

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF
PORTAGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

January 16, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Chair Al Haga at 5:00p.m.

Roll call taken by County Clerk Davis revealed:

(24) present:

(19) attending in person: Supervisors Chris Doubek, Steve Fritz, Bob Gifford, Al Haga, Barry Jacowski, Matt Jacowski, Don Jankowski, Pat Keller, Dave Ladick, David Medin, Vinnie Miresse, Julie Morrow, Suzanne Oehlke, David Peterson, Shaun Przybylski, Larry Raikowski, Andrew Rockman, Scott Soik, and Mike Splinter

(5) attending remotely via Webex: Supervisor Steve Cieslewicz, Jeanne Dodge, Greg Hakala, Joan Honl, Stan Potocki.

(1) excused: Supervisor Mark Hemmrich*

***Note:** Supervisor Hemmrich indicated after the meeting that he was attending the meeting via phone but was unable to be heard.

All present saluted the flag.

Invocation by Supervisor Peterson

Public Comment

Public comments offered by Bob Larson, Nancy Roppe, Karlene Ferrante, John Bertelson, Mary Ann Laszewski, Mildred Neville, Alva Clymer, and Kevin Flatoff regarding Resolution No. 202-2022-2024

Correspondence

2023 Employee Years of Service Recognition
Portage County Anti-Harassment Policy

Review/Approval

Motion by Supervisor Ladick, second by Supervisor Przybylski to approve the December 19, 2023 minutes.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Confirmation of County Executive Committee Appointments

Motion by Supervisor Soik, second by Supervisor Barry Jacowski to confirm the appointment of Paul Cieslewicz to the Board of Adjustment for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2024.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Motion by Supervisor Doubek, second by Supervisor Miresse to confirm the appointment of Elise Holzberger to the Public Library Board for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2027.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Resolutions/Ordinances

RESOLUTION NO. 200-2022-2024

RE: INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$12,960,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR
PROMISSORY NOTES FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Portage County Board of Supervisors that the County borrow an amount not to exceed \$12,960,000 by issuing its general obligation bonds or promissory notes for the public purpose of financing the repair and renovation of the County's existing Health and Human Services Building. There be and there hereby is levied on all the taxable property in the County a direct, annual tax in such years and in such amounts as are sufficient to pay when due the principal and interest on such bonds or promissory notes.

Motion by Supervisor Raikowski, second by Supervisor Jankowski for the adoption.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 201-2022-2024

RE: INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$3,620,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Portage County Board of Supervisors that the County borrow an amount not to exceed \$3,620,000 by issuing its general obligation promissory notes for the public purpose of financing the construction, improvement or maintenance of highways. There be and there hereby is levied on all the taxable property in the County a direct, annual tax in such years and in such amounts as are sufficient to pay when due the principal and interest on such promissory notes.

Motion by Supervisor Ladick, second by Supervisor Rockman for the adoption.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 202-2022-2024-FAILED

RE: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM TO FURTHER EXCEED THE STATE IMPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMITS BY \$3,500,000 FOR OPERATING THE PORTAGE COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors endorses and approves conducting the following county-wide referendum as part of the April 2, 2024, election to further exceed the levy limit under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(4) for the Portage County Health Care Center's operations, and further approves and authorizes the following Notice of Referendum required by Wis. Stat. §10.01(2)(c) and the referendum question set forth within that Notice, modified as necessary to conform to any directives from the Department of Revenue, the Wisconsin Elections Commission, and/or changes in the law, and directs the County Clerk to perform all necessary administrative functions to execute this resolution and to include this referendum question on the April 2, 2024, election ballot:

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

PORTAGE COUNTY

By law, the electors of Portage County shall consider the following referendum question in the election of April 2, 2024. Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Portage for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2025, is limited to 1.111%, which results in a levy of \$35,397,162. Shall the County of Portage be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2025, for the purpose of paying a portion of the cost to operate the Portage County Health Care Center, which may include costs associated with the construction of a new Portage County Health Care facility, by a total of 9.888% which results in a levy of \$38,897,162, and include the increase of \$3,500,000 for fiscal years 2025 through 2044?

