

MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, July 21, 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 21st day of July, 2020, for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors.

Chairperson Brey called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Supervisor Behnke 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, Nickels, Shimulunas, Sitkiewitz, Vogt, Wagner, Williams and Zimmer. Supervisors Dyzak and Neils were excused.

On a motion by Supervisor Baumann, seconded by Supervisor Henrickson, the June 16, 2020 meeting minutes were approved on a unanimous vote.

Chairperson Brey announced the deletion to the agenda: Under VII. Reports 1. County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer and Chairperson Jim Brey - Proclamation Proclaiming June Dairy Month. Supervisor Gerroll 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 and Chairperson Brey presented Proclamation Commemorating the Life and Service of Allan F. Geimer.

Comptroller Todd Reckelberg introduced Bryan Grunewald, External Auditor from Clifton Larson, Allen, who summarized results of the 2019 audit and described the items distributed to the County Board. Mr. Grunewald stated that for the twenty-eighth consecutive year, Manitowoc County has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. He went on to highlight several areas of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He stated that Manitowoc County had several strong performing funds, including the General Fund increasing \$505,000, Human Services Fund increasing \$864,000, and the self-insurance (health, worker's comp and dental) funds all experienced increases in their reserves. General obligation debt shows strong perspective from a debt position; statutory limit for a county is \$286 million and Manitowoc County has \$28 million outstanding; the benchmark ratio is 20% or below and the county is at less than 10%. Mr. Grunewald stated that from a debt perspective the county is in strong financial condition and that overall the county had a very strong financial year.

County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer reported on the Extension of the Declaration Emergency – Executive Proclamation Declaring Public Health Emergency. This extension approval relates to the county's eligibility for state and federal funding only with respect to the COVID-19 health crisis.

County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer presented a brief report on the financial position of Manitowoc County at year end. He noted that in May the County Board passed the Property Tax Deferral Resolution which required local municipalities to also pass a resolution to defer payment of taxes from July 31 to October 1. 29 of 30 municipalities passed the concurrent resolution which in turn aids our county residents. Mr. Ziegelbauer presented handout to the board highlighting the county's strong financial position, including low debt, increases in various funds, paying off \$665,000 debt early this year, and large net positions in health fund. Mr. Ziegelbauer announced that for the seventh year in a row, there will be no increase in premiums. Manitowoc County is in strong financial position and he feels that the fact we do not have the 0.5% sales tax strengthens us. Unemployment rate is 8.5% statewide with state shared revenues uncertain in 2021. Holding the line on property taxes in 2021 will be more important than ever.

Emergency Management Director Travis Waack and Health Department Director Mary Halada presented report on COVID-19 Pandemic in Manitowoc County. The county has had 209 positive cases, with 139 active cases. Mr. Waack stated the percentage of positive test results has increased from 1% in early June to 2.4% today and is not due to more testing. The increases in the number of cases is due to increased social gatherings. Mary Halada stated that the overall goal in this response is to ensure they have the staff to respond to the crisis and keep hospitals from being overloaded. She explained the testing process, lab results and the process that takes place upon the return of those results. Mr. Waack described his department's focus on the acquisition and distribution of personal protective equipment supplies. He also spoke about the hospital capacity in Northeast Wisconsin and states we are currently in a good position. Mary Halada also provided information on steps to take to prevent the spread of the virus. Questions were answered by Mr. Waack and Ms. Halada that were asked by the county supervisors, regarding mandatory mask orders, testing facilities, test result wait time, schools, and website information.

#### PUBLIC INPUT – OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS

Chairperson Brey declared public comment open at 7:50 p.m.

Margaret Pauwles, Town of Franklin, thanked the board for the opportunity to speak, requested the Lester Public Library be opened and is opposed to mask requirements by any government authority.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Brey closed public input at 7:54 p.m.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointments of Dave Christel and James Knorr to the Board of Adjustment for a three-year term expiring in July 2023. Supervisor Wagner moved, seconded by Supervisor Engelbrecht to approve the appointments. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointment of Theresa Becker to the Joint Dispatch Board for a two-year term expiring August 2022. Supervisor Nickels moved, seconded by Supervisor Aulik to approve the appointment. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Aging & Disability Resource Center Board – Supervisor Wagner gave a brief report.

Finance Committee: Supervisor Hansen gave a brief report.

Supervisor Hansen moved, seconded by Supervisor Williams to adopt Resolution 2020/2021-5 Denying Claim (David Niles). Upon discussion and vote, motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hansen moved, seconded by Supervisor Aulik to adopt Resolution 2020/2021-6 Authorizing Grant Application (Wisconsin Elections Commission – County Election Security Subgrant). Upon discussion and vote, motion carried unanimously.

Highway Committee: Supervisor Behnke gave a brief report.

Human Services Board: Supervisor Henrickson gave a brief report.

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

Planning & Park Commission: Supervisor Zimmer gave a brief report.

Supervisor Zimmer moved, seconded by Supervisor Hagen to adopt Resolution 2020/2021-7 Authorizing Recreational Boating Facility Program Grant (Horseshoe Lake Public Access). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Zimmer moved, seconded by Supervisor Falkowski to enact Ordinance 2020/2021-8 Amending Zoning Map (RC Ag Ventures, LLC). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee: Supervisor Gerroll gave a brief report.

Transportation Coordinating Committee: Supervisor Baumann gave a brief report.

Miscellaneous:

Chairperson Brey moved, seconded by Supervisor Hansen to adopt Resolution 2020/2021-9 Ratifying County Executive's July 14, 2020 Proclamation of Continuing Public Health Emergency. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Aulik to adopt Resolution 2020/2021-10 Approving Town of Newton Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment (Geraldine Barnes). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Muench to adopt Resolution 2020/2021-11 Approving Town of Newton Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment (James Henry). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Brey announced there will be a special county board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on July 28, 2020 at the Expo Merchants Building, in the City of Manitowoc for discussion on masking on county property and a possible resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Gerroll moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Sitkiewitz, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Herman, Manitowoc County Deputy Clerk

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPwxNbGrD8k>