

THE APRIL 20, 2004 SESSION
OF THE
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice-Chairman Jerry Grant at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Walworth County Courthouse, 100 W Walworth St., Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

The oath of office was administered to the County Board Supervisors by the Honorable Judge James Carlson. Judge Carlson said that Judge Gibbs could not be present tonight. He congratulated the Supervisors and wished them success on behalf of the Walworth County Judiciary, Chief Judge Gibbs, Judge Race, and Judge Kennedy.

Pastor Laura McLeod from the United Church of Christ in Delavan delivered the invocation.

Roll call was read by district with all the Supervisors present. A quorum was established.

COUNTY SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS

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| 1. Town of East Troy – Wards 1,2,3,4,5
Village of East Troy – Wards 5 & 6
Village of Mukwonago – Ward 9 | Rick Stacey |
| 2. Town of East Troy – Ward 6
Village of East Troy – Wards 1,2,3,4 | Joyce Ketchpaw |
| 3. Town of LaFayette – Wards 1 & 2
Town of Troy – Wards 1,2,3 | Stanley Muzatko |
| 4. Town of LaGrange – Wards 1,2,3
Town of Whitewater – Wards 1 & 2
City of Whitewater – Ward 12 | Ann Lohrmann |
| 5. City of Whitewater – Wards 1,2,3 | Sandra Wagie-Troemel |
| 6. City of Whitewater – Wards 4 & 8 | Art Lein |
| 7. Town of Whitewater – Ward 3
City of Whitewater – Wards 5,6,7,13 | Jerry Grant |
| 8. Town of Darien – Wards 1 & 6
Town of Richmond – Wards 1 & 3
Village of Darien – Wards 1 & 2 | Richard Kuhnke, Sr. |

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| 9. | Town of Richmond – Ward 2
Town of Sugar Creek – Wards 1,2,3,4 | Robert W. Arnold |
| 10. | Town of Sugar Creek – Ward 5
City of Elkhorn – Wards 6,7,8,9,11 | Betty Felten |
| 11. | City of Elkhorn – Wards 1,2,3,4,5,10 | Larry D. Hilbelink |
| 12. | Town of Geneva – Ward 3
Town of LaFayette – Wards 3 & 4
Town of Spring Prairie – Wards 1,2,3
City of Burlington – Ward 17
City of Elkhorn – Wards 12,13,14,15 | Roy T. Lightfield |
| 13. | Town of Lyons – Wards 1,2,3,4,5,6
Town of Spring Prairie – Ward 4
City of Lake Geneva – Wards 9 & 10 | Joseph Schaefer |
| 14. | Town of Geneva – Wards 1,2,4,5,6,7,8
City of Lake Geneva – Wards 11 & 13 | Margaret C. Downing |
| 15. | Town of Delavan – Ward 1
Town of Linn – Wards 3 & 5
Village of Williams Bay – Wards 1,2,3
City of Lake Geneva – Ward 12 | David A. Weber |
| 16. | Town of Delavan – Wards 2,3,4,6
City of Delavan – Wards 9 & 10 | Dorothy C. Burwell |
| 17. | City of Delavan – Wards 5,6,7,8 | Joseph C. Guido, Sr. |
| 18. | Town of Darien – Wards 2 & 3
City of Delavan – Wards 1,2,3,4 | Jerry Waelti |
| 19. | Town of Darien – Wards 4 & 5
Town of Delavan – Ward 5
Town of Sharon – Ward 1
Village of Sharon – Wards 1 & 2
City of Delavan – Ward 11 | Allen L. Morrison |
| 20. | Town of Walworth – Wards 2 & 3
Village of Fontana – Ward 4
Village of Walworth – Wards 1,2,3 | Jim Van Dreser |
| 21. | Town of Linn – Wards 1 & 2
Town of Walworth – Wards 1 & 4 | Allan Polyock |

Village of Fontana – Wards 1,2,3

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| 22. | City of Lake Geneva – Wards 1,2,3,4 | Nancy Russell |
| 23. | Town of Linn – Ward 4
City of Lake Geneva – Wards 5,6,7,8 | Chris Goebel |
| 24. | Town of Bloomfield – Wards 1,2,3,4,6 | Randy A. Hawkins |
| 25. | Town of Bloomfield – Wards 5 & 7
Village of Genoa City – Wards 1,2,3 | Pauline Parker |

Vice-Chairman Grant welcomed all the returning and new Board members.

Amendments, Withdrawals, and Approval of Agenda

On motion by Supervisor Kuhnke, seconded by Supervisor Ketchpaw, the agenda was approved.