_____ Yes

_____ No

EXPLANATION

YES VOTE

A "YES" vote means that you support granting Portage County the authority to increase the property tax levy limit up to the amount stated in the referendum question in order to allow the Portage County Health Care Center to pay a portion of its operating costs, which may include costs associated with construction of a new Portage County Health Care Center facility.

NO VOTE

A "NO" vote means that you do not support granting Portage County the authority to increase the property tax levy limit up to the amount stated in the referendum question in order to allow the Portage County Health Care Center to pay a portion of its operating costs, which may include costs associated with construction of a new Portage County Health Care Center facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the referendum question shall be filed with the Portage County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the April 2, 2024, election at which the referendum question will appear on the ballot.

Motion by Supervisor Miresse, second by Supervisor Doubek for the adoption.

Roll call vote on the motion reveal (8) ayes, Supervisors Miresse, Doubek, Przybylski, Honl, Rockman, Gifford, Potocki, and Hakala, (16) nays, Supervisors Medin, Morrow, Ladick, Splinter, Jankowski, Keller, Haga, Fritz, Oehlke, Raikowski, Soik, Dodge, Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski, Steve Cieslewicz, and David Peterson, (1) excused, Supervisor Hemmrich. Motion Failed.

RESOLUTION NO. 203-2022-2024

RE: AMENDING PORTAGE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 3.1.25, ENTITLED "PORTAGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE," TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO SUPERVISOR MEMBER AT LARGE AND ADD A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and adopts the attached revisions of Portage County Code of Ordinances Section 3.1.25, entitled "Portage County Transportation Coordinating Committee"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing revisions to the Portage County Code of Ordinances be posted to the world wide web from the County's website, along with written paper format to remain available in the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Supervisor Raikowski, second by Supervisor Miresse for the adoption.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 204-2022-2024

RE: AMENDING PORTAGE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 3.1.38, ENTITLED "PORTAGE COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL," TO REMOVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CLARIFY MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and adopts the attached revisions of Portage County Code of Ordinances Section 3.1.38, entitled "Portage County Business Council"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing revisions to the Portage County Code of Ordinances be posted to the worldwide web from the County's website, along with written paper format to remain available in the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Supervisor Ladick, second by Supervisor Jankowski for the adoption.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 205-2022-2024

RE: EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO RETIRED FROM PORTAGE COUNTY, OR WHO PASSED AWAY WHILE IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF PORTAGE COUNTY, IN 2023

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a combined total of 265 years of knowledge and experience has left Portage County in 2023, which will truly be missed. The Portage County Board of Supervisors does hereby express the thanks and appreciation of the people of Portage County for the service and dedication of these individuals.

Motion by Supervisor Doubek, second by Supervisor Keller for the adoption.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 206-2022-2024

RE: REAUTHORIZATION OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows:

(1) Provide for the continuation of a self-insured worker's compensation program that is currently in effect.

(2) Authorize the Risk Management Specialist to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Worker's Compensation Division, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

Motion by Supervisor Miresse, second by Supervisor Rockman for the adoption.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

Adjournment

Motion by Supervisor Barry Jacowski, second by Supervisor Oehlke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 6:19p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

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COUNTY OF PORTAGE)

I, Maria Davis, County Clerk of said County do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct record of the adjourned session of the Portage County Board of Supervisors for Portage County, Wisconsin.

MARIA N. DAVIS

County Clerk

Minutes are subject to amendment or change at subsequent meetings of the County Board and such changes will then be subsequently published.

The unofficial full text of the Portage County Code of Ordinances, including any changes approved in the above proceedings, once published, can be accessed on the Portage County website:

https://library.municode.com/wi/portage_county/codes/code_of_ordinances. For the official full text, please consult the Revised Code of Ordinances for Portage County, available in the Portage County Clerk's Office, 1516 Church St., Stevens Point, WI 54481.

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