

**FEBRUARY 14, 2023**  
**WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Stacey at 3:30 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Walworth County Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Roll call was conducted and the following Supervisors were present, either in person or remotely: Chair Rick Stacey; Vice-Chair Ryan Simons; Brian Holt, Kathy Ingersoll, Dennis G. Karbowski, Joanne Laufenberg, Kenneth H. Monroe, Susan M. Pruessing, Sheila T. Reiff, Joseph H. Schaefer, and Al Stanek. A quorum was established.

Ryan Simons, Walworth County Board Supervisor, District #5, delivered the invocation.

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

On motion by Vice-Chair Simons, second by Supervisor Reiff, the agenda was approved by voice vote with no withdrawals.

**Approval of the Minutes**

On motion by Supervisor Pruessing, second by Supervisor Holt, the minutes for the January 10, 2023 County Board Meeting were approved by voice vote.

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

Merilee Holst of Fontana, WI addressed the Board relative to Finance Committee, Item #5, Res. No. 109-02/23 – Authorizing Naming the White River Park Trail Network the Nancy Russell Trail Network and encouraged the Supervisors to vote in favor of renaming the trail network after former County Board Chair Nancy Russell.

**Appointments/Elections**

1. Health and Human Services Board

- Ryan Simons – Three-year term to begin upon County Board Confirmation and end on January 2, 2026 (Recommended by the Executive Committee 5-0)

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Schaefer, the appointment to the Health and Human Services Board was approved by voice vote.

**Communications and Matters to Be Referred**

Chair Stacey announced that unless there was a request for an individual communication to be discussed, the Clerk would dispense with the reading of each title and the Chair would direct that all communications be referred or placed on file as indicated on the agenda.

1. Claims Received After Agenda Mailing
2. Claims: a) None.
3. Report of the County Clerk Regarding Communications Received by the Board and Recommended to be Placed on File
  - Green County Resolution No. 1-1-23 – Requesting State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula (To be placed on file)
  - Sheboygan County Resolution No. 22(2022/2023) – Requesting the State of Wisconsin Review and Revise the Compensation Rates for Entry Level and Experienced Assistant District Attorneys (To be placed on file)
  - Shawano County Resolution No. 3-23 – To Request the State of Wisconsin to Review and Revise the Entry Level Compensation Rate for Assistant District Attorneys (To be placed on file)
4. Report of the County Clerk Regarding Communications Received by the Board After Agenda Mailing
  - Correspondence from Rick Stacey, County Board Chair, regarding Strategic Planning. (To be placed on file)

5. Report of the County Clerk Regarding Zoning Petitions (To be referred to the County Zoning Agency)
  - North by Northwest Storage, LLC – C/O John Berget – Delavan Township. Rezone approximately 9.64 acres of A-4 Agricultural Related Manufacturing, Warehousing and Marketing District Property to the B-4 Highway Business District
  - Therese Ann Fritz Trust C/O Mary Peterson, Trustee – Walworth Township. Rezone 2.019 acres (1.723 exclusive of ROW) from the A-1 Prime Agricultural District to the A-5 Agricultural-Rural Residential District
  - Tyler Mill – Owner – LaGrange Township. Rezone approximately 9.937 acres of C-2 Upland Resource Conservation District to the A-2 Agricultural District

### **Unfinished Business**

There was none.

### **New Business**

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

#### **County Zoning Agency Report of Proposed Zoning Amendments**

1. Catherine Duesterbeck – Owner, Benjamin Johnson – Applicant, Section 29, Sugar Creek Township. Rezone approximately 2.32 acres of A-1 to A-4 – Approved 7-0 (January 19, 2023 County Zoning Agency Public Hearing)
2. Charles, Donald and David Weeks – Owners, Wisconsin Power and Light Company – Applicant, Section 29, Sharon Township. Rezone approximately 10 acres of A-1 to P-1 – Approved 7-0 (January 19, 2023 County Zoning Agency Public Hearing)
3. Rita M. Yadon Trust C/O Mark and Rita Yadon – Owner, Section 7, Delavan Township. Rezone approximately .81 acres of A-1 to A-4 – Approved 7-0 (January 19, 2023 County Zoning Agency Public Hearing)
4. Sharon G. Bauman – Owner, Section 31, Linn Township. Rezone approximately 1.8 acres of A-1 to A-5 – Approved 7-0 (January 19, 2023 County Zoning Agency Public Hearing)

Supervisor Karbowski offered a motion, second by Supervisor Reiff, to take Item #1 separately and to approve Items #2, #3, and #4. Items #2 thru #4 of the County Zoning Agency Report of Proposed Zoning Amendments were approved as recommended by the County Zoning Agency by voice vote.

Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Vice-Chair Simons, to approve Item #1. Supervisor Karbowski expressed his concerns relative to the existing Conditional Use Permit, the request for additional parking, and the number of events being held on the property. Discussion then focused on the Conditional Use Permit and how it is being enforced by the Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Department relative to violations; the number of farm related micro brewing events allowed on the property; the desire to permit 386 parking spaces allowing six additional parking spaces for the 380 patron occupancy level to eliminate parking on the road; concerns of setting precedence for future farm related zoning and permitting requests throughout Walworth County; and the desire to see local businesses succeed. Cotter stated the applicant is scheduled to meet with LURM in March and noted there have been no tickets or violation notices issued as of today's meeting. Item #1 of the County Zoning Agency Report of Proposed Zoning Amendments was approved as recommended by the County Zoning Agency by voice vote. Supervisor Karbowski requested his vote be recorded as "No".

