

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

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

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. All were present: Supvs. Bonfiglio, Eckstein, Jarvis, Kalata, Kapp, Kerschner, King, Lauer, Peterman, Piechowski and Timm. A silent prayer was held, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supv. Kapp made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supv. Eckstein. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supv. Lauer moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019, monthly County Board meeting; seconded by Supv. Piechowski. The motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Town of Marion resident Marty Wilke spoke in support of the Community Development Resource Agent position. She shared several examples of how the current agent, Patrick Nehring, has been a resource to her and multiple community organizations she participates with.

Town of Warren Board Supervisor Shane Merrick questioned rumors he has heard about the County Board looking to push zoning on the Town. Administrator Robert Sivick suggested Merrick talk with himself or Zoning and Land Conservation Director Todd Wahler to dispel those rumors.

Wild Rose Library Director Kent Barnard spoke on behalf of all eight Waushara County libraries regarding the proposed Winnefox budget. He reminded the Board that the budget is not for Winnefox but for all Waushara County libraries. The Library Services Committee made their budget proposal based on a formula that the County agreed to in a contract with Winnefox, and those requested figures were not taken into consideration in the proposed budget. He elaborated on the cross-county payments and the formula used to determine the requested figures.

Town of Leon Resident Gary Lawrence spoke in support of Marty Wilke's comments regarding the need for the Community Development Resource Agent position. He also supported Kent Barnard's comments about the library budget, stating concerns with zero-based budgeting that doesn't recognize all costs, such as cross-county library payments.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

County Administrator's Monthly Report: Administrator Robert Sivick reported on recent activities. The newly created Buildings Renovation Committee will have its inaugural meeting on October 1, and the Complete Census Count Committee will meet on October 2. The County Board summer tour has concluded for the year and will continue again in future years.

UW-Extension Annual Report: Area Extension Director Adam Hady shared the department's mission statement and discussed the importance of partnerships and collaboration in their work. UW-Extension educators Ken Williams, Heidi Hensel-Buntrock, Mary Ann Schilling and Patrick Nehring described their roles and provided an overview of the programming they offered over the last year.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

2020 Proposed Budget: Administrator Robert J. Sivick presented the Waushara County 2020 Proposed Budget, which has a millage rate of \$6.8315, a decrease of \$0.01 from 2019's budget. Copies of Sivick's 2020 Budget Memorandum were available at the meeting and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Supv. Peterman raised a discussion regarding the four departmental budgets that had changes from the original requested budgets, and explanations were given for each. A discussion ensued regarding the proposed zero-increase for the library budget.

Supervisors were directed to review the budget and submit any questions or proposed changes to Administration or the County Clerk's Office by October 4 for consideration at the October 15 County Board meeting.

County Board Supervisor Compensation for 2020-2022 Term

Moved by Supv. Eckstein, seconded by Supv. Kerschner to table to the October 15, 2019, County Board meeting. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Board members were provided a copy of the current board compensation rates and a recent survey of other county's rates. Chair Kalata suggested the Board members review the information prior to making a decision on compensation.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-09-19 TO MODIFY A COURTHOUSE SECURITY DEPUTY POSITION TO COURTHOUSE SECURITY LIEUTENANT

WHEREAS, the County Board in 2017 created a fulltime Courthouse Security Deputy within the Sheriff's Department to begin duties in 2018 by Resolution 31-12-17; and

WHEREAS, such Deputy position was created as a union position to be paid at the same rate as other deputy position, but to be assigned to work hours consistent with when the Courthouse complex was open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has advised that this position has developed into a supervisory position, supervising the part-time courthouse security deputies, addressing day-to-day issues and concerns relating to security in the courthouse complex and tasked at making suggestions to the Department and County Committees as it relates to increasing security and addressing concerns; and

WHEREAS, the County has been discussing the possibility of increasing security staff (Resolution 14-06-19), which would increase the responsibilities of this position; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is recommending that the a Courthouse Security Deputy position be modified to be a Courthouse Security Lieutenant as a non-union exempt staff, working at least 40 hours per week, when the Courthouse is open, paid at the same level as other Lieutenants in the Sheriff's Department beginning the first full pay period of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee and Personnel Committee have reviewed the request and are in support of the modification and requested that it be forwarded to the County Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that one position of Courthouse Security Deputy shall be modified to Courthouse Security Lieutenant at Waushara County Pay Scale Level F effective the first full pay period of 2020.

Submitted by Supv. Kalata, Personnel Committee chair. Motion to approve by Supv. Eckstein, seconded by Supv. Kerschner. A roll call vote showed 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

The Sheriff is recommending this position upgrade due to increased supervisory responsibilities with the increase in number of courthouse security deputies.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-09-19
A RESOLUTION MODIFYING RESOLUTION NO. 03-01-19 REGARDING
THE LTE POSITION OF COUNTY AG AGENT

WHEREAS, the County Board previously approved an LTE position of County Ag Agent for the time frame of February 4, 2019 through December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin has advised that they are not going to include an Ag Agent in the 2020 contract with Waushara County; and

WHEREAS, LWE, the Administrator and the County Board Chair continue to believe that it is in the best interest of the County to have a person provide at least some of the services of an Ag Agent and the current LTE has agreed to continue providing services for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator is recommending that the County continue the limited term employee to provide the services of the Ag Agent for the year 2020 while encouraging the University of Wisconsin to include this position in the 2021 contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Supervisors does hereby resolve to continue the LTE position of County Ag Agent as previously created, such position to be paid at the rate of \$625.00 per pay period with no additional county benefits, not to exceed \$15,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the position shall sunset on December 31, 2020.

Submitted by Supv. Piechowski, Land, Water and Education Committee chair. Motion to approve by Supv. Jarvis, seconded by Supv. Piechowski. A roll call vote showed 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

The County previously approved a limited term employee position to provide the services of Ag Agent through December 31, 2019. The University of Wisconsin does not plan to include this position in the 2020 budget. This resolution authorizes the County to continue the limited term employee position of County Ag Agent through December 31, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-09-19
SUPPORT FOR CENTRAL SANDS GROUNDWATER COUNTY COLLABORATIVE

WHEREAS, good quality groundwater in sufficient quantity is a basic resource that all citizens and businesses in the State of Wisconsin, as well as Waushara County, rely upon; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and businesses of our great state and county expect state government to monitor and protect the groundwater in our state in such a way that we may all prosper; and

WHEREAS, County Land and Water Conservation Departments, Public Health Departments, UW Madison-Extension Departments, and County Board Supervisors in the Central Sands area of Adams, Juneau, Marquette, Portage, Waushara and Wood County have joined together to form the Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGCC); and

WHEREAS, the CSGCC is to work to meet the present and future needs for safe, high quality, reliable and sustainable drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the county officials and partnering organizations of CSGCC are collaborating through collective research, data management, education, and community outreach to address the current and emerging human and environmental health challenges of groundwater management in this region; and

WHEREAS, the CSGCC has identified three primary strategies to assure safe drinking water for residents of and visitors to our communities; and

WHEREAS, CSGCC seeks to understand current groundwater conditions by developing a sampling strategy to collect baseline water quality information across the counties in the Central Sands Region. This information will be used to identify areas with elevated nitrate levels. In areas considered "hot spots," further analysis will be conducted to evaluate likely sources of nitrate contamination; and

WHEREAS, CSGCC seeks to gain a uniform understanding of methods to prevent nitrogen contamination in groundwater based on information from previous studies conducted in the central sands and similar settings; and

WHEREAS, CSGCC seeks to understand where areas most vulnerable to groundwater contamination exist to guide the development and use of ordinances, practices, and other preventative responses for land use; and

WHEREAS, participating counties alone are unable to completely fund this project. Financial support will be sought to assure the safety of groundwater in the Central Sands Region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Waushara County Board of Supervisors does hereby support county staff participation in the activities of the CSGCC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Waushara County Board of Supervisors respectfully request state funding to carry out the strategies to address groundwater issues in an environmentally sensitive and economically responsible manner. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to all Waushara County Townships.

Submitted by Supv. Piechowski, Land, Water and Education Committee chair. Motion to approve by Supv. Kapp, seconded by Supv. Piechowski. Motion carried by voice vote.

The resolution authorizes the County to participate in groundwater research in collaboration with five other counties.

APPOINTMENTS

Economic Development and Entrepreneurship Steering Committee

The following appointments were made to the Economic Development and Entrepreneurship Steering Committee: **Linda Freudenthal, Jeff Stahl, Rick or Sarah Schmitz, Mike Leikness, Darlene Thurley, Mark Kerschner, Brandon Bonfiglio, Paul Miller, Hillary Hammel, Jeff Kasuboski or Tom Reinheimer, Jim or Dawn Button, Jane Fowler, Mark VandeCastle, Bill Vandongen, Jenny Addis (or another representative from the Ice Age Trail), Jody Jansen and Mary Kunasch.**

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Kalata reminded those present that the Jailbreak Marathon to benefit Crime Stoppers would be held on September 28, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Supv. Eckstein moved to adjourn, seconded by Supv. Timm; motion carried. The meeting thus adjourned at 9:03 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 held September 17, 2019. 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