

**JOURNAL OF THE MEETING OF THE
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

January 17, 2023

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.11, the January 17, 2023 session of the Sheboygan County Board was called to order by Chairperson Vern Koch at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Koch noted that the notice of meeting was posted on January 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in compliance with the open meeting law. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

The roll call was taken and recorded with 24 Supervisors present; Absent: 1, Supervisor Coulson.

Resolution No. 24 (2022/23) Re: Honoring the Life of Former County Board Supervisor George Meyer.

Pursuant to County Road Rule 2.13, this Resolution was on the floor for immediate action and was unanimously adopted by the Board on a rising vote and a pause in its deliberations.

Chairperson Koch along with Vice Chairperson Abler presented a signed copy of the resolution to his wife, Roxanne and daughters Leslie Paulsen, and Kristin Rooker.

Supervisor Wegner moved for approval of the December 20, 2022 Journal, which was distributed to all supervisors prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Clarke and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

APPOINTMENT

The Chairperson announced that the next order of business was the consideration of the appointment by the Chairperson of **Kurk Anderson** to the Veterans Service Commission.

Supervisor Goehring moved to concur with the appointment. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Brauer and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

PRESENTATION

Adam Payne, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Secretary – Update and thank you.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Natasha Torry, 1721 North 1st Street, Sheboygan – Truancy and Children's Mental Health Resources.

Jamie Schramm, 1 University Drive, Sheboygan – Housing Development at UW-Green Bay, Sheboygan Campus.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors requesting the State of Wisconsin review and revise its policy on foreign ownership of farmland. By Chairperson referred to the Planning, Resources, Agriculture, and Extension Committee.

DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Deputy County Administrator Alayne Krause briefly reviewed Resolution No. 15 regarding Supporting Housing Development at UW-Green Bay, Sheboygan Campus, and also presented the State of the County. Ms. Krause reviewed the key accomplishments and milestones of 2022 including: completing the addition for alternatives to incarceration at the Detention Center, Amsterdam Dunes stream restoration, completion of the new Kohler Center

for Marsh Education, Health and Human Services Economic Support division relocating to the Aging & Disability Resource Center, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) initiatives, Rocky Knoll Health Care Center maintaining a five-star rating for the fifth consecutive year, completion of State Highway 23 expansion project, improving service at the Sheboygan County Memorial Airport, and how Sheboygan County continues to have an impressive fiscal track record. Ms. Krause, along with Chairperson Koch and Vice Chairperson Abler then presented former County Administrator Adam Payne a plaque for 24 years of dedicated service to Sheboygan County and wished him well as the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding **Resolution No. 15 (2022/23) Supporting Housing Development at UW-Green Bay, Sheboygan Campus** recommending adoption as amended by the Executive Committee.

Supervisor Goehring moved to adopt the resolution as amended by the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Brauer and carried on roll call vote of the board of Ayes: 23; Noes: 0; Abstain: 1, Supervisor Smith; Absent: 1, Supervisor Coulson.

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding **Resolution No. 22 (2022/23) Requesting the State of Wisconsin Review and Revise the Compensation Rates for Entry Level and Experienced Assistant District Attorneys** recommending adoption.

Supervisor Immel moved to adopt the resolution. Supervisor Wegner seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee regarding **Resolution No. 23 (2022/23) Authorizing Application for Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Grant** recommending adoption.

Supervisor Te Stroete moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Clarke and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

(Vice-Chairperson Abler presiding)

Pursuant to Rule IV of the Rules of Order, the following resolutions were introduced by the Clerk and referred by the Vice-Chairperson as indicated:

Resolution No. 25 (2022/23) Re: Approving the Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds (No. 6) referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 26 (2022/23) Re: Carryover of Unexpended 2022 Appropriations to 2023 referred to the Executive Committee.

Resolution No. 27 (2022/23) Re: Approving Permanent Easement for American Transmission Company (Portion of Tax Parcel 59024351230, Erie Avenue Old Plank Road Trailhead) referred to the Executive Committee.

Resolution No. 28 (2022/23) Re: Authorizing Elkhart Lake's Road America Right of First Refusal and Option to Purchase referred to the Executive Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Te Stroete moved to adjourn. Supervisor Brauer seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

PASSED

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2 **RESOLUTION: Requesting the State of Wisconsin Review and Revise its Policy on Foreign**
3 **Ownership of Farmland by Entities Party to Adversarial Governments**

6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, according to the USDA, foreign agricultural interests in Wisconsin, as of December 31st, 2020,
8 own over 500,000 acres of land in the state with that number rising by over 25,000 acres from 2019 to 2020 alone;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin law currently allows for ownership of up to 640 acres of agricultural or forestry land
11 per foreign company or foreign individual; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic shows the need to localize supply chains, especially for food and
13 medicine, and to keep them out of the hands of adversarial governments or entities party to adversarial governments;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, with the reality that supply chain disruption could happen again in the future, it is prudent to limit the
16 exposure of these critical supply chains to entities party to governments who routinely abuse human rights, violate
17 international trade law and labor standards and seek to upend fair markets through state owned enterprises,
18 monopolization or means that otherwise threaten food security and the Wisconsin family farming tradition.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors request that the
21 State of Wisconsin, in the next legislative biennium, review and revise its policy on foreign ownership of farmland.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution is sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of
24 the Wisconsin State Legislature representing Winnebago County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other
25 Wisconsin Counties.

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28 Fiscal Note: *No fiscal impact.*

29 Respectfully submitted by:

30 **JACOB FLOAM, District 16**

31 **NATE GUSTAFSON, District 28**

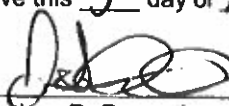
33 Respectfully submitted by:

34 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

35 Committee Vote: **10-1**

36 Vote Required for Passage: **Three-Quarters of those Members Present**

38 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this 30th day of November, 2022.

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42 Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive