# PROCEEDINGS OF THE NOVEMBER SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS OF IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The Board of Supervisors met in the Health and Human Services Center Community Room in the City of Dodgeville on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable John M. Meyers, Chairman of the Board.

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

Roll call was taken. All members were present except James Griffiths who was excused and Kevin Butteris who was absent.

Members present: Doug Richter, Stephen Deal, Mark Storti, Daniel Nankee, Ronald Benish, David Gollon, Curt Peterson, Joan Davis, Alex Ray, Bruce Haag, Tom Forbes, Richard Rolfsmeyer, John Meyers, Bruce Paull, Jeremy Meek, Judy Lindholm, Justin O'Brien, Donald Leix and Mel Masters.

Sup. Peterson moved to approve the agenda for this November 12, 2019 meeting. Sup. Davis seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-19 Nay-0

Sup. Storti moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 meeting. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-19 Nay-0

Special matters and announcements.

- a) Committee Chair reports.
- b) Letter from County Conservationist Katie Abbott concerning the Birch Lake project.
- c) 2020 Discover Wisconsin Calendar.
- d) Report from Forward Analytics.
- e) Supervisor Election Memo and Forms.

### Comments from the public:

- Cassie Greenwood spoke on a proposed resolution in Lafayette County that under certain circumstances a reporter could be prosecuted for inaccurate reporting. She appreciates the support the Board has shown to the Dodgeville Chronicle.
- Sup. Gollon would like to move any closed sessions that a county employee would have to attend to the top of the meeting so the employee would not have to spend the whole evening waiting for the closed session item. At the very least, he would like to see a shortened agenda before such a closed session.

Sup. Leix moved to adopt Amendatory Ordinances 1-1119, 2-1119, 3-1119, 4-1119, 5-1119, 6-1119, 7-1119 and 8-1119 as a group. Sup. Ray seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-19 Nay-0

Amendatory Ordinance No. 1-1119 for a land use change to create two lots of 2.5 acres & 7.08 acres by rezoning from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential and two lots of 27.66 acres &

14.74 acres by rezoning from A-1 Agricultural to C-1 Conservancy in the Town of Brigham was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 2-1119 for a land use change to rezone 2.02 acres from A-1 Agricultural to B-2 Highway Business in the Town of Brigham was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 3-1119 for a land use change to rezone 2 acres from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential in the Town of Dodgeville was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 4-1119 for a land use change to rezone 4 acres from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential and 40 acres with the AC-1 Agricultural Conservancy overlay district in the Town of Eden was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 5-1119 for a land use change to rezone 6.4 acres from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential in the Town of Highland was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 6-1119 for a land use change to rezone 1.765 acres from A-1 Agricultural & AR-1 Agricultural Residential to all AR-1 Agricultural Residential and 35.637 acres from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential in the Town of Highland was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 7-1119 for a land use change to rezone 7.339 acres from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential in the Town of Linden was adopted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 8-1119 for a land use change to rezone 4.91 acres from A-1 Agricultural & AR-1 Agricultural Residential to all AR-1 Agricultural Residential in the Town of Linden was adopted.

Director Allison Leitzinger showed the Board an Iowa County Employee Relations Video.

Dan Litchfield, Director of Renewable Development at Invenergy and Project Manager Marlin Conry, gave the Board an update on the Badger Hollow Solar Farm and wind energy.

Administrator Larry Bierke did not have a report for the Board.

## **Iowa County Budget:**

Sup. Gollon moved to adopt Resolution No. 9-1119 County Aid Town Road Bridge Construction Under Section 82.08 of the Statutes. Sup. Storti seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-19 Nay-0

Sup. Deal moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-1119 Awarding the Financing for Capital Projects. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Carried.

Ave-19 Nay-0

Sup. Peterson moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-1119 Notice on Intent to Issue Financing Regarding the Purchase of Highway Equipment. Sup. Gollon seconded the motion. Carried.

Ave-19 Nav-0

Sup. Benish moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-1119 Carry Over Certain Accounts from 2019 to 2020. Sup. Haag seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-19 Nay-0

A Public Hearing was held on the proposed Iowa County 2020 budget starting at 6:47 p.m.

The Public Hearing ended at 7:05 p.m.

