

**MINUTES**

**SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

**WEST SQUARE BUILDING, 505 BROADWAY, ROOM 326, BARABOO, WI**

**6:00 PM – PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2024 SAUK COUNTY BUDGET**

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 65.90, for the purpose of soliciting comments from the public regarding the 2024 Sauk County Budget.

**1. CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2024 SAUK COUNTY BUDGET**

Tim McCumber, County Board Chair.

**2. BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Brent Miller, County Administrator and Lynn Horkan, Finance Director.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2024 SAUK COUNTY BUDGET – 3 MINUTE LIMIT**

Mark Greenwood, re: Budget.

**4. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Tim McCumber, County Board Chair.

**5. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING**

Tim McCumber, County Board Chair.

MOTION (Detter/Klitzke) to adjourn the public hearing @ 6:26 P.M. Motion carried **unanimously**.

**ANNUAL MEETING: SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**1. Call to Order and Certify Compliance with Open Meeting Law: 6:26 P.M.**

**2. Roll Call.** PRESENT: (31) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Scanlon, Anderson, Krueger, Flint, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Schell, Dorner, Fordham, Astle, Hazard, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Gruber, Detter, Chrisler, Stehling, McAuliffe, Deitrich and McCumber. ABSENT: (0).

Staff present: Brent Miller, County Administrator; Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel; Becky Evert, Sauk County Clerk; Cora McDonnell, Deputy County Clerk; and Michelle Commings, Deputy County Clerk.

**3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.** Invocation given by Supr. Deitrich

**4. Adopt Agenda.** MOTION (Carver/T. Spencer) to adopt the agenda, removing item 10b.

~~b. Sauk County Library Board~~

~~—James Astle, District #18 Supervisor~~

~~—Term: 11/14/2023–4/16/2024 (Concurrent with Board of Supervisors)~~

Motion carried **unanimously**. (*Verbal vote*)

**5. Adopt the minutes.** MOTION (Scanlon/Rego) to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion carried **unanimously**.

**6. General Consent Agenda Items.**

**a. Human Services Committee:**

- i. **Resolution 86 - 2023** To Commend Jan Schyvnick For Over 35 Years Of Service To The People Of Sauk County.

**b. Highway Committee:**

- i. **Resolution 87 - 2023** To Honor Charles Schell For Over 25 Years Of Faithful Service To The People Of Sauk County.

MOTION (Klitzke/R. Spencer). Motion carried **unanimously**. (*Voice vote*)

**7. Scheduled Appearances.** None.

**8. Public Comment.** None.

**9. Communications.**

Letter from USDA Re: Environmental Assessment & Public Meeting - 11.28.23

**10. Appointments.**

**a. Property Committee:**

James Astle, District #18 Supervisor

Term: 11/14/2023-4/16/2024 (Concurrent with Board of Supervisors)

**c. Land, Resources, & Environment Director:**

Lisa Wilson

MOTION (Schell/Gruber) to approve the appointments. Motion carried **unanimously**. (*Voice vote*)

**11. Bills.** None.

**12. Claims.** None.

**13. Elections.** None.

**14. Proclamations.** None.

**15. Reports – informational, no action required.**

- a. Rebecca C. Evert, Sauk County Clerk – Rezoning petitions filed with the office of the Sauk County Clerk as a requirement of Wisconsin State Statutes 59.69(5)(e):

i. Petition 13-2023, Applicant: Jay’s Holdings LLC; Project Location: Town of La Valle; Current Zoning: Agriculture; Proposed Zoning: Commercial.

ii. Petition 14-2023, Applicant: Clayton Yoder; Project Location: Town of Westfield; Current Zoning: Exclusive Agriculture; Proposed Zoning: Agriculture.

iii. Petition 15-2023, Applicant: John Wells; Project Location: Baraboo; Current Zoning: Commercial; Proposed Zoning: Resource Conservancy.

- b. Brent Miller

i. Administrator’s report.

ii. Third Quarter Financial Report. (Report given by Lynn Horkan, Finance Director)

- c. Tim McCumber, County Board Chair

i. Board Chair Update

ii. Election paperwork.

iii. Update from Committee on Consolidation of Committees - October Meeting.

