Richland County Board of Supervisors

OCTOBER SESSION
October 31, 2017

Chairman Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order. Roll call found all members present except Huffman and Williamson.

Reverend Larry Engel, Pastor of the Five Points Lutheran Church, Blue River, gave the Invocation. County Clerk Vlasak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Vlasak read the agenda for the October session. Motion by Kinney, second by Bellman that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Chairman Kirkpatrick asked if any member desired that the minutes of the September session be read or if any member desired to amend the minutes of the previous session. Hearing no motion to read or amend the minutes of the September session, the Chairman declared the minutes as approved.

The Public Hearing on the proposed 2018 budget was opened by Chairman Kirkpatrick. Chairman Kirkpatrick began by thanking the members of the Finance and Personnel Committee, County Clerk Vlasak and Department Heads for their work in the preparation of the proposed budget. The tax levy for the proposed budget is $8,337,004.75. Revenues have increased by $1,964,030 compared to the 2017 budget and expenditures have increased by $3,418,044 compared to the 2017 budget. The tax levy increase is $1,454,014 compared to the previous year’s levy. The proposed budget includes funds to cover a 7% increase in health insurance premiums; a 2% wage increase to cover the cost of implementing the wage study and an additional $480,104 for institutional costs. It was noted that the $809,619 budgeted in 2018 for institutional costs will not fully cover the costs which are estimated at 1.1 million for 2017. The levy request by the Health and Human Services Department was reduced by $40,000. Pine Valley’s levy request was reduced by $117,058. The entire debt service payment for the new Pine Valley facility in the amount of $1,371,500 has been included in the proposed levy. The Highway Department’s levy request was reduced by $136,500. The proposed budget reduces the hours of a position at the Cooperative Extension office, eliminates a position in the District Attorney’s office and reduces the hours of a position in the Child Support Agency. The levy for the proposed budget will result in taxes of $761 for property valued at $100,000. This is an increase of $119 from last year. Discussion followed. Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Sebranek that the Public Hearing be closed. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17-93 Of Condolence To The Family Of Ruth E. Williams was read by County Clerk Vlasak. Motion by Peters, second by Rasmussen that Resolution No. 17-93 be adopted. Motion carried and resolution declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 17 - 93

A Resolution Of Condolence To The Family Of Ruth E. Williams.

WHEREAS Ruth E. Williams, who served Richland County as a County Board Supervisor from June 19, 2012 until her death on September 24, 2017, leaving surviving her husband, three sons, and three daughters, and

WHEREAS the Richland County Board of Supervisors, which was not in session at the time of Ruth E. Williams’s death, desires to express its sympathy to the surviving family.

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delinquent and current real estate taxes on Tax Parcel # 111-1300-0410 and the County will transfer ownership of that parcel to the Village and the County will be relieved of any further obligation regarding the parcel, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the County the contract which has been drafted by Corporation Counsel Ben Southwick and approved by the Property, Building and Grounds Committee and the Village of Cazenovia, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE PROPERTY, BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

FOR AGAINST

Buford E. Marshall, Jr.  X
Richard McKee  X
Marilyn Marshall  X
David J. Turk  X

Resolution No. 17-99 To Create A Non-Partisan Procedure For Drafting Legislative And Congressional Districts In Wisconsin was read by County Clerk Vlasak. Motion by Gentes, second by Turk that Resolution No. 17-99 be adopted. Discussion followed. Motion carried and resolution declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 17 - 99

A Resolution To Create A Non-Partisan Procedure For Drafting Legislative And Congressional Districts In Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Wisconsin Constitution, every 10 years after the decennial census, the Legislature must redraw Legislative and Congressional districts in accordance with the one person-one vote rule, and these districts are used to elect members of the Legislature and Congress for the next decade, and

WHEREAS the drawing of these has been the subject of partisan influence, often called gerrymandering, and costly litigation, with Wisconsin’s current district maps being the subject of a much-anticipated U.S. Supreme Court decision, all of which could be avoided by the establishment of a non-partisan procedure for the drawing of Legislature and Congressional districts, and

WHEREAS the Rules and Resolutions Committee has carefully considered this matter is is now presenting this Resolution to the County Board for its consideration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Richland County Board of Supervisors that the County Board urges the Legislature to create a non-partisan procedure for the drawing of Legislative and Congressional districts, and to do this promptly and without waiting until the 2020 census, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to
Governor Scott Walker, to all State legislators whose districts include any portion of Richland County and to the Wisconsin Counties Association, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND ETHICS BOARD

FOR AGAINST

Fred Clary X
David J. Turk X
Donald Seep X
Richard Rasmussen X

Resolution No. 17-100 Approving Two Expenditures For The Sheriff’s Department was read by County Clerk Vlasak. Motion by Peters, second by Severson that Resolution No. 17-100 be adopted. Discussion followed. Motion carried and resolution declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 17 - 100

A Resolution Approving Two Expenditures For The Sheriff’s Department.

WHEREAS Sheriff Jim Bindl and the Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee have recommended that approval be given for 2 expenditures by the Sheriff’s Department, one being an invoice for annual maintenance for the 911 microdata record system and the second being to purchase 6 heavy tactical vests and accessories and 4 heavy ballistic plates to insert inside bulletproof vests, and

WHEREAS the Finance and Personnel Committee has carefully considered this matter and is now presenting this Resolution to the County Board for its consideration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Richland County Board of Supervisors that the following expenditures for the Sheriff’s Department are hereby approved:

1. an invoice from MicroData GIS, Inc. of Palatine, Illinois for annual maintenance of the microdata 911 record system in the amount of $3,969.80;

2. purchase 6 heavy tactical vests and accessories and 4 heavy ballistic plates from Midwest Defense Solutions, Inc. of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, for a total of $9,915.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maintenance contract shall be paid from the 911 Outlay Account and the purchase from Midwest Defense Solutions, Inc. shall be paid from Special Response Team account in the Sheriff Department’s account in the 2017 budget, and
Trustees for terms starting the first Monday in January, 2018 and ending the first Monday in January, 2021. Motion carried.

County Board Supervisors were provided with copies of a report on the activities of Kate Koziol in her role of economic development for the Community Prosperity Alliance.

Rules and Resolutions Committee Chairman Clary reported that the Committee will be meeting on November 22nd at 9:00 a.m. to discuss reducing the size of the Finance and Personnel Committee, County Parks Commission, Health and Human Services Board, Pine Valley Board of Trustees and Zoning and Land Information Committee. Corporation Counsel Southwick noted that if a majority of any of the committees will be attending, those committee will need to post their own agenda for that attendance.

Supervisor Burke, a member of the Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program Board, noted that information was distributed to County Board Supervisors regarding the SWCAP Gala and Fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, November 9th. All funds raised will be used to improve and expand behavioral health services in SWCAP’s service area.

Chairman Kirkpatrick noted the receipt of a letter expressing appreciation for Fair and Recycling Coordinator Carla Doudna’s help in the recently held Clean Sweep event.

Chairman Kirkpatrick noted the receipt of a thank you card from the family of Ruth Williams for the fresh flower arrangement sent by the Board.

Motion by Bellman, second by M. Marshall to adjourn to Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

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COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

I, Victor V. Vlasak, County Clerk in and for the County of Richland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors of Richland County for the October session held on the 31st day of October, 2017.

Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk