

** MINUTES **
* * OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD * *

Office of the County Clerk, February 13, 2019.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Chairperson Nooyen at 7:15 p.m. in the County Board Room, located at 320 South Walnut Street, Appleton, Wisconsin.

ROLL CALL: 33 present, 3 absent. Members present: Thompson, Miller, Grady, Patience, Gabrielson, Konetzke, Hammen, N. Thyssen, Krueger, Lamers, Dillenberg, Mc Daniel, Wegand, De Groot, Peterson, Schroeder, Spears, Marcks, Thomas, Hagen, Klemp, Iverson, Nooyen, Duncan, Sturn, Buchman, Woodzicka, Clegg, VanderHeiden, O'Connor-Schevers, Rettler, Melchert, and Suprise. Member absent: Croatt, T. Thyssen, and Culbertson.

The Board Chairperson requested the Board's confirmation to excuse Supervisors Croatt, T. Thyssen, and Culbertson. No objections; so ordered.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Nooyen.

Chairperson Nooyen thanked everyone for making changes in their schedule to accommodate the change of meeting date due to inclement weather from February 12 to February 13, 2019.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2019 COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Klemp moved, seconded by Supervisor Mc Daniel to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019, County Board meeting.

ROLL CALL: 32 aye, 1 abstain, 3 absent. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2019, BOARD MEETING ARE APPROVED.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Explanation of Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Districts – Brian Massey, Finance Director
Explanation of State Funding Report 2004-2018 – Brian Massey, Finance Director.

Finance Director Brian Massey thanked the County Board for the opportunity to explain TIF Districts and the State Funding Report 2004-2018. He reviewed information presented on PDF slides (copy available in the County Clerk's Office) detailing both topics.

Regarding TIF Districts, Massey reported there are currently 36 TIF Districts; 21 of which were created in last five years. In the far right column of page nine, the \$424,173,200 is the base valuation that is not considered for taxing purposes to the county. On page ten, five main bullet points display what is reviewed by the County representative on the TIF Board. For 2019, TIFs provide approximately \$2 million in revenue to the *municipalities*. If all TIFs would close, the levy could be decreased the County levy rate by 1.52%. Dark store loopholes also impact TIFs. An example presented showed that a \$4 million TIF, which would normally close in 20 years, would be extended an additional two years with the Dark Store loophole.

During Q&A, discussion took place that the County Board votes on each TIF district and how the representative of the county should vote.

Regarding the State Funding Report 2004-2018, Massey reported that the Table of Contents show that almost every committee touches every standing committee/departments throughout the county. In 2003 \$17,736,271 of revenue were provided the county; in 2018, the revenue is \$17,824,816, which is only slightly above the 2003 revenues. The change is a .1% increase average for 15 years. In the same period, population went up 9.8%, .7%/year on average, and inflation (CIP-Urban), increased 31.7%, an average of 2.1%/year. Funding, to fill the gap in programs, has occurred through county tax levy increases.

During Q&A, discussion took place that this presentation provides increased awareness to the County Board to discuss issues with State funding with their legislators. In addition, this information provides data for the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor regarding funding for State programs. A request was made of the Finance Director to provide county levy increases over the same period.

Chairperson Nooyen thanked Finance Director Massey for his presentations.

ESTABLISH ORDER OF THE DAY

COMMUNICATIONS - Communication Referral List was included in the packet.

Chairperson Nooyen reported on the following additional communications:

- Feb. 5 & 6 Legislative Exchange – Chairperson Nooyen thanked County Board members who attended: Supervisors Hagen, Miller, Gabrielson, O’Connor-Schevers, Grady, Thompson, Spears, Patience, and Iverson for attending along with Lobbyist Wadium.
- County Executive/Lobbyist Reports - The Lobbyist and County Executive communicated that they would not report out at the meeting. Board Chairperson congratulated the following supervisors on their birthdays: Kelly Schroeder (1/25), Cathy Thompson (1/29), Jason Wegand (2/15), and Bob Buchman (2/19). A round of applause was given each supervisor.
- Employee Handbook Clean-up Items – Board Chairperson requested unanimous consent to accept the cleanup items noted in the memo regarding the Employee Handbook, which were discovered since adoption of Resolution No. 155. VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY – EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK ITEMS ADDED.
- Employee Handbook Acknowledgement - All supervisors will be emailed a copy of the Handbook from Legislative Services; members will need to reply acceptance that they acknowledge their review of the Handbook to Legislative Services, either via email or phone.
- Exemption Reverification - Three supervisors were requested to file with the County Clerk their WI Ethics Commission form, ETHCF-14 Exemption Reverification (copies placed on their desks).
- Legislative Services Staff Changes - Sue Diehl last day in office was February 4. Her replacement in the Legislative Specialist II position is Shelly Tyson; members were encouraged to welcome the new face.
- Former Supervisor Lauren Mai passed away February 3; Chairperson Nooyen expressed condolences.
- Resolution No. 157 – A communication from Alan Lawrence was distributed (see Public Participation).
- AAUW Women Presentation - Chairperson Nooyen thanked Supervisors Iverson, Gabrielson, Hagen, and Executive Nelson for putting together a presentation on county government and how it functions for AAUW Women.
- Dark Stores Special Order-February 27 – The County Board previously adopted two resolutions regarding closing the Dark Stores loopholes. With the second resolution, legislators were requested to

respond to Chairperson Nooyen regarding their views. Most of those responses have been returned; therefore, Chairperson Nooyen will report at the next meeting, as a Special Order, to discuss their responses.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN MINUTES (PERTINENT TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY)

Jeff Bemis, Appleton, spoke in support of Resolution No. 157, continuing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. He noted that the program impacts a number of individuals who recreate within Wisconsin.

