

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

NOVEMBER 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Donna R. Kalata at the Waushara County Courthouse. County Clerk Megan Kapp conducted roll call. Present were: Supvs. Bonfiglio, Eckstein, Kalata, Kapp, Kerschner, King, Peterman, Piechowski, Timm and Wedde. Supv. Lauer was excused. 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. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supv. King moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2018, monthly County Board meeting; seconded by Supv. Peterman. Motion carried.

PROPOSED 2019 WAUSHARA COUNTY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Kalata convened a public hearing regarding the 2019 Waushara County budget. No one spoke on the subject, so the Board meeting resumed at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

County Administrator's Monthly Report: Administrator Robert Sivick highlighted a number of recent meetings and events. These included a Highway Traffic Safety Committee meeting regarding the relocation of mailboxes on State Road 21, a Walk in Our Shoes Latino experience simulation, and an FTVC foundation donor appreciation event.

Child Support Office Annual Report: Director Kim Stebbins reviewed the rules and standards that govern her office. Her oral report included national, statewide and county statistics. The average caseload in Waushara County is 350 cases per child support specialist.

Veterans Service Office Annual Report: County Veterans Service Officer Bill Rosenau provided a written 2017 annual report, which is attached to these minutes. He highlighted the fiscal impact that veterans have on Waushara County's economy.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-11-18
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WAUSHARA COUNTY
2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 65.90 requires Waushara County to prepare an annual statement of budgeted expenses and revenues; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 65.90 requires that said annual budget statement be provided by the Waushara County Board for a public hearing. Such notice of budget hearing was posted on October 23, 2018, and the hearing was held on November 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, such budget document has been prepared under the guidance and review of the Waushara County Administrator and the Waushara County Executive Committee, which hereby presents said document for recommendation of approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Waushara County Board of Supervisors that said document, provided and attached as Exhibit A, with a levy amount of \$17,280,898, is approved and given for execution January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, in accordance with provisions of Wisconsin State Statute 65.90.

Submitted by Supv. Kalata, Executive Committee chair. Motion to approve by Supv. Wedde, seconded by Supv. Kerschner. A roll call vote showed 9 ayes, 1 nay (Supv. Timm), 1 absent (Supv. Lauer). Motion carried.

The 2019 County budget sets a levy amount of \$17,280,898 to support \$42,376,872 in anticipated expenditures. This decreases the mill rate by \$0.025, to \$6.841376.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-11-18
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE
FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Commissioner has advised that the Department has been asked to contract with the Town of Bloomfield for snow plowing services, which would necessitate the hiring of one additional person; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee and Personnel Committee have reviewed the request and approved the hiring on the condition that the Highway Department enter into a 3 year contract with the Town of Bloomfield for snow plowing and non-winter work; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield did sign a 3 year agreement with the Highway Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Waushara County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Highway Department to hire 1 full-time truck driver.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this position will sunset when there is no longer funding from the Local Municipality contracts to cover the cost.

Submitted by Supv. Eckstein, Public Works Committee chair. Motion to approve by Supv. Kerschner, seconded by Supv. Eckstein. A roll call vote showed 10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Supv. Lauer). Motion carried.

The Highway Department has entered into an agreement with the Town of Bloomfield for snow plowing and non-winter work. The resolution authorizes the department to hire one full-time truck driver to carry out the additional work.

RESOLUTION NO. 48-11-18
REQUESTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR WISCONSIN'S
CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin child welfare system is county-operated and state-supervised, except Milwaukee County where the system is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS); and

WHEREAS, DCF provides insufficient funding to counties for the provision of child abuse and neglect services including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs. Out-of-home placement expenses alone have increased for counties by approximately \$15 million between 2013 and 2017, counties' overmatch for Calendar Year 2016 Children and Family Aids allocation exceeded 1,600 percent, and it is estimated that it will cost an additional \$36.8 million to hire additional Child Protective Services (CPS) workers and supervisors across the State of Wisconsin to meet the obligations of the CPS system as determined by nationally accepted, and Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) approved, caseload standards; and

WHEREAS, the State has primary responsibility for compliance with federal requirements and shares liability for ensuring the system is meeting its obligations to children and families in all 72 counties; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the State of Wisconsin added numerous mandates and practice expectations which increased county CPS workload and costs; and

WHEREAS, the opioid and methamphetamine epidemics have brought Wisconsin's child welfare system to a point of crisis, with increasing concern about the system's ability to meet its obligations to children and families; and

WHEREAS, the capacity for counties to continue to bear the lion's share of financial responsibility to address this crisis has been exhausted, as rising county contributions to the CPS system have far outpaced increases to the DCF Children and Family Aids allocation and counties have used reserve funding to cover CPS expenses and increase staffing; and

WHEREAS, maintaining sufficient resources for Wisconsin's child welfare system is critical to secure the safety and future of our most vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, the CPS system has been stressed for over a decade, contributing to high levels of staff turnover and a lack of out-of-home care resources; and

WHEREAS, the children within Wisconsin's CPS system are too important to allow the current level of under resourcing and disparity of attention, while shifting the burden to property taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Waushara County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the State of Wisconsin increase the Children and Family Aids Allocation to counties in the 2019-21 state biennial budget by \$30 million annually in order to cover a greater share of out-of-home care costs and increase staffing levels based on the caseload standards approved by WCHSArob so Wisconsin's CPS system can meet its obligations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Waushara County Board of Supervisors urges the State of Wisconsin to create legislative mechanisms to review the CPS resource needs of all counties as part of the biennial budget process and ensure an appropriate response to emerging CPS trends and ongoing system needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration Secretary Ellen Nowak, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted by Supv. Wedde, Human Services Board chair. Motion to approve by Supv. Wedde, seconded by Supv. Kapp. Motion carried by voice vote.

The resolution urges the State to increase funds allocated to counties for out-of-home care costs, and to increase staffing levels so Wisconsin's Child Protective Services system can meet its obligations.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-11-18
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ROGER WAGNER'S VOLUNTARY
COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO WAUSHARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Waushara wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to Roger Wagner for over 34 years of loyal service and dedication to Waushara County. Roger has been a very active and outspoken member of the Board of Adjustment. Roger has held the position of Secretary for 6 years, but most notably and honorably the position of Chairman for the past 28 years; and

WHEREAS, acknowledgment is given to Roger for the conscientious and dedicated service he gave the citizens of Waushara County.

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 Roger for a long and enjoyable retirement filled with contentment and good health.

Submitted by Kevin Fitzgerald, Board of Adjustment vice chair. Motion to approve by Supv. Eckstein, seconded by Supv. Timm. Motion carried by voice vote.

After more than 34 years of service to Waushara County, Roger Wagner has retired from the Board of Adjustment. Wagner has served as chairman for the past 28 years.

APPOINTMENT

Board of Adjustment

Robert Wedell, Hancock (*Term: November 2018-April 2020*)

Motion to approve by Supv. Kerschner, seconded by Supv. King; motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Supv. Eckstein moved to adjourn, seconded by Supv. Timm; motion carried. The meeting thus adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

I, Megan Kapp, county clerk in and for the county of Waushara, Wis., do hereby certify that the foregoing is the original record of the proceedings of the Waushara County Board of Supervisors at its regular monthly meeting and 2019 County budget public hearing held November 6, 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