

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Janesville, Wisconsin
November 6, 2013

The Rock County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on November 6, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

Chair Podzilni called the meeting to order. Supervisor Jensen gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call. At roll call, Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Yankee, Gustina, Bussie, Rundle, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Howland, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Jensen, Wopat, Bostwick, Sweeney, Collins, Owens and Podzilni were present. Supervisor Yoss was absent. PRESENT – 28. ABSENT – 1.

QUORUM PRESENT

4. Adoption of Agenda.

Supervisors Bostwick and Peer moved the Agenda as presented. ADOPTED as presented. Agenda is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
6. PUBLIC HEARING
7. A. Public Hearing on 2014 Recommended Budget
8. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
9. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
11. REPORTS
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Supplementary Appropriations and Budget Changes – Roll Call
 - B. Bills Over \$10,000 – No Roll Call
 - C. Encumbrances Over \$10,000 – Roll Call
 - D. Contracts – Roll Call
14. ADJOURNMENT

6.A. Public Hearing on 2014 Recommended Budget

The first speaker to address the Board was Carolyn Brandeen of Janesville, WI. Ms. Brandeen had several concerns and support about the Parks Budget. She saluted the work that the Parks division has done on the Parks Outdoor Recreation and Open Space (POROS) plan. The Administrator's comments have \$35,000 for the five year update of the POROS plans to come from ATC funds. Ms. Brandeen would rather see those funds be used in another manner. The ATC funds to date have served the community well and have done many great things. It has increased the Parks Coordinator position to full time, consulting fees for the master plan for Magnolia Park and Carver Roehl Park. It has purchased the Boys & Girls Club building and has funded many projects across the County in several Parks areas. The 2014 budget recommends use of \$146,624 of the Parks ATC funds to support the Coordinator position at full time, \$72,500

to help fund capital projects and \$35,000 in consulting fees to update the 5-year POROS plan. If the ATC funds are fully expended, the balance of the fund becomes nearly extinct. She recommended that the \$35,000 to update the 5-year plan be funded by the County tax levy to come from the Parks operations so that the ATC fund would have a healthier remaining balance to assist with the implementation of the next POROS plan. She again, saluted the work done on this budget and the work the department does.

Chief Tom Klubertanz of the Edgerton Police Department addressed the Board in support of the communications tower that is recommended in the budget. He recognized the work that Kathy Sukus has put into resolving communications concerns in the area for the Rock County Communications Center.

Chief Deputy Brian Demrow of the Edgerton Fire Department also spoke on behalf of the Fire Department in support of the proposed communications tower and hopes the Board will support it in the adoption of the 2014 Budget.

Terri Wixom, Evansville, spoke on behalf of the CESA 2 and Birth to 3 Program as the Interim Program Coordinator for the program. The CESA 2 budget was again reduced by 1%, on top of the 2% eliminated in the 2012 budget. This has returned our funding levels to the 2006 funding levels, which is equal to a 25% decrease considering caseload. She recognizes the efforts of the staff in this area who continue to meet the needs on a declining funding basis. On behalf of the kids and families that they serve, she thanked the County Board and DD Board for their continued support.

Sue Lethlean, Janesville spoke on behalf Rehab Resources, a provider for the Birth to Three Program. Rehab Resources is a certified rehabilitation agency that provides physical, occupational and speech therapy services in Rock County's Birth to Three Program. These services have been provided under a contractual agreement since 1999. On behalf of Rehab Resources she thanked the Board for the funding they have provided in the past 14 years. Recognizing the difficult decisions being made by the Board for the 2014 budget, she affirmed how essential their support has been in the past and conveyed a need for future support. Ms. Lethlean further explained that the Rehab Resources staff provides services in homes, day care centers, homes of caregivers, and even homeless shelters. This provides our staff a keen awareness of the challenges facing citizens in our community. When no pay source is available to those children, they become county pay. In 2012 the average number of children seen per month, and funded by Rock County increase by 21% from the previous year. During the first 7 months of 2013 the number of children seen each month and funded by Rock County increased 15% and the number of therapy sessions funded by Rock County increased by 5%. She personally thanked and recognized John Hanewall and members of the Developmental Disabilities Board for reviewing and adjusting budget allocations to Rehab Resources in the past 2 months. The statistics presented by Ms. Lethlean were given to demonstrate the increase in children found eligible for services in the Birth to Three Program. She assured the Board that funding is expended frugally and strategies that allow children to achieve optimal functioning in our community are always being reviewed.

8. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements

County Coroner, Jenifer Keach, addressed the Board to say goodbye. She has served the County in her capacity for the past 8 years and in that time has returned to school in order to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in nursing. Over the next twelve days, she will be putting final touches on her role as coroner and leaving the office to pursue a career in Hospice care.

Jenifer expressed gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for their support during this time and explained that her time here has been a learning opportunity and has provided her both personal and professional growth beyond words. Being Coroner, a Department Head and a public servant has allowed her to grow in ways she cannot quantify.

Mrs. Keach assured the Board that the staff in place at the office is fully capable of continuing to serve the citizens of Rock County and she looks forward to watching the office as it transitions over the next several months. Chair Podzini wished Jenifer well and thanked her for her service. This was followed by a standing ovation of the entire Board.

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13. Adjournment.

Supervisors Arnold and Grahn moved to adjourn at 6:22pm to Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Prepared by Lorena R. Stottler, County Clerk
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