

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Janesville, Wisconsin
April 15, 2014

The Rock County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on April 15, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

Chair Podzilni called the meeting to order. Supervisor Podzilni relinquished his role as Chair, but requested to be able take the board through the agenda items up to the election of the new Chair, at which time he will turn the meeting over to County Clerk Stottler. There were no objections. Supervisor Heidenreich gave the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Chair Podzilni introduced the 7 newly elected Board members, and invited them to say a few words about themselves and their background in public service. The new Supervisors are:

JEREMY ZAJAC	DISTRICT #5
LINDA GARRETT	DISTRICT #15
JASON DOWD	DISTRICT #16
WESLEY DAVIS	DISTRICT #20
KATHY SCHULZ	DISTRICT #27
GREGORY ADDIE	DISTRICT #28
THOMAS BRIEN	DISTRICT #29

SWEARING IN-OATH OF OFFICE OF ENTIRE BOARD

Clerk Stottler, delivered the Oath of Office to the County Board and presented a Certificate of Election to each member.

3. Roll Call. At roll call, Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Richard, Yankee, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni were present. Supervisor Fox was absent. PRESENT – 28. ABSENT – 1.

QUORUM PRESENT

4. Adoption of Agenda.

Supervisors Peer and Thomas moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. ADOPTED as presented. Agenda is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
SPECIAL REORGANIZATION ITEMS:
 - A. Election of County Board Chair
 - B. Election of County Board Vice Chair
 - C. Review, Discussion and Adoption of Rules of the Board for 2014-2016
6. PUBLIC HEARING
7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE

10. REPORTS
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
12. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Supplementary Appropriations and Budget Changes – Roll Call
 - B. Bills Over \$10,000 – No Roll Call
 - C. Encumbrances Over \$10,000 – Roll Call
 - D. Contracts – Roll Call
13. ADJOURNMENT

SPECIAL REORGANIZATION ITEMS:

Chair Podzilni relinquished the meeting to County Clerk Lori Stottler.

A. Election of County Board Chair

County Clerk Stottler declared nominations open for County Board Chair and asked for nominations from the floor.

Supervisors Kraft and Addie nominated Supervisor Podzilni for County Board Chair
Supervisors Dowd and Thomas nominated Supervisor Bostwick for County Board Chair.
Supervisors Mawhinney and Peer moved to close nominations. ADOPTED by

Acclamation.

Each Supervisor was issued a blank green ballot to cast their vote. Votes were collected and tallied by Corporation Counsel, Finance Director and County Clerk. By a vote of 18 for Podzilni and 10 for Bostwick, Supervisor Podzilni was elected Board Chair for the 2014-2016 term. Clerk Stottler returned the gavel to Chair Podzilni, who resumed control of the meeting.

B. Election of County Board Vice Chair

Chair Podzilni declared nominations open for County Board Vice Chair and asked for nominations from the floor.

Supervisors Arnold and Fell nominated Supervisor Kraft for County Board Vice Chair.
Supervisors Wiedenfeld and Thomas nominated Supervisor Thomas for County Board

Vice Chair.

No other nominations were made. Chair Podzilni declared nomination closed.

Each Supervisor was issued a blank yellow ballot to cast their vote. Votes were collected and tallied by Corporation Counsel, Finance Director and County Clerk. By a vote of 19 for Kraft and 9 for Thomas, Supervisor Kraft was elected County Board Vice-Chair for the 2014-2016 term.

C. Review, Discussion and Adoption of Rules of the Board for 2014-2016

The set of proposed amendments to the 2012-2014 Rules of the board previously reviewed by the Staff Committee and provided to Supervisors were presented for action by the Board.

The Rock County Board of Supervisors will hold its organizational meeting on April 15, 2014. One of the items of business will be the adoption of rules of procedure for the ensuing year. The following amendments have been requested to the current rules. In all cases new language is underscored and language deleted is ~~crossed-out~~. Also included is the action taken by the County Board Staff Committee (CBS).

Chair Podzilni explained that each rule would be taken individually and then once amendments and changes have been voted on, the 2014-16 rules will be voted on as a whole “as amended.” Chair Podzilni instructed the Clerk to read the first rule change.

(1) Rule I-A shall be amended as follows:

A. As provided by statute, the Board shall organize on the third Tuesday of each April and adopt rules and regulations for the ensuing ~~year~~ term in each even year, considering recommendations of the outgoing Board. All committees of the Board shall serve biennially for a term that coincides with that of the Chair, except as otherwise provided by statute. In no less than three days nor more than seven days after such meeting, the Chair shall announce all Committee, Commission and Board appointments as required by law and County Board policy, all

of which shall be submitted for Board confirmation. Proposed appointments shall be distributed to all Board members not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting at which appointments are to be made.

The motion to recommend this amendment was approved at CBS (9 yes, 0 no).
Supervisors Mawhinney and Sweeney moved the above rule change. ADOPTED by Acclamation.

(2) Rule IV-G shall be amended as follows:

G. Appointments to committees, commissions and boards shall be made by the Chair, including chairships subject to County Board confirmation. The Chairs of all standing committees shall be County Board members. Vice Chairships shall be elected by the committee membership. Vacancies during the term of any committee member shall be filled by the County Board Chair with confirmation by the County Board. If practicable, this shall be done within 30 working days of the date on which the vacancy was created.

The motion to recommend this amendment was approved at CBS (9 yes, 0 no).
Supervisors Knudson and Bussie moved the above rule change. Supervisors Dowd and Wiedenfeld moved to amend the rule to insert the words "and Vice Chairs" after the word "Chairs" in the proposed rule change. Discussion followed. Motion to amend failed on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Yankee, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Garrett, Nash, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Dowd and Brien voting in favor. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Richard, Gustina, Bussie, Kraft, Fell, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Sweeney and Podzilni voted against. AYES – 12. NOES – 16. ABSENT – 1. Supervisors Dowd and Davis moved to amend the rule to insert "non County Board" after the words "term of any" in the second to last sentence. Discussion followed. Corporation Counsel Eugene Dumas and County Administrator Knutson explained some of the unintended consequences of such a change. After more discussion, Supervisors Dowd and Davis withdrew their amendment and subsequent amendments. Original rule change as proposed was ADOPTED by Acclamation.

(3) Rule V-A shall be amended as follows:

A. The following shall be the standing committees of the County Board of Supervisors and shall have the general duties and responsibilities stated in Rule IV and shall approve all contracts, purchase orders, encumbrances, claims, current accounts, demands and causes of action less than \$10,000 against the accounts under their jurisdiction. Upon request from department heads and review by the County Administrator, or a designated agent, standing committees reallocate amounts more than ~~\$500~~ 1,000 and up to ~~\$4,000~~ 2,000 between detail accounts or create new detail accounts of an individual county office or department within their jurisdiction. With review by the County Finance Director, the County Administrator or the Administrator's designee may approve reallocation requests of ~~\$500~~ 1,000 or less, or create detail accounts for any transfer of ~~\$500~~ 1,000 or less without further committee action.

The motion to recommend this amendment was approved at CBS (9 yes, 0 no).
Supervisors Mawhinney and Kraft moved the above rule change. ADOPTED by Acclamation.

(4) Rule V-D (2) shall be amended as follows:

D. County Board Staff Committee

(2) The committee shall supervise the Administrator, legal matters, (except that authority for Land Division and County Zoning Ordinance enforcement/litigation assigned by the County Board shall be the full responsibility of the Planning & Development Committee,) inter-governmental coordination, personnel and labor relations, the promotion of interest in County government, (including authorizing use of the County Seal) and program evaluation and development. The Finance Director shall provide the committee all necessary assistance in carrying out its duties.

The motion to recommend this amendment was approved at CBS (9 yes, 0 no).
Supervisors Arnold and Beaver moved the above rule change. Discussion followed. Supervisor Richard shares concerns of potential consequences of including this statement in the rules in addition to the thought that this topic should be given some in depth study and consideration. ADOPTED by Acclamation. Supervisor Richard voted in opposition.

(5) Rule V-G (5) shall be amended as follows:

G. Finance Committee

(5) a. For transfers greater than \$~~1,000~~ 2,000 and upon the request from the appropriate committee and review by the County Administrator or a designated agent, and subject to County Board policy, the Finance Committee may reallocate funds between detail accounts of an individual county office or department. In addition, the Finance Committee may supplement the appropriations for a particular office, department, or activity by transfers from the contingency fund. Such transfers shall not exceed the amount set up in the contingency fund as adopted in the annual budget nor aggregate, in the case of an individual office, department, or activity, in excess of ten percent of the funds originally provided for such office, department or activity in the annual budget. The publication provisions of Wis. Stats. 65.90(5) (a) shall apply to all committee transfers from the contingency fund.

Supervisors Mawhinney and Kraft moved the above rule change. ADOPTED by Acclamation.

5b. Pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 65.90(5) (b), the Finance Committee with prior approval of the appropriate governing committee, may transfer funds between budgeted items of an individual county office or department, if such budgeted items have been separately appropriated.

The motion to recommend this amendment was approved at CBS (9 yes, 0 no).

Supervisors Mawhinney and Peer moved the above rule change. ADOPTED by Acclamation.

Supervisors Wiedenfeld and Thomas moved that Rule I (F) be amended as follows:

~~Vacancies during the term of any supervisor shall be filled by the County Board Chair with confirmation by the County Board. If practicable, this shall be done within 60 working days of the date on which the vacancy was created. If a vacancy occurs within 4 months of the next election, it may be filled at the discretion of the County Board Chair.~~ Vacancies during the term of any supervisor shall be filled by the County Board Chair, the County Board Vice Chair and three County Board Supervisors chosen at large by the County Board. If practicable, this shall be done within 30 working days of the date on which the vacancy was created.

Discussion followed. Chair Podzilni requested Supervisor Wiedenfeld to expand on his concerns and need for this rule change. Supervisor Wiedenfeld responded that if two heads are better than one, then five heads are certainly better than two. More discussion followed.

Supervisor Peer called the question. Motion failed on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Davis, Thomas, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Dowd and Brien voting in favor.

Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Richard, Yankee, Gustina, Bussie, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Sweeney, Addie and Podzilni voted against. AYES – 8. NOES – 20. ABSENT – 1

All other Board rules remain in force with the above changes. Supervisors Sweeney and Knudson moved to approve the Rock County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure for 2014-2016 as amended. ADOPTED by Acclamation.

7. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements

Some of the new Supervisors asked procedural questions. Chair Podzilni assured them that an extensive orientation with Administrator Knutson and Department heads is forthcoming and will assist them in all of their questions and concerns. Supervisor Brien asked the Chair to consider adding a citizen committee in the selection process for County Administrator, as Craig Knutson retires August 2, 2014. Chair Podzilni explained that the process has already been narrowed down to six finalists and that they are planning a public meet and greet of the finalists.

13. Adjournment.

Supervisors Arnold and Peer moved to adjourn at 7:25pm to Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. ADOPTED by acclamation.