

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

Office of the County Clerk, February 11, 2020.

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: 32 present, 4 absent. Members present: Thompson, Miller, Renteria, Patience, Gabrielson, Konetzke, Hammen, Krueger, Lamers, Mc Daniel, Wegand, De Groot, Schroeder, Spears, Marcks, Thomas, T. Thyssen, Hagen, Klemp, Iverson, Nooyen, Davidson, Culbertson, Sturn, Buchman, Woodzicka, Clegg, VanderHeiden, O'Connor-Schevers, Rettler, Melchert, and Suprise. Member absent: N. Thyssen, Dillenberg, Peterson, and Croatt.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Nooyen.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2020 COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Woodzicka moved, seconded by Supervisor Mc Daniel, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020, County Board meeting.

ROLL CALL: 30 aye, 2 abstain, 4 absent. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2020, BOARD MEETING ARE APPROVED.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Special Recognition of Sergeant-At-Arms Robert Stadel

County Board Chairperson recognized and presented to Sergeant-At-Arms Robert Stadel a Certificate of Appreciation for his 12 years of service to the Outagamie County Board and 47 years of public service overall. While Mr. Stadel was retiring from his duties with the County Board, he remains a member of the Board of Adjustment Zoning Ordinance. A standing round of applause was given.

Outagamie County Complete Count Committee Update – Jerry Iverson, Committee Chair; Karen Nelson, City of Appleton Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator; Kara Homan, Development and Land Services Director; Craig Moser, Deputy Director, Department and Board Relations

A PowerPoint (PPT) presentation was presented with the Special Order.

Jerry Iverson thanked Chairperson Nooyen and County Executive Nelson for forming the 2020 Complete Count Committee. He reported:

- Complete Count Committees are not new. They have been formed throughout Wisconsin and the U.S. to promote the completion of the Census by all residents. The presentation was an overview of the Census, timeline, what's important, and what's been done by the committee along with a plea for assistance by the County Board.
- On the desks was a list of the volunteer members and on the flip side was a list of the partner

organizations. The Committee's work started in mid-December.

- Tomorrow morning, Legislative Services will be emailing to the County Board a copy of the PPT along with a website link for the 2020 Census.
- Background: The first Census was completed in 1790, primarily to set Congressional Districts. Response is required in the Constitution and must be completed every ten years. The Count is based on a count of residents down to Census tracts (4,000 average per tract).
- March 4 – Outagamie County event “March forth and be counted” will be held. The event will kick off the mailing that will occur in mid-March. All residents on record will receive cards to respond. Responses may be by: 1) On-Line, OR 2) By Phone, OR 3) By Mail. Cards are mailed based upon your primary residence on that date. Responses will be collected April 1-June 15. Between June-August, Census workers will visit those not responding in-person.
- On the County Board desks was a handout 10-10-10, which delineates that the Census has 10 questions, takes approximately 10 minutes of time to complete, and the information provides 10 years of funding to be developed.
- The Census is secure and confidential. Supervisor Iverson warned that there are spammers who are attempting to represent the Census. The website for response is www.census.gov not .com or other extensions.

Karen Nelson, City of Appleton Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator reported on the importance of the Census including:

- Apportionment of congressional districts is based on count
- Redistricting of voting districts for States, Tribal Nations, Counties, Cities, Villages and Towns
- \$675 Billion in federal funding based.
- For every person not counted, there is a loss of \$1,400 in revenue/person x 10 years.
- State, local, business planning is based on the data
- Future Federal Surveys are assisted
- The data provides benchmarking for population projections and business surveys

In 2010, Wisconsin was #1 for most correspondence that was returned and responded 86% and Outagamie County topped the State with 92% response. While the statistic is great, the Complete Count Committee wants to increase that participation.

Deputy Director, Department and Board Relations Craig Moser reported:

- Members to serve on Complete Count Committee were chosen strategically as key stakeholder group members who have trust with their respective community groups. Trust is very important with U.S. climate.
- Media is a key component to sharing the necessity of completion of the Census.
 - The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting some national media, but it is not as robust as in the past.
 - One of the Committee members is affiliated with Woodward Communications and assisting with Public Service Announcements (PSA).
 - WHBY Josh Dukelow has also assisted by interviewing Karen Nelson on the effort.
 - Social media is important. For those who have a Facebook (FB) present, members were encouraged to link/like the Outagamie County FB page. Lawrence University students are also assisting with a student engagement campaign on Instagram.

