

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 16, 2024 – 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, January 16, 2024.

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, Valenstein, Voight, Wagner, Winch, and Zurfluh.

Absent was Thao.

County Clerk Miner gave the invocation 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/LaFontaine to accept the resignation of Supervisor Fischer from the Jail Construction Adhoc Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Leichtnam/Breu to approve the following appointments: Supervisor Polach – Jail Construction Adhoc Committee; Emily Arndt – Central Housing Region (Alternate). Motion carried by voice vote.

There was no public comment.

Referrals were noted.

Committee minutes presented: Operations

RESOLUTION 24-1-1

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation and Operations Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2023 budget of various Highway functions listed in the body of the resolution for additional expenditures of \$2,761,580 not anticipated during the original budget process.

FISCAL NOTE: No additional cost to Wood County.

Motion by Clendenning/Breu to adopt Resolution 24-1-1. Motion carried unanimously. Absent was Thao.

RESOLUTION 24-1-2

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To approve the continuation of the self-insured Worker's Compensation Program for the County of Wood in compliance with Wisconsin Administrative Code DWD 80.60(3).

FISCAL NOTE: The general assessment rate for self-insured employers is pro-rated and assessed as a percentage of the State of Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Division costs compared to insurers claim costs.

Motion by Hamilton/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 24-1-2. Motion carried unanimously. Absent was Thao.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services.

RESOLUTION 24-1-3

Introduced by: Health & Human Services, Public Safety, and Judicial & Legislative Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To allocate Opioid Settlement Funds to address the opioid crisis in Wood County.

FISCAL NOTE: Wood County is projected to receive approximately \$1.57 million from the initial Opioid Settlement over the next 15 years (ending in 2038).

Motion by Fischer/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 24-1-3. Motion carried unanimously. Absent was Thao.

Committee minutes presented: Public Safety.

RESOLUTION 24-1-4

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 January 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024.

FISCAL NOTE: The costs to be funded in the 2024 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		\$21,561.75
43521	State Traffic Aids	\$21,561.75	

Motion by Breu/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 24-1-4. Motion carried unanimously. Absent was Thao.

Committee minutes presented: Conservation, Education & Economic Development, Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Census Review & Redistricting, Land Information Council.

Supervisor Thao joins the meeting at 9:52 AM.

RESOLUTION 24-1-5

Introduced by: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize entry into a developer and operations agreement pertaining to the establishment and management of a large solar array complex expansion.

FISCAL NOTE: None. By law the County will indirectly receive a payment in lieu of tax type of compensation from the operator of any power generating utility such as this one irrespective of the agreement. The agreement serves more to protect the interests of the County than it does to directly deal with compensation.

Motion by Hamilton/LaFontaine to adopt Resolution 24-1-5. Motion carried. Voting no was Breu. .

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

RESOLUTION 24-1-6

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Approval of the 2024 Wood County Forest Annual Work Plan.

FISCAL NOTE: Potential loss of State Aid Revenues of \$56,315

Motion by Breu/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 24-1-6. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 24-1-7

Introduced by: County Board Chair Pliml

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To approve the 2024 Wood County Emergency Fire Warden List

FISCAL NOTE: None

Motion by Hamilton/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 24-1-7. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 24-1-8

Introduced by: County Board of Supervisors

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Relating to the life and public service of Kenneth Shong.

Motion by Hamilton/LaFontaine to adopt Resolution 24-1-8. Motion carried by voice vote. The board stood for a minute of silence in memory of former Supervisor Shong.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m. Next scheduled county board meeting is February 20, 2024.

Trent Miner
County Clerk