16. **Unfinished Business.**

17. **New Business.**

**LAND RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:**

**Ordinance 8 - 2023 Amendment To Approve A Map Amendment (Rezoning) Of Lands In The Town Of Freedom From An Agriculture To A Recreation-Commercial Zoning District Filed Upon Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc., Property Owner.**

**MOTION (Krueger/Polivka). VOTE: AYES: (31) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Scanlon, Anderson, Krueger, Flint, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Schell, Dorner, Fordham, Astle, Hazard, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Gruber, Detter, Chrisler, Stehling, McAuliffe, Deitrich and McCumber. NAYS: (0). Motion carried **unanimously**.**

*Ordinance effective upon passage pursuant to 59.69(5)(e)(6), of Wisconsin State Statutes (November 14, 2023).*

**PERSONNEL & INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution 88 - 2023 Create New Positions For The 2024 Budget.**

**MOTION (Gruber/T. Spencer). VOTE: AYES: (31) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Scanlon, Anderson, Krueger, Flint, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Schell, Dorner, Fordham, Astle, Hazard, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Gruber, Detter, Chrisler, Stehling, McAuliffe, Deitrich and McCumber. NAYS: (0). Motion carried **unanimously**.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**Resolution 89 - 2023 Approving The 2024 Budget And Establishing Taxes To Be Levied In Sauk County For The Year 2023 (Payable In 2024).**

**MOTION (Krueger/Polivka).**

**MOTION (Hazard/Polivka).**

**To amend the 2024 Proposed Budget, as recommended by the Finance Committee, to fund a needs assessment of health care needs in Sauk County. The funding would balance the 2024 budget by use of the General Fund balance by \$50,000.**

**VOTE: AYES: (17) T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Klitzke, Scanlon, Deitrich, Krueger, Flint, Lombard, Dorner, Fordham, Hazard, R. Spencer, Polivka, Burchill, Stehling, McAuliffe. NAYS: (14) Roxen, Kinsman, Anderson, Clemens, Prosser, Schell, Astle, McCumber, Carver, Peper, Lohr, Gruber, Detter, Chrisler. Motion carried.**

**MOTION (McCumber/Lohr).**

**To amend the 2024 Proposed Budget, as recommended by the Finance Committee, to fund landscaping materials and/or services for the UW-Baraboo Campus. The funding would balance the 2024 budget by increasing the estimated sales tax amount by \$20,000.**

**VOTE: AYES: (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Scanlon, Anderson, Krueger, Flint, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Schell, Dorner, Fordham, Astle, Hazard, R. Spencer, Carver, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Gruber, Detter, Chrisler, Stehling, McAuliffe, Deitrich and McCumber. NAYS: (1) Polivka. Motion carried.**

**MOTION (McCumber/Detter).**

**To amend the 2024 Proposed Budget, as recommended by the Finance Committee, to fund expanding the Senior Healthcare Continuum to provide Assisted Living Facilities on the Reedsburg Campus, to market the Sauk County Health Care Center, and construction of a new Assisted Living facility.**

Board Members questioned Corporation Counsel, Brian Desmond, as to whether this proposal is a true budget amendment.

Chair McCumber called a break at 8:17 PM, meeting resumed at 8:27 PM

Corporation Counsel, Brian Desmond, ruled the proposed amendment out of order, as he opined, it is a stringing amendment. McCumber withdrew his motion.

**MOTION (Krueger/Polivka) to adopt Resolution 89 - 2023, as amended, Approving The 2024 Budget And Establishing Taxes To Be Levied In Sauk County For The Year 2023 (Payable In 2024).**

- Levy rate, including special purpose levies, of \$3.41 per \$1,000.00 (\$0.35 decrease).
- Total levy dollars raised of \$35,124,280.00.

**VOTE:** AYES: (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Scanlon, Anderson, Krueger, Flint, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Schell, Dorner, Fordham, Astle, Hazard, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Lohr, Gruber, Detter, Chrisler, Stehling, McAuliffe, Deitrich and McCumber. NAYS: (1) Peper.  
Motion carried.

18. **Referrals.**

19. **New Agenda items (no discussion). Submit in writing or by e-mail new business items to the County Administrator as soon as possible for Rule III.A. referral.**

20. **Adjournment to a date certain:** 8:36 PM MOTION (Rego/Klitzke) to adjourn until Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. Motion carried **unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Cora McDonnell  
Deputy County Clerk

Minutes Approved: December 19, 2023

State of Wisconsin, County of Sauk: I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the November 14, 2023. Proceedings of the Sauk County Board of Supervisors. /s/Rebecca C. Evert, Sauk County Clerk.

Original documents on file @ Office of the Sauk County Clerk West Square Building, 505 Broadway, Room #144, Baraboo, WI 53913. 608-355-3286.

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