

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WAUSHARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

OCTOBER 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Donna R. Kalata at the Waushara County Courthouse. County Clerk Megan Kapp conducted roll call. All were present: Supvs. Bonfiglio, Eckstein, Kalata, Kapp, Kerschner, King, Lauer, Peterman, Piechowski, Timm and Wedde. A silent prayer was held, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supv. Wedde made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supv. Eckstein. Supv. Timm questioned why there was no agenda item to discuss the budget, and Administrator Robert Sivick explained only one proposed amendment was submitted by the deadline for consideration, which is included on tonight's agenda. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supv. Kapp moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2018, monthly County Board meeting; seconded by Supv. Lauer. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Register of Deeds Heather Schwersenska expressed her opposition to the proposed amendment to the Register of Deeds budget to cut training funding, emphasizing the importance of training and education.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

New Tablet Training: I.T. Coordinator Barry West distributed new tablets to Board members. West reviewed how to navigate the device and noted that he is now able to connect to the devices remotely if needed to resolve any issues.

County Administrator's Monthly Report: Administrator Robert Sivick attended an Aurora Town Board meeting along with Chairperson Kalata, with intentions of attending board meetings for each of the 18 townships. Four candidates were recently interviewed for the Deputy Medical Examiner position.

Emergency Medical Services Annual Report: Director Brian Donaldson reviewed the department's mission, vision and values that guide their work on a daily basis. Statistics were presented on the number of calls for services with a breakdown by district throughout the County. Donaldson reported that staffing has been a challenge over the past year.

Health Department Level III Award: Department of Health Northeast Regional Director Chris Culotta presented a certificate of designation to the Waushara County Health Department. He commended Director Patti Wohlfeil and staff, the Board of Health, and the County Board for their efforts and support.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE MOTION ACTION ITEMS

Proposed Fee Schedule

Moved by Wedde, seconded by Bonfiglio to approve the fee schedule as presented. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) put out an opinion regarding fees charged for open records requests, and the DOJ recommends that authorities re-evaluate their fees. Corporation Counsel Ruth Zouski reviewed the County's current fee schedule and made necessary updates.

2019-2021 WPPA Tentative Agreements

Supv. Piechowski moved to approve the 2019-2021 Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA) tentative agreements. The motion was seconded by Supv. Eckstein. A roll call vote showed 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

Proposed Amendment to Register of Deeds Departmental Budget

Supv. Eckstein moved to approve the proposed amendment to the Register of Deeds departmental budget. The motion died for lack of a second.

**RESOLUTION NO. 43-10-18
RESOLUTION ALLOWING PARTICIPATION IN THE
WISCONSIN COUNTY FISH AND GAME PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin enacted legislation providing for allocation to the respective counties in that state on an acreage basis for the county fish and game projects on the condition that the counties match the state allocation, and

WHEREAS, Waushara County Public Works committee has committed to restoring prairie habitat at Kusel Lake County Park and Lake Alpine Co. Park, and

WHEREAS, Waushara County desires to participate in the county fish and game projects pursuant to provisions of S. 23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Waushara County Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to expend the funds hereby appropriated and the funds to be received from the State of Wisconsin, for the improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, and to operate and maintain or to cause to be operated and maintained the project for its intended purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matching County funds will come from the Parks Department's Designated Fund/Capital Improvements account and will have no effect on the 2019 levy.

This resolution will take effect immediately upon its passage.

Submitted by Supv. Eckstein, Public Works Committee chair. Motion to approve by Supv. Kapp, seconded by Supv. Lauer. Motion carried by voice vote.

The resolution authorizes the Parks Department to apply for a Wisconsin County Fish and Game Project grant and match any funds received from the State. The project will focus on restoring the prairie habitat at Kusel Lake County Park and Lake Alpine County Park.

**RESOLUTION NO. 44-10-18
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED
COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Waushara County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the State, providing services to Waushara County residents including paternity establishment, obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and

WHEREAS, our children's well-being, economic security and success in life are enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional support; and

WHEREAS, Waushara County's Child Support Agency ensures that parents take responsibility for the care and well-being of their children, supports the involvement of parents in their children's lives and provides services to both custodial and noncustodial parents; and

WHEREAS, the Child Support Enforcement Program is an effective investment in Wisconsin's future as child support increases self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and has a positive effect on children's well-being; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is ranked 2nd in the nation for collecting current support; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of \$5.56 in support for every dollar invested in the program; and

WHEREAS, county child support agencies collected \$934 million in child support during 2017, 95% of which went directly to families while 5% reimbursed public assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, child support agencies help save taxpayer dollars by establishing health insurance orders for 97% of cases, which reduces state Medicaid costs by moving children from public assistance to private insurance; and

WHEREAS, State funding for county child support services has not increased above the 2007 funding level while county agency costs have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation and new federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state funding. Diminished performance would result in reduced federal funding to Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, decreased federal funding would lead to less funding for Waushara County's child support agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and services and reduced child support collections; and

WHEREAS, new state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates \$2 in federal matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Waushara County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies increase by \$1.5 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$3 million in additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Waushara County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

Submitted by Supv. Kalata, Executive Committee chair. Motion to approve by Supv. Wedde, seconded by Supv. Peterman. Motion carried by voice vote.

State funding for county child support services has not increased since 2007. This resolution requests the State to increase funding for county child support agencies to ensure counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to children.

**RESOLUTION NO. 45-10-18
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ROGER BAHR'S SERVICE
TO AND RETIREMENT FROM WAUSHARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the County of Waushara wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to Roger Bahr for 29 years of service and dedication to Waushara County; and

WHEREAS, acknowledgment is given to Roger for the conscientious and dedicated service he gave to the Waushara County Parks and Solid Waste Department, as the Solid Waste Foreman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Waushara County Board of Supervisors that:

1. The County Board, on behalf of the grateful residents of Waushara County, does hereby commend Roger for his long, distinguished and conscientious service.
2. Every good wish goes to him for a long and enjoyable retirement filled with contentment and good health.

Submitted by Supv. Eckstein, Public Works Committee chair. Motion to approve by Supv. Eckstein, seconded by Supv. Wedde. Motion carried by voice vote.

After 29 years of service to Waushara County as the Solid Waste Foreman, Roger Bahr has retired. He is wished well in his retirement and thanked for his long-time service.

APPOINTMENTS

Library Services Committee

Lisa Eisch, Hancock (*Term: October 16, 2018-April 2019*)

Board of Adjustment

John Sierk, Hancock (*Term: October 16, 2018-April 2021*)

Motion to approve appointments by Supv. Timm, seconded by Supv. Kapp; motion carried by voice vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Kalata reminded the Board that next month's meeting will be on November 6, 2018, two weeks earlier than usual.

Clerk Kapp reminded Board members that per diem sheets need to be submitted to Administration within 60 days of the meeting or event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Supv. Eckstein moved to adjourn, seconded by Supv. Timm; motion carried. The meeting thus adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

I, Megan Kapp, county clerk in and for the county of Waushara, Wis., do hereby certify that the foregoing the original record of the proceedings of the Waushara County Board of Supervisors at its regular monthly meeting held October 16, 2018. These minutes are subject to amendment or change at subsequent meetings of the County Board, and any such changes will be detailed in the minutes of the meeting at which the amendments are proposed.

/s/ Megan Kapp, Waushara County Clerk