

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Columbia County, Wisconsin

Portage, Wisconsin
July 19, 2023
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Supervisors of Columbia County convened in regular session at the Administration Building at 112 East Edgewater Street, Portage pursuant to law. The meeting was called to order by Chair Polzer and was certified to be in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

All Supervisors were present, except Leckwee and Weyh, absent with notice.

Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Balsiger to approve the Journal of June 21, 2023. Second by Schroeder.
Motion carried.

Harvestine arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by L. Miller to approve the agenda, as printed. Second by K. Miller.

Motion by Kolberg for a mandatory actionable agenda item at the next full county board meeting in regards to amending the Standing Rules to add “Adjourn” to the order of business for every county board meeting and to require a majority vote to end any county board meeting. This can be by voice vote. Second by Groves. Motion carried.

Motion by Kolberg that there be two mandatory actionable agenda items at the next full county board meeting for 1. Reinstating Supervisor Matt Rohrbeck to all of his committees with leadership roles, and 2. Appointing Supervisor Derek Granquist to all of former Supervisor Adam Hahn’s previous committees. Also, in order to ensure that my fellow colleagues can vote without the fear of intimidation or retaliation, this motion shall require amending the Standing Rules in Rule 24 (5) to remove language “and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair” in order to restrict any Columbia County Board Chair from removing any county board supervisor from any committee without a justifiable reason or due process. The vote on this motion shall be by paper ballot. Second by Groves.

Corporation Counsel Ruf advised Rule 11 (1) (a) of the Standing Rules states voting by the County Board shall be by voice vote or roll call vote. He stated Rule 15 of the Standing Rules allows for the suspension or amendment of rules during a meeting with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Motion by Kolberg to suspend the Standing Rules to allow for voting by paper ballot on the motion presented. Second by Groves.

Ruf advised voting on the motion to approve the agenda, then proceed with the swearing in of the new county board supervisor, to allow the supervisor to participate in the voting process.

The motion to approve the agenda passed.

Chair Polzer said the next order of business was the Swearing-In of Derek Granquist as County Board Supervisor. Susan Moll, County Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Derek Granquist.

The motion to suspend the Standing Rules to allow for voting by paper ballot failed on a roll call vote as follows:

YES: 15; NO: 11; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 2

YES: Barker, Brusveen, Field, Fischer, Granquist, Groves, Harvestine, Holtan, Kolberg, K. Miller, M. Rohrbeck, S. Rohrbeck, Shimpach, Stevenson, Wynn.

NO: Balsiger, Baumgartner, Carr, Cook, L. Miller, Polzer, Richmond, Ryan, Schroeder, St. Maurice, Valencia.

ABSENT: Leckwee, Weyh.

The motion on the two mandatory actionable agenda items at the next full county board meeting was approved on a roll call vote as follows:

YES: 15; NO: 11; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 2

YES: Barker, Brusveen, Field, Fischer, Granquist, Groves, Harvestine, Holtan, Kolberg, K. Miller, M. Rohrbeck, S. Rohrbeck, Shimpach, Stevenson, Wynn.

NO: Balsiger, Baumgartner, Carr, Cook, L. Miller, Polzer, Richmond, Ryan, Schroeder, St. Maurice, Valencia.

ABSENT: Leckwee, Weyh.

Supervisors heard comments from three citizens during public input regarding accountability, solar, and ethics/rules/statute violations.

Chair Polzer introduced John Grams, newly hired Land Information Director.

Chair Polzer recognized and thanked the following employees, who were not in attendance, for their years of service to Columbia County: Linda Haddix, Columbia Health Care Center (3 ½ years) and Marcia Levake, Sheriff's Office (17 years).

REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Zoning committee having held a public hearing thereon pursuant to Section 59.69 Wisconsin Statutes, notice thereof have been given as provided by law and being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the areas affected hereby recommend as follows:

1. A petition by, Bourbon Ridge Development, LLC; c/o Blake Young, Petitioner, Poynette, WI, and Tomas Toro-Santos – Grothman & Associates, Applicant, Portage, WI, to rezone from R-1 Single-Family Residence to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, Parcel 1725.15, Section 35, T11N, R8E, Town of Dekorra to be approved as follows: To change from A R-1 Single-Family Residence to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, Parcel 1725.15, Section 35, T11N, R8E, Town of Dekorra.
2. A petition by, Laurie L Fryman, Petitioner, Lodi, WI, to rezone from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence, and from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, Parcel 385.C, Sections 20 & 29, T11N, R10E, Town of Lowville to be approved as follows: To change from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence, and from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, Parcel 385.C, Sections 20 & 29, T11N, R10E, Town of Lowville.

