

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

Office of the County Clerk, October 27, 2020.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Chairperson Nooyen at 7:00 p.m. by teleconference.

ROLL CALL: 36 present. Members present: Thompson, Miller, Renteria, Patience, Gabrielson, Konetzke, Hammen, N. Thyssen, Krueger, Lamers, Fallona, McCabe, Wegand, J. Thyssen, Peterson, Schroeder, Croatt, Spears, Marcks, Thomas, T. Thyssen, Hagen, Klemp, Iverson, Nooyen, Davidson, Culbertson, Monfils, Buchman, Woodzicka, Clegg, VanderHeiden, O'Connor-Schevers, Rettler, Melchert, and Suprise.

Chairperson Nooyen thanked the County Board for full attendance.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 2021 OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BUDGET** - Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 65.90.

Ronna Swift, 230 W. Seymour St., Appleton, spoke in favor of the new diversity position provided in the 2021 County Budget. It is such an important position in the City of Appleton and the work is equally needed in the county. Ms. Swift reported that she works with persons/refugees from the Congo, and additionally with her background, Appleton and the County has changed a great deal. Therefore, this is an important position that will assist with hiring at the county and working with the county board and diverse cultures. She requested that the County Board support the position within the budget.

Jeanne Roberts, 1110 E. Florida St., Appleton, reported that she represents the League of Women Voters (LWV). The LWV recognizes that the preparation of this budget during a pandemic was difficult and may have impacted many department budgets. Because of dangers of the pandemic, the LWV supports the county highly considering the safety of county residents and county employees. They agreed with the addition of hiring an epidemiologist. In addition while state and federal funding is available for pandemic needs, all county workers should have needed PPE regardless of cost/funds available. The LWV supports green initiatives including land conservation and a compost project. The opioid epidemic continues to cause hardships on families and communities including an average of 215 county children in out of home placement. The LWV believes that the best outcomes come from early intervention. This is the best way to support positions and reduce turnovers of positions that work in this area. The LWV is supportive of all the diversion positions/programs including the behavioral health programing in the Sheriff's department and the inclusion of the diversity and equity and inclusion coordinator. The LWV applauds efforts to include more diversity and especially the diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) coordinator within the budget. Research shows that diversity training alone may only last for 6 days. The DEI Coordinator will provide lasting change. The LWV understands county and municipal unfunded mandates are difficult and they applaud the county board for dealing with them. The LWV congratulated the Complete Count Committee on their work with the county census. The LWV also applaud County Clerk Lori O'Bright and her staff for work in running major elections during the pandemic and added stress with the recent ballot misprint issue. The LWV also applauded the County Board for their support and cooperation.

Penny Robinson, 1708 S. Weimar, Appleton, Co-Chair of the Equity and Racial Committee of ESTHER, reported support of the DEI position within the budget. She reported that there are diverse cultures within our area including Hmong, Hispanic, and African American. Sometimes people don't understand each

other very well. Therefore, inclusion of the position will be helpful for understanding and she requested the County Board support this position.

Abigail Grosskreutz, 211 E. Pershing St., Appleton, member of the Democratic Party, reported her support for inclusion of the DEI coordinator within the budget. She noted the position will assist with fair representation and that every voice is heard.

Nancy Jones, 1125 N. Briarcliff Dr., Appleton, reported she was excited to learn of the proposed DEI position within the budget. The position will have the potential to address inequities within the county, and is a wise use of resources to address inequities within the county, which may help reduce costs in other areas. Appleton's DEI position has requests for services all over the valley. The county adding the DEI position would intentionally provide a resource to address inequities that are systemic. She reported that an intentional action will assist with better inclusion for diverse individuals.

Edward Perkins, 4486 S. Whitehawk Dr., Grand Chute, reported that his concerns include the increase use of bonding, which are proposed for airport and general obligation bonds. Much of past history has been handled financially without bonding. As more time passes, government is turning towards bonding when the tax levy should cover most items. He further reported concern with the addition of the DEI coordinator, not from standpoint of need, but that the position could be divisive as has occurred within universities. For over 200 years, nationally issues with immigrants and diverse people were addressed by following the bill of rights in our constitution. If laws are followed and the HR Department ensures they are followed, the DEI coordinator should not be needed and may only become an agency in government that could be divisive.

Josh Mischler, 4030 Towne Lakes Circle, Apt. 1103, Grand Chute, reported his support of the DEI coordinator position. The position will assist with greater inclusion of segments of the community that may feel they are not seen or heard.

Kathleen Gribble, 318 E. Mitchell Ave., Appleton, reported that in her neighborhood is a great deal of diversity, which is enriching. She reported her gratitude for what she has learned from Native American and Black communities. The DEI coordinator will ensure their representation is provided within the community. As the community has changed from when she moved into the community 30 years ago, she feels the DEI is vital. The DEI coordinator is important to understand the needs of underserved communities.

Sue Hopfensperger, 5483 W. Cedarcrest Ct., Grand Chute, reported her support of the DEI coordinator for the community.

Tom Lee, 1002 N. Drew St., Appleton, reported his support for the DEI coordinator.

County Clerk O'Bright read the following messages into the record:

Carol Lenz, 1209 S. Lee St., Appleton provided the following message: "I am writing to you, as my Outagamie County Representative, to say how pleased I am to see that a Diversity Coordinator is included in the proposed budget. My two adult children are people of color. Anything you can do to improve awareness is greatly appreciated and so needed. Work place environments need to encourage inclusiveness in policies and in employee interactions to ensure a welcoming environment for all. A Diversity Coordinator is a great idea."

Chairperson Nooyen noted that Ms. Bonhofer's comment would be included into the minutes as she was unable to get into the meeting (As of 10/28/2020, the County Clerk did not receive any additional emails relative to the public hearing). Chairperson Nooyen requested any further speakers; none came forward.

Supervisor Miller moved, seconded by Supervisor Gabrielson to adjourn the public hearing and go into regular session.

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 2021 OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BUDGET IS ADJOURNED.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING; PROCEED WITH REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2020 COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Supervisor O'Connor-Schevers moved, seconded by Supervisor Lamers, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020, County Board meeting.

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, EXCEPT SUPERVISOR PETERSON ABSTAINS.  
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2020, BOARD MEETING ARE APPROVED.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – None.

ESTABLISH ORDER OF THE DAY

Chairperson Nooyen asked if Resolution No. 54 should continue to be held; Supervisor T. Thyssen stated that the resolution should continue to be held in committee. No objections; so ordered.

Chairperson Nooyen reported the following resolutions would need to be reconsidered and locked in Z16, Z17, Z18, 65, 69, 71, 72—2020. No objections; so ordered.

Supervisor T. Thyssen requested Resolution No. 68 also be included for reconsideration/lock in. No objections; so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Referral List - included in the packet.

Chair Nooyen reported:

- County Executive Nelson provided the following comments:
  - Recycling & Solid Waste (RSW) – a virtual grand opening for the Resource Recovery Park was held. He thanked RSW Director Brian Van Straten and his team for their efforts. A [YouTube video](#) is available of the grand opening.
  - Mandatory Temp taking due to the pandemic at the Government Center has been well received.
  - Hazard pay at Brewster Village has also been well received. The administrator thanked the County Board for supporting this initiative.
  - Wiouwash State Trail improvements have received several positive comments at the Parks Department.
- WI DHS 140 Review results – Outagamie County is again certified as a Level III health department. This is a five-year renewal of our status. This was discussed at the HHS Board meeting and Natalie and the rest of the public health division were congratulated for their efforts.

Mary Dorn explained more details to the board. This is not the same as the certification efforts that were entered into last year, that is a higher level of effort, and we are still waiting on those results due to COVID.

- On October 14, Board members should have received an email from Kariann Hesse, Human Resources Department, regarding health insurance coverage for 2021. Supervisors have the option this year to reply by email or fax to waive health insurance coverage for 2021. Please respond by November 24.
- Reminder – the second round of email training is currently active and should have been completed by October 8. An email was sent on September 14 from notifications@securityiq-notifications.com with a personalized training link. As of yesterday, the following supervisors have not started the first or second training: Cathy Thompson, Dan Rettler, Keith Suprise, and Lee Hammen. The following supervisors have started but not completed all the modules in the first or second training session (11 total: 6 in first training and 5 in second training): Cathy Spears, Cindy Fallon, Dean Culbertson, Jason Wegand, Kelly Schroeder, Travis Thyssen, and Yvonne Monfils.
- Dropbox Update - If Board members received an email regarding Dropbox being full, it can be ignored. Legislative Services deleted some folders in order to provide more space and be able to utilize the “free” version.
- WCA Annual Conference Virtual Workshops began on September 28 and continue each Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. through November 9. There is no charge for the workshops. Check your email or contact the Legislative Services Office for more information.
- Absence Reminder - If Board members are unable to attend a committee meeting or county board meeting, please contact the Legislative Services Office in order to be reported as being excused.
- Late/Leaving Meetings - If Board members arrive after a meeting has started (missed opening roll call) or before the meeting ends, please interrupt the meeting and announce arrival (or leaving).

