

JANUARY 12, 2021
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chair Russell at 3:30 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Walworth County Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Roll call was conducted and the following Supervisors were present, either in person or remotely: Vice-Chair Jerry A. Grant, Brian Holt, Kathy Ingersoll, Daniel G. Kilkenny, Kenneth H. Monroe, Susan M. Pruessing, Joseph H. Schaefer (arrived at 3:43 p.m.), Ryan G. Simons, Rick Stacey, David A. Weber and Chair Nancy Russell. A quorum was established.

David Weber, Walworth County Board Supervisor, District #7, delivered the invocation.

Amendments, Withdrawals, and Approval of Agenda

On motion by Supervisor Weber, second by Supervisor Grant, the agenda was approved by voice vote with no withdrawals.

Approval of the Minutes

On motion by Supervisor Weber, second by Supervisor Simons, the December 8, 2020 County Board Meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.

Comment Period by Members of the Public Concerning Items on the Agenda

The following individuals appeared at the meeting, expressed concern relative to the integrity of the election, and spoke in opposition of electronic voting systems:

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| - Jason Yates | - Chris Goebel | - Benjamin Jacob Drazen |
| - Heidi Hall | - Donald Voss | - Jack Sorock |
| - Paula Smieszkal | - Jon Voss | - Herbert Sorock |

The following individual attended remotely via telephone, expressed concern relative to the integrity of the election, and spoke in opposition of electronic voting systems:

- Judith Salmon

Special Order of Business

- COVID-19 Recovery Presentation Regarding Temporary Staffing and County Operational Response

County Administrator Mark W. Luberda briefly explained the purpose for the Special Order of Business and stated the presentation to follow contains the most up to date information relative to a course of action for countywide response to COVID-19 as state, federal, and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) funds begin to expire. The presentation addresses finance, operations, staffing levels, and policy direction for the state. Luberda noted there is an updated Res. No. 62-01/21 and Ord. No. 1232-01/21 that will be presented later in the meeting.

Deputy Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Carlos Nevicosi gave a brief presentation entitled Shared Vision and Shared Responsibility: Creating a Sustainable Approach for Pandemic Recovery. This proposal will allow HHS and the Public Health Department to shift their approach from reacting to COVID-19 and moving towards the recovery of our community.

Luberda encouraged the Supervisors to consider the 24.2 employees, dedicated to different aspects of health, who have been moved from their normal duties to help manage COVID-19.

Finance Director Jessica Conley provided an overview of the anticipated grant funding thus far and explained the updated funding proposal.

Conley explained that the General Fund County Balance in the amount of \$312,500 is anticipated to be carried forward from 2020 and allocated at the January Finance Committee. These funds will require action by either the Finance Committee or the County Board in order to follow the budget amendment process.

Conley then gave a brief overview and explained the purpose for amended Ord. No. 1232-01/21. Luberda provided further comment relative to funding and noted there may be additional state and/or federal funding, but it is not guaranteed. He noted the proposed ordinance allows Walworth County to move forward without the use of new tax dollars, further contingency funds or reserves from the previous year. Discussion then focused on how HHS payroll will be funded through grant and levy funding. Conley expressed confidence with how the year will end with a positive amount.

Conley gave a brief overview of proposed amended Res. No. 62-01/21, which eliminates Phase III, contact tracing, support that would have been essential for that Phase III, and reduces the number of FTEs by 12. Conley noted a scrivener's error on Page 2, Line 2, which should read Ord. No. 1232-01/21 and requested an amendment be made within any motion put forth. Luberda provided further clarification that should the resolution be approved as presented, the wording will allow five FTE nurses to be hired in any form or function and to be considered as five FTEs and not five nurses. He stated the grant allowing contact tracing with the contract services currently in place runs through June 30, 2021. Should contact tracing be required past this date, discussion will need to take place between the months of April and June. Neither the state nor federal government has given any indication, as to what should be expected past the June 30th date.

At the request of Supervisor Holt, Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom explained that the initial phasing (Phase 1a, 1b, 1c, 2, and 3) for vaccinations is determined by the Advisory Council on Immunization Practices. The phasing is then sent to the state level to become operationalized through the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee, who then sets specifically which categories and which positions are within each phase. When an entity signs up to receive vaccine, they are held accountable to administer only the phases that have been activated by the state.

Appointments/Elections

1. Lake Comus Lake District

- Kevin Armstrong, Citizen Member – Term to begin upon County Board confirmation and end on May 1, 2022 (Recommended by the Land Conservation Committee 5-0)

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Schaefer, the appointment to the Lake Comus Lake District was approved by voice vote.

Communications and Matters to Be Referred

Chair Russell announced that unless there was a request for an individual communication to be discussed, the Clerk would dispense with the reading of each title and the Chair would direct that all communications be referred or placed on file as indicated on the agenda.

