

PROCEEDINGS OF THE JANUARY SESSION OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS
OF IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The meeting was held in person and via electronic videoconferencing/teleconferencing.

The Board of Supervisors met in the Health and Human Services Center Community Room in the City of Dodgeville on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable John M. Meyers, Chair of the Board.

The Board, in unison, led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll call:

Members attending in person: Doug Richter, Stephen Deal, Susan Storti, Daniel Nankee, Ron Benish, David Gollon, Curt Peterson, Joan Davis, Brenda Hlavac, Bruce Haag, R. Roger Geisking, Mike Peterson, John Meyers, Kimberly Alan, Jeremy Meek(6:02 p.m.), Don Gander(6:08 p.m.) Justin O'Brien, Don Leix, Mel Masters and Kevin Butteris. Richard Rolfsmeyer was absent.

Keith Hurlbert, Emergency Management Director spoke on behalf of the First Responders of Iowa County and the outpouring of support they have received in the past week

A moment of silence was observed for Jim Ludlum and Brian Busch, two Mineral firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Sup. Haag moved to approve Resolution No. 11-122 Iowa County First Responder Proclamation. Sup. Deal seconded. Sup. Haag moved to amend the title to Emergency Responders. Sup. Geisking seconded. Motion failed. Original motion carried.

Aye-18 Nay-1 (Haag)

Approval of Agenda: Sup. Nankee moved to approve the amended agenda. Sup. Storti seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-19 Nay-0

Approval of Minutes: Sup. O'Brien moved to approve the minutes. Sup. Alan seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-19 Nay-0

Sup. Masters moved to approve the appointment of Donald Gander to Supervisory District #17 for the remainder of the supervisory term. Sup. O'Brien seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-19 Nay-0

Clerk Kris Spurley administered the Oath of Office to Donald Gander.

Sup. M. Peterson moved to approve the appointment of Donald Gander to the General Government Committee. Sup. Gollon seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-20 Nay-0

Administrator Bierke recognized Laura Jean Blotz, Tax Description Specialist on her retirement. Larry presented Laura Jean with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card from the County.

Special matters and announcements.

- a) Committee Chair reports.
- b) Thank you from Janet Butteris.

Comments from the public –

- Richard Jenkins spoke about wind turbine.
- Alan Jewell spoke about eminent domain.

Iowa County Library Committee member Carol Anderson informed the Board of how important the libraries are to not only their communities but to all Iowa County residents. She explained the projects that the four libraries did in order to qualify for the Iowa County Grant Program. She introduced the Librarians and had the Board Supervisor from that area congratulate them on their grant award.

- Carol Anderson congratulated Blanchardville Director Stuart Bisbee.
- Sup. O'Brien congratulated Mineral Point Director Diane Palzkill & Kayla Beck, Library Assist.
- Sup. Butteris congratulated Allen-Dietzman Library Director Betty Schambow.
- Sup. Don Leix congratulated Cobb Director Carrie Jewell.
- Sup. Don Leix congratulated Montfort Director Michelle Hofer.

Sup. C. Peterson moved to adopt Amendatory Ordinances 1-122 thru 8-822 as a group. Sup. Storti seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-19 Nay-0 Abstain-1 (Dave Gollon)

Amendatory Ordinance No. 1-122 for a land use change to rezone 1.02 acres from A-1 Agricultural to a AR-1 Agricultural Residential in the Town of Arena was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 2-122 for a land use change to rezone 7.7 acres from A-1 Agricultural to from AR-1 Agricultural Residential to in the Town of Arena was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 3-122 to rezone 98.93 acres from A-1 Agricultural & AR-1 Agricultural Residential to all A-1 Agricultural, 5.3 acres from A-1 Agricultural & AR-1 Agricultural Residential to all Agricultural Residential, and 5.05 acres from A-1 Agricultural & AR-1 Agricultural Residential to all Agricultural Residential in the Town of Brigham was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance 4-122 to rezone 81.311 acres from AR-1 Agricultural Business to A-1 Agricultural in the Town of Dodgeville was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance 5-122 to rezone 15.473 acres from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential and 24.683 acres with the AC-1 Agricultural Conservancy overlay district within the Town of Eden was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance 6-122 to rezone 36.02 acres from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential in the Town Highland was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance 7-122 to rezone 5.424 acres from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential in the Town Moscow was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance 8-122 to rezone 1.15 acres from B-3 Heavy Business to A-1 Agricultural to be consolidated with adjacent A-1 Agricultural land in the Town Waldwick was adopted.

Sup. Nankee moved to approve the Iowa County Emergency Fire Warden list. Sup. Benish seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-20 Nay-0

Chad Luebke, gave an update and answered questions on the Bug Tussel Project.

Public Works Committee

Sup. Storti moved to approved Resolution No. 9-122 in Support of Fair and Open Housing Practices. Sup. Gollon seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-20 Nay-0

Health & Human Services Committee

Sup. Nankee moved to approve a UW-Eau Claire Administrative Residency Student for 2022. Sup. Benish seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-20 Nay-0

Sup. O'Brien moved to approve Resolution No. 10-122 Badger Care Eligibility Cliff Elimination. Sup. Alan seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-20 Nay-0

General Government Committee

Sup. Deal moved to approve Iowa County Policy 210 Capital Improvement Plan Policy. Sup. Storti seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-20 Nay-0

Sup. Benish moved to approve Iowa County Policy 305 Payroll and 318 Deb Collection Plan Policy. Sup. M. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-20 Nay-0

Sup. Deal moved to approve the Deputy Treasurer Reclassification. Sup. Masters seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-20 Nay-0

Sup. Nankee moved to approve the Request to Create 2 Full-time Hospitality Aide Positions. Sup. O'Brien seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-20 Nay-0

Allison Leitzinger reminded the Board about the Hotline.

County Administrator Bierke did not have a report.

Sup. Davis moved to approve the appointment of Peter Vanderloo to the Land Conservation Committee for a two-year term expiring on May 31, 2023. Sup. Gollon seconded. Motion carried.

Aye-20 Nay-0

Chair Meyers thanked the new supervisors who have joined the Board in recent months.

Mileage and Per Diem Report for this January 18, 2022 Session of the Board was presented.
20 Members 486 Miles \$1,094.31 and Per Diem

Sup. Davis moved to approve. Sup. Alan seconded. Motion carried.
Aye-20 Nay-0

Sup. Haag moved to convene in closed session pursuant to sections 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(c) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Discuss County nursing home relative to future of facility and investment of County funds). And to consider employment, promotion, compensation or preference evaluation data of any employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Bloomfield Staff Compensation.) Sup. Deal seconded. Motion carried.
Aye-20 Nay-0

Entered closed session at 6:48 p.m. with Administrator Bierke, Jamie Gould, Allison Leitzinger, Echo Bristol, Kris Spurley and Dave Morzenti.

Sup. Gollon moved to return to open session. Sup. Storti seconded. Motion carried.
Aye-20 Nay-0

Entered open session at 8:30 p.m.

No action from closed session:

Sup. Gollon moved to table the Bloomfield Health and Rehabilitation Center – Consider Referendum Impacts and Questions. Sup. Storti seconded. Motion carried.
Aye-17 Nay-3 (Nankee, Benish, Alan)

Sup. Benish moved to adjourn to February 15, 2022. Sup. Alan seconded. Motion carried.
Aye-20 Nay-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.


John M. Meyers, Chair


Kristy K. Spurley, County Clerk