

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

Office of the County Clerk, September 24, 2019.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Chairperson Nooyen at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, located at 320 South Walnut Street, Appleton, Wisconsin.

ROLL CALL: 30 present, 1 vacant, 5 absent. Members present: Thompson, Miller, Patience, Gabrielson, Konetzke, Hammen, Krueger, Lamers, Dillenberg, Mc Daniel, De Groot, Peterson, Schroeder, Marcks, Thomas, T. Thyssen, Hagen, Klemp, Iverson, Nooyen, Culbertson, Sturn, Buchman, Woodzicka, Clegg, VanderHeiden, O'Connor-Schevers, Rettler, Melchert, and Surprise. Vacant: District 3. Member absent: N. Thyssen, Wegand, Croatt, Spears, Duncan.

The Board Chairperson requested the Board's confirmation to excuse Supervisors N. Thyssen, Croatt, Spears, Duncan. No objections; so ordered.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Supervisor T. Thyssen moved, seconded by Supervisor Patience, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019, County Board meeting.

ROLL CALL: 28 aye, 2 abstain, 1 vacant, 5 absent. **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2019, BOARD MEETING ARE APPROVED.**

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – None.

ESTABLISH ORDER OF THE DAY

Supervisor Gabrielson requested that Resolution No. 61 be held in committee as the committee did not vote to bring the resolution forward. No objection; so ordered.

Supervisor De Groot requested that Resolution No. 44 be held in committee. No objection; so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Nooyen requested a roll call to determine supervisors who wanted to continue receiving paper copies of paycheck stubs. Those voting aye wanted continued paper pay stubs:

ROLL CALL: 0 aye, 30 nay, 1 vacant, 5 absent.

Chair Nooyen reported the following correspondence was placed on the desks:

- Finance Committee – Budget Review Calendar (blue copy)
- Committee/County Board Meetings – Oct.-Dec. and can also be loaded to your Outlook calendar (for Outlook, contact Legislative Services Office)

Chairperson Nooyen recognized Supervisor Rettler, on Oct. 10 in Madison, he will be receiving the Fifth District Responder of the Year award from the Wisconsin Legislator. A round of applause was given.

Chairperson Nooyen thanked Supervisors Patience and Supervisor T. Thyssen for treats.

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

Chair Nooyen reported that as Resolution No. 61 was held within committee, it is no longer on the County Board agenda, and will no longer be open for public participation (per Roberts Rules and OC Ordinance). An opportunity to speak could be available on the Health & Human Services agenda if the item is placed on their agenda.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Kyle Sargent reported that Wisconsin Statutes note that public comments at open meetings are discretionary and up to the governing body. When an item is removed from an agenda, it is no longer part of the subject matter. Therefore, anything held will not be discussed by the County Board or be subject for public comment.

Jeanne Roberts, 1110 E. Florida Av., Appleton, and President of the Appleton League of Women Voters (LWV), spoke in favor of Resolution No. 64, supporting nonpartisan redistricting. The LWV has supported nonpartisan redistricting similar to Iowa since the 1970s. Essentially, the LWV believes that it is asking too much of humans, in power, to create fair district maps; therefore, the work should be left to a nonpartisan committee, similar to what is done in Iowa. The LWV has started a national redistricting campaign called, “People Powered Fair Maps,” focused on creating fair political maps nationwide. In Wisconsin, the LWV supports a two-fold approach at the state level: 1) improving public input in the redistricting process and 2) forward laws that increase transparency or mitigate laws that eliminate transparency. The LWV additionally believes that when state residents feel ownership and an ability to exert influence over the decision process, there is a greater willingness to hold legislators and those leading the map-drawing process accountable to them. Some believe that changing the way district maps are drawn is a partisan issue; the LWV believes it is not. In 1980, a formal complaint was filed against the LWV in Wisconsin for “allowing itself to be used for partisan political purposes on behalf of the Republican Party of Wisconsin during the 1988 redistricting process. Moreover, it is my belief that the LWV is the single most destructive element in a rational legislative process.” The only difference between that quote and now is that the parties have changed, but the LWV’s position on redistricting has not changed. The LWV supports taking the process out of politicians and place it in the hands of the public.