David Calle, Appleton, spoke in support of Resolution No. 157, noting that he has worked on a number of projects with the NE WI Land Trust. The projects have a number of benefits including economic, ecological and recreational benefits. The Program is a very efficient program; communities are required to raise half of the funding for projects. Mr. Calle reported on the Stroebe Island Marsh project, which covers a 48 acre parcel. Stroebe Island Marsh is where Mud Creek meets the Fox River and Little Lake Butte Des Morts; all sediment settles to the Stroebe Island Marsh, filtering sediments at the marsh providing clean water to the Fox River. If the project had not occurred, communities would most likely have had to look at water treatment. The Stroebe Island Marsh also provides an area for people who live in the area to enjoy (walking, nature break, and platform with benches for birdwatching, with a recent community engagement event where ages 4-84 counted the birds, bugs, and plants and could experience what makes the Marsh place special).

Allen Lawrence, Appleton, spoke in support of Resolution No. 157. The Legislature started this in 1989, and since its inception, the Program has protected over 500,000 (817 square miles) acres across Wisconsin. The Stewardship Program has loyal bi-partisan support; the legislatures should reauthorize at \$70 million/year as the expenditure is important to the Wisconsin economy (\$18 billion in consumer spending is spent for outdoor recreation and \$4 billion on hunting/fishing access). Mr. Lawrence noted that places saved today will be a permanent investment for children and grandchildren in the future.

APPOINTMENTS– None.

REPORT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Nelson did not report (see Establish Order of the Day).

REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF COUNTY LOBBYIST

County Lobbyist Mark Wadium did not report (see Establish Order of the Day).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 156—2018-19 – Legislative/Audit & Human Resources Committee. Approve the request to eliminate the Criminal Justice Treatment Services Offender Resources Specialist full time position and create one part time position, as noted on the attached documents and fiscal note.

Supervisor Konetzke moved, seconded by Supervisor Iverson, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 33 aye, 3 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 156—2018-19 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 157—2018-19 – Property, Airport, Recreation and Economic Development Committee. Support funding renewal for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

Supervisor Hagen moved, seconded by Supervisor Wegand, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 33 aye, 3 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 157—2018-19 IS ADOPTED.

Supervisor Hagen moved, seconded by Supervisor Grady, to reconsider Resolution No. 157 for the purpose of lock in.

ROLL CALL to reconsider: 33 aye, 3 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 157—2018-19 IS RECONSIDERED.

ROLL CALL to adopt & lock in: 33 aye, 3 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 157—2018-19 IS ADOPTED & LOCKED IN.

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85(1)(c) WIS. STATUTES FOR CONSIDERING EMPLOYMENT AND/OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY.

Supervisor Spears moved, seconded by Supervisor Sturn, to go into Closed Session as noted above.

ROLL CALL: 33 aye, 3 absent. MOTION CARRIED – COUNTY BOARD ENTERS CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85(1)(c) WIS. STATUTES.

END CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Grady moved, seconded by Supervisor Hagen, to go out of Closed Session.

ROLL CALL: 33 aye, 3 absent. MOTION CARRIED – COUNTY BOARD ADJOURNS CLOSED SESSION AND RESUMES REGULAR SESSION.

Chairperson Nooyen called for a five minute recess at 8:47 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS – Continued

Resolution No. 158—2018-19 – Legislative/Audit & Human Resources Committee. Approve the request for the elimination of one full time Deputy Executive Administrator and the creation of one full time Executive Assistant and the creation of one full time Deputy Director - Department and Board Relations position in the Financial Services Department Table of Organization, as noted on the attached documents and fiscal note.

Supervisor Spears moved, seconded by Supervisor Iverson, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 33 aye, 3 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 158—2018-19 IS ADOPTED.

Supervisor Iverson moved, seconded by Supervisor Spears, to reconsider Resolution No. 158 for the purpose of lock in.

ROLL CALL to reconsider: 33 aye, 3 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 158—2018-19 IS RECONSIDERED.

ROLL CALL to adopt & lock in: 33 aye, 3 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 158—2018-19 IS ADOPTED & LOCKED IN.

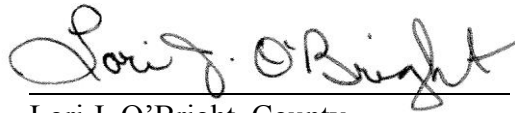
REPORTS

Chairperson Nooyen reminded the remaining supervisors to file their Exemption Reverification form with the County Clerk. Also, supervisors were reminded to watch for the email/ PDF of the Employee Handbook and to reply by email or phone with Legislative Services. He thanked again members for rescheduling and attending this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor J. Krueger moved, seconded by Supervisor Mc Daniel, to adjourn until February 26, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Lori J. O'Bright, County