

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022

9:34 A.M.

The Taylor County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:34 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2022, by Jim Metz, County Board Chair, in the Third Floor County Board Room, Taylor County Courthouse, 224 South Second Street, Medford, WI 54451.

Chairman Jim Metz asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine.

The Prayer of Divine Guidance was given by Pastor Bryan Regier, Woodland Community Church, Westboro, WI. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Albrecht. Roll call was taken with all seventeen [17] members present. A quorum being present, the board was declared in session.

It was moved by Albrecht, seconded by Zenner, to approve the agenda with nine [9] items. A unanimous vote cast, the motion carried.

Supervisor Albrecht introduced Jenn Viergutz, the new Nutrition and Aging Director, to the board.

There was no correspondence.

Supervisor Hansen suggested we move the retirement resolutions before the Community Health Needs Assessment so they became the next items on the agenda.

Docket No. 2022-2-7:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO DOUGLAS BROST FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO TAYLOR COUNTY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Mildbrand, seconded by Gebauer, to adopt the resolution as submitted.

A unanimous vote cast, the motion carried. The item was declared adopted and became RESOLUTION NO. 77.

Chairman Metz presented a retirement plaque to Doug.

Docket No. 2022-2-8:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO GARY GRETZINGER FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO TAYLOR COUNTY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Lewis, seconded by Mildbrand, to adopt the resolution as submitted. A unanimous vote cast, the motion carried. The item was declared adopted and became RESOLUTION NO. 78.

Gary was present to accept his plaque from Chairman Metz. He thanked the board and stated he really enjoyed working for Taylor County.

Amanda Lange, Director of Community Health and Foundation at Aspirus Hospital Medford and Melissa Moore of the Taylor County Health Department, presented the Community Health Needs Assessment to the board. They asked the supervisors to come up with their top two health priorities. Some of the concerns were mental health, prescription drug affordability and staffing at the clinics and hospital.

Docket No. 2022-2-9:

INITIAL RESOLUTION APPROVING REVENUE BOND FINANCING FOR BUG TUSSEL 1, LLC.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: BROADBAND COMMITTEE

It was moved by Bub, seconded by Zenner, to adopt the resolution as submitted. Mitch Olson of Bug Tussel was present to answer questions from the board. He stated there would be

additional towers constructed in the county that would also have cellular equipment on them to help with the cellular service throughout the county. Construction would begin in 2023 and by mid-2023 they would begin connecting homes to the network. A roll call vote cast, seventeen [17] voting aye, the motion carried. The item was declared adopted and became RESOLUTION NO. 79.

Docket No. 2022-2-10:

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE USE OF ARPA FUNDS TOWARDS THE NEW RIB LAKE HIGHWAY SHOP.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Mildbrand, seconded by Hinkel, to adopt the resolution as submitted. It was then moved by Mildbrand, seconded by Gebauer, to amend the resolution by deleting the word bid and inserting 'bids for bid packages 1-4 were \$2,782,424.00 and due to irregularities and inconsistencies in bid package 5, that portion of the bid has been rejected and thru Sourcewell, bid package 5 was selected for \$363,230.00 and the total project cost,' in the first sentence of Paragraph 4, between the words 'qualified' and 'to'. Also, in the fourth sentence of Paragraph 6, delete the words 'bid of' and insert 'bids from bid packages 1-4 and bid package 5 thru Sourcewell for', after the word 'qualified', before the amount of '\$3,145,654.00'. The amendment was then voted on, seventeen [17] voting aye, the motion carried. The resolution, as amended, was then voted on. A roll call vote cast, seventeen [17] voting aye, the motion carried. The item was declared adopted and became RESOLUTION NO. 80.

Docket No. 2022-2-11:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ASPIRUS WAUSAU HOSPITAL AND TAYLOR COUNTY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

It was moved by Lewis, seconded by Mildbrand, to table the resolution.

Docket No. 2022-2-12:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.03(2), AND REPEAL SECTION 3.03(3), CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, COUNTY EMPLOYMENT, TAYLOR COUNTY CODE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND JIM METZ, CHAIR

It was moved by Lewis, seconded by Adams, to adopt the ordinance as submitted. A unanimous vote cast, the motion carried. The item was declared adopted and became ORDINANCE NO. 686.

Docket No. 2022-2-13:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.035, DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORIZATIONS, TAYLOR COUNTY CODE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND JIM METZ, CHAIR

It was moved by Zenner, seconded by Mildbrand, to adopt the ordinance as submitted. A unanimous vote cast, the motion carried. The item was declared adopted and became ORDINANCE NO. 687.

It was moved by Albrecht, seconded by Carbaugh, to adjourn subject to the call of the Chair. A unanimous vote cast, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Andria Farrand, Taylor County Clerk

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

9:33 A.M.

The Taylor County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:33 a.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2022, by Jim Metz, County Board Chair, in the Third Floor County Board Room, Taylor County Courthouse, 224 South Second Street, Medford, WI 54451.