Greg Brabe, 1515 N. Durkee St., Appleton, spoke in support of Resolution No. 64, that having fair redistricting supports democracy by having representatives fairly representing the voting public. Polls show strong support to stop gerrymandering, and he encouraged support for a nonpartisan districting process as presented in Resolution No. 64.

APPOINTMENTS

County Board Chair Nooyen nomination for appointment of Dominic Renteria as the District 3 County Board Supervisor and serving on the Public Safety Committee; said term expiring April 20, 2020.

Supervisor Konetzke moved, seconded by Supervisor Iverson, for confirmation of the above-listed appointments.

VOICE VOTE CARRIED. APPOINTMENT OF DOMINIC RENTERIA TO DISTRICT 3 & STANDING COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE IS CONFIRMED.

Supervisor T. Thyssen moved, seconded by Supervisor Melchert, to reconsider the above appointment for lock in.

VOICE VOTE CARRIED. APPOINTMENT OF DOMINIC RENTERIA TO DISTRICT 3 & STANDING COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE IS RECONSIDERED.

VOICE VOTE CARRIED. APPOINTMENT OF DOMINIC RENTERIA TO DISTRICT 3 & STANDING COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE IS CONFIRMED AND LOCKED IN.

REPORT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Thomas Nelson congratulated Supervisor Travis Thyssen (Sept. 30) on his birthday. A round of applause was given.

Executive Nelson reported:

- Highway 15 Bypass Public Meeting (Sept. 24) – Executive Nelson attended with approximately 150 others who attended. The response was positive with a few concerns from neighbors and right-of-way (ROW) access. The community seems thankful that the project is moving forward. The project is scheduled to begin September 2021 with completion planned for 2024.
- WI County Executive & Administrators (WCEA) – Nelson is part of the WCEA and was recently selected by his peers to be Vice Chair. The group balances leadership between administrators and executives from a broad political spectrum. WCEA hopes to continue to work collaboratively on issues of mutual concern.
- Human Resources – The department is finalizing the contract for 2020 health insurance, and benefit changes are being rolled out to employees from the resolution approving those changes.
- Finance – The department is focused on completing the 2020 Executive Budget and Capital Improvement Program.
- Highway – WI Dept. of Transportation (WDOT) held a second local officials meeting last week regarding US 41 (Appleton to De Pere) for improvements to the highway. The WDOT reached out to the Highway Dept. to prepare ROW for the purpose of conducting aerial surveying. Survey work will commence next spring, an environmental study in 2021, ROW

acquired 2022 & 2023, and construction launched in 2025. WDOT is optimistic the project could move quickly.

REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF COUNTY LOBBYIST

County Lobbyist Mark Wadium reported:

