

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Janesville, Wisconsin
November 5, 2014

The Rock County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on November 5, 2014, at 9:00 A.M. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.
Chair Podzilni called the meeting to order. Supervisor Nash gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call. At roll call, Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni were present. Supervisor Heidenreich was absent.
PRESENT – 28. ABSENT – 1. VACANT – 0.

QUORUM PRESENT

4. Adoption of Agenda.
Supervisors Arnold and Grahn 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
 - A. Public Hearing on 2015 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. Public Hearing on 2015 Recommended Budget
Chair Podzilni encouraged members of the audience to bring their comments regarding the budget forward and reminded them to please try to keep their comments focused and as close to three minutes as possible.

Jeanne A. Thompson (Lee), Beloit, addressed the Board regarding the DD Board, and is representing families from the Epilepsy Foundation. Today was the agencies 34th Anniversary and she chose to come to the Board meeting instead of the celebration to speak on behalf of the families. She shared concerns about 30% cut in funding overall. She believed the DD contract has been cut by up to 75%. The conditions for people with epilepsy suffering from seizures have

great difficulty navigating a “normal” lifestyle such as keeping a full time job without services and programs to support their condition. She thanked the Board for support in past years and asked that they consider her advocacy and continue to support the cause.

Sheila JaDoul, Janesville, addressed the Board as an employee of the County for more than 18 years. Her comments are in support and appreciation for the work and commitment of the Rock County Board of Supervisors and she supports this budget. On behalf of county workers shared gratitude for good working conditions, great benefits and the overall support of the County Board.

Ty Bollerud, Janesville, addressed the Board to encourage them to support renewable energy sources in Rock County along the Rock River utilizing hydroelectricity. He encouraged the Board again to seek ways to be self supporting in this manner and thinks that the County should have an “office for new business” where he can share his ideas about these things.

Gary Bursell, Janesville, addressed the Board on behalf of Kandu Industries. He wanted to impress on the County Board the need for continued financial support and gave multiple examples of ways that Kandu Industries has diversified and found revenue opportunities through Best Events and other projects. They will continue to provide high standards of care with the support of the DD Board Budget funding and he thanked the County Board for their support.

Terri Wixom, Evansville, addressed the board to educate and advocate for the Birth to 3 Program. Birth to 3 is federally mandated, and is based on a diagnosis of a 25% delay. Every child who meets the guidelines must be served to support every child’s development. Each year through screening, monitoring and serving more than 600 children per year and at any given time there are 160 active clients being cared for. Many of these children will need ongoing support and services, while the goal is to transition them to the next developmental milestone. The employees of this agency are proud to serve the families in Rock County and are grateful for the Boards financial and program support.

Sue Lethlean, Janesville, addressed the Board on behalf of Rehab Resources in the Creston Park mall. They provide services for the Birth to 3 program. There have been many changes to the programs funding structure. DHS mandated implementation be changed, ultimately reducing revenues from 3rd party payers and may significantly impact the ability to implement services and programs. This challenge has caused a 15% staff turnover and we are now experiencing an extreme shortage of speech pathologists. In September of 2014, an onsite assessment was completed at the agency and they passed with flying colors. She emphasized that the support from the County is need now more than ever and she hopes the request for support in 2015 will be granted.

7. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements

No citizens addressed the Board on items not pertinent to the 2015 Recommended Budget.

Administrator Smith encouraged County Board members to contact him regarding any concerns or suggestions they have regarding the 2015 Recommended Budget.

Supervisor Bostwick reminded Supervisors that the budget is online for their reference.

Supervisor Mawhinney praised the Rock County Clerk’s office for their work in this past election cycle. Supervisor Dowd echoed her remarks and shared that he was an observer in the City of Beloit and found the election workers to be polite and professional and seemed to understand the process and the laws of elections well.

13. Adjournment.

Supervisors Arnold and Peer moved to adjourn at 6:30 pm to Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. ADOPTED by acclamation.