- Financially, the Census is important as funding from Federal and State resources for bridges, roads, justice, environmental, conservation, schools, and other programs are based on the data.
- A large share will respond as part of civic duty. However, not all communities will complete the Count and the Committee is attempting to engage with “hard to count” communities. The March 4 event will include a press event at the Boys & Girls Club. Larry Abitz has written a jingle that he’ll be teaching some of the club members. More information will be provided on the event.
- Additional Complete Count Committees organized include: City of Kaukauna, Town of Kaukauna, City of Seymour, Greenville, and Oneida Nation.
- In the back of the room were posters and other resource materials available for members to assist with getting the word out on the Census.

Jerry Iverson concluded:

- County Board support – members were encouraged to be part of 36 voices of leadership to promote the Census with the community, including:
 - Schools, churches, municipal boards, social media, emails, neighbors, friends, relatives
 - Activities with groups including veterans groups, bike groups, and other community groups
 - An article in the WCA magazine is a resource
 - WCA has a webinar on February 24 to assist with information on Census

During Q&A, discussion took place about various ways to get the message out on the Census including: school systems provided information through the East Central WI Regional Commission (ECWRPC) membership (Outagamie’s membership in ECWRPC through the end of the year), Appleton’s downtown indoor farmers market, federal PSAs (different media kits are available), annual municipal meetings, quarterly WI Towns Association meetings, municipal newsletters. Also discussed was that the Census bureau is looking for various workers (wages are as much as \$19/hour; more information through the Census bureau website).

Chairperson Nooyen thanked the Complete Count Committee for their efforts.

ESTABLISH ORDER OF THE DAY – No changes.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Nooyen noted the following information was placed on the desks:

- 2020 Census Information
- Copy of an article in Times Villager on Community Foundation’s preparation for the Census
- February 18, 2020 Spring Primary Election Notice

Announcements:

- On February 3, an email from IT Director Vanden Acker was sent to all users notifying them that outside emails would now have a notice that those emails are from an outside entity and to verify the source. This message is an extra measure for security.
- Supervisor Gabrielson was thanked for his attendance with Lobbyist Wadium at the WCA Legislative Exchange in Madison. He put together a great summary that was to be emailed to County Board members including links for the information provided through WisconsinEye and other sources.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN MINUTES (PERTINENT TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY) – None.

APPOINTMENTS

County Executive Nelson nomination of appointment of Tammy Geenen to the Census Complete Count Committee.

Supervisor Spears moved, seconded by Supervisor Iverson, for confirmation of the above-listed appointment.

ROLL CALL: 32 aye, 4 absent. APPOINTMENT OF TAMMY GEENEN TO THE CENSUS COMPLETE COUNTY COMMITTEE IS CONFIRMED.

County Board Chair Nooyen nomination for appointments of Ron Klemp, Brian Peterson and Nadine Miller as chair, to the Resource Recovery Center Upgrade and Expansion Project Oversight Committee; said terms expiring April 2020.

Supervisor Woodzicka moved, seconded by Supervisor T. Thyssen, for confirmation of the above-listed appointments.

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. APPOINTMENTS OF KLEMP, PETERSON, AND MILLER TO THE RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER UPGRADE AND EXPANSION PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ARE CONFIRMED.

REPORT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE – No report provided.

REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF COUNTY LOBBYIST

County Lobbyist Mark Wadium reported:

- [SB427](#) – relating to: increased penalties for crimes against elder persons – On 1/22, a public hearing was held. On 1/30, it was voted out of committee. The companion [AB480](#) passed earlier on a voice vote. The County's position on this is Resolution No. 79--2019-20,
- Inmate Telephone Calls – Lobbyist provided an FCC consumer guide article on the rates of calls for inmates in DropBox.
- WI County Utility Association – Lobbyist attended 2/7 meeting at WCA. Discussion took place that they are looking at a legislative study committee on the 50 year old payment in lieu of taxes formula that utilities pay in WI. How utilities work in WI has just begun to change. Power consumption in WI has been flat since 2008 and utilities are shutting down coal plants, but they are moth-balling coal so that the ratepayers continue to pay the bonds on them and the land stays locked up and off property tax rolls. In addition, utilities are importing more power from Canada because they are building solar farms, which operate during the day (no storage) and they are buying hydro out of Canada. The impact to WI is huge as the State receives less money from power brought into WI than power generated within WI.
- [SB652](#) – relating to: hearing timelines for juveniles in custody – The Senate Committee voted this out 5-0 on February 11; it is now available for scheduling. Resolution No. 130—2019-20 is in support of the bill.

