

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Janesville, Wisconsin  
November 3, 2010

The Rock County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on November 3, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

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

3. Roll Call. At roll call, Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Innis, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Diestler, Yankee, Gustina, Bussie, Combs, Thomas, Kraft, Fizzell, Thompson, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Jensen, Wopat, Bostwick, Sweeney, Collins, Owens and Podzilni were present. Supervisors Knudson, Bishop and Johnson were absent. District 29 remains vacant. PRESENT – 25. ABSENT – 3. VACANT – 1.

QUORUM PRESENT

4. Adoption of Agenda.

Supervisors Arnold and Thomas moved to 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
  - A. Public Hearing on 2011 Recommended Budget
7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
10. REPORTS
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
12. 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
13. ADJOURNMENT

- 6.A. Public Hearing on 2011 Recommended Budget.

Jeff Johnson of Beloit addressed the Board as Executive Director of Meals on Wheels. Beloit Meals on Wheels receives operating funds via grant dollars through the Council on Aging. Mr. Johnson thanked those he interacted with through the budget process; Supervisors Fizzell, Bishop, Thomas. Special thanks for help and suggestions to staff members Phil Boutwell and Joyce Lubben. Mr. Johnson expressed that the Beloit Meals on Wheels program needs Rock County and vice versa in order to serve clients in the area appropriately. He seeks to help establish a formula that splits the Federal dollars over the next year for the 2012 budget that helps better serve the members of the entire community.

Tami Griffin of Janesville addressed the Board regarding the Developmental Disabilities Budget. As a representative of Cesa 2 and VOA, they provide vocational tools to 50 people at 38 different job sites where clients learn job skills and aids local consumers. Programs like these make a difference in Rock County and she thanked the Board for their support of the DD Board Budget.

Chico Pope of Milton addressed the Board as the owner of Buckhorn Supper Club on Lake Koshkonong. Mr. Pope is frustrated with the growth of government and doesn't like that the budget proposes a \$6 million dollar increase. The operational budget has a \$3 million dollar increase. These increases need to stop. The sales tax receipts have generated \$7 million in revenues...how much is enough? Businesses and residents are stressed about what's going to happen when properties are reassessed. Mr. Pope asked the board to take control of this budget this year, not next. He asked the board to stop asking for more money and as a business owner, they can't adjust to the increases that the board is seeking.

Sue Lethlean of Janesville addressed the Board for Rehab Resources on the birth to 3 program. Ms. Lethlean explained how clients are monitored to receive appropriate resources. She also indicated that there has been an increase in the number of children who have become 'County pay' to medical insurance or are on medical assistance. Rehab Resources are mandated to provide services. Cost controls are practiced every day and quality is job one. She thanked the board for their considerations and encouraged them to maintain services.

Brenda Cokinos of Janesville addressed the board on LSS funding cuts. Ms. Cokinos' son is mentally handicapped and receives services from LSS. She shared concern about his options being cut and being in danger of not thriving anymore due to lost opportunities. The state is bringing on Family Care and that could mean more cuts and we could go back into the dark ages where we institutionalize these disabled people. Brenda stated that children need these services to thrive and asked the board to remember these considerations as they face tough budget decisions.

7. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements.

Assistant to the County Administrator reminded those present of the November meetings ahead with the Annual Meeting to consider adoption of the 2011 recommended budget and setting the levy on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

13. Adjournment.

Supervisors Arnold and Fizzell moved to adjourn at 6:28pm to Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. for the Adoption of the Budget. ADOPTED by acclamation.