

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

January 18, 2022

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

Roll call taken by Chief Deputy County Clerk Leigh Jentz revealed:

(21) present:

(15) attending in person: Supervisors Jeanne Dodge, Chris Doubek, Bob Gifford, Charles Gussel, Allen Haga, Barry Jacowski, Matt Jacowski, David Medin, Julie Morrow, Stan Potocki, Dennis Raabe, Larry Raikowski, Ray Reser, Scott Soik, Mike Splinter

(6) attending remotely via Webex: Supervisors Joan Honl, Don Jankowski, Meleesa Johnson, Dave Ladick, Vinnie Miresse, and Gerry Zastrow

(3) excused: Supervisors Dan Martinson, Ntxhais Chai Moua and Mildred Neville

(1) vacant: District 14

All present saluted the flag.

Note: Supervisor Moua, attending remotely via Webex, was added to quorum at 5:01p.m.

Invocation by Supervisor Honl

Note: Supervisor Neville was added to quorum at 5:03p.m.

A moment of silence was observed for Doug Warner, former Portage County Board Supervisor 1990-2008 and Portage County Sheriff Deputy 1964-1990

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Doubek, second by Supervisor Gussel, to approve the December 21, 2021 County Board meeting minutes.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The minutes were approved.

Correspondence

Letter from Citizen Jessie Glodowski regarding Highway Department Policy Concerns

Editorial: An American Rescue Plan Act Reality Check, County Executive Holman

Presentations

Mid-State President, Dr. Shelly Mondeik

Vice President of Workforce Development & Community Relations, Dr. Bobbi Damrow

Dean of Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering and Transportation, Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Construction, Ryan Kowski

Information Update: Mid-State's Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering Technology & Apprenticeship (AMETA) Center Project

Public Comment

Mary Ann Laszewski and Nancy Roppe regarding resolution no. 193-2020-2022

Michelle Cornell and Jessie Glodowski and one other member of the public requested to speak on the correspondence re: highway department policy concerns. Chair Haga stated that public comment would not be accepted on correspondence.

Confirmation of County Executive Appointment and Reappointment

Chair Haga stated that if there were no objections, he would take the County Executive appointment and reappointment with one motion. Motion by Supervisor Reser, second by Raabe to approve the following appointment and reappointment:

- Appoint Amanda Freberg to the Public Library Board for a 3-year term expiring January 31, 2025, to replace Anne Pawlak
- Reappoint Holly Petrillo to the Public Library Board for a 3-year term expiring January 31, 2025

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Confirmation of Executive/Operations Committee Appointments

Chair Haga stated that if there were no objections, he would take the Executive/Operations Committee appointments with one motion. . Motion by Supervisor Splinter, second by Potocki to approve the following appointments:

- Appoint JR Wynne to the Transportation Coordinating Committee to serve out the remainder of a 3-year term expiring April 15, 2024, to replace Mackenzie Kinney
- Appoint Sandy Kratzke to the Land Records Modernization Committee for the remainder of a 5-year term expiring April 17, 2023, to replace Sharon Patoka

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Resolutions/Ordinances

Chair Haga stated that if there were no objections, he would reorder the agenda to consider agenda item number 16, resolution no. 193-2020-2022, first due a time constraint.

RESOLUTION NO. 193-2020-2022-AMENDED
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A REFERENDUM TO
EXCEED STATE IMPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMITS BY
\$4,500,000 DOLLARS FOR OPERATING THE

PORTAGE COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER (A.K.A: PORTAGE COUNTY HOME)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors endorses and approves the recommendations from the Health Care Center Committee and Finance Committee to conduct the following county-wide referendum as part of the April 5, 2022, election to exceed the levy limit under Wis. Stat. §66.0602(4) so the Portage County Health Care Center can continue to operate, and authorizes and approves 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 clerk to perform all necessary administrative functions to execute this resolution and to include this referendum question on the April 5, 2022, 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 5, 2022.