1. Claims Received After Agenda Mailing
2. Claims: a) Carol Unger-Keizer Notice of Claim (To be referred to the Executive Committee)
3. Jackson County Resolution No. 54-12-2020 – In Support of State Funding for Equitable Return of Utility Tax Collections to Counties and Municipalities as Utility Aid (To be referred to the Executive Committee)

4. Trempealeau County Resolution No. 2020-12-01 – Requesting the Wisconsin State Legislature to Convene a Special Session to Provide COVID-19 Direction for the State of Wisconsin (To be referred to the Health and Human Services Board)
5. Jackson County Resolution No. 53-12-2020 – Request to Review Funding for Adult Protective Service (APS) Agencies and Increase Long Term Care Placement Locations within Wisconsin (To be referred to the Health and Human Services Board)
6. Correspondence from Jonathon Voss regarding consideration of replacing Walworth County’s Dominion ICE Voting System with a non-electronic voting system (To be referred to the Executive Committee)
7. Correspondence from Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) regarding the recently adopted 2nd Edition of Volume III of SEWRPC Planning Report No. 55, VISION 2050: A Regional Land Use and Transportation Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin and Summary of the 2020 Review and Update of VISION 2050 (Correspondence and the complete Summary of the 2020 Review and Update of VISION 2050 are to be placed on file and can be viewed in the County Clerk’s Office)
8. Correspondence from Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) regarding the 2019 Annual Report (To be placed on file) (The complete publication can be viewed in the County Clerk’s Office)
9. Report of the County Clerk Regarding Communications Received by the Board and Recommended to be Placed on File
 - Eau Claire County Resolution No. R164-040 – Support Pending Legislation to Amend Hearing Time Frames for Juveniles Taken into Custody under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 938 to Coincide with Hearing Timelines for Children Taken into Custody under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 48 (To be placed on file)
10. Report of the County Clerk Regarding Communications Received by the Board After Agenda Mailing
 - Amended DRAFT – Ord. No. 1232-01/21 – Amending Section 30-173 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to Health and Human Services Fund Balance Commitments for the Addition of Pandemic Spending and Deletion of Seal a Smile Program – *Vote Required: Two-thirds* (Recommended by the Health and Human Services Board 9-0 and the Finance Committee 4-0)
 - Amended DRAFT – Res. No. 62-01/21 – Authorizing the Creation of Temporary Positions at Health and Human Services – *Vote Required: Two-thirds* (Recommended by the Health and Human Services Board 9-0 and the Human Resources Committee 5-0)
 - Correspondence from County Clerk Bushey regarding Walworth County Elected Officials Bond (To be placed on file)
 - Correspondence from Sarah Hardison regarding elimination of the Dominion ICE voting system and moving to a non-electronic system (To be referred to the Executive Committee)
 - COVID-19 Recovery Presentation Slides – Regarding Temporary Staffing and County Operational Response (To be placed on file)
11. Report of the County Clerk Regarding Zoning Petitions (To be referred to the County Zoning Agency)
 - Dan D. Kalusche – Owner, LaGrange Township. Rezone approximately .4 acres of A-2 Agricultural Zoned District property to the A-4 Agricultural Related Manufacturing Warehousing and Marketing District.
 - Elizabeth A. Lanham – Owner, East Troy Township. Rezone approximately 15.60 acres of A-3 Agricultural Holding District property to the C-2 Upland Resource Conservation District.
 - John Leek Trust – Owner, Sharon Township. Rezone approximately 1.654 acres of A-1 Prime Agricultural Zoned property to the A-4 Agricultural Related Manufacturing Warehousing and Marketing District.

Administrator Lubberda provided further clarification, as to the process of either referring or placing communications on file as indicated on the agenda and noted this is standard procedure. He announced, Item #6, Correspondence from Jonathon Voss will be referred to the Executive Committee who will be meeting on Monday, January 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Unfinished Business

1. COVID-19 Response, Update, and State & Federal Actions

Administrator Luberda asked Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom to provide a broader overview of the current vaccination process.

- Mercy and Aurora began administering vaccinations to the Phase 1a population outside of the providers that are employed by their associations. They began to vaccinate Emergency Medical Responders including Emergency Medical Service (EMS), fire fighters and law enforcement. Public Health was informed on Monday that they would begin vaccinating other 1a providers. Mercy and Aurora are performing over 200 vaccinations a day.
- Public Health is looking to submit application to receive vaccine in hopes to begin vaccination clinics by the end of the month.

Luberda expressed appreciation to Mercy and Aurora for partnering with Walworth County.

New Business

Reports of Standing Committees

County Zoning Agency Report of Proposed Zoning Amendments

1. Michael Fields Agricultural Institute Inc. – Owner, Section 30, East Troy Township. Rezone approximately 2.3 acres of P-2 to B-2 – Approved 6-0 (December 17, 2020 County Zoning Agency Public Hearing)
2. Michael C. Glodowski – Owner, Section 1, Spring Prairie Township. Rezone approximately 5.58 acres of A-1 to C-2 – Approved 6-0 (December 17, 2020 County Zoning Agency Public Hearing)

On motion by Supervisor Stacey, second by Supervisor Weber, Items #1 thru #2 of the County Zoning Agency Report of Proposed Zoning Amendments was approved as recommended by the County Zoning Agency by voice vote.

