

THE APRIL 18, 2006 SESSION
OF THE
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Lohrmann 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 Chief Judge Michael Gibbs. He congratulated the Supervisors and thanked them for stepping forward in service to Walworth County.

County Board Supervisor Robert Arnold, District #9, delivered the invocation.

The Clerk read the roll call by district with all the Supervisors present except Supervisor Grant. A quorum was established. The roll call by district follows.

COUNTY SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS

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| 1. Town of East Troy – Wards 1,2,3,4,5
Village of East Troy – Wards 5,6,7
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 & 16 | 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 - Excused |
| 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 | Kathleen R. Ingersoll |
| 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 9,10,17,19 | Joseph Schaefer |
| 14. | Town of Geneva – Wards 1,2,4,5,6,7,8
City of Lake Geneva – Wards 11,13,16,18 | 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 | Daniel G. Kilkenny |
| 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
Village of Williams Bay – Ward 4
City of Lake Geneva – Ward 15

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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 | Alan Kupsik |
| 24. Town of Bloomfield – Wards 1,2,3,4,6
City of Lake Geneva – Ward 14 | Randy A. Hawkins |
| 25. Town of Bloomfield – Wards 5 & 7
Village of Genoa City – Wards 1,2,3 | Pauline Parker |

Amendments, Withdrawals, and Approval of Agenda

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

Comment Period by Members of the Public

Pat Sharp, 414 Sandy Lane, Elkhorn, spoke regarding Health & Human Services. Ms. Sharp said that this county spent \$40,000 to hire an attorney to do a fact-finding report of the Health & Human Services Department and the taxpayers are now being told the results would not be made public. Ms. Sharp said that the budget has been cut but so have services which administration said would not happen. Ms. Sharp is asking the new Human Services Board to do a comparison of budget figures from 2004 and 2005 to determine why there was \$1.9 million dollars in excess. Ms. Sharp also asked the Supervisors to keep in mind that they are servants of the taxpayers of Walworth County and that they have a responsibility to the people who elected them to do what is right for this County.

Ken Micheloni, 8457 Hwy 12 West, Elkhorn, spoke regarding Lakeland School and Lakeland Health Care Center. Mr. Micheloni said he would like the new building committee to get in touch with him to discuss his ideas for Lakeland School and Lakeland Nursing Home.

New Business

Resignation of Elected Terms on Standing Committees, if any

Clerk Bushey read the resignations of Supervisor Allen Morrison from the Health & Human Services Board and Supervisor Margaret Downing from the Children with Disabilities Education Board.

Elections

Chairperson Lohrmann relinquished the Chair to the County Clerk Kim Bushey at this time. The Clerk asked David Bretl, County Administrator, to explain the election process that would be followed at the meeting. Bretl said that the procedures as followed in the past were distributed via a memo dated April 12. He also said that if the procedures for elections were not to their liking, the Supervisors could change them.

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 and Vice-Chairperson of the County Board and Chairperson of the Executive Committee. She said that the ballots would be secret ballots and lots would be drawn to see which Supervisor would speak first after nominations are held. The candidates would be allowed to speak for three minutes. Any other Supervisor wishing to speak in support of that candidate will also speak at that time. A candidate must receive a majority of the votes, which would be 13, to be seated. This is a secret ballot as dictated by statute. Assuming that no single candidate receives the requisite number of votes we would then move on to the second round and continue with the rounds of voting until one of the candidates receives 13 votes. Clerk Bushey said that 10 rounds of ballots would be distributed for the seat of County Board Chair. The Clerk said again that the rules for the election are just suggestions and they can be changed if the Supervisors so desire. Clerk Bushey and Lee Ann Brunner, Deputy County Clerk, served as ballot clerks.

Hearing no objection to the procedures for elections, Clerk Bushey announced that nominations for Chairperson of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors were now open.

On motion by Supervisor Schaefer, seconded by Supervisor Russell, Supervisor Ann Lohrmann was nominated for County Board Chairperson.

On motion by Supervisor Morrison, seconded by Supervisor Wagie-Troemel, Supervisor Dorothy Burwell was nominated for County Board Chairperson.

On motion by Supervisor Hawkins, seconded by Supervisor Weber, Supervisor Allan Polyock was nominated for County Board Chairperson.

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

Supervisor Lohrmann spoke first to the Board. Supervisors Downing and Ketchpaw spoke in support of Supervisor Lohrmann as County Board Chairperson.

Supervisor Polyock then addressed the Board and asked for the Supervisors' support. Supervisor Hawkins spoke in support of Allan Polyock for County Board Chairperson.

Supervisor Burwell addressed the Board. Supervisor Morrison spoke in support of Dorothy Burwell for County Board Chairperson.

Ballots were distributed to the Supervisors for 10 rounds of voting for the office of County Board Chairperson. The first round of ballots was canary (yellow) in color. The ballots were collected and the votes read.

Supervisor Lohrmann received 13 votes, Supervisor Polyock received 4 votes, and Supervisor Burwell received 7 votes.

Supervisor Lohrmann was declared the elected Chairperson of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors. Chairperson Lohrmann took the Chair and thanked the County Board for their support.

Chairperson Lohrmann opened nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the County Board. On motion by Supervisor Ketchpaw, seconded by Supervisor Polyock, Supervisor Hilbelink was nominated for position of Vice-Chairperson. On motion by Supervisor Russell, seconded by Supervisor Downing, Supervisor Stacey was nominated for position of Vice-Chairperson. Chair Lohrmann asked three times if there were any other nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Hearing none, on motion by Supervisor Van Dreser, seconded by Supervisor Kupsik, the nominations for Vice-Chairperson were closed. A drawing of lots was conducted and Supervisor Hilbelink spoke first to the Board. Supervisor Stacey then addressed the Board.

