

PROCEEDINGS OF WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 21, 2022 – 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 Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

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

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

Supervisor Rozar 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.

There was no public comment.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
JAIL UPDATE

Vice Chair Valenstein recognized Kurt Berner from Samuels Group who went through the bid process and preliminary results. There was a good mix of bids coming in with only 2 departments that did not receive a bid. The preliminary price has come in at \$98 million, including a 10% contingency. Justin Fischer from Baird came forward and discussed the option available for funding the overage and smoothing out the increases over time.

Motion by Valenstein/LaFontaine to accept the lowest responsible bids for the various categories of construction for the jail project, as determined by the Facilities Manager in conjunction with the Construction Manager, and reduced where available after appropriate vetting has been done. Discussion ensued. Motion carried. There were two errors in voting. Winch voted no instead of abstain, and Polach voted yes instead of no. Corrections were made, with no objection. Voting no were Fischer, Winch, & Zurfluh.

Referrals were noted.

Committee minutes presented: Operations.

RESOLUTION 22-9-1

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$10,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes and authorizing the issuance and establishing parameters for the sale of a not to exceed \$10,000,000 Note Anticipation Note.

Motion by LaFontaine/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 22-9-1. Motion carried. Voting no were Fischer & Winch.

RESOLUTION 22-9-2

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Resolution authorizing the issuance and establishing the parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$10,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

Motion by Hamilton/LaFontaine to adopt Resolution 22-9-2. Motion carried. Voting no were Fischer & Winch.

Chairman Pliml requested Item 8-1 be acted on next due to it having it to do with the Jail Project. No objection heard.

RESOLUTION 22-9-3

Introduced by: Jail Construction Adhoc Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the Facilities Manager to execute contracts on behalf of Wood County directly related to the construction of the new jail and the demolition of the old jail despite the lack of full funding at this time.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

Motion by Buttke/Rozar to adopt Resolution 22-9-3. Motion carried. Voting no were Fischer, Winch, & Zurfluh.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services, Public Safety, Traffic Safety Commission, Local Emergency Planning Committee.

RESOLUTION 22-9-4

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: \$24,730.00

Motion by Clendenning/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 22-9-4. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 22-9-5

Introduced by: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development and Property & Information Technology Committees.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the sale of former 4-H property for \$7,500 and to allocate the sale proceeds to the 4-H program.

FISCAL NOTE: Receipt of \$7,500 in real property sale proceeds and the allocation of the funds to the 4-H program.

Motion by Hamilton/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 22-9-5. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 22-9-6

Introduced by: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To seek County Board approval to amend the 2022 Wood County Mill Creek budget for unanticipated state aid monies and to appropriate those monies to Mill Creek expenditures.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The source of the funding is unanticipated revenues from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
56128	Mill Creek Grant		\$140,000
43586-482	State Aid	\$140,000	

Motion by Leichtnam/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 22-9-6. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Judicial & Legislative, Highway Infrastructure & Recreation, Property & Information Technology.

RESOLUTION 22-9-7

Introduced by: Property & Information Technology Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize staff to negotiate for the acquisition of leased property to be utilized by the Information Technology Department to ensure IT operations are not disrupted by construction. Final approval of any negotiations would require a resolution passed by the county board.

FISCAL NOTE: None; the authority being conveyed by the resolution is limited to negotiations.

Motion by Rozar/Breu to adopt Resolution 22-9-7. Motion carried. Voting no were Wagner & Fischer.

Committee minutes presented: South Central Library Board of Trustees, ARPA Adhoc, Jail Construction Adhoc.

An appeal was filed under Wis. Stats. §74.69 by Eric J. Shortt, LLC dealing with the late payment of property taxes penalty and the County Treasurer’s application of the statutes in guiding when a property tax payment is considered late and by what method is used in determination. Both Mr. Shortt and County Treasurer Gehrt presented documentation in writing and in person. Motion by Hamilton/LaFontaine to deny the appeal. Motion carried. Voting no were: Rozar, Breu, Winch, Thao, Valenstein, Polach, Clendenning, & Zurfluh.

RESOLUTION 22-9-8

Introduced by: County Board of Supervisors

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Relating to the life and public service of Vernon “Bud” Verginsky.

Motion by Hamilton/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 22-9-8. Motion carried by voice vote. The board stood in a moment of silence in honor of former Supervisor Verginsky.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
AGING, DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN

Mike Rhea introduced himself as the new Executive Director of the ADRC-CW and provided a short highlight of what this office is able to provide and their mission. In Wood County, there are offices in both Wisconsin Rapids and in Marshfield to provide for the aging population.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Next scheduled county board meeting is October 18, 2022.

Trent Miner
County Clerk