

THE APRIL 15, 2008 SESSION
OF THE
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Russell at 6:02 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Walworth County Government Center, 100 W. Walworth St., Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected County Board Supervisors by the Honorable Chief Judge Michael Gibbs.

County Board Supervisor Jerry Grant, District #4, delivered the invocation.

Roll call was conducted with all Supervisors present. A quorum was established. The new eleven County Board Supervisors and districts are as follows.

COUNTY SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS

District #

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| 1. | Town of East Troy – Wards 1-7
Town of Troy – Ward 1
Village of East Troy – Wards 1-7
Village of Mukwonago – Ward 9 | Rick Stacey |
| 2. | Town of LaFayette – Wards 1-4
Town of Lyons – Wards 1-5
Town of Spring Prairie – Wards 1-4
Town of Troy – Wards 2 & 3
City of Burlington – Ward 17
City of Lake Geneva – Ward 22 | Joe Schaefer |
| 3. | Town of LaGrange – Wards 1-3
Town of Sugar Creek – Wards 1-4
Town of Whitewater – Wards 1 & 3
City of Whitewater – Wards 1,2,12,16,18,19 | F. Mark Bromley |
| 4. | Town of Whitewater – Ward 4
City of Whitewater – Wards 3-8,13,17 | Jerry A. Grant |
| 5. | Town of Darien – Wards 1,2,4-6
Town of Delavan – Wards 4-6
Town of Richmond – Wards 1-3
Town of Whitewater – Ward 2
Village of Darien – 1 & 2 | Claudia J. Holst |

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| 6. Town of Sugar Creek – Ward 5
City of Elkhorn – Wards 1-16 | Kathy Ingersoll |
| 7. Town of Delavan – Wards 1 & 2
Town of Geneva – Wards 1-8
Town of Linn – Wards 3 & 5
Village of Williams Bay – Wards 1-4
City of Elkhorn – Wards 17 & 18
City of Lake Geneva – Ward 23 | David A. Weber |
| 8. Town of Darien – Ward 3
Town of Delavan – Ward 3
City of Delavan – Wards 1-11 | Daniel G. Kilkenny |
| 9. Town of Sharon – Ward 1
Town of Walworth – Wards 1-4
Village of Fontana – Wards 1-4
Village of Sharon – Wards 1 & 2
Village of Walworth – Wards 1-3 | Jim Van Dreser |
| 10. Town of Bloomfield – Wards 1-3,5-7
Town of Linn – Wards 1 & 2
Village of Genoa City – Wards 1-3 | Randy A. Hawkins |
| 11. Town of Bloomfield – Ward 4
Town of Linn – Ward 4
Town of Lyons – Ward 6
City of Lake Geneva – Wards 1-21 | Nancy Russell |

Amendments, Withdrawals, and Approval of Agenda

On motion by Supervisor Stacey, seconded by Supervisor Weber, the agenda was approved.

Comment Period by Members of the Public Concerning Items on the Agenda

There were none.

New Business

Resignation of Elected Terms on Standing Committees, if any

Clerk Bushey said that the County Clerk’s office had received two resignations from committees with terms, one from Supervisor Dan Kilkenny and one from Supervisor Jerry Grant. They were both submitting them as a courtesy in the event they would be assigned to conflicting committees but they hoped to continue on those committees. She said that at this point no further action on resignations would be required until the committees were created.

Elections

Chair Russell relinquished the Chair to David Bretl, County Administrator, at this time. Bretl explained the election process that would be followed at the meeting. Bretl said that there are three offices that the Board elects, the County Board Chair, the Vice-Chair, and the Chairperson of the Executive Committee. At this time he opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

On motion by Supervisor Ingersoll, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, Nancy Russell was nominated as County Board Chair. On motion by Supervisor Van Dreser, seconded by Supervisor Weber, nominations were closed. Bretl said that at this point the Board could proceed with a secret ballot or they could cast a unanimous voice vote. A motion was offered by Supervisor Kilkenny, seconded by Supervisor Hawkins, to suspend the rules to allow a voice vote to elect Nancy Russell as County Board Chair. Supervisor Russell was elected as County Board Chair by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Russell resumed the chair and opened the floor for nominations for County Board Vice-Chair. On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, seconded by Supervisor Hawkins, Jerry Grant was nominated as Vice-Chair. On motion by Supervisor Van Dreser, seconded by Supervisor Weber, nominations were closed. On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, seconded by Supervisor Bromley, the rules were suspended to allow a voice vote to elect Supervisor Jerry Grant as Vice-Chair. Supervisor Grant was elected Vice-Chair by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Russell opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson of the Executive Committee. On motion by Supervisor Hawkins, seconded by Supervisor Kilkenny, David Weber was nominated as Chair of the Executive Committee. On motion by Supervisor Van Dreser, seconded by Supervisor Grant, nominations were closed. On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, the rules were suspended to allow a voice vote to elect Supervisor David Weber as Executive Committee Chair. Supervisor Weber was elected Chair of the Executive Committee by unanimous voice vote.

Special Order of Business

- Orientation Session for New and Continuing County Board Supervisors

Dave Bretl welcomed the retired Board members who came back to observe the meeting. He said he would outline areas of training and the supervisors could utilize as much training as they felt necessary to make them comfortable in their jobs.

He discussed the issue of quorum first. One of the challenges of a smaller board is complying with Wisconsin open meetings' laws. Whenever a quorum is present that would constitute a meeting. He said he just wanted to make the Supervisors aware that they have to be very cognizant of the quorum issue. He also talked about emailing which could create a problem with violating the open meetings law. One email forwarded to a number of supervisors can constitute a quorum as well. Bretl said that emails should be copied to the County Clerk at

cityboard@co.walworth.wi.us. These emails are transferred to a public file and this then would constitute an open record.

Bretl said that our approach for orientation would be to offer a number of different opportunities for training. The Local Government Center of U.W. Extension is offering workshops on a variety of topics including open meetings law, etc. There is also a class through the Wisconsin Counties Association on open meetings laws but it is in Stevens Point and would be paid for by each Supervisor. There may be other opportunities closer to our County, including the Local Government Center.

Bretl said that other opportunities for training which the County will be presenting would be through the County Leadership Academy. Three different classes will be offered. The first will be on Wisconsin Open Meetings Law and Wisconsin Public Records Law and Code of Ethics for Local Government Officials regarding conflicts of interest. This session will be held on May 7, 2008. Bretl said that a brochure would be sent to Supervisors and the class will be free. In addition, on May 13, 2008 two classes will be offered: "Becoming a Title 2 Guru" to understand the Board's own Chapter 2, Rules of Procedures, and a class for committee chairpersons to understand how the agendas are prepared, how the packets are put together, and some tips from County Board members on how to keep the committee meetings going, etc. Finally, as part of the orientation process, there will be a County facilities tour that Public Works will be offering.

Bretl said that if there are questions anyone has about ethics or any other questions, feel free to contact him to get an opinion from his office.

Chair Russell announced that the Nominating Committee would be meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 111 at the Government Center. She said that all Supervisors and citizens are welcome to attend.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, the meeting of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Walworth County Board will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008, 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 15, 2008 meeting.

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