Executive Committee

1. Res. No. 59-01/21 – Urging the State Legislature and Governor to Adopt Strategies to Assist Local Public Health Pandemic Response – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Health and Human Services Board 8-1 and the Executive Committee 5-0)
2. Res. No. 64-01/21 – Supporting an Increase in County Child Support Funding in the Governor’s Budget for Fiscal Year 21-23 – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Executive Committee 5-0)

Supervisor Weber offered a motion, second by Supervisor Monroe, to approve Item #1, Res. No. 59-01/21; and Item #2, Res. No. 64-01/21. Supervisor Simons requested each resolution be voted upon separately. **Res. No. 59-01/21** was approved by voice vote. Supervisor Simons requested his vote be recorded as “No”. **Res. No. 64-01/21** was approved by voice vote.

Finance Committee

1. Ord. No. 1232-01/21 – Amending Section 30-173 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to Health and Human Services Fund Balance Commitments for the Addition of Pandemic Spending and Deletion of Seal a Smile Program – *Vote Required: Two-thirds* (Recommended by the Health and Human Services Board 9-0 and the Finance Committee 4-0)
2. Ord. No. 1233-01/21 – Amending Section 30-286 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relative to District Attorney Fees – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Finance Committee 4-0)
3. Ord. No. 1234-01/21 – Amending Sections 17-3, 17-8, 17-10, 17-27, 17-116 and 17-131 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to Purchasing and Contracts – *Vote Required: Two-thirds* (Recommended by the Finance Committee 4-0)
4. Res. No. 61-01/21 – Authorizing the Closure of Sheriff’s Office Roof Replacement Project and Transferring Remaining Funds to General Fund Building and Equipment Committed Fund Balance for the Year Ended

December 31, 2020 – *Vote Required: Two-thirds* (Recommended by the Public Works Committee 5-0 and Finance Committee 4-0)

5. Res. No. 63-01/21 – Accepting Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Funding for Health and Human Services – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Health and Human Services Board 9-0 and the Finance Committee 4-0)

County Clerk Bushey clarified relative to Ord. No. 1232-01/21 the Supervisors would be voting on the amended ordinance found in the Report of the County Clerk Regarding Communications Received by the Board After Agenda Mailing that was distribute prior to the meeting. Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Monroe, to approve Item #1, Ord. No. 1232-01/21 by unanimous consent. **Ord. No. 1232-01/21** was approved by unanimous consent.

On motion by Supervisor Weber, second by Supervisor Grant, Item #2, **Ord. No. 1233-01/21** was approved by voice vote.

Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Schaefer, to approve Item #3, Ord. No. 1234-01/21 by unanimous consent. **Ord. No. 1234-01/21** was approved by unanimous consent.

Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Weber, to approve Item #4, Res. No. 61-01/21 by unanimous consent. **Res. No. 61-01/21** was approved by unanimous consent.

On motion by Supervisor Monroe, second by Supervisor Ingersoll, Item #5, **Res. No. 63-01/21** was approved by voice vote.

Human Resources Committee

1. Res. No. 62-01/21 – Authorizing the Creation of Temporary Positions at Health and Human Services – *Vote Required: Two-thirds* (Recommended by the Health and Human Services Board 9-0 and the Human Resources Committee 5-0)

County Clerk Bushey clarified relative to Res. No. 62-01/21 the Supervisors would be voting on the amended resolution found in the Report of the County Clerk Regarding Communications Received by the Board After Agenda Mailing that was distributed prior to the meeting and reminded them of the request to include the change on Line 2 of Page 2. Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Monroe, to approve by unanimous consent, Item #1, Res. No. 62-01/21 with one amendment: 1) to correct “Ordinance No. 1231-01/21” on Line 2 of Page 2 to reflect “Ordinance No. 1232-01/21.” **Res. No. 62-01/21**, as amended, was approved by unanimous consent.

Land Conservation Committee

1. Res. No. 60-01/21 – Amending Walworth County’s Land and Water Resource Management Plan – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Land Conservation Committee 5-0)

On motion by Supervisor Grant, second by Supervisor Weber, Item #1, **Res. No. 60-01/21** was approved by voice vote.

Reports of Special Committees

There were none.

Comment Period by Members of the Public Concerning Items Not on the Agenda

There was none.

Chairperson's Report

Russell stated titles for the Tuesday, February 9, 2021 agenda are to be submitted on or before Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Monroe, second by Supervisor Weber, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Prepared By: Patricia Sommers, Administrative Assistant

Submitted By: Kimberly S. Bushey, County Clerk

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COUNTY OF WALWORTH)

I, Kimberly S. Bushey, County Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors for the January 12, 2021 meeting.