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Portage for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2023, is limited to 1.894%, which results in a levy of \$29,738,344. Shall the County of Portage be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2023, for the purpose of paying a portion of the cost to operate the Portage County Health Care Center, including costs associated with the construction of a new Portage County Health Care Center facility, by a total of 15.132% which results in a levy of \$34,238,344, and include the increase of \$4,500,000 for fiscal years 2024 through 2042?

_____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, including 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, including 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 5, 2022, election at which the referendum question will appear on the ballot.

Motion by Supervisor Morrow, second by Supervisor Raabe for the adoption.

Motion by Supervisor Dodge, second by Supervisor Raikowski to amend the resolution to incorporate the amendments approved by the Finance committee on 1-17-2022, amending the value \$4,115,000 to \$4,500,000 in the title and throughout the resolution and referendum question and, amending 13.837% to 15.132% in the referendum question, amending \$33,853,344 to \$34,238,344 in the referendum questions, and amending 2023 to 2024 in the referendum question.

Motion to amend carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Motion by Supervisor Matt Jacowski, second by Supervisor Morrow to instruct staff to incorporate reference to a new facility in the explanation of a yes vote, if allowable by the Wisconsin Elections Commission, prior to submission to the County Clerk.

Motion to amend carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Motion on the resolution carried by voice vote. The amended resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 188-2020-2022

RE: REORGANIZATION OF ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS FROM
CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE TO REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE THAT

RESULTS IN A NEW POSITION REQUEST AND INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors authorizes 10 additional hours per week to the 30 hour per week Deputy Register of Deeds to perform duties associated with issuing passports and the inter-departmental transfer of budget expenses and revenue, associated with Passport issuance, to move from the Clerk of Courts office to the Register of Deeds beginning on April 1, 2022.

Motion by Supervisor Matt Jacowski, second by Supervisor Medin for the adoption.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 189-2020-2022

RE: AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE UNIQUELY WISCONSIN CAMPAIGN

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby approves Portage County's participation in the "Uniquely Wisconsin" campaign and providing funding in the amount of \$60,000 to the WCA.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 190-2020-2022

RE: CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHANE GOLLNICK AS
PORTAGE COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby confirms the appointment of Shane Gollnick as Portage County Information Technology Director with a start date of February 2, 2022, or a date mutually agreed upon.

Motion by Supervisor Reser, second by Supervisor Splinter for the adoption.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 191-2020-2022 – AMENDED AS TO FORM
RE: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED FUNDS AND
A 2022 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPERATIONS DIVISION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors does hereby accept the donation of funds from the Badger State Sheriffs' Association in the amount of \$50,520 and authorizes the corresponding budget

adjustment, consisting of a 2022 increase of \$50,520 to be used for the specific purpose for the Portage County Sheriff's Office Operations Division for purchase of Ballistic Shields for Patrol vehicles and replacement of Tasers.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Jentz stated that a correction of scrivener's errors was needed to correct the use of the apostrophe "s" throughout and to add an "s" to the word "constraints" in the 5th whereas.

The correction of the scrivener's errors was adopted by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution, amended as to form, was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 192-2020-2022-AMENDED AS TO FORM

AMENDING PORTAGE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2.1.4, ENTITLED PARKING

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby approves, adopts, and enacts the attached Portage County Code of Ordinances Section 2.1.4, entitled Parking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies prior practices and enforcement consistent with this adopted parking ordinance; 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.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Jentz stated that a correction of a scrivener's error was needed to add an "e" to "whereas" in the third whereas clause.

The correction of the scrivener's error was adopted by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution, amended as to form, was adopted.

Discussion/Training Video

Discussion only: countywide security training, meeting security & locations, and risk management.

Chair Haga stated there were ongoing discussions with staff regarding meeting and building security.

The board viewed the Run. Hide. Fight. training video.

Adjournment

Motion by Supervisor Splinter, second by Dodge to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:02p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

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COUNTY OF PORTAGE)

I, Kayla R. Filen, County Clerk of said County having attended this meeting remotely via Webex 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.

KAYLA R. FILEN

Portage 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://www.co.portage.wi.us/government/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.

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