#### APPOINTMENTS

County Executive Nelson nomination for appointment Connie Raether to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; said term expiring April 30, 2023.

Supervisor Patience moved, seconded by Supervisor Fallon, for confirmation of the above-listed appointment.

#### VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. APPOINTMENT OF CONNIE RAETHER TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL IS CONFIRMED.

County Executive Nelson nomination for re-appointments for Roberta Buchholtz, Paul Girod and Marcia Trentlage (terms expiring December 31, 2023) and appointment Brian Looker (term expiring December 31, 2022) to the Outagamie-Waupaca Library System Board.

Supervisor Thompson moved, seconded by Supervisor Iverson, for confirmation of the above-listed re-appointments and appointment.

#### VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RE-APPOINTMENTS OF BUCHHOLTZ, GIROD, AND TRENTLAGE AND APPOINTMENT OF LOOKER TO THE OUTAGAMIE WAUPACA LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD ARE CONFIRMED.

County Board Chairman Nooyen nomination for appointment of Dan Melchert, Pete Marcks, Kelly Schroeder, Bob Buchman and Yvonne Monfils to the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Advisory Committee; said terms expiring April 2022.

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

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. APPOINTMENTS OF MELCHERT, MARCKS, SCHROEDER, BUCHMAN, AND MONFILS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ARE CONFIRMED.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution No. 54—2020-21 -- Legislative/Audit and Human Resources Committee. Support pending legislation to create a liability exemption relating to COVID-19 for owners, lessees, occupants, or other individuals or entities in control of a premises who invite or permit another person onto the premises, and is immune from liability for an injury of a person who is exposed to COVID-19 on the property, except where the owner, lessee, or occupant knowingly violates an emergency public health order or engages in reckless, wanton, or intentional misconduct.

At the October 13, 2020 County Board Meeting, Resolution No. 54—2020-21 was held in the Legislative/Audit and Human Resources Committee.

At the October 27, 2020 County Board Meeting, Resolution No. 54—2020-21 was held in the Legislative/Audit and Human Resources Committee (see Establish Order of the Day).

#### NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. Z-16—2020-21 – Agriculture, Extension Education, Zoning and Land Conservation Committee. Approve the rezoning request by Andrew & Lynn Zillges, owners for parcel 110083701, 0.92 acres, from General Agriculture to R-1 Single Family Residential (Lot 2 of CSM 7828), in the Town of Greenville, as noted on the attached review and map.

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

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NO. Z-16—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. Z-17—2020-21 -- Agriculture, Extension Education, Zoning and Land Conservation Committee. Approve the rezoning request by Fox Valley Wood Products, Inc., owner & applicant for parcel 130043304, 1.39 acres, from Rural Development to Industrial District in the Town of Kaukauna, as noted on the attached review and map.

Supervisor Surprise moved, seconded by Supervisor Rettler, for adoption.

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NO. Z-17—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. Z-18—2020-21 -- Agriculture, Extension Education, Zoning and Land Conservation Committee. Approve the rezoning request by David Yurk, OMNNI Associates, agent for K3, LLC, owner for parcels 030020800, 030025305 and the west 100' of parcel 030025309, totaling 2.53 acres, from General Agriculture to Local Commercial District in the Town of Buchanan, as noted on the attached review and map.

Supervisor O'Connor-Schevers moved, seconded by Supervisor Surprise, for adoption.

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NO. Z-18—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 53—2020-21 – Public Safety Committee. Approve accepting and expending an unsolicited \$1,000 donation from Milk Source LLC to purchase an additional Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office; and increase the Sheriff's Office Patrol Miscellaneous Revenue and Supplies cost centers by \$1,000, as noted on the attached fiscal note.

NOTE: The numbering is not sequential. During development of the October 13 agenda, a draft that was numbered Resolution No. 53—2020-21 was taken off.

Supervisor N. Thyssen moved, seconded by Supervisor Lamers, for adoption.

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NO. 53—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 64—2020-21 – Finance Committee. Deny the claim submitted by Muhammad Misbah Umar placed on file in the office of the County Clerk and that no action on this claim may be brought against Outagamie County or any of its officers, officials, agents, or employees after six months from the date of service of this notice, as noted on the attachment.

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

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NO. 64—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 65—2020-21 – Finance Committee. Approve the execution of “Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$5,800,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020A”, as noted on the attachments.

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

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NO. 65—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 66—2020-21 – Finance Committee and the Legislative/Audit and Human Resources Committee. Approve depositing an additional \$283,616 into the Small Department Vacation and Sick Leave Payout Fund, and increasing the General Fund cost center Committed for Small Department Vacation and Sick Leave Payouts (\$283,616) and decreasing the Uncommitted Funds (\$283,616), as detailed in the attached fiscal note.

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

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NO. 66—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 67—2020-21 – Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee. Approve the County Coroner's Office utilizing funeral home services for preparing the Death Certificate, cremation, and storage fees for decedents that have been unclaimed by their family or a family member related to the decedent has not been able to be located.

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

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NO. 67—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 68—2020-21 – Legislative/Audit and Human Resources Committee. Approve transferring the Human Resources object line items of \$8,000 from Travel/Training to Purchased Services in order to purchase a NeoGov Onboard module license for one year, as noted on the attached fiscal note.

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

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NO. 68—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 69—2020-21 – Property, Airport, Recreation and Economic Development Committee. Authorize the Appleton International Airport to grant a temporary easement to WE Energies for construction of solar facilities on land adjacent to the Airport as noted on the attached Temporary Access Easement and Temporary Exhibit; and approve the Appleton International Airport Terminal cost centers increase to the Miscellaneous Revenue (\$2,500) and decrease the Fund Balance Applied (\$2,500), as noted on the attached fiscal note.

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

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NO. 69—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 70—2020-21 – Public Safety Committee. Approve accepting and expending a \$2,500 unsolicited donation from Keller Inc. to purchase a drone and supplies for the County Sheriff's Office; and increase the Sheriff's Office Patrol cost centers for Miscellaneous Revenue and Supplies by \$2,500, as noted in the attached fiscal note.

Supervisor Renteria moved, seconded by Supervisor Davidson, for adoption.

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NO. 70—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 71—2020-21 – Property, Airport, Recreation and Economic Development Committee. Approve the Lease Agreement between the County and Gulfstream Aerospace Services Corporation for the North Hangar Facility at the Appleton International Airport, as noted on the attachments.

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

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, EXCEPT SUPERVISOR MARCKS-ABSTAIN.  
RESOLUTION NO. 71—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 72—2020-21 – Finance Committee. Approve “Initial Resolution Authorizing Taxable General Obligation Bonds or Promissory Notes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$8,000,000,” for Appleton International Airport projects, as noted on the attached fiscal note.

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

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NO. 72—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. C—2020-21 -- Highway, Recycling and Solid Waste Committee. Create Outagamie County Ordinance Section 50-353 as pertains to All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles.

Supervisor Buchman moved, seconded by Supervisor Clegg, for adoption.

VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ORDINANCE NO. C—2020-21 IS ADOPTED.

RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NOS. Z16, Z17, Z18, 65, 68, 69, 71, 72—2020-21

Supervisor Culbertson moved, seconded by Supervisor Thomas, to reconsider the above listed resolutions.

Vote for reconsideration. VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NOS. Z16, Z17, Z18, 65, 68, 69, 71, 72—2020-21 ARE RECONSIDERED.

Supervisor Miller moved, seconded by Supervisor Woodzicka, to lock in the above listed resolutions that were reconsidered.

Vote for lock in. VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION NOS. Z16, Z17, Z18, 65, 68, 69, 71, 72—2020-21 ARE ADOPTED & LOCKED IN.

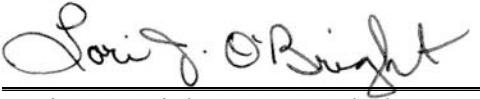
REPORTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Nooyen noted that the next meeting date/time. Daylight Savings Time is on Sunday, November 1.

Supervisor Davidson moved, seconded by Supervisor J. Thyssen, to adjourn until November 2, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Lori J. O'Bright  
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Lori J. O'Bright, County Clerk