

PROCEEDINGS OF WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 18, 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 July 18, 2017.

Chairman Pliml called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

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

Chairman Pliml gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Hamilton/Fischer to approve the appointment of Robert Ashbeck, Trent Miner to three year terms on the Board of Adjustment and William Winch as Alternate #1. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public comments: Michelle Boernke, Regional Associate Dean of Administration/Finance and Campus Administrator was on hand to give an update regarding the STEM building project. She advised that flooring is going in, paint is going up and everyone is invited to a ribbon cutting taking place on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:30. She thanked the board for their support.

Committee minutes presented: Executive Committee. Supervisor Clendenning in response items in the Executive Committee's June 6, 2017 minutes questioned if the situation regarding a miscalculation in WRS has been fixed. Finance Director, Mike Martin gave an explanation from the Finance Department's perspective. Supervisor Clendenning asked for an explanation as to a reason that the initial borrowing resolution went from 4.7M to 2.5M. Executive Committee Chair Wagner offered explanation. Motion by Clendenning/Winch that the education reimbursement approved at the July 11th Executive Committee for IT Director Kaup be denied. At 9:50 a.m. a fire alarm occurred. The board room was evacuated. Upon return, discussion continued and centered on the Personnel Policy Handbook's wording, or lack of wording making reimbursement for this expense possible. Motion carried. Voting no were LaFontaine, Rozar, Feirer, Wagner, Breu, Henkel, Curry, Pliml. Reimbursement is denied. Executive sub-committee on River Block, Annex, Relocation/Remodeling, Wellness Board

RESOLUTION 17-7-1

Introduced by: Executive Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To cancel stale dated checks as recommended by the auditors. Said checks from County General Account as per office of the County Treasurer.

FISCAL NOTE: As per resolution-total to be canceled \$931.10.

Motion by Hamilton/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 17-7-1. Motion carried. Supervisor Clendenning announced that he inadvertently voted to abstain. No objection was heard to change his vote to a yes. Voting no was Winch.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BORROWING PLAN

Executive Committee Chairman Wagner, Finance Director Martin with advisory assistance from Springsted

representative Joe Murray, presented financial information to the board regarding the next two resolutions being presented today regarding borrowing. Outlined was information regarding anticipated levy limits and debt service and how it relates to funding both the highway borrowing and the refinancing of the State Trust Fund loan and funding of capital projects, as well as what this means to the taxpayers of the county, status of our current debt as well as the plan to achieve a leveling off of baseline borrowing so that there would be no impact on taxes after a number of years. There is a need to set limits, prioritize projects and set goals related to county debt.

RESOLUTION 17-7-2

Introduced by: Executive Committee

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

FISCAL NOTE: Not to exceed \$2,500,000

Motion by Rozar/Kremer to adopt Resolution 17-7-2. Motion by Breu/Zurfluh to amend resolution from \$2.5M to the \$4.7M that was originally requested for Highway projects. Discussion and clarification ensued. Questions regarding amount of impact to tax rate. Motion to amend carried. Voting no were Fischer, Ashbeck, Winch, Henkel, Curry, Machon, Pliml, Leichtnam. Motion to adopt Resolution 17-7-2 as amended to \$4.7M failed. Voting no were Fischer, Ashbeck, Winch, Curry, Machon. Clarification regarding Roberts Rules of Order was heard by Corporation Counsel. Original resolution in its un-amended form can be brought back before the board. Motion by Hamilton/Rozar to bring the un-amended/original resolution back to the floor. The original un-amended resolution for \$2.5M is before the board. Further discussion as to ramifications of the effect of passage or fail and procedural questions. Motion by Wagner/Breu to amend the original resolution from \$2.5M to \$3.5M. Discussion regarding the amendment. Motion to amend Resolution 17-7-2 passed. Voting no were Fischer, Ashbeck, Winch, Curry, Machon. Motion to adopt Resolution 17-7-2 as amended to \$3.5M failed. Voting no were Fischer, Ashbeck, Winch, Curry, Machon. Motion by Hamilton/Leichtnam to bring back to the floor, the original, un-amended Resolution 17-7-2. Motion to adopt Resolution 17-7-2 failed. Voting no were Fischer, Ashbeck, Winch, Curry, Clendenning.

RESOLUTION 17-7-3

Introduced by: Executive Committee

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

FISCAL NOTE: Not to exceed \$2,750,000

Motion by Hamilton/Wager to adopt Resolution 17-7-3. Discussion, questions, clarification ensued. Motion by Curry/Leichtnam to amend Resolution 17-7-3 to remove the 1M for capital projects and leave untouched the 1.75M for the refinance of State Trust Fund Loans. Motion carried. Voting no were LaFontaine, Rozar, Feirer, Wagner, Breu, Ashbeck, Henkel, Pliml, Zurfluh. Finance Director Martin was recognized by the chair and informed the board that given the amendment to this resolution, that a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote was no longer needed to pass. A simple majority would suffice. Resolution 17-7-3 as amended passed unanimously.

Corporation Counsel informed the board that in certain situations, a short recess can be called for interaction of board members in an effort to sway those voting no to reconsider. A short recess was called. Motion by Ashbeck/Hokamp to reconsider the original Resolution 17-7-2 for \$2.5M for highway projects. Motion carried. Voting no was Winch. The original and un-amended Resolution 17-7-2 was reintroduced. Motion by Hamilton/Kremer to adopt Resolution 17-7-2. Further discussion and procedural clarifications. Motion to

adopt Resolution 17-7-2 carried. Voting no were Rozar, Ashbeck, Curry.

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

RESOLUTION 17-7-4

Introduced by: Health & Human Services and Executive Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2017 budget for Veterans Relief with a transfer of available appropriations from fund balance.

FISCAL NOTE: No additional cost to Wood County. The additional appropriations needed in the Veterans Relief account is available in a non-lapsing fund balance, and the adjustment to the budget is as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
54710	Veterans Relief		\$4,000
34210	Fund Balance	\$4,000	

Motion by Fischer/Feirer to adopt Resolution 17-7-4. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Public Safety

RESOLUTION 17-7-5

Introduced by: Public Safety

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To cancel stale dated checks as recommended by the auditors. Said checks are from the Wood County Jail inmate account as per office of the Wood County Sheriff.

FISCAL NOTE: As per resolution – Total to be cancelled \$532.96

Motion by Zurfluh/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 17-7-5. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 17-7-6

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To oppose legislation to repeal Wisconsin's prevailing wage law.

FISCAL NOTE: none

Motion by Hamilton/LaFontaine to adopt Resolution 17-7-6. Motion carried. Voting no were Rozar, Fischer, Kremer, Winch, Henkel, Pliml.

RESOLUTION 17-7-7

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To support the creation of a bipartisan procedure at the state level for the preparation

of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

Motion by Hamilton/LaFontaine to adopt Resolution 17-7-7. Motion to adopt Resolution 17-6-7 carried. Voting no was Breu.

Committee minutes presented: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation, Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of Directors, McMillan Memorial Library, South Central Library Service,

Brief words from Building Maintenance Director Reuben Van Tassel with a River Block project update. The bulk of the project is completed and under budget. There is \$200K of project money still available. The deferred items may be looked at and accomplished with this money. Courthouse remodel for dispatch and data center is getting done.

Motion by LaFontaine/Henkel to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. Next scheduled county board meeting is August 15, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted
Cynthia Cepass
Wood County Clerk