- [Joint Finance Committee \(JFC\) 2/13](#) – JFC will deal with six bills (three topics) – [AB795/SB715](#) (relating to: grants and funding for water stewardship certification), [AB796/SB718](#) (relating to: creating a pilot grant program for farmers to reduce nitrate loading), [AB790/SB723](#) (relating to: county conservation staffing + making an appropriation) – The bills passed out of Assembly Ag. 15-0 and earlier passed out of the Senate committee 5-0. The bills have been scheduled tentative on the Senate calendar 2/18. The bills are supported by Resolution No. 144--2017-18. Also, JFC will take up [the juvenile correction grant funding](#) for SRCCYS and the WI Type 1 facilities (two have been proposed: one in Milwaukee and one in T. Hortonia, Outagamie County).

During Q&A, discussion took place on Dark Store legislation (no movement, Lobbyist noted that with recent League winning more lawsuits than losing, the momentum on the bills has waned) and legislation regarding TIF definitions (bill has been crushed).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 141--2019-20 – Finance Committee. Approve depositing the TIF close-out funds for the Village of Hortonville \$21,806 and Village of Combined Locks \$14,628 into the Small Department Vacation and Sick Leave Payout Fund; and approve transferring cost centers General Funds \$36,434 from Uncommitted to Committed for Small Department Vacation and Sick Leave Payouts, as noted on the attachments.

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

ROLL CALL: 32 aye, 4 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 141—2019-20 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 142--2019-20 – Public Safety Committee and Legislative/Audit and Human Resources Committee. Approve the Sheriff's Office to accept and expend funding of \$160,000 including \$20,000 from the Bright Ideas Fund, \$5,000 from the Fox Cities Stadium Fund, and \$135,000 from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership, and amend the Sheriff's Office Table of Organization creating one full-time patrol officer position (with Behavioral Health focus) effective March 1, 2020; and increase the following Patrol cost centers: Miscellaneous Revenue \$71,645, Salaries \$43,641, Fringes \$17,675, and Supplies \$10,329, as noted on the attachments.

Supervisor Patience moved, seconded by Supervisor Woodzicka, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 32 aye, 4 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 142—2019-20 IS ADOPTED.

Supervisor T. Thyssen moved, seconded by Supervisor Spears, to reconsider Resolution No. 142 for the purpose of lock in.

ROLL CALL to reconsider: 32 aye, 4 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 142—2019-20 IS RECONSIDERED.

ROLL CALL to adopt & lock in: 32 aye, 4 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 142—2019-20 IS ADOPTED & LOCKED IN.

Resolution No. 143--2019-20 – Agriculture, Extension Education, Zoning and Land Conservation Committee. Support pending legislation, in fiscal year 2020-2021, that would promote and assist with enrollment in the conservation reserve enhancement program and increase the amount appropriated by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for county conservation staffing under the soil and water resource management program by \$2,960,900 from the general fund; and DATCP may not make a grant to a county for the purpose of funding county land conservation personnel under s. 92.14(3)(a) unless that county enters into an agreement with the department to maintain or increase its number of county land conservation personnel positions at or above the average number of such positions in its two fiscal years preceding August 1, 2020.

Supervisor Melchert moved, seconded by Supervisor VanderHeiden, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 32 aye, 4 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 143—2019-20 IS ADOPTED.

Supervisor Rettler moved, seconded by Supervisor Hagen, to reconsider Resolution No. 143 for the purpose of lock in.

ROLL CALL to reconsider: 32 aye, 4 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 143—2019-20 IS RECONSIDERED.

ROLL CALL to adopt & lock in: 32 aye, 4 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 143—2019-20 IS ADOPTED & LOCKED IN.

Resolution No. 144--2019-20 – Property, Airport, Recreation & Economic Development Committee. Approve the Airport Addendum to Lease Agreement with Alan Hankemeier with no budget adjustment needed, as noted on the attachment.

Supervisor Culbertson moved, seconded by Supervisor Klemp, for adoption.

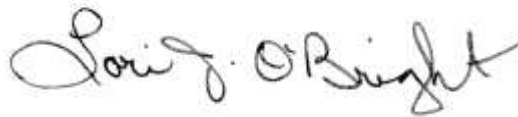
ROLL CALL: 32 aye, 4 absent. RESOLUTION NO. 144—2019-20 IS ADOPTED.

REPORTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor De Groot moved, seconded by Supervisor Wegand, to adjourn until February 25, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. VOICE VOTE CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Lori J. O'Bright, Outagamie County Clerk