

**AUGUST 8, 2023**  
**WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Stacey at 5:02 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: Chair Rick Stacey; Vice-Chair Ryan Simons; Supervisors Brian Holt, Kathy Ingersoll, Dennis G. Karbowski, Joanne Laufenberg, Kenneth H. Monroe, Susan Pruessing, Sheila T. Reiff, Joseph H. Schaefer (Remote), and Al Stanek. A quorum was established.

**Others in attendance:**

Walworth County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Corporation Counsel/Director-Land Use and Resource Management Michael Cotter; and Benefits Manager Josh Pollock.

Joanne Laufenberg, Walworth County Board Supervisor, District #7, delivered the invocation.

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

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

**Approval of the Minutes**

On motion by Supervisor Karbowski, second by Supervisor Ingersoll, the July 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole and the July 11, 2023 County Board Meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.

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

There was none.

**Appointments/Elections**

1. Walworth County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
  - Selena Proksa – Upon County Board confirmation, Selena Proksa would be appointed to serve the remainder of a five-year term to end on July 31, 2025 (Recommended by the Executive Committee 5-0)

On motion by Vice-Chair Simons, second by Supervisor Reiff, the appointment to the Walworth County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners 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) Vehicle Damage – Alec Buccanero (To be referred to the Executive Committee)
3. Correspondence from the Wisconsin Historical Society regarding State and National Register of Historic Places Nomination – Henry D.L. and Jennie Adkins House at 24 North Church Street, Elkhorn, Walworth County, WI (To be placed on file)
4. Correspondence from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) regarding the Calendar Year 2024 Budget (To be referred to the Finance Committee)
5. Report of the County Clerk Regarding Communications Received by the Board and Recommended to be Placed on File
  - None

6. Report of the County Clerk Regarding Communications Received by the Board After Agenda Mailing
  - CLAIM – Vehicle Damage – Craig Gengler (To be referred to the Executive Committee)
  - Town of Bloomfield Ord. No. 2023-O-5T – Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Bloomfield –MA475500001 (To be referred to the County Zoning Agency)
  - Correspondence from Wisconsin Counties Association – 2023-2024 Wisconsin Counties Officials Directory (To be placed on file)
7. Report of the County Clerk Regarding Zoning Petitions (To be referred to the County Zoning Agency)
  - Teronomy Ventures, LLC, Lafayette Township. Rezone approximately 7.1 acres of A-1 Prime Agricultural District to B-4 Highway Business District
  - Craig Treder, LaGrange Township. Rezone approximately 2 acres of A-5 Rural Residential District to C-2 Upland Resource Conservation District

### **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

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

1. Beber Camp Property Inc. C/O Harrell Wittenstein – Owner, Section 4, East Troy Township. Rezone approximately 1.2 acres of R-1 to C-2 – Approved 5-0 (July 20, 2023 County Zoning Agency Public Hearing)
2. Alex Martzke – Owner, Sections 11 & 14, Lyons Township. Rezone approximately 1.56 acres of C-3 to B-2, 0.8 acres of C-3 to C-2, and 6.72 acres of B-2 to C-2 – Approved 5-0 (July 20, 2023 County Zoning Agency Public Hearing)
3. Paul & Patricia Beran and L&DP Investments LLC C/O Lance Petrusek – Owners, Section 13, Whitewater Township. Rezone approximately 4.9 acres of P-1 to C-2, 0.123 acres of A-1 to C-2, 3.02 acres of P-1 to C-1, 5.2 acres of P-1 to C-2, and 2.75 acres of P-1 to C-1 – Approved 5-0 (July 20, 2023 County Zoning Agency Public Hearing)
4. James Alexander Trust C/O James Alexander – Owner, Section 13, Lyons Township. Rezone approximately 19.6 acres of C-3 to C-2 and 2.6 acres of M-3 to C-2 – Approved 5-0 (July 20, 2023 County Zoning Agency Public Hearing)
5. Geneva Territory Inc. C/O William Bensheimer – Owner, Section 29, Lyons Township. Rezone approximately 16.6 acres of C-1 to P-1 – Approved 5-0 (July 20, 2023 County Zoning Agency Public Hearing)

On motion by Vice-Chair Simons, second by Supervisor Karbowski, Items #1 thru #5 of the County Zoning Agency Report of Proposed Zoning Amendments were approved as recommended by the County Zoning Agency by voice vote.

#### **Executive Committee**

1. Res. No. 33-08/23 – Approving the Claim of Grant Anliker – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Executive Committee 5-0)

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Vice-Chair Simons, Item #1, **Res. No. 33-08/23** was approved by voice vote.

#### **Finance Committee**

1. Res. No. 31-08/23 – Accepting the Donation of \$13,000 from Delavan Friends 4 Community Giving (DF4CG) and Hunter's Automotive Fourth Annual Golf Outing for Use at Lakeland School – *Vote*

*Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Children with Disabilities Education Board 5-0 and the Finance Committee 5-0)

On motion by Supervisor Ingersoll, second by Supervisor Holt, Item #1, **Res. No. 31-08/23** was approved by voice vote.

2. Res. No. 32-08/23 – Establishing a 2023 Budget and Authorizing a Project for a County Workforce Housing Initiative Executed by the Walworth County Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA) with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recovery Grants Funding of \$215,000 – *Vote Required: Two-Thirds* (Recommended by the Finance Committee 5-0)

Walworth County Administrator Mark W. Luberda stated the Walworth County Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA) approached Walworth County and inquired as to how the County could help impact the economy. Luberda provided an overview of the history of Res. No. 32-08/23, which specifically addresses the proposal presented by WCEDA in an effort to help communities within Walworth County to pursue options for a broader spectrum of housing potential targeted at affordable housing. Luberda confirmed the project is unrelated to the Finance Department purchasing existing properties. He then explained how the funds will be utilized. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Schaefer, to approve, Item #2, Res. No. 32-08/23. A roll call vote was conducted. Total votes: 11; Ayes: 10 – Holt, Ingersoll, Karbowski, Laufenberg, Monroe, Pruessing, Reiff, Schaefer, Stacey, and Stanek; Noes: 1 – Simons; Absent: 0. **Res. No. 32-08/23** was approved by roll call vote.

#### **Human Resources Committee**

1. Ord. No. 1322-08/23 – Amending Section 15-572 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to County Provided Benefits – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Human Resource Committee 5-0)

Vice-Chair Simons offered a motion, second by Supervisor Monroe, to approve, Item #1, Ord. No. 1322-08/23. Benefits Manager Josh Pollock briefly summarized the proposed changes within the ordinance and noted the changes would be applicable to all Walworth County employees. He stated commencement of the amendments were due to the injuries sustained by Deputy Wayne Blanchard and the devastating costs incurred by him and his family, as discussed in previous Human Resources Committee meetings. **Ord. No. 1322-08/23** was approved by voice vote.

2. Ord. No. 1323-08/23 – Amending Sections of Chapter 15 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to Civil Service – *Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Human Resources Committee 5-0)

On motion by Supervisor Ingersoll, second by Vice-Chair Simons, Item #2, **Ord. No. 1323-08/23** was approved by voice vote.

#### **Reports of Special Committees**

There were none.

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

There was none.

#### **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Stacey shared his experiences at the National Night Out event on August 1, 2023 stating it was a wonderful experience involving incredible community support.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Supervisor Monroe, second by Vice Chair Simons, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Prepared By: Kathleen Aukland, Administrative Assistant

Submitted By: Susi Pike, County Clerk

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COUNTY OF WALWORTH    )

I, Susi Pike, 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 August 8, 2023 meeting.