

PROCEEDINGS OF WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 19, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

The Wood County Board of Supervisors composed of nineteen members convened in the Wood County Boardroom at the Courthouse in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

Chairman Pliml called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Supervisors present were: Breu, Buttke, Clendenning, Fischer, Hahn, Hokamp, Hamilton, LaFontaine, Leichtnam, Penzkover, Pliml, Polach, Rozar, Thao, Valenstein, Voight, Wagner, Winch, and Zurfluh.

Supervisor Hahn gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Hamilton/LaFontaine to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Under public comment, Republican Party of Wood County Chair Mike Derrie expressed frustration with the Central Wisconsin State Fair now that they have changed how they set up vendors.

Referrals were noted.

Committee minutes presented: Operations.

Chairman Pliml requested that the first two resolution be taken as one vote. No objection heard.

RESOLUTION 22-10-1

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To accept offer of sale of tax deeded property.

FISCAL NOTE:	Offered Amount	\$46,760.05
	R.E. Taxes	(5,124.03)
	Special Charges	(1,000.80)
	Publication Fees	(150.79)
	<u>Tax Deed Expense</u>	<u>(839.00)</u>
	GAIN	\$39,645.43

Motion by Hamilton/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 22-10-1. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 22-10-2

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Authorize the sale of tax deed property back to former owner.

FISCAL NOTE: Paid Amount \$7,025.26

Motion by Hamilton/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 22-10-2. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 22-10-3

Introduced by: Health & Human Services and Operations Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2022 budget for Veterans Relief with a transfer of available appropriations from fund balance.

FISCAL NOTE: No additional cost to Wood County. The additional appropriations needed in the Veterans Relief account is available in a non-lapsing fund balance, and the adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
54710	Veterans Relief		\$5,000
34210	Fund Balance	\$5,000	

Motion by Fischer/Buttke to adopt Resolution 22-10-3. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services, North Central Community Action Program, Edgewater Donation Adhoc, Conservation, Education, & Economic Development, North Central ITBEC, Judicial & Legislative.

RESOLUTION 22-10-4

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To encourage the State to split 50/50 the real estate transfer fee revenues.

FISCAL NOTE: An increase in revenue retention by the Register of Deeds Offices around the state if legislation is passed.

Motion by Clendenning/Breu to adopt Resolution 22-10-4. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 22-10-5

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To encourage the state legislature to increase the pay rate of Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs) in order to maintain fully staffed offices of competent prosecutors at the county level.

FISCAL NOTE: Nothing direct; having too many inexperienced prosecutors and frequent openings in the ADA positions causes county District Attorney offices to be inefficient and that impacts the viability of the entire criminal justice system and, as a result, the safety of our citizens.

Motion by Leichtnam/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 22-10-5. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 22-10-6

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To request an increase for Child Support funding by \$5 million, statewide, in each fiscal year of the 2023-2025 state budget.

FISCAL NOTE: None, however Wood County would stand to receive a portion of the total amount allocated.

Motion by Zurfluh/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 22-10-6. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 22-10-7

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the recently passed hemp-derived cannabinoid products regulation to clarify that the grandfathering of existing businesses that sell these products only applies to existing businesses at their current locations.

FISCAL NOTE: Nominal internal expenses and publication costs.

Motion by Clendenning/Hamilton to adopt Ordinance 22-10-7. Motion carried. Voting no were Voight and Winch.

RESOLUTION 22-10-8

Introduced by: Judicial & Legislative Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To set the COLA increase for the 2023 employee wage schedules at 3% instead of the currently proposed 2%.

FISCAL NOTE: The estimated cost increase to the 2023 budget for going from a 2% COLA to a 3% COLA is approximately \$394,000.

Motion by Breu/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 22-10-8. Extensive discussion on process, committee mission creep, and long term implications. Motion carried. Voting no were Rozar, Wagner, Valenstein, Pliml, & Zurfluh.

Committee minutes presented: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation, Wood County State Wildlife Advisory.

RESOLUTION 22-10-9

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To approve the use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the construction of a 3-mile multi-use trail at Powers Bluff County Park.

FISCAL NOTE: \$270,000.00.

Motion by Leichtnam/Rozar to adopt Resolution 22-10-9. Motion carried. Voting no was Winch.

RESOLUTION 22-10-10

Introduced by Highway Infrastructure & Recreation and Property & Information Technology Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the Highway Commissioner to prepare and submit an offer to purchase a 14.33 acre parcel adjacent to the Highway Department.

FISCAL NOTE: The purchase price of \$145,000 would be paid for with \$89,800 in revenues from the sale of the Pittsville property in 2019 and \$55,200 in unanticipated revenue from a WisDOT contract in the current year.

Motion by Breu/LaFontaine to adopt Resolution 22-10-10. Discussion on lack of resolution authorizing negotiations (Rule 42) and Highway Commissioner's perceived authority in land acquisition outside of road uses. Corp Counsel consulted and opined. Motion carried. Voting no were Wagner and Winch.

Committee minutes presented: Property & Information Technology, Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of Directors (discussion on authority of this board and lack of information shared with the County. This will be looked at further), South Central Library System Board of Trustees, Jail Construction Adhoc.

RESOLUTION 22-10-11

Introduced by: Jail Construction Adhoc Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the County to acquire the home at 441 Saratoga Street in the city of Wisconsin Rapids for use during the jail construction project.

FISCAL NOTE: The purchase price is \$76,500 plus there would be a nominal recording fee. Use of the property would result in an approximate \$15,000 reduction to the County of work site space for the construction manager and staff. Funds would come from the jail construction budget.

Motion by LaFontaine/Breu to adopt Resolution 22-10-11. Discussion ensued. Motion carried. Voting no were Winch and Polach.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Next scheduled county board meeting is November 15, 2022.

Trent Miner
County Clerk