Denise Brusveen

Doug Richmond

~~Adam Hahn~~

Harlan Baumgartner

Andrew Kolberg

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Upon hearing no objection, Chair Polzer directed the report be accepted and placed on file.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-23

WHEREAS, Columbia County has been awarded a total of \$11,174,917 under the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and,

WHEREAS, under County Board Standing Rule 9, the expenditure of undesignated funds totaling \$50,000 or more annually must have County Board approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee recommends the following requested expenditure of ARPA Funds to the full County Board for approval:

MIS - Election Servers - \$25,790

Solid Waste – Consulting Services - \$7,612

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the expenditure of ARPA funds totaling \$33,402 for the items detailed above is hereby authorized and approved.

Fiscal Note: \$33,402 cost to purchase items identified in this Resolution to be entirely paid from ARPA funds.

Fiscal Impact: NONE

Adam R. Field
Darren W. Schroeder, Secretary
Denise J. Brusveen, Vice Chair
Chris Polzer, Chair
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Miller to adopt the Resolution. Second by Baumgartner.

The Resolution was approved on a roll call vote as follows:

YES: 25; NO: 1; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 2

YES: Balsiger, Barker, Baumgartner, Brusveen, Carr, Cook, Field, Fischer, Groves, Harvestine, Holtan, Kolberg, K. Miller, L. Miller, Polzer, Richmond, M. Rohrbeck, S. Rohrbeck, Ryan, Schroeder, Shimpach, St. Maurice, Stevenson, Valencia, Wynn.

NO: Granquist.

ABSENT: Leckwee, Weyh.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-23

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2021, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors (“County Board”) approved a revised and updated Personnel Manual for Management (“Personnel Manual”); and,

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2022, the County Board updated the Personnel Manual; and,

WHEREAS, since the November 8, 2022, update, several County Board Committees met and recommended changes to portions of the Personnel Manual.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board hereby makes the following permanent changes to the Personnel Manual, creating new Section XXIII. as follows:

XXIII. Special Provisions for the Medical Examiner’s Office

A. On-Call and Call-In Pay for Managerial Employees

Management employees shall receive compensation in addition to their regular salaries according to the following schedule:

Weekend on-call duty \$100.00 per weekend

Holiday on-call duty \$50.00 for a 1 to 2-day holiday that falls on
Monday-Friday

<u>Weekday on-call duty</u>	<u>\$25.00 per day</u>
<u>Call-in pay</u>	<u>\$25.00 for each event to which managerial employees are required to respond in person. Paid in addition to on-call pay listed above.</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Provisions for the Medical Examiner’s Office detailed above shall become effective on the date that this Resolution is adopted by the County Board; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other provisions of the Personnel Manual are unchanged by this Resolution and shall remain in full force and effect.

Fiscal Note: 2023 estimated cost of \$2,660 is available in the Medical Examiner’s Office budget. The 2024 estimated cost of \$5,330 will be included in the 2024 budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$5,330 for 2024.

Mike Weyh
Char Holtan
Steven Rohrbeck, Secretary
Keith F. Miller, Vice Chair
~~Adam R. Field, Chair~~
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Motion by Holtan to adopt the Resolution. Second by L. Miller.

The Resolution was approved on a roll call vote as follows:

YES: 26; NO: 0; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 2

YES: Balsiger, Barker, Baumgartner, Brusveen, Carr, Cook, Field, Fischer, Granquist, Groves, Harvestine, Holtan, Kolberg, K. Miller, L. Miller, Polzer, Richmond, M. Rohrbeck, S. Rohrbeck, Ryan, Schroeder, Shimpach, St. Maurice, Stevenson, Valencia, Wynn.

ABSENT: Leckwee, Weyh.

