

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FEBRUARY 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, February 21, 2023 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, Ingmar Nelson, Dan Nankee, Curt Peterson, Darrell Kreul, Dave Gollon, Joan Davis, Dody A. Cockeram, Brad Stevens, Roger Geisking, Mike Peterson, Ricky Rolfsmeyer, John Meyers, Tim Lease, Jerry Galle, Don Gander, Justin O'Brien, Don Leix and Mel Masters and Kevin Butteris. Excused: None Remotely: Kim Alan.

Approval of the Amended Agenda: Motion by Sup. Nankee seconded by Sup. Lease to approve the agenda for this February 21, 2023 meeting with a name (Levi) correction to Item #19. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Sup. O'Brien seconded by Sup. Kreul to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Special matters and announcements.

- Committee Chair Reports-Sup. Davis informed the Board that the Health Committee has been cancelled and rescheduled to March.
- Thank you note from the family of Bud Gollon.

Comments from the public:

- Kathy Ladd – Trespass Zoning/Wind Turbines
- Eric Bakken – Wind Turbines
- Rebecca Neal – Wind Turbines

Administrator Bierke recognized Dan Guentz on his retirement from Iowa County. He will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card from the County.

Motion by Sup. Leix seconded by Sup. C. Peterson to adopt Amendatory Ordinance 1-0223. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 1-0223 for a land use change to zone 5.0 acres and 35.01 acres from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential in the Town of Brigham was adopted.

Motion by Sup. C. Peterson seconded by Sup. Lease to approve an additional 6 month extension to satisfy the conditions imposed on the zoning change for Amendatory Ordinance No. 2-922 in the Town of Arena. Motion carried unanimously.

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 seven libraries did in order to qualify for the Iowa County Grant Program. She introduced the Librarians:

- Ricky Rolfsmeyer congratulated & presented a check to Blanchardville Director Stuart Bisbee.
- Sup. Galle congratulated & presented a check to Mineral Point Director Diane Palzkill & Kayla Beck, Library Assist.
- Sup. Butteris will congratulate & present a check to Allen-Dietzman Library Director Betty Schambow.
- Sup. Don Leix will congratulate & present a check to Cobb Director Carrie Jewell.
- Sup. Don Leix will congratulate & present a check to Montfort Director Michelle Hofer.
- Sup. Davis congratulated & presented a check to Dodgeville Library Director Angela Noel.
- Sup. M. Peterson congratulated & presented a check to Barneveld Library Director Sharilyn Sailing.

Presentation by Stef Morrill of River Valley Commons regarding broadband. Discussion followed. John Van Oyen of MHTC contributed.

Executive Committee

Motion by Sup. Rolfsmeyer seconded by Sup. O'Brien to approve the documents creating the "Robert G. Campbell Community Fund" with the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sup. M. Peterson seconded by Sup. Davis to approve Resolution No. 2-0223 Establishing a Public-Private Partnership to Facilitate The Deployment of Affordable, Reliable, High-Speed Internet Services Throughout the County. Discussion followed. John Van Oyen representing MHTC answered questions. Motion carried.

Aye -19 Nay -1 (Butteris) Abstain - 1 (Masters)

Public Works Committee

Motion by Sup. Gollon seconded by Sup. Leix to approve Policy #1201 Land Conservation cost-share policy update. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sup. Masters seconded by Sup. Butteris so approve Policy #1120 County to Township Highway Transfer Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Health and Human Services Committee

Presentation by Misty Molzof, Local Government Services Specialist from Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission on the Iowa County Opioid Needs Assessment.

Motion by Sup. Cockeram seconded by Sup. Stevens to accept the Opioid Needs Assessment Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sup. Rolfsmeyer seconded by Sup. O'Brien approve the Administrator's appointments of:

- Marilyn Rolfsmeyer to the ADRC Board for a three year term ending on May 31, 2026.
- Marilyn Rolfsmeyer to the Regional ADRC Board for a two year term expiring May 31, 2025.
- Joe Thomas to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- Jesse Brogley to the Opioid Task Force for a one year term expiring May 1, 2024.
- Miranda Magnuson to the Opioid Task Force for a one year term expiring on May 1, 2024.
- Levis Zimmerman to the Opioid Task Force for a one year term expiring on May 1, 2024.

- Charles Anderson to the Pecatonica Rail Transit Commission for a three year term expiring May 1, 2026.
 - Charles Anderson to the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission for a three year term expiring May 1, 2026.
 - Justin Jenkins to the Opioid Task Force for a one year term expiring on May 1, 2024.
 - Dr. Richard Hartline to the Opioid Task Force for a one year term expiring on May 1, 2024.
- Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator Bierke reported on the progress with Southwest Tech on an agreement for the old Jail property. He informed the Board that there will be an article in the Dodgeville Chronicle to inform the public as to the status of the project.

Motion by Sup. Davis seconded by Sup. M. Peterson to approve the appointment of Brad Stevens to the Opioid Task Force for the remainder of his current term. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Meyers spoke about the negative comments on the Public Works projects in recent months. He informed the Board that he will be unavailable for the March 21st County Board meeting.

Mileage and Per Diem Report for this February 21, 2023 Session of the Board was presented.
21 Members 464 Miles and Per Diem \$1,153.92

Motion by Sup. Nankee seconded by Sup. Kreul to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sup. Davis seconded by Sup. Lease to go into closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(g), Conferring with legal counsel for the government body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Receive update and advice regarding pending Lawsuits). Motion carried unanimously.

Entered closed session 7:33 p.m. with Administrator Bierke and David Morzenti.

Motion by Sup. Lease seconded by Sup. Davis to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Returned to open session at 8:02 p.m.

No action on closed session.

Motion by Sup. Gollon seconded by Sup. O'Brien to adjourn to March 21, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


John M. Meyers, Chair


Kristy K. Spurley, County Clerk