- Dept. of Corrections (DOC) [Act 185](#)-Juvenile Corrections – Rep. Crowley and Sen. Wanggaard made a motion to move all four county proposals forward, even though they are \$40 million+ short in funding, and even with approving all the proposals, they are short of the number of beds needed to close Lincoln Hills. The overwhelming issue is that to close Lincoln Hills, the state needs a combination of facilities, new state run Type 1 and County run SRCCCYs to provide [a total capacity of 177 beds](#). The 177 number covers the current need of 150 beds operating at 85% capacity. Questions remain about: 1) the potential increase from increased availability of secure placement options, and 2) the issue of potential decrease from systems improvement in community-based youth justice. If all [four County SRCCCY facilities are built](#), the projection is a deficit of 66 beds. The [current Youth ADP by Facility Jan-June 2019](#): Lincoln Hills 126.48; Copper Lake 13.97; Mendota Juvenile Treatment 21.39; Total 161.83. Milwaukee (MKE) has gone from 55 kids average per month to 32 average per month at Lincoln Hills; today MKE has 38 kids at Lincoln Hill.
- Lobbyist also reported that the [Speakers Task Force on Suicide Prevention has come out with recommendations](#). Those are below:
 - [LRB-3871](#): Suicide Prevention Program. Requires DHS to implement a suicide prevention program. The program provides 2 FTE positions at DHS, and appropriates \$250,000 per fiscal year.
 - [LRB-3872](#): Grants for Suicide Prevention Programming. Appropriates \$500,000 biennially to DHS to organizations or coalitions of organizations for suicide prevention programming. Grants may be awarded up to \$10,000 in a single fiscal year to an eligible organization or coalition which is required to do a match.
 - [LRB-4246](#): Grant for a Text or Application-based Suicide Prevention Program. Requires DHS to award a grant to a nonprofit organization to support staff, training, and expenses related to operating a text or application-based suicide prevention program. The bill appropriates \$110,000 annually.
 - [LRB-4241](#): Grants for Preventing Suicide by Firearm. Appropriates of \$150,000 biennially to DHS to award grants to organization or coalitions to share guidelines and train staff at a firearm retailer or firearm range on how to avoid selling or renting a firearm to a person who may be considering suicide. DHS may award a one-year grant of up to \$5,000 to an eligible organization or coalition with a matching grant.
 - [LRB-4373](#): Grants to Support Peer-to-Peer Suicide Prevention Programs in High Schools. Appropriates \$250,000 per year to DPI for distribution in the form of competitive grants. Grants may be up to \$1,000 per school and may be renewed up to three times.
 - [LRB-4361](#): Grants to Wisconsin Safe and Health Schools Center. Requires DPI annually award a grant to CESA to support the work of the WISH Center. The bill appropriates \$70,000 in FY2019-20 and \$200,000 in FY2020-21.

- LRB-4178: Suicide Prevention Hotlines on Student Identification Cards. Provides that elementary, secondary, and post-secondary educational entities be required to include suicide prevention information on student identification cards. If enacted, the requirement would take effect July 1, 2020.
- LRB-4247: Farmer Tuition Assistance Grants. Recreates the former appropriation and biennially and provides \$10,000 for farmer tuition assistance grants to low-income farmers who enroll in a course on farm and business management techniques offered by a technical college.
- LRB-4167: Interim Psychologist License. The Psychology Examining Board must issue an interim psychologist license to an individual who satisfies all the requirements for a psychologist license, except for the experience requirement.
- LRB-4827: Continuing Education for Certain Health Professionals. Requires that certain health professionals complete at least two hours of suicide prevention continuing education every two years in order to renew the applicable credential.
- In addition, the Task Force said they are still developing recommendations for consideration on:
 - Disclosure for law enforcement peer support services.
 - School-based accommodations or best practice for working with students who have attempted suicide.
 - Standardization of death reporting forms and the creation of suicide death review teams, which may require training in the practice of conducting psychological autopsies with the family and friends of an individual who died by suicide.
 - Increased services and supports for veterans.
 - Threat assessment units embedded in law enforcement offices.
 - Establish a statewide suicide prevention call center to increase the capacity to handle Wisconsin-based calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline in state.
- Lobbyist responded to a question from his last report to the County Board regarding “Care Givers Direct Payments.” In state budget, there was an increase for Personal Care worker; was in last budget for Direct Care Workers, continued in this budget. LFB Summary of Budget DHS, #23 & #25 - see pages 271 & 273. In both cases, the Governor put in funding and the legislature increased it.

During Q&A, discussion took place on whether Assembly Speaker Vos's recommendation to take the rainy day fund and utilize it for a tax reduction will occur and workforce provider payments in budget (see above last bullet).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution No. 44--2019-20 – Highway, Recycling and Solid Waste Committee.

Authorize removing the 0.57 mile segment of CTH U (N. County Line Road) between CTH VV and STH 29 from the County Trunk Highway System and jurisdictionally transfer the east half of the roadway and maintenance authority of the entire roadway to the Village of Hobart and the west half of the roadway to the Town of Oneida, as noted on the attachments.

At the August 13, August 27, and September 10, 2019 County Board Meetings, Resolution No. 44 was held in the Highway, Recycling and Solid Waste Committee.

