

PROCEEDINGS OF WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 15, 2017 - 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 August 15, 2017.

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

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

Supervisor Excused: Fischer

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

Motion by Hamilton/Feirer to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Supervisor Ashbeck requested, and was provided, clarification regarding motion to reconsider. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Zurfluh/Leichtnam to approve the appointment of Supervisor Hokamp to the Wood County Library 5-Year Long Range Plan Committee and Matt Susa to the Ethics Committee, replacing former employee Brittany Boyer. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public comments: Numerous county residents were recognized and provided feedback on upcoming eminent domain resolution. Of the 18 public comments, 14 expressed support for the resolution, citing property rights, decreased land valuation, and dissatisfaction with Enbridge Energy. The 4 comments opposed to the resolution revolved around the assistance Enbridge Energy provides to emergency services, as well as benefits they provide to their workers and to the local economy in Wood County. The representative from Enbridge Energy, Scott Suder, also rebutted some of the information provided.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml moved item 5-1 to the next order of business.

**RESOLUTION 17-8-1**

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To support reform of Wisconsin's eminent domain laws to ensure the protection of Wood County residents' property rights and to prohibit the use of eminent domain for forcible land takings by for-profit oil pipeline companies.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

Motion by Zurfluh/LaFontaine to adopt Resolution 17-8-1. Discussion ensued. Chairman Pliml relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Wagner. Motion by Rozar to refer back to committee. Motion died for lack of a second. More discussion and clarification ensued. Motion by Kremer/Rozar to refer resolution to CEED Committee and Judicial & Legislative Committee to conduct a joint meeting, with the authority to chair the meeting given to the CEED Committee. Motion to refer fails. Voting no were LaFontaine, Ashbeck, Winch, Curry, Machon, Hokamp, Polach, Clendenning, Zurfluh, Hamilton, and Leichtnam. Absent was Fischer. Motion to adopt resolution 17-8-1 carries. Voting no were Rozar, Wagner, Ashbeck, Kremer, Winch, Henkel, Polach, and Pliml. Excused was Fischer.

Chairman Pliml assumed the gavel.

Committee minutes presented: Executive Committee, Executive Sub-Committee to Interview Finance Director Applicants, Executive sub-committee on River Block, Annex, Relocation/Remodeling, and Wellness Board.

**RESOLUTION 17-8-2**

Introduced by: Health & Human Services and Executive Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To create one full-time (1.0 FTE) Environmental Health Sanitarian or Environmental Health Assistant position.

FISCAL NOTE: Anticipated wages and benefits at Grade 8, depending upon qualifications, up to Step 6:

Wages:	\$52,416
Fringes (Includes health and life insurances):	<u>\$25,696</u>
Total:	\$78,112

Source of wages and fringes: Adams County and Juneau County licensing revenue; public transient non-community water systems contract with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Motion by Hamilton/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 17-8-2. Discussion on present and future tax levy impacts of this resolution. Motion carried. Voting no was Machon. Excused was Fischer.

**RESOLUTION 17-8-3**

Introduced by: Executive Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To accept offer of sale of property.

FISCAL NOTE: Offered Amount	\$1,000.00
R.E. Taxes	(418.19)
Publication fees	(71.00)
Abstracting fees	(400.00)
GAIN	\$110.81

Motion by Henkel/Breu to adopt Resolution 17-8-3. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Fischer.

**RESOLUTION 17-8-4**

Introduced by: Executive Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Tax deed eligible property – authorize the tax deeding of property in compliance with Section 75.14, Wisconsin Statutes.

FISCAL NOTE: TAXES 2008 – 2016	\$189,136.16
SPEC. CHARGES	30,479.45
DEL UTILITIES	1,804.45
SPEC. ASSESSMENTS	4,971.18
PUBLICATION FEES	1,637.63
TAX DEEDING EXP.	2,664.00

TOTAL \$230,692.87

Motion by Clendenning/Feirer to adopt Resolution 17-8-4. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Fischer.

Committee minutes presented: Health and Human Services, North Central Community Action Program, Veterans Service Commission

**RESOLUTION 17-8-5**

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

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To provide an additional treatment option for youth that otherwise would be limited to placement at Lincoln Hills or Copper Lake Juvenile Correction Centers.

FISCAL NOTE: Anticipated cost savings as the rate at Northwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center is far less than the rate charged by Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake.

Motion by Hamilton/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 17-8-5. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Fischer.

Committee minutes presented: Public Safety, Wood County Traffic Safety Commission, Central Records, Conservation, Education, and Economic Development, Escrow Fund Review Board, North Central ITBEC Board, Judicial & Legislative, and Highway Infrastructure & Recreation.

**RESOLUTION 17-8-6**

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To give the Parks 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. Wood County would be reimbursed all costs, 50% from grant award and 50% from donation from the Consolidated Musky Club.

Motion by Zurfluh/LaFontaine to adopt Resolution 17-8-6. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Fischer.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**  
Highway Capital Improvement Projects

Highway Commissioner Passineau and Highway Accounting Supervisor Peckham presented a power point presentation on the history of bonding for highway construction and the pavement ratings over the past 3 years. Discussion revolved around the General Transportation Aids formula and the levy impact on borrowing.

Chairman Pliml turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Wagner.

**RESOLUTION 17-8-7**

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Initial resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation promissory notes

FISCAL NOTE: Not to exceed \$1,000,000

Motion by Hamilton/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 17-8-7. Discussion revolved around timing of this request as well as the other Capital Project requests within the county. Motion by Pliml/Rozar to refer resolution back to committee. Discussion ensued. Motion failed. Voting no were LaFontaine, Wagner, Breu, Kremer, Hokamp, Polach, Clendenning, Zurfluh, Hamilton, and Leichtnam. Absent was Fischer. Motion to adopt the resolution failed. Voting no were Rozar, Ashbeck, Kremer, Winch, Curry, Machon, and Pliml. Excused was Fischer.

Chairman Pliml assumed the gavel.

Committee minutes presented: Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of Directors, and South Central Library Service

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
2016 Parks & Forestry Annual Report

Parks & Forestry Director Schooley presented a power point presentation highlighting various activities within the county parks and forest from 2016. Included in his presentation were different community events held in the parks, projects completed, use statistics, as well as the financial impact the parks have on the local economy.

Motion by Hamilton/LaFontaine to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Next scheduled county board meeting is September 19, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted  
Trent Miner  
Deputy County Clerk