

PROCEEDINGS OF WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 20, 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 Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

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

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

Excused was Supervisor Fischer.

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

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

Motion by Hamilton/Leichtnam to appoint Athena Boardman & Faith Peaslee to the ADRC-CW Advisory Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

There were no public comments.

Referrals were noted.

Committee minutes presented: Operations

RESOLUTION 23-9-1

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To have recently tax-deeded property deeded back to the prior owner due to the prior owner having filed for bankruptcy and the application of the bankruptcy laws 'look back' provisions.

FISCAL NOTE: Technically, none. The county will recover the overdue taxes via payments made through the bankruptcy proceedings as opposed to selling the property.

Motion by Breu/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 23-9-1. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Fischer.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services, Public Safety.

RESOLUTION 23-9-2

Introduced by: Public Safety Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To advance Sheriff's Department Corrections Officers who are not yet at a Grade G, Step 6 of the Wood County General Pay Structure to step 6 and to begin new hires within that pay grade at Step 6. This would move all Corrections Officers to a minimum of a Grade G, Step 6 and supervisors who are compressed as a result would be moved to the next step that allows for a 5% separation from those they supervise.

FISCAL NOTE: Wages: \$133,300.13

Fringe: \$36,377.60

Total: \$169,677.73

Motion by Breu/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 23-8-2. Motion by Voight/Zurfluh to amend Resolution 23-9-2 to have the following sections to read as follows:

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To advance Sheriff's Department Corrections Officers who are not yet at a Grade G, Step 6 of the Wood County General Pay Structure to step 6 and to begin new hires within that pay grade at Step 6. This would move all Corrections Officers to a minimum of a Grade G, Step 6, Corrections Officers with 4 to 6 years of service with Wood County to a Step 9, Corrections Officers with 7-24 years of service with Wood County to a Step 10, Corrections Officers with over 25 years of service with Wood County to a Step 13, and supervisors who are compressed as a result would be moved to the next step that allows for a 5% separation from those they supervise.

FISCAL NOTE: Wages: \$143,005.20
Fringe: \$ 39,026.12
Total: \$182,031.32

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Effective January 1, 2024, Sheriff's Department Corrections Officers who are not yet at a Grade G, Step 6 of the Wood County General Pay Structure will be advanced to Step 6 and newly hired Corrections Officers will have a starting pay at pay Grade G, Step 6. Additionally, Corrections Officers with 4 to 6 years of service with Wood County will be moved to a Step 9, Corrections Officers with 7 to 24 years of service with Wood County will be moved to a Step 10, Corrections Officers with over 25 years of service with Wood County will be moved to a Step 13, and Corrections Supervisors whose wages are compressed upon as a result of the increases will be advanced to the next step that allows for a 5% separation from those they supervise.

The motion to amend Resolution 23-9-2 carried. Voting no was Winch. Excused was Fischer. The motion to adopt Resolution 23-9-2, as amended, carried. Voting no was Winch. Excused was Fischer.

RESOLUTION 23-9-3

Introduced by: Public Safety Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To provide for unanticipated revenue from the Bureau of Traffic Safety, housed with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of State Patrol, to finance additional patrol for seat belt enforcement from October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

FISCAL NOTE: The costs to be funded in the 2023 budget are in lines 101-2504-52140-000-115 (Traffic Police Overtime). The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
52140	Sheriff Traffic		\$7,187.25
43521	State Traffic Aids	\$7,187.25	

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 23-9-3. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Fischer.

Committee minutes presented: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development.

RESOLUTION 23-9-4

Introduced by: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development and Operations Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To seek County Board approval to amend the 2023 Wood County Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) grant budget for unanticipated state aid monies and to appropriate those monies to the DATCP grant budget expenditures.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The source of the funding is unanticipated revenue from the DATCP in the form of 2022 DATCP Bond grant funds.

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
56122	DATCP Grant		\$35,292.96
43586-480	State Aid	\$35,292.96	

Motion by Leichtnam/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 23-9-4. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Fischer.

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

RESOLUTION 23-9-5

Introduced by: Property & Information Technology Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To go on record in support of updating the supply of electricity to River Block with a long-term solution that will include a relocated electric meter and the transfer of power supply cable responsibility to the utility provider.

FISCAL NOTE: Total cost to Wood County is unknown. Some of the project cost will be covered by insurance as part of a repair; the remaining cost will be paid out of the Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 23-9-5. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Fischer.

Committee minutes presented: Central Wisconsin State Fair Board, Junior Fair Board, Fairgrounds Commission, South Central Library System Board of Trustees, University Commission.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin

Executive Director Mike Rhea provided the board with an update from the ADRC-CW, including the programs available and the benefits of the regional model of the delivery of services. Annual Reports will be available in the County Clerk's office.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS Jail Update

Kurt Berner from the Samuels Group provided a pictorial and verbal update of the jail project. The goal is to have the new building weatherproof by the end of October with substantial completion slated for the end of 2024. The project remains on schedule.

RESOLUTION 23-9-6

Introduced by: County Board of Supervisors

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Relating to the life and public service of John T. Siewert.

Motion by Wagner/LaFontaine to adopt Resolution 23-9-6. Motion carried by voice vote. Excused was Fischer. A moment of silence was observed in memory of former Supervisor Siewert.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m. Next scheduled county board meeting is October 17, 2023.

Trent Miner
County Clerk