

**APRIL 20, 2021**  
**WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING**

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chair Russell 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: Vice-Chair Jerry A. Grant, Brian Holt, Kathy Ingersoll, Daniel G. Kilkenny, Kenneth H. Monroe, Susan M. Pruessing, Joseph H. Schaefer, Ryan G. Simons, Rick Stacey, David A. Weber and Chair Nancy Russell. A quorum was established.

Susan Pruessing, Walworth County Board Supervisor, District #9, delivered the invocation.

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

On motion by Supervisor Weber, second by Supervisor Grant, the agenda was approved by voice vote with no withdrawals.

**Approval of the Minutes**

On motion by Supervisor Grant, second by Supervisor Ingersoll, the March 9, 2021 County Board Meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.

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

There was none.

**Special Order of Business**

- 2021 Conservation Award Winner – Outstanding Employee –  
Senior Urban Conservation Technician Fay Amerson

Chair Russell presented Senior Urban Conservation Technician Fay Amerson with the Wisconsin Land and Water – 2021 Conservation Award in recognition of her significant contributions to land and water conservation through her leadership, effectiveness, and commitment.

Amerson stated she is humbled to receive the award from the State of Wisconsin and thanked her peers and the public who helped make this possible.

**Appointments/Elections**

1. Local Emergency Planning Committee
  - Melvin Rhodes – Term to begin upon County Board confirmation and renew annually on September 30<sup>th</sup> (Recommended by the Executive Committee 5-0)

On motion by Supervisor Weber, second by Supervisor Grant, the appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Committee was approved by voice vote.

## **Communications and Matters to Be Referred**

Chair Russell 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) Joseph Dorsey – Property Damage; b) Jame Stine – Complaint – Case No. 20-C-1643 (To be referred to the Executive Committee)
3. Wood County Resolution No. 21-3-7 – Reaffirming Wood County’s commitment to taking action to reduce its contribution to climate change (To be placed on file)
4. Report of the County Clerk Regarding Communications Received by the Board and Recommended to be Placed on File
  - There were none.
5. Report of the County Clerk Regarding Communications Received by the Board After Agenda Mailing
  - Wood County Resolution No. 20-12-10 – Placing a referendum question relative to Clean Water on the Wood County April 2021 ballot (To be placed on file)
  - Portage County Resolution No. 76-2020-2022 – Conducting a Countywide Advisory Referendum on Clean Water Now For Wisconsin (To be placed on file)
  - Correspondence from Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) regarding 2021 WCA Annual Business Meeting Resolutions – Deadline for Submission: 4:30 p.m. on June 28, 2021 (To be referred to the Executive Committee)
6. Report of the County Clerk Regarding Zoning Petitions (To be referred to the County Zoning Agency)
  - Adam and Jennifer Friemoth – Owners, Randy Johnson, Johnson Sand & Gravel, Inc. – Applicant, LaFayette Township. Rezone approximately 32.94 acres of A-1 Prime Agricultural land to the M-3 Mineral Extraction District
  - Christopher D. and Anna G. Meisner – Owners, Robert Herrman – Applicant, Delavan Township. Rezone 16.7 acres of A-5 Agricultural-Rural Residential District zoned property to the A-1NC Prime Agricultural Land Holding District

## **Unfinished Business**

1. COVID-19 Response, Update, and State & Federal Actions

County Administrator Mark W. Luberda stated he continues to prepare the Friday Report and Update per the Supervisors request and reported the following:

- Walworth County and the rest of the United States continue to wait for guidance from the Treasury Department, as to how funding from the American Rescue Plan Act can be utilized.
- The most recent Report and Update contains information relative to vaccine levels and efforts.

2. Human Resources Training Videos

Luberda referred to and briefly explained his memorandum found on Page 42 of the packet.

## **New Business**

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

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

1. There were NO Ordinance Amendments or Rezones considered or approved at the March 18, 2021 County Zoning Agency Meeting.

### **Executive Committee**

1. Approval of 2021-2022 County Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Finance Committee 5-0 and the Executive Committee 5-0)
2. Ord. No. 1237-04/21 – Amending Article II – County Board of Supervisors of Chapter 2 – Administration of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to the Operation of the County Board of Supervisors and its Committees – *Vote Required: Two-thirds* (Recommended by the Executive Committee 5-0)

On motion by Supervisor Weber, second by Supervisor Schaefer, Item #1, **Approval of the 2021-2022 County Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule** was approved by voice vote.

Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Grant, to approve, Item #2, Ord. No. 1237-04/21 by unanimous consent. **Ord. No. 1237-04/21** was approved by unanimous consent.

### **Finance Committee**

1. Res. No. 02-04/21 – Authorizing the Public Works 2001 Liebherr Excavator to be Declared Surplus and Authorizing Staff to Dispose of the Asset – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Public Works Committee 4-0 and Finance Committee 4-0)
2. Res. No. 03-04/21 – Accepting U.S. Department of Treasury State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery American Rescue Plan Funds Allocation – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Finance Committee 4-0)
3. Res. No. 06-04/21 – Requesting Elimination of the Current 0% Allowable Levy Increase Beyond the Change in the Equalized Value Due to Net New Construction – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Executive Committee 4-1 and the Finance Committee 3-1)

On motion by Supervisor Weber, second by Supervisor Grant, Item #1, **Res. No. 02-04/21**; Item #2, **Res. No. 03-04/21**; and Item #3, **Res. No. 06-04/21** were approved by voice vote.

### **Human Resources Committee**

1. Ord. No. 1236-04/21 – Continuing Limited-Term, Human Resources-Related Special Authority to Enable Continued Response to and Management of Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic by Extending Certain Authorization as Previously Approved within the 2020 Resolution for a Declaration of Emergency and Ordinances 1215-06/20, 1224-09/20, and 1230-12/20 – *Vote Required: Two-thirds* (Recommended by the Health and Human Services Board 8-0, Human Resources Committee 5-0, and the Finance Committee 4-0)
2. Res. No. 01-04/21 – Revising 2021 Pay Ranges for Certain Casual Employees at the Sheriff's Office – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Human Resources Committee 5-0)

Supervisor Grant offered a motion, second by Supervisor Weber, to approve, Item #1, Ord. No. 1236-04/21. On motion by Supervisor Grant, second by Supervisor Weber, **Ord. No. 1236-04/21** was approved by unanimous consent.

On motion by Supervisor Monroe, second by Supervisor Ingersoll, Item #2, **Res. No. 01-04/21** was approved by voice vote.

### **Land Conservation Committee**

1. Res. No. 04-04/21 – Authorizing an Application for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Large-Scale Agricultural Targeted Runoff Management Grant – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Land Conservation Committee 4-0)