The ballots for Vice-Chairperson of the County Board were distributed and collected by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk. The Clerk announced that the first round of ballots for Vice-Chairperson were yellow in color.

Supervisor Hilbelink received 8 votes and Supervisor Stacey received 16 votes.

Supervisor Stacey was declared the elected Vice-Chairperson of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors.

The 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 were not eligible to serve as Chairperson of the Executive Committee. Chairperson Lohrmann opened nominations for Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

On motion by Supervisor Hawkins, seconded by Supervisor Guido, Supervisor Weber was nominated for position of Chairperson of the Executive Committee. On motion by Supervisor Lein, seconded by Supervisor Downing, Supervisor Grant 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 Wagie-Troemel, nominations for Chairperson of the Executive Committee were closed.

Lots were drawn and Supervisor Weber spoke first to the Board. Supervisor Grant was in the hospital and Supervisor Lein read a letter from Supervisor Grant asking for the Board's support as Executive Committee Chair.

The ballot for round one for Chairperson of the Executive Committee was yellow in color. The Deputy Clerk distributed and collected the ballots.

Supervisor Weber received 13 votes and Supervisor Grant received 11 votes. Supervisor Weber was declared the elected Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

The Clerk explained the procedures followed in the past for election of the Nominating Committee. 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 was required to sign the back of the ballot for the Nominating Committee, as this vote is not a secret ballot.

Chairperson Lohrmann opened nominations for the Nominating Committee.

On motion by Supervisor Wagie-Troemel, seconded by Supervisor Morrison, Supervisor Burwell was nominated. On motion by Supervisor Ketchpaw, seconded by Supervisor Weber, Supervisor Downing was nominated. On motion by Supervisor Van Dreser, seconded by Supervisor Guido, Supervisor Polyock was nominated. On motion by Supervisor Stacey, seconded by Supervisor Downing, Supervisor Kuhnke was nominated. On motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Van Dreser, Supervisor Hawkins was nominated. On motion by Supervisor Kupsik, seconded by Supervisor Schaefer, Supervisor Russell was nominated. Chairperson Lohrmann asked three times if there were any other nominations for the Nominating Committee. Hearing none, on motion by Supervisor Stacey, seconded by Supervisor Kupsik, nominations for Nominating Committee were closed.

Chairperson Lohrmann asked if any of the candidates nominated for Nominating Committee wished to speak at this time. There were none.

The Deputy Clerk listed the names of the nominees on the Board. The nominees were Supervisors Burwell, Downing, Polyock, Hawkins, Kuhnke, and Russell.

The balloting results for the members of the Nominating Committee are as follows:

Supervisor Downing received 16 votes, Supervisor Russell received 15 votes, Supervisor Kuhnke received 14 votes, Supervisor Burwell received 12 votes, Supervisor Hawkins received 9 votes, and Supervisor Polyock received 6 votes.

The following Supervisors were elected to the Nominating Committee: Supervisors Downing, Russell, and Kuhnke.

Chairperson Lohrmann announced that the Nominating Committee would meet tomorrow, Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 126 at the Government Center. She said that all Supervisors and citizens are welcome to attend.

Chairperson Lohrmann stated that the next meeting of the Board would be on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and there would be a new seating arrangement.

The Board took a break at 7:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened.

Chair Lohrmann announced that a petition would be circulated on Thursday for a special meeting to be held on April 27th regarding 2007 budget guidance.

Special Order of Business

- Orientation Session for New and Continuing County Board Supervisors

Chair Lohrmann turned the meeting over to Dave Bretl to explain the legal issues regarding County Board Supervisors.

Bretl gave an overview of orientation sessions in the past. Bretl said he invited the Supervisors to call him for advice and he also encouraged them to look for advice from senior members of the Board. Bretl distributed a folder with information for the Supervisors. The folder contained rules of conduct for Supervisors of the County Board. The information was from the Attorney General's website. Bretl explained open meetings law, open records law, and briefly discussed ethics. Bretl answered questions regarding the topics presented.

Chair Lohrmann requested that Clerk Bushey distribute a document comparing the duties of Administrative Coordinator and County Administrator, which was produced in the year 2000. Lohrmann said that the duties of the administrator are statutory therefore by law we need to respect his duties. Lohrmann said that the County Board is the head of the County; however, we as individual Supervisors are not. She said that the Supervisors as a Board work collectively to set the policies and the administrator, as the chief administrative officer, carries out the policies of the County. This is an administrative form of government. The chain of command in the administrative form of government is as follows: the County Administrator answers to the County Board, department heads answer to the Administrator, and department staff answer to the department head. Lohrmann said that if we do not act as a Board we are micromanaging and we are putting the County at risk. Lohrmann said that one way to avoid putting the County at risk is to call the County Administrator to verify that the information put into the newspaper is accurate. Lohrmann also advised, and counsel has recommended that to protect the Board, a disclaimer should be added to the article.

Chairperson Lohrmann explained that the County pays mileage to Supervisors for attending the committee meetings to which they have been appointed and are responsible to attend and also for County Board meetings. She said that mileage is not paid for any other County meetings the Supervisors may choose to attend.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Muzatko, seconded by Supervisor Ketchpaw, the meeting of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Walworth County Board will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2006, 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 18, 2006 meeting.

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