The Prayer of Divine Guidance was given by Pastor Tim Becker, First Baptist Church, Medford, WI. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Lisa Carbaugh. Roll call was taken with fifteen [15] members present, one [1] present via Zoom [Zenner] and one [1] absent [Brooks]. A quorum being present, the board was declared in session.

It was moved by Thums, seconded by Lemke, to approve the agenda with ten [10] agenda items. A unanimous vote cast, the motion carried.

It was moved by Gebauer, seconded by Knoll, to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2021, session. A unanimous vote cast, the motion carried.

Supervisor Hansen introduced the Interim Taylor County Health Officer Michelle Cahoon to the board.

Docket No. 2022-1-1:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A NEW COMPENSATION PLAN DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPENSATION PLAN FOR TAYLOR COUNTY POSITIONS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was moved by Mildbrand, seconded by Thums, to adopt the resolution as submitted.

Patrick Glynn, Consultant for Carlson Dettman, provided a presentation to the board explaining the study they did for the county's compensation plan. Supervisor Zenner left the meeting at 10:13 a.m. After much discussion, a roll call vote cast, fifteen [15] voting aye, two [2]

absent [Zenner, Brooks], the motion carried. The item was declared adopted and became RESOLUTION NO. 72

Docket No. 2022-1-2:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO BRENDA FIERKE FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO TAYLOR COUNTY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: EXTENSION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Soper, seconded by Lemke, to adopt the resolution as submitted. A voice vote cast, fifteen [15] voting aye, two [2] absent [Zenner, Brooks], the motion carried. The item was declared adopted and became RESOLUTION NO. 73.

Brenda Fierke was unable to attend, so the plaque and resolution will be mailed to her. Art Lersch, UW-Extension Area Director addressed the board and expressed his gratitude for Brenda's dedication to her work at the Extension office.

Docket No. 2022-1-3:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO PATRICIA BAACKE FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO TAYLOR COUNTY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: JIM METZ, CHAIR
TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

It was moved by Mildbrand, seconded by Lemke, to adopt the resolution as submitted. A voice vote cast, fifteen [15] voting aye, two [2] absent [Zenner, Brooks], the motion carried. The item was declared adopted and became RESOLUTION NO. 74.

Chairman Metz presented Patti with a retirement plaque and she thanked the board for the opportunity to work for Taylor County.

Docket No. 2022-1-4:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TOTAL ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS OF SHERIFF AND CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT PURSUANT TO SECTION 59.22(1), WISCONSIN STATE STATUTES.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was moved by Thums, seconded by Hinkel, to adopt the resolution as submitted. A voice vote cast, fifteen [15] voting aye, two [2] absent [Zenner, Brooks], the motion carried. The item was declared adopted and became RESOLUTION NO. 75.

Docket No. 2022-1-5:

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EMERGENCY PERSONNEL ON THE TAYLOR COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

It was moved by Lewis, seconded by Lemke, to adopt the resolution as submitted. Supervisor Mildbrand asked John Deal, EMS Manager of Aspirus, to address the board. He stated that due to the decrease in volunteers, by adding the additional full time emergency personnel, the ambulance would be fully staffed. Two of the current volunteers are interested in a full-time position. Supervisor Bub asked that a Not to Exceed (NTE) clause be added to the agreement. Supervisor Thums stated he wants to see the final contract with the final amount. It was moved by Bub, seconded by Mildbrand, to amend all future contracts for the Taylor County Ambulance, by adding an NTE clause. A roll call vote cast, four [4] voting aye, [Bub, Mildbrand, Thums, Soper], eleven [11] voting no, two [2] absent [Zenner, Soper], the motion failed. The original resolution was then voted on. A roll call vote cast, thirteen [13] voting aye, two [2] voting no [Bub, Thums], two [2] absent [Zenner, Brooks], the motion carried. The item was declared adopted and became RESOLUTION NO. 76.

Supervisor Adams left at 11:13 a.m.

Docket No. 2022-1-6:

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BUG TUSSEL TO COMPLETE THE BROADBAND NETWORK THROUGH ADDITIONAL FIBER AND TOWERS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: MICHAEL BUB, CHAIR
TAYLOR COUNTY BROADBAND COMMITTEE

It was moved by Bub, seconded by Lewis, to adopt the resolution as submitted. Mitchel Olson of Bug Tussel was present to answer any questions from the board. He explained that there were three more towers added to the proposal. It was moved by Bub, seconded by Hansen, to amend the resolution by incorporating the provisions presented by Bug Tussel, including Exhibit A. A voice vote cast on the amendment, fourteen [14] voting aye, three [3] absent [Zenner, Brooks, Adams], the motion carried. The resolution, as amended, was then voted on. A roll call vote cast, fourteen [14] voting aye, three [3] absent [Zenner, Brooks, Adams], the motion carried. The item was declared adopted and became RESOLUTION NO. 77.

It was moved by Albrecht, seconded by Roiger, to adjourn subject to the call of the Chair. A unanimous vote cast, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Andria Farrand, Taylor County Clerk