Comment Period by Members of the Public

Assemblyman Thomas Lothian addressed the Board. Mr. Lothian congratulated and welcomed his replacement on the Board, David Weber, and also the other nine new supervisors. Lothian is the Assemblyman from the 32nd District. Lothian said his office in Madison would stand ready to help the Board in any way they can.

Communications and Matters to be Referred

There were none.

New Business

Resignation of Elected Terms on Standing Committees, if any

Clerk Bushey said that she had received no resignations from Supervisors.

Elections

Vice-Chair Grant relinquished the chair to the County Clerk at this time. The Clerk asked David Bretl, County Administrator, to explain the process that would be followed tonight. Bretl said that it is the Supervisors' job to choose a leader that they think will best lead the Board. Bretl said that a memo had been distributed to the Supervisors earlier this evening. The procedures for the elections, which include the suggestions made by the Executive Committee, were included in this memo. He said that the Clerk would go over the procedures for the elections in detail. Bretl said that if there was anything in the procedures that the Supervisors would like changed, that could be voted on and changed at this time.

The Clerk said again that the rules for the election are just suggestions and they can be changed if the Supervisors so desire. The Clerk then explained the procedure. Clerk Bushey said that a motion and a second would be required to place a name in nomination for the office of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Chairperson of the Executive Committee. The ballots will be secret ballots. Lots will be drawn to see which Supervisor will speak first after nominations are held. The candidates will be allowed to speak for three minutes. Any other supervisor wishing to speak for that candidate will also speak at that time. A candidate must receive a majority of the votes, which would be 13, to be seated. Kim Bushey and Lee Ann Brunner, Deputy County Clerk, served as ballot clerks.

A motion and a second would also be required to place a name in nomination for the Nominating Committee. Three Supervisors will be elected to the Nominating Committee. The newly elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will automatically be on the Nominating Committee. Each Supervisor will be required to vote for three Supervisors. Each Supervisor will be required to sign the back of the ballot for the Nominating Committee, as this vote is not a secret ballot.

On motion by Supervisor Guido, seconded by Supervisor Weber, the rules of election were approved as amended, with each candidate speaking three minutes and supporters of the candidates speaking two minutes each.

County Clerk Bushey announced that nominations for Chairperson of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors were now open.

On motion by Supervisor Lightfield, seconded by Supervisor Weber, Supervisor Burwell was nominated for County Board Chairperson. On motion by Supervisor Polyock, seconded by Supervisor Felten, Supervisor Lohrmann was nominated for County Board Chairperson. On motion by Supervisor Waelti, seconded by Supervisor Schaefer, Supervisor Morrison was nominated for County Board Chairperson. On motion by Supervisor Lein, seconded by Supervisor Wagie-Troemel, Supervisor Grant was nominated for County Board Chairperson.

The Clerk asked if there were any other nominations three times. Hearing none, on motion by Supervisor Schaefer, seconded by Supervisor Arnold, the nominations were closed. The four candidates for County Board Chairperson each had an opportunity to address the Board. After drawing lots, the candidates spoke in the following order: Supervisors Morrison, Burwell, Lohrmann, Grant.

Ballots were distributed to the Board of Supervisors for all rounds for the office of County Board Chairperson. The first round of ballots was canary (yellow). Supervisor Burwell received six (6) votes, Supervisor Lohrmann received eight (8) votes, Supervisor Morrison received six (6) votes, and Supervisor Grant received five (5) votes.

Supervisor Grant thanked his supporters, applauded the other three candidates, and spoke highly of Ann Lohrmann and her accomplishments. Supervisor Grant withdrew his name as a candidate for Chairperson and a second ballot (blue) was collected. Supervisor Burwell received seven (7) votes, Supervisor Lohrmann received ten (10) votes, and Supervisor Morrison received eight (8) votes.

The Supervisors were asked to vote on the green ballot for a third round. Supervisor Burwell received five (5) votes, Supervisor Lohrmann received eleven (11) votes, and Supervisor Morrison received nine (9) votes. Supervisor Burwell withdrew her name as a candidate for Chairperson and a fourth ballot, pink in color, was cast. Supervisor Lohrmann received thirteen (13) votes and Supervisor Morrison received twelve (12) votes.

Supervisor Lohrmann was declared the elected Chairperson of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors. Chairperson Lohrmann thanked the County Board for their support. She said she would work to complete her campaign promises. Supervisor Morrison said that he wanted to commend Ann Lohrmann and said he would stand with her in her efforts.

