

MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

6:32 P.M.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 59.04, the County Board of Supervisors of Manitowoc County, Wisconsin convened in open session at The Heritage Center, in the City of Manitowoc, being the 18th day of June 2019, for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors.

Chairperson Brey called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Chairperson Brey gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the entire assemblage.

Roll call: 23 members present: Baumann, Behnke, Brey, Brunner, Dyzak, Falkowski, Gauger, Geimer, Gerroll, Hansen, Henrickson, Hoffman, Holschbach, Maresh, Metzger, Muench, Nickels, Neils, Swade, Vogel, Vogt, Wagner, and Zimmer. Supervisor Cavanaugh and Williams were excused.

On a motion by Supervisor Holschbach, seconded by Supervisor Behnke the May 21, 2019 meeting minutes were approved on a unanimous vote.

Chairperson Brey announced there were no changes to the agenda.

REPORTS OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS, OFFICERS, AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

Comptroller Todd Reckelberg introduced Bryan Grunewald, External Auditor from Clifton Larson Allen, who summarized results of the 2018 audit and explained that the county continued to be in good financial condition with the consistent and conservative budget that had been well-maintained during the year. Mr. Grunewald highlighted the substantial increase in the Unassigned Fund Balance from 2017. The Highway Department had increased revenue and expenses over 2017 with revenues up over 14%. The Human Services Department made great strides compared to the previous year as well. They went from a negative fund balance of just over \$214,000 in 2017 to a respectful \$184,000 plus fund balance at the end of 2018. A turn-around of almost \$400,000. Mr. Grunewald also discussed the County's Long-Term Obligation debt of \$25,110,000, which was very low compared to the \$271,917,895 debt limitation imposed by WI Statute. The County's low debt compared to the equalized value was only 9%. When he compared our debt outstanding as a percentage of equalized value with ten of the surrounding Counties, we also compared very favorably. Our 9% came in second lowest as the other Counties in his comparison were between the 10% to 16% range. Lastly, he pointed out that for the twenty-seventh consecutive year, Manitowoc County has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

PUBLIC INPUT – OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS

Chairperson Brey declared public comment open at 6:45 p.m.

Manitowoc County Historical Society (MCHS) Executive Director Amy Meyer provided an overview of the history, services, and programs the historical society delivers at the Pinecrest Historical Village. She was excited to announce that MCHS would receive 2 awards from the state this year, the Historical Society of the year (Thwaite Trophy) and the Governor's Archives Achievement award. Also Pinecrest turns 50 years old in November and the Historical Society is 113 years old. She extended an invitation to the County Board to attend the special reception.

Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership Executive Director Jim Kettler, Local Liaison Tom Ward and Stantec Consulting Services Representative Melissa Curran presented on Manitowoc County Phragmites Control program. Mr. Ward explained what the invasive species phragmites was and how it is detrimental to the area and

wildlife. Mr. Kettler provided information regarding the State and Federal grants that were received or are pending. He presented the three phases to eradicate phragmites. Phase one focused on the Lake Michigan shoreline properties, which took place from April 2015-December 2017. Phase two focused on the coastal townships, which started April 2016 and will be complete December 2019. Phase three would focus on the western townships, which started April 2019 and will be complete December 2021. Ms. Curran provided the phragmites management overview. Mr. Ward discussed the plan to sustain funding post-grant management through annual contributions from the municipalities, private landowners, and businesses. Mr. Kettler did recognize the Highway Department for the \$10,000 allocated towards the project. He has been working with the Highway Director on cost evaluations to allocate another \$10,000 in the upcoming budget. Mr. Kettler asked for the County Board's support when the budget is discussed later this year.

Maura Yost, Town of Centerville, considered Manitowoc County's debt at a tipping point. She informed the public that in the last three years the county has borrowed \$18 million. Over the past ten plus years the county has exported \$31.5 million taxpayers' dollars in principal and interest to bondholders. She believes that not only does the county owe more principal now, but by exporting those dollars, the local economy has lost the possibility of growth. She trusts the Ad Hoc Committee worked diligently over the past year to draft an adequate sales tax ordinance.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Brey closed public input at 7:20 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointment of Kristine Damman as the Child Support Department Director. Supervisor Baumann moved, seconded by Supervisor Gauger to approve the appointment. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointment of Amy Kocian to the Land Information Council for a term which ends when employment with Manitowoc County terminates. Supervisor Falkowski moved, seconded by Supervisor Maresh to approve the appointment. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointment of Chuck Krueger to the Manitowoc – Calumet Library System Board of Trustees to fulfill a term expiring January 2020. Supervisor Holschbach moved, seconded by Supervisor Baumann to approve the appointment. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointment of Peter Willis, Alternate) April Kroner, and Alternate) Dan Pawlitzke to the Northeast Wisconsin Regional Economic Partnership for a one year term expiring July 2020. Supervisor Gauger moved, seconded by Supervisor Hoffman to approve the appointments. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointment of David Dyzak to the Planning and Park Commission for a seven-year term expiring July 2026. Supervisor Henrickson moved, seconded by Supervisor Neils to approve the appointment. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS ON MEETINGS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Ad Hoc County Sales Tax Exploratory Committee: Supervisor Baumann gave a brief report.

Supervisor Baumann moved, seconded by Supervisor Brunner to adopt Resolution 2019/2020-12 Requesting Corporation Counsel to Seek Attorney General Opinion. Upon discussion and vote, the motion carried with 15 ayes and 8 noes. Supervisors Dyzak, Falkowski, Gauger, Gerroll, Muench, Vogel, Wagner, and Zimmer voted no; all other supervisors voted aye.

Aging and Disability Resource Center Board: Supervisor Wagner called upon ADRC Director Cathy Ley who provided the brief report.

Board of Health: Supervisor Metzger gave a brief report.

Expo-Ice Center Board: Supervisor Gauger gave a brief report.

Finance Committee: Supervisor Hansen and Brunner gave brief reports.

Supervisor Brunner moved, seconded by Supervisor Baumann to adopt Resolution 2019/2020-13 Denying Claim (Heather Kunesh). Upon discussion and vote, motion carried unanimously.

Human Services Board: Supervisor Henrickson gave a brief report.

Land Conservation Committee/UW-Extension Education and Agriculture Committee: Supervisor Wagner gave a brief report.

Personnel Committee: Supervisor Maresh gave a brief report.

Supervisor Maresh moved, seconded by Supervisor Baumann to adopt Resolution 2019/2020-14 Establishing Compensation for County Board Supervisors for Term Beginning April 2020. Upon discussion and vote, motion carried 22 ayes and 1 abstain. Supervisor Vogel abstained; all other supervisors voted yes.

Planning and Park Committee: Supervisor Dyzak gave a brief report.

Supervisor Dyzak moved, seconded by Supervisor Hoffman to enact Ordinance 2019/2020-15 Amending Zoning Map (Anthony Giebel). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety Committee: Supervisor Vogel gave a brief report.

Public Works Committee: Supervisor Gerroll gave a brief report.

Supervisor Gerroll moved, seconded by Supervisor Dyzak to adopt Resolution 2019/2020-16 Authorizing Water Main Utility Easement on the Expo Grounds Property. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Gerroll moved, seconded by Supervisor Gauger to adopt Resolution 2019/2020-17 Authorizing Sanitary Sewer Utility Easement on the Expo Grounds Property. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Coordinating Committee: Supervisor Bauman gave a brief report.

Supervisor Hoffman moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Muench, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk

*The County Board meeting can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/PcMAOu9IZKE?rel=0>