

PROCEEDINGS OF WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 18, 2021 – 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 18, 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, Rozar, Thao, Valenstein, Wagner, Winch, and Zurfluh.

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

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

Motion by Hamilton/Wagner to approve the appointment of Dawn Schmutzer, Jim Winkler, & Nathan Voit to the Wood County Wildlife Advisory Committee and Dr. Kathy Meyer & Tony Omernik to the ADRC-CW Board as citizen members. Motion carried by voice vote.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – JAIL STUDY ADHOC PRESENTATION**

Supervisor Valenstein, chair of the Jail Study Adhoc, along with representatives of Venture Architects, The Samuelson Group, Human Services, Wood County Jail, Baird Finance, & Wood County Facilities together presented a lengthy and detailed PowerPoint presentation on the findings of the Jail Study Adhoc Committee. They reviewed the deficiencies of the current jail and options for a new jail including pricing, borrowing structures, in-house inmate programming possibilities in a new jail, current and future staffing needs, and the cost of keeping the old jail. The Adhoc committee recommends building a new jail. A copy of the PowerPoint is posted online at: <https://www.co.wood.wi.us/CountyBoard/MeetingDetail.aspx?MeetingID=2522>. Questions and answers of the board followed.

There were no public comments.

Chair Pliml called for a recess at 10:57 AM and reconvened the meeting at 11:10 AM.

Supervisor Rozar was excused.

Referrals were noted.

Committee minutes presented: Operations.

**RESOLUTION 21-5-1**

Introduced by: Operations Committees

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

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| FISCAL NOTE: | Offered Amount         | \$1,800.00      |
|              | R.E. Taxes             | (1,273.49)      |
|              | Tax Deed Expense       | (204.81)        |
|              | <u>Special Charges</u> | <u>(321.70)</u> |
|              | GAIN/LOSS              | \$0             |

Motion by Hamilton/Wagner to adopt Resolution 21-5-1. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Rozar.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services, Public Safety, Conservation, Education, & Economic Development, Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Land Information Council.

### **RESOLUTION 21-5-2**

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

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To oppose changes in the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49, which eliminates any local County control of the program and instead gives all authority to the State government officials.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Motion by Hamilton/Feirer to adopt Resolution 21-5-2. Motion carried. Voting no was Ashbeck. Excused was Rozar.

Committee minutes presented: Judicial & Legislative. Supervisor Clendenning was recognized and highlighted the minutes on page 115 as it relates to the mask mandate. Motion by Clendenning/Hamilton to reinstate the mask mandate. Clarification requested by County Clerk. Corp Counsel opined on legality of motion. Discussion ensued. Motion by Wagner/Feirer to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried. Voting no were Breu, Clendenning, Zurfluh, Hamilton, and Leichtnam. Excused was Rozar.

### **RESOLUTION 21-5-3**

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To go on record in requesting the State of Wisconsin to strengthen its hate crime statute, Wis. Stat. s. 939.645, so as to provide enhanced security to members of Wisconsin's marginalized communities.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

Motion by LaFontaine/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 21-5-3. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Rozar.

Committee minutes presented: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation.

Without objection, the next two resolutions were acted on with one vote.

### **RESOLUTION 21-5-4**

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To become eligible for 2022 snowmobile trail aid development monies for the proposed bridge to be replaced on the trails of the Auburndale Nite Owls Snowmobile Club.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County--Total reimbursement from State Snowmobile Aid account #55441.

Motion by LaFontaine/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 21-5-4. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Rozar.

## **RESOLUTION 21-5-5**

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** To become eligible for 2022 snowmobile trail maintenance monies for the proposed additional 2.5 miles of snowmobile trail for the Bakerville Sno Rovers Snowmobile Club.

**FISCAL NOTE:** No cost to Wood County--Total reimbursement from State Snowmobile Aid account #55441.

Motion by LaFontaine/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 21-5-5. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Rozar.

Committee minutes presented: Property & Information Technology, Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of Directors, McMillan Library Board of Trustees, South Central Library System Board of Trustees, University Commission, Jail Study Adhoc.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m. Next scheduled county board meeting is June 15, 2021.

Trent Miner  
County Clerk