Election for Vice-Chairperson was conducted. Chairperson Lohrmann opened nominations for Vice-Chairperson. On motion by Supervisor Schaefer, seconded by Supervisor Parker, Supervisor Felten was nominated for position of Vice-Chairperson. On motion by Supervisor Grant, seconded by Supervisor Ketchpaw, Supervisor Hilbelink was nominated for position of Vice-Chairperson. Chairperson Lohrmann asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, on motion by Supervisor Kuhnke, seconded by Supervisor Ketchpaw, the nominations for Vice-Chairperson were closed. The candidates' names were drawn and Betty Felten spoke first to the Board. The ballots for Vice-Chairperson of the County Board were distributed and collected by Kim Bushey and Lee Ann Brunner. The first round of ballots for Vice-Chairperson were yellow in color. Supervisor Felten received twelve (12) votes, and Supervisor Hilbelink received thirteen (13) votes. Supervisor Larry Hilbelink was declared the elected Vice-Chairperson of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors.

The Board took a five-minute break.

Election for Chairperson of the Executive Committee was conducted pursuant to Section 2-41 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances. The County Board Chairperson and the County Board Vice-Chairperson shall not be eligible to serve as Chairperson of the Executive Committee. Chairperson Lohrmann opened nominations for Chairperson of the Executive Committee. On motion by Supervisor Russell, seconded by Supervisor Hilbelink, Supervisor Ketchpaw was nominated for position of Chairperson of the Executive Committee. On motion by Supervisor Hawkins, seconded by Supervisor Guido, Supervisor Goebel was nominated for position of Chairperson of the Executive Committee. On motion by Supervisor Schaefer, seconded by Supervisor Weber, Supervisor Morrison was nominated for position of Chairperson of the Executive Committee. Chairperson Lohrmann asked three times if there were any other nominations for Chairperson of the Executive Committee. Hearing none, on motion by Supervisor Van Dreser, seconded by Supervisor Lightfield, nominations for Chairperson of the Executive Committee were closed. The candidates spoke before the Board and County Board Supervisors also added their comments. The ballot for round one for Chairperson of the Executive Committee was yellow in color. Supervisor Ketchpaw received nine (9) votes, Supervisor Goebel received eleven (11) votes, and Supervisor Morrison received five (5) votes. Supervisor Morrison withdrew his name as candidate for Chairperson of the Executive Committee and a second ballot, blue in color, was cast. Supervisor Ketchpaw received ten (10)

votes and Supervisor Goebel received fifteen (15) votes. Supervisor Chris Goebel was declared the elected Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

Chairperson Lohrmann opened nominations for the Nominating Committee.

On motion by Supervisor Van Dreser, seconded by Supervisor Arnold, Supervisor Grant was nominated as a member of the Nominating Committee. On motion by Supervisor Hilbelink, seconded by Supervisor Grant, Supervisor Polyock was nominated as a member of the Nominating Committee. On motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Burwell, Supervisor Hawkins was nominated. On motion by Supervisor Ketchpaw, seconded by Supervisor Felten, Supervisor Russell was nominated. On motion by Supervisor Polyock, seconded by Supervisor Parker, Supervisor Kuhnke was nominated. On motion by Supervisor Lightfield, seconded by Supervisor Muzatko, Supervisor Burwell was nominated. On motion by Supervisor Goebel, seconded by Supervisor Felten, Supervisor Guido was nominated. On motion by Supervisor Felten, seconded by Supervisor Russell, Supervisor Parker was nominated. Chairperson Lohrmann asked if there were any other nominations three times. Hearing none, on motion by Supervisor Muzatko, seconded by Supervisor Van Dreser, nominations for Nominating Committee were closed.

Chairperson Lohrmann asked that, due to the number of candidates, the candidates for Nominating Committee not speak at this time.

The balloting results for the members of the Nominating Committee are as follows: Supervisor Grant received ten (10) votes, Supervisor Polyock received twelve (12) votes, Supervisor Hawkins received eight (8) votes, Supervisor Russell received ten (10) votes, Supervisor Burwell received eleven (11) votes, Supervisor Guido received nine (9) votes, Supervisor Parker received four (4) votes, and Supervisor Kuhnke received eleven (11) votes.

The following Supervisors were elected to the Nominating Committee: Polyock, Burwell, and Kuhnke. The Nominating Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room at the Courthouse. All Supervisors and citizens are welcome to attend.

Supervisor Grant thanked the Supervisors for their hard work and cooperation while he was Vice-Chair of the Board and Chair of the Executive Committee.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Goebel, seconded by Supervisor Morrison, the meeting of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Walworth County Board will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.

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 April 20, 2004 meeting.

(These minutes are not final until approved by the County Board at the next regularly scheduled County Board meeting.)