At the September 24, 2019 Meeting, Resolution No. 44 was held in committee; see Establish Order of the Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 60—2019-20 – Finance Committee. Approve the sale of In-Rem Tax Foreclosure property at 209 Prospect Street, Village of Bear Creek, “as is” for \$7,310.48 (amount equal to appraised value and municipal outstanding special assessments and charges) with the Village being responsible for costs to raze the property, as noted on the attachments.

Supervisor Sturn moved, seconded by Supervisor Marcks, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 30 aye, 1 vacant, 5 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 60—2019-20 IS ADOPTED.

Supervisor Sturn moved, seconded by Supervisor Miller, to reconsider Resolution No. 60 for the purpose of lock in.

ROLL CALL to reconsider: 30 aye, 1 vacant, 5 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 60—2019-20 IS RECONSIDERED.

ROLL CALL to adopt & lock in: 30 aye, 1 vacant, 5 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 60—2019-20 IS ADOPTED & LOCKED IN.

Resolution No. 61—2019-20 – Health and Human Services Committee. Support legislation that will end the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunization requirements.

At the September 24, 2019 Meeting, Resolution No. 61 was held in committee; see Establish Order of the Day.

Resolution No. 62—2019-20 – Highway, Recycling and Solid Waste Committee.

Approve selling excess highway right-of-way on County M, Town of Dale, to Jeff Kearn for \$500 and closing costs; authorize related Quit Claim Deed, survey, and recording/title work; and approve cost centers changes: increase Highway Property Sales of Assets \$500 and decrease Highway Administration Fund Balance Applied \$500, as noted on the attachments.

Supervisor De Groot moved, seconded by Supervisor Mc Daniel, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 30 aye, 1 vacant, 5 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 62—2019-20 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 63—2019-20 – Highway, Recycling and Solid Waste Committee. Authorize transferring ownership of excess right-of-way, via Quit Claim Deed, of 3,548 square feet (Parcel B), Town of Oneida, to the Oneida Nation at no cost; accept two easements (Parcels A and C), Town of Oneida, from the Oneida Nation at no cost, as noted on the attachments.

Supervisor De Groot moved, seconded by Supervisor Peterson, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 30 aye, 1 vacant, 5 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 63—2019-20 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 64—2019-20 – Legislative/Audit & Human Resources Committee.

Support non-partisan redistricting process legislation that utilizes locally developed wards/districts to establish voting districts, and request public hearings in each Wisconsin Congressional District to allow citizen input on the proposed legislation, and authorize the county board chair to request written response from the Governor and each state legislator representing Outagamie County residents for their opinion of proposed non-partisan redistricting process legislation, requesting responses by the January 14, 2020, County Board meeting with a report to the county board at that meeting regarding responses.

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

ROLL CALL: 27 aye, 3 nay, 1 vacant, 5 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 64—2019-20 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 65—2019-20 – Legislative/Audit & Human Resources Committee.

Approve the request to eliminate one part-time Health and Human Services Human Services Specialist III position and the creation of one part-time Health and Human Services Aging and Long Term Support Nutrition Coordinator position effective November 4, 2019, with no budget adjustment needed in the 2019 Adopted Budget, as noted on the attachments.

Supervisor T. Thyssen moved, seconded by Supervisor Gabrielson, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 30 aye, 1 vacant, 5 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 65—2019-20 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 66—2019-20 – Legislative/Audit & Human Resources Committee.

Approve re-classification of the following positions: Brewster Village Wellness Nurse, Neighborhood Coordinator, and Nurse Specialist to move from exempt to non-exempt effective October 1, 2019, with no 2019 Adopted Budget adjustment, as noted on the attachments.

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

ROLL CALL: 30 aye, 1 vacant, 5 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 66—2019-20 IS ADOPTED.

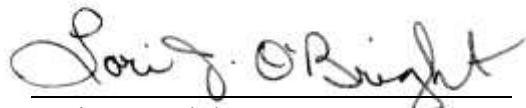
REPORTS

Chair Nooyen noted again the Finance Committee budget schedule and that the meetings begin at 7 a.m. Supervisors were encouraged to attend to assist in their collective budget deliberations.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Dillenberg moved, seconded by Supervisor Miller, to adjourn until October 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 7: 44 p.m.



Lori J. O'Bright, Outagamie County Clerk