

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

January 19, 2021

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

Roll call taken by County Clerk Kayla Filen revealed:

(25) present:

(15) attending in person: Supervisors Chris Doubek, David Medin, Julie Morrow, David Ladick, Bob Gifford, Mike Splinter, Donald Jankowski, Anton Anday, Allen Haga, Larry Raikowski, Scott Soik, Charles Gussel, Jeanne Dodge, Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski

(10) attending remotely via Webex: Supervisors Vinnie Miresse, Mildred Neville, Meleesa Johnson, Joan Honl, Ntxhais Chai Moua, Stan Potocki, Daniel Martinson, Dennis Raabe, Gerry Zastrow, Ray Reser

All present saluted the flag.

Invocation by Supervisor Splinter

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Doubek, second by Supervisor Morrow to approve the December 15th, 2020 County Board meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence

County Clerk Filen, Agenda/Meeting Manager and Surface Rollout Update

Presentations

Phong Vang, Background of Hmong New Year (via WebEx)

Health and Human Services Director Przybelski/ County Executive Holman, COVID-19 Update

Public Notice

None

Public Comment

None

Resolutions/Ordinances

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2020-2022 - AMENDED
RE: RECOGNIZING THE HMONG COMMUNITY
AND THE VIRTUAL HMONG NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors honors the Hmong of Portage County by its collective endorsement of the events of the 2020 Hmong New Year Virtual Celebration, and encourages residents to learn about Hmong history, commit to cultivating improved cultural understanding and relationships and supporting our Hmong neighbors in Portage County and beyond.

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

Motion by Supervisor Johnson, second by Supervisor Doubek to amend the resolution to change "Inclusivity" to "Inclusiveness" in the committee title. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion for adoption carried by unanimous voice vote. The amended resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2020-2022 – REFERED BACK TO COMMITTEE
RE: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MLK DAY AND
ASKING ADMINISTRATION TO FORMALIZE
A DIVERSITY TRAINING DAY FOR EMPLOYEES IN 2022

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy of non-violent activism in the interest of civil rights, equality, equity and diversity on MLK Day and throughout the year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors demonstrates its support of this legacy by requesting County Administration present an overview of the County Diversity Training efforts including both departmental and County-wide training sessions as well as develop a Diversity Training Day for Portage County employees to coincide with MLK Day 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors requests that the Diversity Affairs and Inclusiveness Committee support County Administration in this work to the extent possible and where requested.

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

Motion by Supervisor Miresse, second by Supervisor Honl to amend the resolution to change the word “inclusivity” to “inclusiveness” in the 6th Whereas clause, 2nd Now Therefore Be It Also Resolved clause, and in the committee title. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Supervisor Ladick, second by Supervisor Dodge to refer the resolution back to the Diversity Affairs and Inclusiveness committee.

Voice vote on the motion to send back to committee revealed (20) ayes, (5) nays, Supervisors Johnson, Moua, Martinson, Miresse, Anday. Motion to refer the resolution back to the committee carried. The resolution is referred back to the Diversity Affairs and Inclusiveness committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2020-2022
RE: EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THOSE EMPLOYEES
WHO RETIRED FROM PORTAGE COUNTY IN 2020

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a combined total of 514 years of knowledge and experience has left Portage County in 2020, 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 Barry Jacowski, second by Supervisor Matt Jacowski for the adoption.

Motion for adoption carried by unanimous voice vote. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2020-2022 – AMENDED
RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 3.0 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)
CHILD WELFARE AIDES FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors approves, adopts and authorizes the 2021 new staff request of 3.0 FTE Child Welfare Aide positions as set forth herein.

Motion by Supervisor Dodge, second by Supervisor Gifford for the adoption.

Motion by Supervisor Neville, second by Supervisor Doubek to amend the resolution to change “aides” to “aids” in the 6th Whereas clause and remove “a” before “3.0” in the Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved Clause. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion for adoption carried by unanimous voice vote. The amended resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-2020-2022
RE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$4 million in GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$7.7 million in additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that Wisconsin counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Portage County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

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

Motion for adoption carried by unanimous voice vote. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-2020-2022

RE: PROVIDING FUNDING SUPPORT TO RENT READY AS A RELIEF PROGRAM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Portage County will provide funding assistance to the Rent Ready program via the Hunger Poverty Prevention of Portage County (HPPP) and that funding shall total \$4,800 in 2021; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this funding shall be funded by contingency funds in 2021 and incorporated into the annual budget process for future years.

Motion by Supervisor Gifford, second by Supervisor Potocki for the adoption.

Motion for adoption carried by unanimous voice vote. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-2020-2022

RE: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH STANTEC FOR WETLAND MITIGATION BANK DESIGN

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Portage County Board of Supervisors that the contract for wetland mitigation bank design services as set forth in the attached contract summary form (incorporated herein by reference) are hereby ratified, approved and authorized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Portage County Board of Supervisors that the contract is contingent on successful land acquisition and may be terminated by the County at any time if an appropriate site is not able to be purchased.

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

Motion for adoption carried by unanimous voice vote. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-2020-2022

RE: CONDUCTING A COUNTYWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON CLEAN WATER NOW FOR WISCONSIN

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the April 6, 2021 ballot as an advisory referendum:

Question: Shall the State of Wisconsin establish a right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the diverse economy, cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin

YES___ NO___; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel shall prepare an explanation of a yes or no vote to be published by the Portage County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Portage County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the April 6, 2021 election, at which the question will appear on the ballot; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portage County Clerk is directed to send the results of the referendum to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, all Wisconsin County Boards, and to local members of the State Legislature.

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

Motion for adoption carried by unanimous voice vote. The resolution was adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 state biennial budget to ensure access to critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin's aging and disability populations:

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all area legislators.

Motion by Supervisor Barry Jacowski, second by Supervisor Soik to amend the resolution to change “Andrea Palm” to “Karen Timberlake” in the Be It Further Resolved clause. Motion carried by voice vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Portage County Board of Supervisors that the contracts for services between Portage County Health and Human Services Department and the attached service providers is authorized, ratified, and endorsed for the year of 2021.

Motion for adoption carried by unanimous voice vote. The resolution was adopted.

Motion by Supervisor Raikowski, second by Supervisor Dodge to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:29p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF PORTAGE)SS

I, Kayla R. Filen, 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.

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.
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