

THE APRIL 20, 2010 SESSION  
OF THE  
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors meeting 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.

Chair Russell introduced County Clerk Kim Bushey. Clerk Bushey outlined the process of administering the written and oral Oath of Office to the Supervisors.

The Honorable Judge James Carlson welcomed the newly elected Board of Supervisors. He said it is required by law to begin their terms with an oral oath of office. The Oath of Office was administered by Judge James Carlson at this time.

Judge Carlson delivered the invocation. Administrator Bretl thanked Judge Carlson for joining the Board tonight in a tradition which goes back to 1838 with the first Walworth County Board.

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<br>Town of Troy – Ward 1<br>Village of East Troy – Wards 1-7<br>Village of Mukwonago – Ward 9   | Rick Stacey   |
| 2. Town of LaFayette – Wards 1-4<br>Town of Lyons – Wards 1-5<br>Town of Spring Prairie – Wards 1-4<br>Town of Troy – Wards 2 & 3<br>City of Burlington – Ward 17<br>City of Lake Geneva – Wards 22 & 25 | Joe Schaefer  |
| 3. Town of LaGrange – Wards 1-3<br>Town of Sugar Creek – Wards 1-4<br>Town of Whitewater – Wards 1 & 3<br>City of Whitewater – Wards 1,2,12,16,18,19   | Russ Wardle   |
| 4. Town of Whitewater – Ward 4<br>City of Whitewater – Wards 3-8,13,17   | Jerry A Grant |
| 5. Town of Darien – Wards 1,2,4-6<br>Town of Delavan – Wards 4-6   | Carl Redenius |

Town of Richmond – Wards 1-3  
Town of Whitewater – Ward 2  
Village of Darien – Wards 1 & 2  
City of Delavan – Wards 12 & 13

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| 6.  | Town of Delavan – Ward 7<br>Town of Sugar Creek – Ward 5<br>City of Elkhorn – Wards 1-16  | Kathy Ingersoll    |
| 7.  | Town of Delavan – Wards 1 & 2<br>Town of Geneva – Wards 1-8<br>Town of Linn – Wards 3 & 5<br>Village of Williams Bay – Wards 1-4<br>City of Elkhorn – Wards 17 & 18<br>City of Lake Geneva – Wards 23,24,26 | David A. Weber     |
| 8.  | Town of Darien – Ward 3<br>Town of Delavan – Ward 3<br>City of Delavan – Wards 1-11   | Daniel G. Kilkenny |
| 9.  | Town of Sharon – Ward 1<br>Town of Walworth – Wards 1-4<br>Village of Fontana – Wards 1-4<br>Village of Sharon – Wards 1 & 2<br>Village of Walworth – Wards 1-3   | Richard Brandl     |
| 10. | Town of Bloomfield – Wards 1-3,5-7<br>Town of Linn – Wards 1 & 2<br>Village of Fontana – Ward 5<br>Village of Genoa City – Wards 1-3  | Randy A. Hawkins   |
| 11. | Town of Bloomfield – Ward 4<br>Town of Linn – Ward 4<br>Town of Lyons – Ward 6<br>City of Lake Geneva – Wards 1-21  | Nancy Russell      |

**Amendments, Withdrawals, and Approval of Agenda**

On motion by Supervisor Hawkins, seconded by Supervisor Schaefer, 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 not received any resignations from committees with elected terms.

## **Elections**

Chair Russell relinquished the Chair to David Bretl, County Administrator, so as not to influence the election process. 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. He said that Clerk Bushey would go through the process as followed in the past but changes can be made if the Board so chooses.

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 as directed by statute. Lots would be drawn to see which Supervisor would speak first after nominations are held. Following the nominations, 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 6, to be seated. 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 6 votes. Clerk Bushey said that 5 rounds of ballots would be distributed for the seat of County Board Chairperson. The Clerk said again that the rules for the election are just suggestions and they can be changed if the Supervisors so desire. Susi Pike, Deputy County Clerk, served as ballot clerk. The first round of ballots were canary (yellow) in color.