Sup. Benish moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-1119 To Approve the Budgets and Approve Funds for the County of Iowa for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2020 and Ending December 31, 2020 and to request evaluations be made before next year's budget on the OWI and Court Ordered Programs. Sup. Masters seconded the motion.

Sup. Peterson moved to amend the resolution by pulling up to \$50,000 from the General Fund to pay the attorney's fees for representing the county in the appeal of the Public Service Commission's ATC decision. When the county receives money from the Badger Hollow Solar Farm, 20% of that amount will be used to go back into the General Fund to cover the amount of the attorney's fees up to \$50,000. Sup. Gollon seconded the motion.

Sup. Benish moved to call the question on the amendment debate. Carried unanimously. Vote on the amendment was taken. Carried.

Aye-13 Nay-6

Voting in favor: Sups. Richter, Deal, Peterson, Davis, Ray, Haag, Forbes. Rolfsmeyer, Paull, Meek, Lindholm, O'Brien and Leix.

Voting against: Sups. Storti, Nankee, Benish, Gollon, Meyers and Masters.

Vote on the amended main motion was taken. Carried.

Aye-15 Nay-4

Voting in favor: Sups. Richter, Storti, Benish, Peterson, Davis, Ray, Haag, Forbes, Rolfsmeyer, Paull, Meek, Lindholm, O'Brien, Leix and Masters.

Voting against: Sups. Deal, Nankee, Gollon and Meyers.

Sup. Deal moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-1119 Authorizing the 2019 Tax Levy for the 2020 Budget. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-17 Nay-2

Sups. Deal and Meyers voted against the motion.

## **Land Conservation Committee:**

Sup. Nankee moved to amend Resolution No. 4-1019 Establishing Fees for Ordinance No. 400.18 Manure Storage and Management by having 100% of the fees go to the Land Conservation Department. Sup. Ray seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-19 Nay-0

### **Public Works Committee:**

Sup. Gollon moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-1119 Authorizing Participation in the Department of Natural Resources Municipal Dam Grant Program. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-19 Nay-0

#### **General Government Committee:**

Sup. Deal moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-1119 Iowa County Employee Flexible Spending Plan. Sup. Masters seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-19

Nay-0

## **Executive Committee:**

Sup. Lindholm moved to approve the Agreement to Establish Public Private Partnership for the purpose of Applying for a Broadband Expansion Grant under Wis. Statute § 196.504. Sup. O'Brien seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-18

Nay-1

Sup. Deal voted against the motion.

Sup. Meek moved to adopt Resolution No 17-1119 Supporting Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Broadband Grant Application and Matching Funds Commitment for Broadband Project. Sup. Paull seconded the motion.

Sup. Gollon moved to amend the resolution in number 5 by changing the word "will" to "may" in the first line of the sentence. Sup. Masters seconded the motion. Amendment carried.

Aye-19

Nay-0

Vote on the amended main motion was taken. Carried.

Aye-19

Nay-0

## Other:

Sup. Meek moved to approve the appointments of Sups. Meyers, Peterson, Gollon, Nankee and Ray to the temporary Committee on Future Funding for Highways to explore funding of highway projects by short-term borrowing or referendum. Sup. Rolfsmeyer seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-19

Nay-0

Chair Meyers did not have a report for the Board.

Sup. Meek left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Mileage and Per Diem Report for this November 12, 2019 Session of the Board was presented.

19 Members

470 Miles

\$1,026.15 Mileage and Per Diem

Sup. Leix moved to approve the report.

Sup. Ray seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-18 Nay-0

Sup. Nankee moved to convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (County Administrator annual performance evaluation, contract and compensation.) Employee Relations Director Allison Leitzinger and Larry Bierke were asked to attend the closed session. Sup. Storti seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-18

Nay-0

Entered closed session at 8:22 p.m.

Sup. Storti moved to return to open session. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-18 Nay-0

Entered open session at 8:57 p.m.

Action was taken on the closed session item.

Sup. Storti moved to raise the Administrator's salary from \$115,000 to \$120,000. Sup. O'Brien seconded the motion. Carried.

Aye-18 Nay-0

Sup. Lindholm moved to adjourn to December 17, 2019. Sup. Haag seconded the motion. Carried. Aye-18 Nay-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

John M. Meyers, Chairman

Greg Klusendorf, County Clerk