

MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

6:30 P.M.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 59.04, the County Board of Supervisors of Manitowoc County, Wisconsin convened in open session at the Expo Merchants Building, in the City of Manitowoc, being the 19th day of May 2020, for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors.

Chairperson Brey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Aulik gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the entire assemblage.

Roll call: 23 members present: Aulik, Baumann, Behnke, Brey, Cavanaugh, Engelbrecht, Falkowski, Gerroll, Hagen, Hansen, Henrickson, Linsmeier, Maresh, Martell, Metzger, Muench, Neils, Nickels, Shimulunas, Sitkiewitz, Vogt, Wagner, and Zimmer. Supervisors Dyzak and Williams were excused.

On a motion by Supervisor Behnke, seconded by Supervisor Baumann the April 21, 2020 meeting minutes were approved on a unanimous vote.

Chairperson Brey announced the additions to the agenda: Under VII. Reports, 1. County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer, 1) Extension of the Declaration of Emergency – *Executive Proclamation Declaring Public Health Emergency* was added; Under XI. Appointments by County Executive, B. Board of Health – Dr. Todd Nelson was added for appointment. Supervisor Maresh moved, seconded by Supervisor Engelbrecht to approve the agenda. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS, OFFICERS, AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer reported on the Extension of the Declaration of Emergency – Executive Proclamation Declaring Public Health Emergency. Approving the extension of the Emergency Declaration for another 60 days only deals with our ability to spend funds related to this emergency and our ability to seek reimbursement from the State and Federal Government. It has nothing to do with the Governor’s “Safe at Home” order and the extension by the secretary of Health that was dealt with in the Supreme Court case or the orders given, then rescinded by the Manitowoc County Health Officer.

County Executive Ziegelbauer provided an update on the COVID-19 Operations Status. Health Officer/Department Director Mary Halada and Travis Waack, Emergency Management Director are leading the County’s efforts. Director Waack is the voice of Manitowoc County along with handling disbursement of information and equipment. Health Officer Halada leads the health department and a group of nurses. They have been busy with isolating positive cases, assisting businesses with employees that have tested positive, and assisting businesses with safe reopening guidelines. Emergency Management continues with public outreach, dispersing protective equipment, and much more. The County has remained open during this time, via appointment,

phone calls or working from home. There will be a community testing site on May 21 and 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Manitowoc County Expo.

County Executive Ziegelbauer reported on the WI Act 185-Property Tax Deferral, Resolution 2020/2021-2 Waiving Interest and Penalties on Property Taxes. Wisconsin Act 185 authorizes taxing districts to waive interest and penalties on 2020 property tax payments due and payable after April 1, 2020 provided certain conditions are met. The effect of this resolution is the 2020 property tax installment payments that are due and payable after April 1, 2020 are deferred until October 1, 2020 for all property taxpayers in the taxing districts that have passed these resolutions. This allows the County to delay the July 31 payment to October 1. It is only for this year. This is a two-step process where the County Board would adopt the resolution, then local municipalities would pass a similar resolution. There is no cost to the municipalities. The Finance Committee unanimously approved this resolution at last week's meeting. It is a little break, but an important break for our tax payers during these uncertain times. He recommends the County Board pass the resolution this evening.

County Executive Ziegelbauer reported on the County's current financial status during this uncertain time. We are in a strong financial position now, however the State suffered a 40% loss in sales and income tax revenue in April. This will affect all forms of government. The general fund is strong. We have other means to support the Expo and Human Services. Holding the line on property taxes this year will be very important in next year's budget. He will continue to report on the County's finance status in the coming months.

PUBLIC INPUT – OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS

Chairperson Brey declared public comment open at 6:44 p.m.

Dustin Johnson, City of Two Rivers, would like to know why there is a proclamation for an emergency declaration. What defines this time an emergency and when will life return to normal.

Margaret Pauwles, Town of Franklin, thanked the board for the opportunity to speak then expressed the following concerns due to COVID-19. She would like the restrooms opened at public parks. She would like to see the number of people allowed in essential business increased because parents cannot leave small children at home when they shop for groceries. She stated that every business is essential, especially the small businesses. She requested the regulations be closely reviewed to help these efforts.

Ben Shibler, Town of Cooperstown, had questions regarding the executive proclamation. The information he understood from the County Executive's report was that this proclamation needs to be put in place in order to receive funding. He would like clarification on where the money will come from if over spending happens during the next 60 days.

Adam Jankowski, Town of Two Creeks, had questions as to where the finances are to date and would there be a public report available on the money spent on COVID-19.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Brey closed public input at 6:57 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointment of James Falkowski to the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Lakeshore Board (ADRC) for a two-year term expiring April 2022. Supervisor Aulik moved, seconded by Supervisor Vogt to approve the appointments. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointments of Jonathan Neils and Dr. Todd Nelson to the Board of Health for a two-year term expiring April 2022. Supervisor Baumann moved, seconded by Supervisor Falkowski to approve the appointments. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointments of Jordan Herrmann and Barbara Palzewicz to the Expo-Ice Center Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2022. Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Hansen to approve the appointment. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointments of Brian Kohlmeier and David Funkhouser to the Joint Dispatch Board for a two-year term expiring June 2022. Supervisor Neils moved, seconded by Supervisor Henrickson to approve the appointments. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointment of Alternate) James Falkowski to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a two-year term expiring April 2022. Supervisor Neils moved, seconded by Supervisor Vogt to approve the appointments. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Board of Health: Supervisor Metzger gave a brief report.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Supervisor Falkowski gave a brief report.

Highway Committee: Supervisor Behnke gave a brief report.

Finance Committee: Supervisor Hansen gave a brief report. Supervisor Hansen moved, seconded by Supervisor Baumann to adopt Resolution (2020/2021-2) Waiving Interest and Penalties on Property Taxes. Upon discussion and vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee: Supervisor Gerroll gave a brief report.

Miscellaneous-Chairperson Brey: Supervisor Aulik moved, seconded by Supervisor Hansen to adopt Resolution (2020/2021-3) Ratifying County Executive's May 15, 2020 Proclamation of Continuing Public Health Emergency. Upon discussion and vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Behnke moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Neils, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk

**The County Board meeting is available for viewing at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyIEh5nu0Tw&spfreload=5>