



Board of Supervisors

WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014 AT 11:30 A.M.

County Board Room
Walworth County Government Center
100 W. WALWORTH STREET
ELKHORN, WI
Nancy Russell – Chair
Jerry A. Grant – Vice-Chair

A G E N D A

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Withdrawals from Agenda, if any

Approval of the Agenda

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

Health & Human Services Board

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the county's future involvement in licensing and inspection of certain establishments including, but not limited to, restaurants, hotels, grocery stores, commercial kitchens, etc. under the state agent program

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

Chairperson's Report

Adjournment

Kimberly S. Bushey Walworth County Clerk

*Supervisors and Committees: Please submit titles for the Thursday, April 17, 2014 agenda on or before Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

**Reminder: There is a County Board meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, where County Board Supervisors will be sworn in and leadership elected.

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Elkhorn, WI 53115

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Sincerely,



A Walworth County Taxpayer/Business owner.

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Nancy Russell
County Board Chair

Jerry Grant
County Board Vice Chair

February 7, 2014

Walworth County Board of Supervisors

Re: Health Inspections

Dear Supervisors:

As you are probably aware by now, the Health and Human Services Board has been investigating the potential of taking over certain health inspections from the State of Wisconsin. This discussion has been going on for some time and will be the subject of a public input session on March 19 at 1:15 PM.

Please refer this letter to the Health and Human Services Board. As chairman of the HHS Board, I am encouraging my board to forward a recommendation to the county board after the input session is closed.

Given the amount of time and effort that we have all put into the issue, I feel it is important that we make a final decision in this matter this term. I think it will cause further delay and will be unfair to new county board supervisors to require them to make a decision on this important issue without the benefit of months of study.

While I fully anticipate that the HHS Board will report on this matter to the county board, in the event that it does not, I want to be clear, in advance, that I will be making a motion to call the item before a special meeting of the county board under section 2-65 of the Code of Ordinances.

My intention is to circulate a petition for a special county board meeting to be held on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 11:30 AM.

Very truly yours,

Jerry S. Grant
District 4 County Board Supervisor

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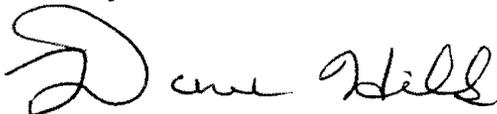
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Stephanie Mikrut

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1456 MILL ST
LYONS WI 53148

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Dele Harman

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