

Dodge County Board of Supervisors
September 21, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Administration Building - Juneau, Wisconsin

The September 21, 2021 Meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Russell Kottke at 5:30 p.m.

The Board rose to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk with all Supervisors being in attendance with exception of Supervisors Derr, Maly, Nickel, Priesgen, Schmitt, Schultz, and Sheahan-Malloy, who had previously asked to be excused, and Houchin, Berres, Guckenberger, and Yaroch.

Supervisor Guckenberger arrived at 5:32 p.m. and Supervisor Houchin arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Chairman Kottke called upon Karen Gibson, County Clerk, to confirm the publication of the Affidavit for the Public Hearing Notice. Ms. Gibson stated the Public Hearing Notice was published in the Watertown Daily Times and Beaver Dam Daily Citizen on September 3, 2021, September 10, 2021, and September 17, 2021. Ms. Gibson also stated the Public Hearing Notice was published in the Dodge County Pioneer on September 2, 2021, September 9, 2021, and September 16, 2021.

The Chairman declared the Public Hearing open at 5:33 p.m., and read a statement regarding the Tentative Supervisory District Plan and asked anyone who wished to speak to come forward.

Susan Caine - Town of Lowell Clerk requested that the Columbus School District not be split into two different supervisory districts due to the increase of costs it will cause in election administration.

Debbie Behl – Town of Lebanon Clerk commented on the increase from 4 ballot styles to 7 ballot styles that will be required to administer elections in the Town of Lebanon and the increased chance of an error happening which directly relates to the current level of scrutiny in Election Administration. Ms. Behl provided two alternative district maps to Bill Ehlenbeck, Director of Land Resources & Parks.

Ken Ireland – Village of Randolph President commented on the Village of Randolph and requested it be included in County Board Supervisory District No. 3.

Ed Benter – Town of Fox Lake Supervisor commented on the City of Fox Lake and the Town of Fox Lake being split into two different Supervisory Districts.

Brenda Wenzel – Town of Leroy Deputy Clerk restated previous concerns regarding the number of ballot styles that will be required and the increase in cost of ballots and election supplies for only 1-2 voters that live in certain School Districts. She requested voters in the Oakfield School District be in one County Board Supervisory District.

Linda Schraufnagel – Town of Leroy Board Chair asked a question regarding the process of creating wards and how many wards would be needed in the Town. Karen Gibson, County Clerk answered that two wards would be needed because the town has two Supervisory Districts.

At 5:51 p.m., Chairman Kottke declared the public hearing closed and announced the next meeting of the Redistricting Committee would be held on September 30, 2021 at the Dodge County Administration Building. The Chairman called for a short recess and announced the meeting would reconvene in the County Board Room, Fourth Floor, of the Administration Building.

At 6:14 p.m., Chairman Kottke called for the meeting to reconvene.

Chairman Kottke called for approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Supervisor Benter and seconded by Supervisor Caine to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 and August 18, 2021, meetings of the County Board meeting, as recorded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Communications on File

Karen J. Gibson, County Clerk, reported there were no communications on file.

Unfinished Business

Confirm the following reappointment made by County Administrator, James Mielke: Reappoint Eugene Wurtz to the Housing Authority for a five year term. A motion to accept the reappointment was made by Supervisor Benter and seconded by Supervisor Hilbert. Comments and questions by Supervisors Houchin, Siegmann, Boelk, Hilbert and James Mielke, County Administrator. The motion carried by voice vote.

Supervisor Houchin requested a roll call vote take place on the reappointment. The vote was cast with 21 ayes, 2 noes, and 1 abstention, thereby approving reappointment of Mr. Wurtz to the Housing Authority.

Ayes: Benter, Kottke, Bobholz, Macheel, Marsik, Hilgendorf, Greshay, Johnson, Fink, Kuehl, Boelk, Kemmel, Bischoff, Caine, Behl, Hedrick, Frohling, D. Schmidt, Hilbert, Kenevan, Burnett. Total 21.

Noes: Guckenberger, Houchin. Total 2.

Abstain: Siegmann. Total 1.

Absent: Berres, Derr, Maly, Nickel, Priesgen, J. Schmitt, Schultz, Sheahan-Malloy, Yaroch. Total 9.

