

MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

6:30 P.M.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 59.04, the County Board of Supervisors of Manitowoc County, Wisconsin convened in open session at the Expo Merchants Building, in the City of Manitowoc, being the 9th day of February 2021, for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors.

Chairperson Brey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Muench gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the entire assemblage.

Roll call: 21 members present: Baumann, Behnke, Brey, Cavanaugh, Dyzak, Engelbrecht, Falkowski, Gerroll, Hagen, Hansen, Henrickson, Maresh, Martell, Metzger, Muench, Neils, Shimulunas, Sitkiewitz, Wagner, Williams and Zimmer. Supervisors Aulik, Linsmeier, Nickels and Vogt were excused.

On a motion by Supervisor Behnke, seconded by Supervisor Engelbrecht, the January 19, 2021 meeting minutes were approved on a unanimous vote.

Chairperson Brey announced there were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT – OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS

Chairperson Brey declared public comment open at 6:36 p.m.

Pat Kohlmann, Town of Cato, provided her philosophy that elected officials are to protect the rights of their citizens. She believes the rights that needed protection were the right to vote, have the vote counted correctly, and to protect against fraudulent votes. She encouraged the board to watch the video “absolute proof”, which was an opinion about the basis of correcting our voting system all over the United States. She stated the video portrayed voting integrity, weighted race, and voting machines connected to the internet. She expressed concern that being connected to the internet would give someone the ability to tap into our computers. She felt as long as we used technology, our votes would never be safe again. She demanded that Manitowoc County have paper ballots only.

Bob Desjarlais, Town of Mishicot, thanked the County Executive and the County Board for keeping the taxes level and being responsible with using our tax dollars. He mentioned we are coming up on one year of corona virus and believes actions from governors and local officials have been inconsistent, erratic, and in many ways more harmful than the virus itself. He mentioned people that are sick should be quarantined and others should maintain their free choice of whether or not they want to wear a mask or get the vaccine. He states that business owners should be allowed their right to operate their businesses. He believes the government, including the county board should step back and stop stepping on our constitutional liberties.

Henry Koch, City of Manitowoc, thanked the County Board for their service to the citizens. He mentioned that he was appalled to learn that his vote was counted by machines instead of the old fashioned way. He thought machines were supposed to be more progressive and efficient, but he believes it is the opposite. He asked for elections to be run the old fashioned way with paper, pencil, a personal vote, and a local count.

Michael Rossa, City of Manitowoc, spoke against a mask mandate because it was not good for a person's health.

He stated the body gets rid of toxins many different ways, but the biggest way is by exhaling and when you wear a mask it is trapping the bacteria and then a person is breathing it back into your body. He mentioned statistics pertaining to COVID-19 in the state and for Manitowoc County, along with flu statistics for comparison. He was concerned with the response that the government has taken in regards to COVID. He believes this virus should be treated through life-style changes and not the government mandating rules. He wants the public to have the ability to make their own choices.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Brey closed public input at 6:51 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointment of Gary Shavlik, Alternate) Tim Herzog for a two year term to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Supervisor Henrickson moved, seconded by Supervisor Neils to approve the appointment. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointment of Joshua Falk to Traffic Safety Commission. Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Hansen to approve the appointment. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS ON MEETINGS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Executive Committee: Chairperson Brey gave a brief report on the Special Committee on Number and Apportionment of Supervisory Districts.

Finance Committee: Supervisor Hansen gave a brief report.

Supervisor Hansen moved, seconded by Supervisor Williams to adopt Resolution (2020/2021-58) Denying Claim (Tim Heus). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Human Services Board: Supervisor Henrickson gave a brief report.

Personnel Committee: Supervisor Maresh gave a brief report.

Supervisor Maresh moved, seconded by Supervisor Baumann to adopt Resolution (2020/2021-59) Authorizing Self-Insurance Status for Worker's Compensation. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Planning and Park Commission: Supervisor Dyzak gave a brief report.
Supervisor Dyzak moved, seconded by Supervisor Muench to enact Ordinance (2020/2021-60) Amending Zoning Map (Greg Riederer). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee: Supervisor Gerroll gave a brief report.
Supervisor Gerroll moved, seconded by Supervisor Sitkiewitz to adopt Resolution (2020/2021-61) Authorizing Nextgen 9-1-1 Reimbursement Grant. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous-Public Works Committee and Finance Committee: Supervisor Gerroll moved, seconded by Supervisor Hansen to adopt Resolution (2020/2021-62) Authorizing Jail Visitation Project Remodel and Commitment of Undesignated Fund Balance. Upon discussion and vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Kevin Behnke: Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Hagan to adopt Resolution (2020/2021-63) Approving Town of Newton Zoning Ordinance (T & L Investments Group LLC). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Gerroll moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Maresh, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk

**The County Board meeting is available for viewing at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2Qbplp6MDw&t=1313s>