

PROCEEDINGS OF WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 20, 2021 – 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 20, 2021.

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

Supervisors present were: Ashbeck, Breu, Clendenning, Curry, Feirer, Fischer, Hahn, Hokamp, Hamilton, LaFontaine, Leichtnam, Pliml, Polach, Thao, Valenstein, Wagner, Winch, and Zurfluh.

Excused was Rozar.

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

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Hamilton/Feirer to approve the appointment of Kathleen Plucinski to the Board of Adjustments. Motion carried by voice vote.

There were no public comments.

Referrals were noted. Supervisor Clendenning offered clarification on the referral process in light of the inquiry by a TV station.

Committee minutes presented: Operations.

Rozar joined the meeting at 9:34 AM.

RESOLUTION 21-7-1

Introduced by: Operations Committee

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

FISCAL NOTE:	TAXES 2017 – 2020	\$100,344.09
	SPEC. ASSESSMENTS	1,557.70
	SPEC. CHARGES	33,477.88
	DEL UTILITIES	6,373.00
	PUBLICATION FEES	798.71
	<u>TAX DEEDING EXP.</u>	<u>2,034.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$144,585.38

Motion by Wagner/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 21-7-1. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 21-7-2

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Initial resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation promissory notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 for Highway Projects and Capital Improvement Projects.

FISCAL NOTE: Proceeds from general obligation promissory notes not to exceed \$3,500,000.

Motion by Hamilton/Feirer to adopt Resolution 21-7-2. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services, Public Safety, Conservation, Education, & Economic Development, Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Judicial & Legislative, Criminal Justice Task Force.

RESOLUTION 21-7-3

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To update County Board Rule #12 entitled: "Speaking at Meetings by Non-Supervisors," to address video participation at meetings and to clarify current practice for the benefit of members of the public.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

Motion by Breu/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 21-7-3. Motion carried. Voting no were Fischer, Winch, and Polach.

RESOLUTION 21-7-4

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To establish bylaws for the Criminal Justice Task Force that address not only the operation of the entity but clarify its mission.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 21-7-4. Motion carried. Voting no was Winch.

RESOLUTION 21-7-5

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To establish a position description for the Administrative Coordinator.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

Motion by Feirer/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 21-7-5. Motion carried. Voting no was Winch.

Committee minutes presented: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation.

ORDINANCE 21-7-6

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend Wood County Ordinance #404, Designating All-Terrain Vehicle Routes

FISCAL NOTE: None

Motion by Hahn/LaFontaine to adopt Ordinance 21-7-6. Lengthy discussion ensued. Motion carried. Voting no were Wagner, Breu, Polach, Hamilton, and Leichtnam.

Committee minutes presented: Property & Information Technology.

RESOLUTION 21-7-7

Introduced by: Property & Information Technology Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the County Clerk to execute the necessary documents to convey the nominal property interests the City of Wisconsin Rapids needs from Wood County for its West Jackson Street road improvement project.

FISCAL NOTE: The County will receive \$2,161 for the temporary and permanent transportation easements.

Motion by LaFontaine/Feirer to adopt Resolution 21-7-7. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 21-7-8

Introduced by: Property & Information Technology Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the petitioning of the City of Wisconsin Rapids for the discontinuance of that part of Avon Street between Market and 5th Streets for the construction of the new jail.

FISCAL NOTE: Nominal; there may be a fee associated with filing the petition or providing notice to the impacted property owners but any funds needed are contained within the budget.

Motion by Breu/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 21-7-8. Motion carried. Voting no was Winch.

RESOLUTION 21-7-9

Introduced by: Property & Information Technology Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the Property & Information Technology Committee to seek the rezoning of real property to be used for the construction of the new jail and to negotiate for the relocation of easements on said parcels.

FISCAL NOTE: Unknown. The rezoning process will likely have a filing fee cost that can be absorbed via budgeted funds. The relocation of easements may have significant costs and the funds therefor would come out of the funds borrowed to build the jail.

Motion by Hamilton/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 21-7-9. Motion carried. Voting no was Winch.

RESOLUTION 21-7-10

Introduced by: Property & Information Technology Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the Planning and Zoning Director to make application for broadband grants in partnership with Hilbert Communications, LLC.

FISCAL NOTE: The County is not making an actual financial commitment by means of this resolution but is expressing an intention to pursue broadband internet expansion in the county if funding from the state in support thereof is received.

Motion by Clendenning/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 21-7-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin, McMillan Memorial Library, South Central Library Board of Trustees, Wood County Library Board, Jail Study Adhoc.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
PARKS & FORESTRY ANNUAL REPORT

Parks & Forestry Director Chad Schooley presented the 2020 Annual Report, highlighting the various projects and activities that took place within the parks during the year. In a number of areas, there were a record number of uses of the parks, i.e. camping, firewood sales, and vehicle traffic. He also highlighted activity on the county forest and the revenues received department-wide.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Next scheduled county board meeting is August 17, 2021.

Trent Miner
County Clerk