The following Resolutions and Reports were read by the Clerk and acted upon by the Board:

Resolution No. 21-41 Amend Capital Projects and Highway Funds for 2021 Road and Bridge Construction Projects – Finance Committee. A motion for adoption was made by Supervisor Frohling and seconded by Supervisor Caine. Comments and questions by Supervisors Boelk, Caine, Houchin, and Frohling. The vote was cast with 23 ayes and 1 no, thereby adopting the Resolution.

Ayes: Benter, Kottke, Bobholz, Macheel, Marsik, Hilgendorf, Greshay, Johnson, Siegmann, Guckenberger, Fink, Kuehl, Kemmel, Bischoff, Caine, Behl, Houchin, Hedrick, Frohling, D. Schmidt, Hilbert, Kenevan, Burnett. Total 20.

No: Boelk. Total 1.

Absent: Berres, Derr, Maly, Nickel, Priesgen, J. Schmitt, Schultz, Sheahan-Malloy, Yaroch. Total 9.

Resolution No. 21-42 Create One Additional Position of *Child Support Assistant* in the Dodge County Child Support Agency – Judicial and Public Protection Committee. A motion for adoption was made by Supervisor Guckenberger and seconded by Supervisor Benter. Comments and questions by Supervisors Guckenberger, Kuehl, Hedrick, and Kimberly Nass, Corporation Counsel. The vote was cast with all voting in the affirmative, thereby adopting the Resolution.

Resolution No. 21-43 Amend Town of Beaver Dam Zoning Ordinance – James Budde Trust Property – Supervisor J. Schmitt. A motion for adoption was made by Supervisor Behl and seconded by Supervisor Bobholz. The vote was cast with all voting in the affirmative, thereby adopting the Resolution.

Resolution No. 21-44 Adoption of the Tentative County Supervisory District Plan – Redistricting Committee. A motion for adoption was made by Supervisor Frohling and seconded by Supervisor D. Schmidt. Chairman Kottke read a statement regarding the Tentative Supervisory District Plan and called for any questions from the floor. Questions by Supervisor Guckenberger answered by Kimberly Nass, Corporation Counsel. The vote was cast with 21 ayes and 3 noes, thereby adopting the Resolution.

Ayes: Guckenberger, Houchin, Kottke, Marsik, Hilgendorf, Greshay, Johnson, Fink, Kuehl, Boelk, Kemmel, Bischoff, Caine, Behl, Hedrick, Frohling, D. Schmidt, Siegmann, Hilbert, Kenevan, Burnett. Total 21.

Noes: Bobholz, Benter, Macheel. Total 3.

Absent: Berres, Derr, Maly, Nickel, Priesgen, J. Schmitt, Schultz, Sheahan-Malloy, Yaroch. Total 9.

Report No. 1 Ordinance No. 1077 – Amend Land Use Code – Town of Hustisford – Diane, Ralph, Andrew and Katie Boehlen Property – Land Resources and Parks Committee. A motion for adoption was made by Supervisor Bischoff and seconded by Supervisor Behl. The vote was cast with all voting in the affirmative, thereby adopting the Report and Ordinance.

Report No. 2 Ordinance No. 1078 – Amend Land Use Code – Town of Hustisford – Jeffrey and Cheryl Steller Property – Land Resources and Parks Committee. A motion for adoption was made by Supervisor Bischoff and seconded by Supervisor Behl. The vote was cast with 23 ayes and 1 no, thereby adopting the Report and Ordinance.

Ayes: Benter, Kottke, Bobholz, Macheel, Marsik, Houchin, Hilgendorf, Greshay, Johnson, Fink, Kuehl, Boelk, Kemmel, Bischoff, Caine, Behl, Hedrick, Frohling, D. Schmidt, Siegmann, Hilbert, Kenevan, Burnett. Total 23.

No: Guckenberger. Total 1.

Absent: Berres, Derr, Maly, Nickel, Priesgen, J. Schmitt, Schultz, Sheahan-Malloy, Yaroch. Total 9.

The Clerk noted the following items had been placed on the Supervisor’s desks: Weekly COVID Report, Fall Fest Flyer, a hard copy of the Rules of Order Governing the County Board of Supervisors, a memo from County Administrator regarding Employee Recruitment, and a memo from Bill Ehlenbeck regarding redistricting. The Chairman ordered these be placed on file.

At 6:45 p.m., Supervisor Frohling made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor D. Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

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