

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

Office of the County Clerk, March 11, 2014.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Chairperson Schuette at 6:30 p.m. in the County Board Room, located at 410 South Walnut Street, Appleton, Wisconsin.

ROLL CALL: 30 present, 5 absent, 1 vacant. Members present: Rabec, Nagler, Schmidt, Patience, Iverson, Mahan, Hammen, Trentlage, Karl, McDaniel, Van Asten, De Groot, Groat, Gosse, Stueck, Thomas, Thyssen, Hagen, Paltzer, Pleuss, Nooyen, Duncan, Sturn, Buchman, Thern, Rahmlow, Austin, Rettler, Schuette, Anthony. Members absent: Krueger, Vanden Heuvel, Lemanski, Culbertson, Griesbach. Member vacant: District 11

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Schuette.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2014

Supervisor Nooyen moved, seconded by Supervisor Hagen, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014, County Board meeting as printed.

Chairperson Schuette asked for unanimous consent to correct the minutes to reflect that the roll call to adopt Resolution 156 is 5 absent and the roll call to adopt Ordinance O is 30 aye. No objections, so ordered.

ROLL CALL: 29 aye, 1 abstain, 5 absent, 1 vacant. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2014, BOARD MEETING ARE APPROVED AS CORRECTED.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Dr. Pat Robinson, Ph.D., Executive Dean, Fox Valley Technical (FVTC), presented the report, Review of Initial Response to the August 7, 2013 Storm.

Dr. Robinson briefed the board members on the history of the line of severe storms that swept through Outagamie County in the early morning hours of August 7, 2013. In the aftermath, there was concern because the outdoor warning sirens were not activated in advance of the storm. Outagamie County asked FVTC, as a neutral outside party, to assemble a panel of experts to review the storm response and to answer two questions:

- Was the existing policy followed as it relates to the activation of the outdoor warning system?
- In light of this event, what, if anything, could be improved to better protect the citizens of the county in the future?

FVTC's review team attempted to recreate what the incident looked like from the inside as it was taking place. By viewing the situation from the point of view of those involved, knowing only what they knew at the time, FVTC's team sought to find ways to improve the system and policies to provide a better response to future emergencies. The following recommendations were made:

- Improve the policy for ESF #2 to meet national best practices.
- Ensure redundancy for critical elements of the communication system.

- Improve system maintenance and testing procedures.
- Develop response plans in advance for likely events.
- Provide public education on preparing for and responding to an emergency event.
- Obtain Storm Ready certification for the county.

A question and answer period followed. Discussion took place on why there was not an established communication between the Communication Center and the Emergency Management Director, was an attempt made to activate the sirens, was the text alert system activated, who is the sole person responsible for making the call to activate the sirens, and why was Fox 11 the only television station mentioned in the report that broke into programming to advise the public of the potential for damaging winds, large hail, and widespread damage.

Many thanks were given to Dr. Robinson for her efforts in putting together this report and numerous supervisors are hopeful that the recommendations in the report are implemented.

ESTABLISH ORDER OF THE DAY

Supervisor Thomas requested that Resolution 164 be held in committee. No objections; so ordered.

Supervisor Anthony requested that Resolution 147 be acted on with the amended attachment. No objections; so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Referral List listed the following:

	Date of		Subject	Referred To
No.	Communication	Received From		
1.	02/18/2014	Price County	Res. 16-14, Direct that the governor mandate enough propane supply be held in reserve for future shortages	Public Safety
2.	02/18/2014	Manitowoc County	Res. 2013/2014-81, Support legislation to address issues of marriage officiants' age and sponsorship requirements for out-of-state officiants	Finance Leg/Audit & HR
3.	02/25/2014	Door County	Res. 2014-14, Senate Bill 566 – 911 Telecommunication Funding	Public Safety

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

Natalie Strohmeyer spoke against the 3.9% first year pay increase for the elected Sheriff position which is part of Resolution 162, stating that even though elected officials do not receive step increases, this increase is too high for a possible new employee and takes money away from the 2015 budget. Ms. Strohmeyer stated that she does agree with the 1.5% per year pay increase for the three elected positions of Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, and Coroner.