### **Finance Committee**

1. Ord. No. 1305-02/23 – Amending Sections of Chapter 15 and 30 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to the Employee Recognition Program – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Human Resources Committee 5-0 and the Finance Committee 5-0)
2. Res. No. 106-02/23 – Authorizing the Funding for the Revision to the Employee Recognition Program – *Vote Required: Two-thirds* (Recommended by the Human Resources Committee 5-0 and the Finance Committee 5-0)
3. Res. No. 107-02/23 – Accepting the Governor's Veteran Investment Initiative – CVSO Supplement Grant and Establishing a Budget – *Vote Required: Two-thirds* (Recommended by the Finance Committee 5-0)

4. Res. No. 108-02/23 – Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Grant Funding for One Public Safety Answering Point per County and Adjusting Sheriff’s Office and Recovery Grants Budgets for the Change in Funding Sources – *Vote Required: Two-thirds* (Recommended by the Executive Committee 5-0 and the Finance Committee 5-0)
5. Res. No. 109-02/23 – Authorizing Naming the White River Park Trail Network the Nancy Russell Trail Network – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Park Committee 5-0 and the Finance Committee 5-0)
6. Res. No. 110-02/23 – Authorizing the Closure of CTH B Drainage Project at Zenda Road and Transferring Remaining Funds to the Road and Bridge Construction Committed Fund Balance – *Vote Required: Two-thirds* (Recommended by the Public Works Committee 5-0 and the Finance Committee 5-0)

On motion by Supervisor Reiff, second by Supervisor Karbowski, Item #1, **Ord. No. 1305-02/23**, was approved by voice vote.

Vice-Chair Simons offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to approve, Item #2, Res. No. 106-02/23. A roll call vote was conducted with Chair Stacey granting approval for Supervisor Ingersoll to provide a voice vote. Total votes: 11; Ayes: 11 – Supervisors Holt, Karbowski, Laufenberg, Monroe, Pruessing, Reiff, Schaefer, Simons, Stacey, Stanek via electronic vote and Ingersoll by voice vote; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. **Res. No. 106-02/23** was approved by roll call vote.

Supervisor Monroe offered a motion, second by Supervisor Stanek, to approve, Item #3, Res. No. 107-02/23. Veterans Service Officer Nathan Bond noted there were no policy impacts and that the money would be welcomed. A roll call vote was conducted with Chair Stacey’s approval for Supervisor Ingersoll to provide a voice vote. Total votes: 11; Ayes: 11 – Supervisors Holt, Karbowski, Laufenberg, Monroe, Pruessing, Reiff, Schaefer, Simons, Stacey, Stanek via electronic vote and Ingersoll by voice vote; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. **Res. No. 107-02/23** was approved by roll call vote.

County Administrator Mark W. Luberda announced the State of Wisconsin has confirmed that the original grant award amount of \$213,965, as presented to the Executive and Finance Committees, has increased to \$227,540.32. There is no need to amend the resolution, as the extra funds can be accepted and addressed administratively. Supervisor Reiff offered a motion, second by Supervisor Karbowski, to approve, Item #4, Res. No. 108-02/23. A roll call vote was conducted with Chair Stacey’s approval for Supervisor Ingersoll to provide a voice vote. Total votes: 11; Ayes: 11 – Supervisors Holt, Karbowski, Laufenberg, Monroe, Pruessing, Reiff, Schaefer, Simons, Stacey, Stanek via electronic vote and Ingersoll by voice vote; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. **Res. No. 108-02/23** was approved by roll call vote.

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Schaefer, Item #5, **Res. No. 109-02/23**, was approved by voice vote.

Supervisor Monroe offered a motion, second by Supervisor Reiff, to approve, Item #6, Res. No. 110-02/23. A roll call vote was conducted with Chair Stacey’s approval for Supervisor Ingersoll to provide a voice vote. Total votes: 11; Ayes: 11 – Supervisors Holt, Karbowski, Laufenberg, Monroe, Pruessing, Reiff, Schaefer, Simons, Stacey, Stanek via electronic vote and Ingersoll by voice vote; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. **Res. No. 110-02/23** was approved by roll call vote.

### **Human Resources Committee**

1. Ord. No. 1301-02/23 – Amending Section 15-359 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to Special Pay Premiums-Facilities Lead Worker Differential – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Human Resources Committee 5-0)
2. Ord. No. 1302-02/23 – Amending Section 15-359 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to Special Pay Premiums-Substitute Aide and Substitute Teacher Pay – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Children with Disabilities Education Board 5-0 and the Human Resources Committee 5-0)
3. Ord. No. 1303-02/23 – Amending Sections 15-359 and 15-1045 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to Pay for Onsite Orientation for Certain CDEB Employees – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Children with Disabilities Education Board 5-0 and the Human Resources Committee 5-0)
4. Ord. No. 1304-02/23 – Amending Section 15-584 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to Reimbursement of Educational Expenses – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Human Resources Committee 5-0)