ORDINANCE NO. Z27-2023

The Columbia County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows: That Chapter 12 – Subchapter 100, entitled “Columbia County Zoning Ordinance”, of the County Code, as passed by the Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2021 is hereby amended and added thereto as follows:

- “To change from R-1 Single-Family Residence to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay”, (Bourbon Ridge Development, LLC; c/o Blake Young, Petitioner, and Tomas Toro-Santos – Grothman & Associates, Applicant), a parcel of land located in Section 35, T11N, R8E, Town of Dekorra, more particularly described as follows: Lands to be Rezoned from R-1 Single-Family Residence to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay - Being part of Lot 15, Plat of Bourbon Ridge, located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Town of Dekorra, Columbia County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Lot 15 and the point of beginning; thence North 00°19’42” West along the West right-of-way line of Smith Road, 339.69 feet; thence South 88°34’18” East to a point on the West line of said Lot 15, 633.12 feet; thence South 01°08’58” East, 346.07 feet to a point on the South line of Section 35; thence North

88°00'58" West along the South line of Section 35, 638.30 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 217,768 square feet (5.00 acres), more or less. Effective upon recording of the Certified Survey Map.

- (2) "To change from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence, and from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay", (Laurie L Fryman, Petitioner), parcels of land located in Sections 20 & 29, T11N, R10E, Town of Lowville, more particularly described as follows: Lands to be Rezoned from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence - Being part of Lot 1, Certified Survey Map No. 1135, Document No. 461664, as recorded in Volume 5 of Certified Survey Maps, Page 127, and other lands, all located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, all in Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Town of Lowville, Columbia County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 20; thence South 89°08'14" West, 423.31 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89°08'14" West, 528.48 feet to the east right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway 22; thence North 01°04'24" West along the east right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway 22, 16.50 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 1, Certified Survey Map No. 1135; thence North 00°31'02" West along the east right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway 22, 60.43 feet; thence North 00°45'02" West along the east right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway 22, 123.24 feet; thence North 89°08'14" East, 527.38 feet; thence South 00°50'40" West, 200.15 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 105,606 square feet, (2.42 acres), more or less. Lands to be Rezoned from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay - Being part of Lot 1, Certified Survey Map No. 1135, Document No. 461664, as recorded in Volume 5 of Certified Survey Maps, Page 127, and other lands, all located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, all in Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Town of Lowville, Columbia County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 20; thence South 89°08'14" West, 423.31 feet; thence North 00°50'40" West, 200.15 feet; thence South 89°08'14" West, 527.38 feet to the east right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway 22; thence North 00°45'02" West along the east right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway 22, 225.07 feet; thence South 89°13'10" West along the east right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway 22, 5.00 feet; thence North 00°46'50" West along the east right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway 22, 212.46 feet; thence North 88°18'38" East along the north line of Lot 1, Certified Survey Map No. 1135, 955.18 feet to the northeast corner thereof; thence South 00°50'40" East along the east line of said Lot 1, also being the east line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, 651.46 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 508,173 square feet, (11.67 acres), more or less. All effective upon recording of the Certified Survey Map.

Chris Polzer, Chair
COLUMBIA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Susan M. Moll
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK

DATE PASSED: July 19, 2023

DATE PUBLISHED: July 25, 2023

Motion by Baumgartner to adopt the Ordinance. Second by Groves. The Ordinance was declared passed and is to be known as Ordinance Z27-2023.

Motion by S. Rohrbeck to place River Haven Property Transfer Resolution on the next County Board agenda. Second by Barker.

The motion was approved on a roll call vote as follows:

YES: 22; NO: 4; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 2

YES: Balsiger, Barker, Baumgartner, Carr, Cook, Field, Fischer, Groves, Harvestine, Holtan, K. Miller, L. Miller, Polzer, Richmond, M. Rohrbeck, S. Rohrbeck, Ryan, Schroeder, Shimpach, St. Maurice, Stevenson, Valencia.

NO: Brusveen, Granquist, Kolberg, Wynn.

ABSENT: Leckwee, Weyh.

The meeting concluded at 8:14 p.m.

Please note that supporting documents (i.e. addendums, exhibits and handouts) are filed in the County Clerk's Office.