APPOINTMENTS - None

REPORT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Thomas Nelson congratulated Kathy Groat on her birthday March 25. County Executive Nelson reported the following:

- Finance – Payroll staff has completed the work required on back-pay and wage adjustments for formally represented employees. Semi-monthly payroll employees, including some at Highway and Solid Waste, saw this reflected on their last paychecks. All other employees will see this reflected in their bi-weekly paychecks on Friday. Work to finalize revolving funds from 2013 to 2014 is on schedule to be completed this week.
- Human Resources – Staff has scheduled several short term disability meetings to educate employees on this new voluntary fringe benefit.
- Airport – With warmer weather arrival, hangar relocation is tentatively scheduled for later this week. Allegiant is adding eight additional flights this month and two in April to accommodate the increase in Spring Break travel. Honor Flights are scheduled for April 3, May 8, June 17, Sept. 11 and October 9. Airport staff will be working on a Lean Project to look at the security badge application process at the airport. Executive Nelson expressed thanks to Mark Wadium for assisting in coordinating Capitol Hill meetings dealing with the creation of a Customs Office at the Airport while attending the NACo convention last week.
- Planning – Staff has completed the annual growth report, which shows a positive trend in the county. Highlights include a two percent increase in building permits from 2012 to 2013, an increase of 131 school enrollments with Little Chute leading the way at 66, and a \$75 million increase in total equalized value, following a two-year decline. The report is available on the County Planning Department's website.
- Solid Waste – Various fencing options are being explored to help control litter. Interim Director Brian Van Straten implemented a new approach to landfill daily compaction and daily cover processes this week aimed at improving landfill gas, reducing litter and maximizing the landfill's capacity.
- Highway – Staff met with Village of Little Chute officials yesterday for input on the County Road N paving project slated for this year. A redesign is being considered, reducing the roadway to two-lanes, which includes a middle turn lane and an accommodation for bicyclists. Highway crews continue their work on the NE landfill excavation with roughly 80% of the project completed. The Highway/Solid Waste Committee voted yesterday to recommend a speed limit change on County Road JJ from Hwy 47 to just east of Lightning Road. Currently, posted at 45 mph, the committee recommended a reduction to 35 mph. Salt supply is sufficient for the remainder of the winter. Winter maintenance expenditures for the first two months of 2014 total roughly \$834,000, which is down about \$70,000 from 2013. The total 2014 winter maintenance budget is \$1.2 million.
- Parks – Half the snowmobile trails in the county closed today, including all trails east of Hwy 47. The record officially was broken for the most consecutive days open, at 75, up from the prior mark of 60. The annual Musky Magic event is scheduled for Sunday at the New London Middle School. Mosquito Hill will be hosting a turkey hunting program on Sunday, March 23.
- Corporation Counsel – Two Public Records Request training sessions were completed last week. Paperwork is being finalized, in advance of an April 1 closing date, for the first loan from the newly created *Prosperity Fund*. A meeting with commercial lenders is scheduled next week to further promote this new economic development tool.

- Executive Nelson thanked all of those involved with putting together today's annual *Youth In Government Day*, with special thanks to Legislative Services for coordinating the event.

A question and answer period followed. Discussion took place on an update to the parking issue as relates to the proposed exhibition center. Executive Nelson reported that the exhibition center is not a project of the county, only the sale of the land is. However, discussions have been taking place between Executive Assistant Moser and City of Appleton Community Development Director Karen Harkness regarding the possibility of constructing a new library, which would impact where parking lots and/or ramps are located.

REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF COUNTY LOBBYIST

County Lobbyist Mark Wadium reported the following:

- Lobbyist attended the NACo Technology Innovations Summit in which highlights included:
 - Presentation by Nick Macchione, Director of Health and Human Services, San Diego County, California, who serves 750,000 clients per year. Of the 2,000 offenders in their Probation and Parole system, it took staff 30 days to list all of the programs they touched across the county.
 - Jerry Friedman, Accenture, talked about the 47 million Americans that use SNAP and the cost of processing an on-line application being ten cents; whereas, through a call center, the cost is \$9 per application.
 - Charla Carter, Marketing Manager, iTriage, reported that 100,000 lives are lost per year as people do not understand medical instructions. There is a smart phone app available from MyiTriage.com that can help reduce these numbers.
 - Lobbyist Wadium had a meeting with Joe Krahn, partner with Waterman and Associates, the D.C. lobby firm that represents the Wisconsin Counties Association and the California Counties Association, among others, regarding the end of Congressional earmarks.
 - Wadium also attended the NACo Transportation Steering Committee meeting to listen to discussion on MAP-21 reauthorization, and how to recoup damage caused by heavy trucks. Discussion took place regarding the Federal fuel tax and how it has not been raised since 1993 which means there has been a huge loss of purchasing power.
 - The Airport Steering Committee had a presentation by the House Transportation Sub Committee on Aviation staff. Discussion centered on how Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding is flat over life of the bill and that GAO is looking at alternative means of collecting Passenger Facility Charge (PFC). FAA is expecting that Next Gen Navigation will allow fewer towers. FAA is working on a plan to consolidate towers and determining which towers to rehabilitate. Airport Council International staff talked about TSA exit lanes staffing. They reported that TSA is using creative language so that if an airport does any remodeling, TSA is abandoning the exit lane.
 - Wadium attended a meeting of the National Association of County Intergovernmental Relations Officials with discussion regarding Federal Tax Reform from Congressman Camp from Michigan.
http://waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfiles/ways_and_means_section_by_section_summary_final_022614.pdf Some items of concern in the proposal include repealing deductions for property tax exemptions and reduction in the mortgage interest deduction over four years without indexing the amount for inflation. Other proposed changes include changes to some types of bond instruments that could impact local governments including surtax for top

- income bracket on tax exempt municipal bonds.
- Wadium visited the Congressional offices of Representatives/Senators Kind, Ryan, Ribble, Petri, Duffy, Johnson, Baldwin, Pocan, and Kohl.
- [SB 348](#) (Ellis/Steineke) – Sales and Use Tax Exemption of Aircraft Parts and Maintenance – should be on the Assembly floor on March 20.
- [SB 447](#) – (Stroebe/Liebham) Strip Search Bill – Wadium is still working on getting this bill on the Senate floor on March 18.
- [AB 288](#) (Murphy/Grothman) – County payments to library systems in adjacent counties – The governor has not called for this bill yet; however, the last day for the bill to go to the Governor is April 24.

A question and answer period followed. Discussion took place on whether or not the status of any bills relating to 911 that would be beneficial to the county will be acted on yet this session. Wadium does not think the various 911 bills will be anywhere yet this session. Discussion took place on whether Resolution 161 should be locked in. Wadium reported that in order for him to advise on the bill, the resolution would require locked in. Wadium reported the subject passed on the Assembly floor with a vote 95-0, and the bill has bi-partisan support at the Senate level. A question was asked whether MAPS 21 funding was discussed with Congressmen Petri and Ribble. At the NACo Conference, Wadium spoke with eight Congressional representatives regarding transit funding. MAP 21 is likely not to pass this year but Congress will extend current funding for another year. A \$3-4 billion shortfall is in transit funding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution No. 147—2013-14 – Agriculture, Extension Education, Zoning and Land Conservation Committee. Approve the proposed amendments to the Outagamie County Comprehensive Plan – A Look to the Future, as noted on the attached Appendix E.

At the February 11, 2014 meeting, Supervisor Anthony requested that Resolution No. 147—2013-2014 be held in committee due to the need for study information to be incorporated. No objections; so ordered.

At the February 25, 2014 meeting, Resolution No. 147 was held in committee; see Establish Order of the Day.

Supervisor Anthony moved, seconded by Supervisor Rettler, for adoption as amended on the attachment; see Establish Order of the Day.

ROLL CALL: 29 aye, 1 nay, 5 absent, 1 vacant. RESOLUTION 147—2013-14 IS ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Resolution No. 161—2013-14 – Public Safety Committee. Support legislation requiring the Department of Health & Human Services to create two or three regional comprehensive opioid treatment programs to provide treatment for opiate addiction in rural, underserved, and high need areas with restriction on methadone treatment and transition following treatment to county-based or private post-treatment care.

At the February 25, 2014 meeting, Supervisor Trentlage requested that Resolution No. 161—2013-

14 be referred back to committee. No objections; so ordered.

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

Supervisor Duncan moved, seconded by Pleuss, to amend Page 1 by adding the following paragraph on Line 17: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors’ support is contingent upon this legislation not becoming an unfunded mandate, and”.

Supervisor Schmidt requested that “for the counties” be added to the end of the paragraph. No objections; so ordered.

ROLL CALL: 29 aye, 1 nay, 5 absent, 1 vacant. AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 161—2013-14 CARRIED.

ROLL CALL for adoption as amended: 29 aye, 1 nay, 5 absent, 1 vacant. RESOLUTION NO. 161—2013-14 IS ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Supervisor Duncan moved, seconded by Supervisor Pleuss, to reconsider Resolution No. 161—2013-14 for the purpose of locking it in.

ROLL CALL for reconsideration: 29 aye, 1 nay, 5 absent, 1 vacant. RESOLUTION NO. 161—2013-14 IS RECONSIDERED.

ROLL CALL to lock in: 29 aye, 1 nay, 5 absent, 1 vacant. RESOLUTION NO. 161—2013-14 IS ADOPTED AND LOCKED IN.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. Z-8—2013-14 – Agriculture, Extension Education, Zoning and Land Conservation Committee. Approve the proposed 2.68 acre rezoning request for Wolf River Community Bank, Town of Greenville, from Commercial District and Single Family Residential District to Neighborhood Commercial District as depicted on the attached review and map.

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

ROLL CALL: 29 aye, 1 abstain, 5 absent, 1 vacant. RESOLUTION NO. Z-8-2013-14 IS ADOPTED.

Supervisor Anthony moved, seconded by Supervisor Nooyen, to reconsider this Resolution for the purpose of locking it in.

ROLL CALL to reconsider: 28 aye, 1 nay, 1 abstain, 5 absent, 1 vacant. RESOLUTION NO. Z-8-2013-14 IS RECONSIDERED.

ROLL CALL to lock in: 28 aye, 2 abstain, 5 absent, 1 vacant. RESOLUTION NO. Z-8-2013-14 IS ADOPTED AND LOCKED IN.

Resolution No. 162—2013-14 – Legislative/Audit & Human Resources Committee. Authorize a salary adjustment of 1.5% increase each year for the Outagamie County Sheriff, Clerk of Courts and Coroner effective with the beginning of the 2015 term as noted on the attached fiscal note.

Supervisor Mahan moved, seconded by Supervisor Paltzer, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 29 aye, 1 nay, 5 absent, 1 vacant. RESOLUTION NO. 162—2013-14 IS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 163—2013-14 – Property, Airport, Recreation and Economic Development Committee. Authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$163,891 for the airport's Executive Hangar Facility remodeling project as noted on the attached fiscal note.

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

ROLL CALL: 30 aye, 5 absent, 1 vacant. RESOLUTION NO. 163—2013-14 IS ADOPTED.

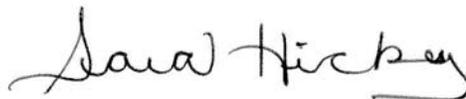
Resolution No. 164—2013-14 – Property, Airport, Recreation and Economic Development Committee. Support and authorize the Sheriff's Department Administration relocation to the Brewster Street site; a consultant to complete a space needs study for all downtown campus offices and programs; and preparation and dissemination of request for qualifications, review of responses, and engagement of a consultant to be reviewed by a Space Needs Study Committee, which will also be responsible for the study throughout its progression.

At the March 11, 2014, meeting Resolution No. 164 was held in committee; see Establish Order of the Day.

REPORTS - None

Supervisor Mahan moved, seconded by Supervisor McDaniel, to adjourn until Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. VOICE VOTE CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Sara Hickey, Deputy County Clerk