

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 14, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

The Wood County Board of Supervisors composed of nineteen members convened in the Wood County Boardroom at the Courthouse in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

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

Supervisors present: Breu, Buttke, Clendenning, Fischer, Hahn, Hokamp, Hamilton, LaFontaine, Leichtnam, Penzkover, Polach, Pliml, Rozar, Thao, Valenstein, Voight, Wagner, Winch, and Zurfluh.

Supervisor Hokamp gave the invocation. Chairman Pliml recognized all the Veterans in the room and subsequently led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Leichtnam/Breu to approve the following appointments: Ethics Committee – 3 year term: Robert Whitrock, Jeff Conradt; Civil Service Commission – 5 year term: Robert Levendoske; Veterans Service Commission – 3 year term: Thomas Heiser; South Central Library Board of Trustees – 3 year term: Susan Feith. Motion carried by voice vote.

Wood County Child Support Director Vruwink presented the Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association Legislator of the Year Award to Rep. Donna Rozar for her work in garnering additional funding for Child Support this legislative session.

There were a total of 7 residents offering public comment, all of which were in support of Item 2-1, citing personal experiences and beliefs against the mandatory shutdowns and masking that occurred during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml brought forward Item 2-1 for board action.

RESOLUTION 23-11-1

Introduced by: Health & Human Services Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To express the County Board's desire to prioritize the civil liberties of its citizens when the county is dealing with a public health crisis.

FISCAL NOTE: Nothing direct to the county.

Motion by Buttke/Fischer to adopt Resolution 23-11-1. Discussion ensued. Motion by Clendenning/Thao to refer this resolution back to the Health & Human Services Committee for inclusion to the Wisconsin Counties Association Health & Human Services Steering Committee. Motion failed on voice vote. Motion to adopt Resolution 23-11-1 carried. Voting no were Wagner, Breu, Thao, Valenstein, and Clendenning.

Chairman Pliml called a recess at 10:28 AM and reconvened at 10:35 AM.

Referrals were noted.

Committee minutes presented: Operations

RESOLUTION 23-11-2

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To establish Wood County's Tax Levy for 2023 collectable in 2024.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution establishes the tax levy for the 2023 Wood County Budget. The total levy is \$33,955,608, the components of which are the following:

Operating	\$23,566,583
Debt service	9,218,492
<u>Aid to libraries</u>	<u>1,170,533</u>
Total Levy	\$33,955,608

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 23-11-2. Motion carried. Voting no was Winch.

RESOLUTION 23-11-3

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Adoption of the 2024 Wood County Budget.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution adopts the 2024 Wood County Budget of \$164,151,705 including the appropriations, revenues and use of fund balances proposed by the Operations Committee as outlined in the 2024 Wood County Proposed Budget document.

Motion by Clendenning/Voight to adopt Resolution 23-11-3. Motion carried. Voting no was Winch.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services, Edgewater Haven Donation Adhoc.

RESOLUTION 23-11-4

Introduced by: Public Safety Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize Wood County to enter into an agreement and seek funding under §165.90 for Law Enforcement Services on Restricted Tribal Lands.

FISCAL NOTE: \$22,826.00

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 23-11-4. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development, Golden Sands Conservation & Resource Development.

RESOLUTION 23-11-5

Introduced by: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Approve an amendment to the Town of Saratoga Zoning Ordinance.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The Town of Saratoga is responsible for any costs associated with

administering their town zoning ordinance.

Motion by Zurfluh/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 23-11-5. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Judicial & Legislative, Criminal Justice Task Force, Wood County State Wildlife Area Advisory.

RESOLUTION 23-11-6

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To retain the current holiday schedule for the Highway Department of holidays scheduled during 10-hour shifts being paid at 10 hours (Memorial Day and Independence Day)

FISCAL NOTE: None

Motion by Breu/Hahn to adopt Resolution 23-11-6. Motion carried. Voting no were Rozar, Wagner, Valenstein, and Pliml.

Committee minutes presented: Property & Information Technology, South Central Library Board of Trustees.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m. Next scheduled county board meeting is December 19, 2023.

Trent Miner
County Clerk