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

On motion by Supervisor Grant, seconded by Supervisor Weber, Supervisor Russell was nominated for County Board Chairperson. The Clerk asked if there were any other nominations three times. Hearing none, on motion by Supervisor Grant, seconded by Supervisor Weber, the nominations were closed. A motion was offered by Supervisor Kilkenny, seconded by Supervisor Weber, to suspend the rules and unanimously elect Nancy Russell as County Board Chair. A voice vote was taken and no "Noes" were heard. Nancy Russell was unanimously elected Walworth County Board Chairperson. Chair Russell said she would like to thank everyone for their support and she wanted the Supervisors to know that she would always be available for them to listen to their comments, questions or concerns.

Clerk Bushey opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. On motion by Supervisor Hawkins, seconded by Carl Redenius, Supervisor Dan Kilkenny was nominated for Vice-Chairperson. On motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Ingersoll, Supervisor Jerry Grant was nominated for Vice-Chairperson. Clerk Bushey asked three times if there were any other nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Hearing none, on motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Ingersoll, the nominations were closed for Vice-Chairperson. Ballots

were distributed for round one for Vice-Chairperson. Lots were drawn and Supervisor Grant was chosen to speak first.

Supervisor Jerry Grant then addressed the Board and asked for the Supervisors' support for Vice-Chairperson.

Supervisor Dan Kilkenny then addressed the Board and asked for the Supervisors' support for Vice-Chairperson.

The first round of ballots for Vice-Chairperson was canary (yellow) in color. Deputy County Clerk Pike collected the ballots.

The votes were read and recorded. Supervisor Grant received five (5) votes, Supervisor Kilkenny received six (6) votes. Supervisor Kilkenny was elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Walworth County Board.

Clerk Bushey opened the floor for nominations for Executive Committee Chairperson. On motion by Supervisor Ingersoll, seconded by Supervisor Grant, Supervisor David Weber was nominated for Executive Committee Chairperson. Clerk Bushey asked three times if there were any other nominations for Executive Committee Chairperson. Hearing none, on motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, nominations were closed. On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, seconded by Supervisor Grant, the rules were suspended and Supervisor Weber was elected as Chairperson of the Executive Committee by unanimous consent. Supervisor Weber said it has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the Board as well as the Chair of the Executive Committee for two terms. He said we have dealt with some difficult problems and done so in a quality manner. He said we have been very fortunate to have quality people on the committee.

Clerk Bushey said that with the election of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Executive Committee Chair, the Supervisors had by their own rules, selected the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will make recommendations for committee selections. The Nominating Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2010, in the County Board Room, 114, at the Government Center. She said that all Supervisors and citizens are welcome to attend.

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

### **Executive Committee**

1. Ordinance No. 604-04/10 – Repealing and Recreating Sections 2-41 and 2-144 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Committee Assignments and Meeting Times-*Vote required: Two-Thirds* (Recommended by the Executive committee 5-0)

Chair Russell said that there was a change in a part of the Title II ordinance late last year and it was determined that it was not the best idea, so we are recommending repealing it to go back to

the original design of the committee structure and meeting times. The way that the Supervisors filled out their committee preference form is in the same design of this proposed ordinance.

A motion was offered by Supervisor Stacey, seconded by Supervisor Hawkins, to approve Ordinance No. 604-04/10. A roll call vote was taken. Total vote: 11; Ayes: 11 – Richard Brandl, Jerry A Grant, Randy A. Hawkins, Kathy Ingersoll, Vice-Chair Daniel G. Kilkenny, Carl Redenius, Joe Schaefer, Rick Stacey; Russ Wardle; David A. Weber, Chair Nancy Russell; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. **Ordinance No. 604-04/10** was approved.

**Comment Period by Members of the Public Concerning Items Not on the Agenda**

There were none.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Grant, the meeting of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 6: 30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Walworth County Board will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2010, 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, 2010 meeting.