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PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Janesville, Wisconsin  
November 12, 2019

The Rock County Board of Supervisors met, pursuant to adjournment on November 6, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

Chair Podzilni called the meeting to order. Supervisor Fell gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call.

At roll call, Supervisors Peer, Fell, Beaver, Potter, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Rynes, Homan, Yeomans, Leavy, Brill, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Bomkamp, Owens, Brien and Podzilni were present. Supervisors Aegerter, Gustina, Bussie, Rashkin and Gramke were absent. PRESENT – 23. ABSENT – 5. VACANT – 1.

QUORUM PRESENT

4. Adoption of Agenda

Supervisors Bostwick and Peer moved the Agenda. Agenda ADOPTED as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
6. PUBLIC HEARING
7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
9. RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS
10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
11. REPORTS
  - A. Annual Report by County Clerk per Wis. Stat. 59.23(2)(o)
  - B. Recommendations by Finance Committee for Revisions to the 2020 Recommended Budget
12. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Supplementary Appropriations and Budget Changes – Roll Call
  - B. Contracts – Roll Call
  - C. Consideration and Adoption of Recommended 2020 Annual County Budget
  - D. Setting the Tax Levy and Tax Rate for 2019
  - E. Cancellation of Checks Over Two Years Old
13. ADJOURNMENT

7. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements

The following individuals registered in favor of keeping the UW-Extension Health and Wellbeing Educator: April Wright, Patrice Bobzien, Vicki Smythe, Gena Schachtschneider and Annette Reese.

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11.A. Annual Report by County Clerk per Wis. Stat. 59.17(16)

The records for 2018 indicate the following: Total collections - \$330,294,582. Total disbursements - \$332,306,366. Decrease in cash balance or equivalency - \$2,011,784.

11.B. Recommendations by Finance Committee for Revisions to the 2020 Recommended Budget  
Supervisor Mawhinney listed the Finance Committee Recommendations.

- The Board of Health requested the creation of a 1.0 FTE Environmental Health Specialist II and the deletion of a 0.4 FTE Environmental Health Specialist and a 0.4 FTE Environment Health Technician. These changes would be funded by grant revenue. The committee voted 4 to 0 to approve these changes.
- The Agriculture and Extension Committee requested the UW-Extension Health and Wellbeing Educator be added back to the budget. The change would be funded by a reduction in UW-Extension's seasonal wages and travel lines, a transfer in from the UW-Extension Education Fees fund balance and the addition of sales tax to the IT budget to lower IT levy. The committee voted 4 to 0 to approve these changes.
- The Circuit Courts requested the reallocation of 2.0 FTE Deputy Registers in Probate from Range 4 to Range 3. The reallocation would be funded by a reduction in the Circuit Courts Law Books, Publications and Office Supplies lines. The Committee voted 4 to 0 to approve these changes.
- The County Administrator's budget recommendation included a reallocation of 25.0 FTE Deputy Clerk of Court positions from Range 4 to Range 3. Per County Personnel Ordinance 18.206, 'Persons in positions reallocated shall normally be advanced to the step with the next highest dollar amount in the new pay range.' The Clerk of Courts requested that the reallocated positions be placed in a step more in line with staff's years of experience. Since this request was for an exception to the rule for just one group of employees, the Committee voted 0 to 4 to deny this request with the recommendation that Human Resources review the Personnel Ordinance.
- The Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport Board requested the placement of a reclassified 1.0 FTE Secretary II position into a higher step than the Personnel Ordinance allows. The committee voted 0-to 4 to deny this request with again the recommendation that Human Resources review the Personnel Ordinance.
- The 2019-2021 State Biennial Budget includes additional funding to help address the crisis in Child Protective Services. Rock County's portion of this increase is approximately \$1.2 million. Of this additional funding, approximately \$475,000 is set aside in the FY 2020 Human Services budget for priorities yet to be determined by the department, Human Services Board and County Board. Supervisor Richard requested \$300,000 of these funds be used to lower the County levy. The committee voted 1 to 3 to deny this request.

12.C. Consideration and Adoption of Recommended 2020 Annual County Budget

Chair Podzilni called for the adoption of the 2020 recommended budget. Supervisors Mawhinney and Owens moved to adopt the recommended 2020 budget.

- Supervisors Mawhinney and Fox moved to amend the 2020 recommended budget to create a 1.0 FTE Environmental Health Specialist II and delete a 0.4 FTE Environmental Health Specialist and a 0.4 FTE Environment Health Technician. These changes would be funded by grant revenue. Amendment APPROVED by acclamation.
- Supervisors Mawhinney and Rynes moved to amend the 2020 recommended budget to add back the UW-Extension Health and Wellbeing Educator. The change would be funded by a reduction in UW-Extension's seasonal wages and travel lines, a transfer in from the UW-Extension Education Fees fund balance and the addition of sales tax to the IT budget to lower IT levy. Amendment APPROVED by acclamation.

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- Supervisors Mawhinney and Beaver moved to amend the 2020 recommended budget to reallocate 2.0 FTE Deputy Registers in Probate from Range 4 to Range 3. The reallocation would be funded by a reduction in the Circuit Courts Law Books, Publication and Office Supplies lines. Amendment APPROVED by acclamation.

Recommended 2020 Annual County Budget as amended was ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Fell, Beaver, Potter, Mawhinney, Fox, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Rynes, Homan, Yeomans, Leavy, Brill, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Bomkamp, Owens, Brien and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisor Richard voted against. Supervisors Aegerter, Gustina, Bussie, Rashkin and Gramke were absent. AYES – 22. NOES – 1. ABSENT – 5. VACANT – 1.

Meeting recessed at 9:32 a.m. for the Finance Committee to meet. Meeting resumed at 9:40 a.m.

12.D. Setting the Tax Levy and Tax Rate for 2019 Resolution No. 19-11C-349  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the sum of \$0 is hereby transferred from the General Fund to be applied against the proposed budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the detailed line items are not adopted but are for informational purposes only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special charges in the amount of \$1,680, are hereby ratified.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the line summary budget and personnel roster, as modified, are hereby adopted and that the resulting tax levy for 2019 be in the amount of \$70,418,774 which reflects a rate of \$5.996732 of equalized valuation.

Supervisors Mawhinney and Fox moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.E. Cancellation of Checks Over Two Years Old Resolution No. 19-11C-350  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 12th day of November, 2019, does hereby authorize that the checks over two years old be cancelled and credited back to the proper accounts.

Supervisors Owens and Potter moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

13. Adjournment

Supervisors Davis and Potter moved to adjourn at 9:46 a.m. to Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. ADOPTED by acclamation.



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