recreation.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
POWERS BLUFF DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Parks Director, Chad Schooley came forward to present information to those assembled. He gave a Power Point presentation as well as handed out materials related to the project. He gave a history of Powers Bluff area itself and highlights of the long range plan that had been developed previously and that they are still following those recommendations. The 223 acre expansion property was acquired in 2012 with no cost to Wood County. Proposed design drawings of the new facility were presented as well as costs for building and estimated yearly revenue and cost to operate. He reviewed the Capital Campaign and funding sources. Mr. Schooley explained the grant application and use process and what options the board would have moving forward to continue or cease the project.

RESOLUTION 17-6-8

Introduced by: Highway, Infrastructure and Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To become eligible for State of Wisconsin Outdoor Recreation Grant Programs funding.

FISCAL NOTE: \$3,215,000.00 for grant eligible portions of the Powers Bluff multi-use shelter building, entrance road, and parking lot.

Motion by Brey/Hokamp to adopt Resolution 17-6-8. Discussion ensued and centered on how any grant monies could be used, entering into debt, how much of the project could be covered by grant and status of private donations. Motion to adopt Resolution 17-6-8 carried. Voting no were Fischer and Winch.

RESOLUTION 17-6-9

Introduced by: Highway, Infrastructure and Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To acquire land for enrollment in Wood County Forest in exchange for land currently in the county forest program, and to seek Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approval of the proposed addition and deletion to the Wood County Forest.

FISCAL NOTE: The County will be responsible for paying associated recording and closing fees.

Motion by Rozar/Henkel to adopt Resolution 17-6-9. Motion carried. Voting no were Fischer, Winch, Curry and Machon.

Committee minutes presented: Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin, Fairgrounds Commission, Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of Directors, McMillan Memorial Library

RESOLUTION 17-6-10

Introduced by: Wood County Board of Supervisors

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To recognize these Wood County employees for years of devoted and faithful service to Wood County.

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 17-6-10. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Supervisor Kremer informed the board of an even taking place at Altenburg Farms tomorrow. Supervisor Polach questioned the status of salary being paid to Edgewater Interim Director, Jordan Bruce. Discussion and response. Supervisor Rozar gave explanation as to the absence of the Executive minutes. Short word from Building Maintenance Director Reuben Van Tassel that the River Block is on time and under budget.

Chairman Pliml declared the meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m. Next scheduled county board meeting is July 18, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted
Cynthia Cepass
Wood County Clerk