

MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 59.04, the County Board of Supervisors of Manitowoc County, Wisconsin convened in open session at the Heritage Building, in the City of Manitowoc, being the 18th day of July 2023, for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors.

Chairperson Martell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Martell gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the entire assemblage.

Roll call: 25 members were present at the time of voting for resolutions: Baumann, Behnke, Brey, Engelbrecht, Falkowski, Gerroll, Hacker, Hansen, Heller, Jadowski, Klein, Linsmeier, Maresh, Martell, Metzger, Muench, Naidl, Neils, Phipps, Shimulunas, Sitkiewitz, Vogt, Wagner, Weis and Zimmer.

On a motion by Supervisor Engelbrecht, seconded by Supervisor Heller, the June 20, 2023 meeting minutes were approved on a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC INPUT – OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS

Chairperson Martell declared public comment open at 6:04 p.m.

Katherine Dahlke, City of Two Rivers, provided comments on spending and supported use of referendum or half-cent sales tax for courthouse dome project.

Horst Abel, City of Manitowoc, commented on the proposed dome project and the need for fiscal restraint.

Forest La Fave, Town of Gibson, supported courthouse repairs, but does not support borrowing.

Judith Perlman, Village of Cleveland, supports repairs of HVAC and windows, but suggests investigation of alternatives and exploration of other funding sources for courthouse project.

Steve Erdmann, City of Manitowoc, does not support the half-cent sales tax option for the courthouse project.

Steve Spiering, Town of Kossuth, questioned timing of courthouse project and would like to see a referendum.

Maura Yost, Town of Centerville, provided comments on courthouse project cost and advocated for the half-cent county sales tax instead of borrowing.

Peter Lindemann, Town of Liberty, requested approval of his rezone request.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Martell closed public input at 6:28 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS ON MEETINGS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES

Planning and Park Commission: Supervisor Falkowski gave a brief report.

Supervisor Falkowski moved, seconded by Supervisor Phipps to enact Ordinance 2023/2024-15 Amending Zoning Map (Peter J Lindemann and Jean M Lindemann Revocable Trust). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Board of Health: Supervisor Metzger gave a brief report.

Supervisor Metzger moved, seconded by Supervisor Muench, to adopt Resolution 2023/2024-16 Accepting 2023 Public Health Infrastructure Grant. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Metzger moved, seconded by Supervisor Neils, to adopt Resolution 2023/2024-17 Accepting 2023 Public Health Vending Machine Grant. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Phipps moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmer to refer the resolution back to committee. Upon discussion and vote the motion failed 7 ayes and 18 noes.

Supervisors Baumann, Behnke, Brey, Engelbrecht, Falkowski, Gerroll, Hacker, Hansen, Heller, Linsmeier, Maresh, Metzger, Muench, Neils, Shimulunas, Sitkiewitz, Weiss and Zimmer voted no.

The original motion by Supervisor Metzger, seconded by Supervisor Neils to adopt Resolution 2023/2024-17 Accepting 2023 Public Health Vending Machine Grant was discussed. Upon vote, the motion passed 20 ayes and 5 noes. Supervisors Klein, Martell, Naidl, Phipps and Zimmer voted no.

Expo-Ice Center Board: Supervisor Sitkiewitz gave a brief report.

Finance Committee: Supervisor Hansen gave a brief report.

Supervisor Hansen moved, seconded by Supervisor Brey to adopt Resolution 2023/2024-18 Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: Supervisor Maresh gave a brief report.

Supervisor Maresh moved, seconded by Supervisor Heller, to adopt Resolution 2023/2024-19 Establishing Compensation for County Board Supervisors for Term Beginning April 2024. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety Committee: Supervisor Falkowski gave a brief report.

Public Works Committee: Supervisor Gerroll gave a brief report.

Miscellaneous:

Supervisor Gerroll moved, seconded by Supervisor Hansen to adopt Resolution 2023/2024-20 Expressing Intent to Proceed with Courthouse Dome Project. Discussion followed.

Amendment: Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Baumann to in lines 39-40 strike “repair and restoration of the Courthouse tower and exterior dome, repair and restoration of the atrium interior dome” and in line 41 change the word “thirty” to “four”. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Brey moved, seconded by Supervisor Falkowski, to call the question. Upon vote, the motion failed 16 ayes and 9 nays. Supervisors Baumann, Behnke, Jadowski, Klein, Maresh, Martell, Naidl, Phipps and Zimmer voted no.

Discussion continued on Amendment. Upon vote, the motion failed 10 ayes and 15 noes. Supervisors Brey, Engelbrecht, Falkowski, Gerroll, Hacker, Hansen, Jadowski, Linsmeier, Metzger, Muench, Shimulunas, Sitkiewitz, Vogt, Weiss, and Zimmer voted no.

Amendment: Supervisor Baumann moved, seconded by Supervisor Metzger to in lines 36 and 42 strike “with the Project to be funded by long term borrowing”. Upon discussion and vote, the motion failed 10 ayes and 15 noes. Supervisors Brey, Engelbrecht, Falkowski, Gerroll, Hacker, Hansen, Linsmeier, Metzger, Muench, Neils, Shimulunas, Vogt, Wagner, Weis and Zimmer voted no.

Supervisor Brey moved, seconded by Supervisor Falkowski, to call the question. Upon vote, the motion passed 18 ayes and 7 noes. Supervisors Behnke, Heller, Jadowski, Klein, Martell, Naidl, and Phipps voted no.

The original motion by Supervisor Gerroll, seconded by Supervisor Hansen to adopt Resolution 2023/2024-20 Expressing Intent to Proceed with Courthouse Dome Project was brought to a vote. Upon vote, the motion passed 16 ayes and 9 noes. Supervisors Baumann, Behnke, Heller, Klein, Jadowski, Maresh, Martell, Naidl and Phipps voted no.

Supervisor Phipps moved, seconded by Supervisor Muench, to adopt Resolution 2023/2024-21 Approving Town of Newton Zoning Ordinance (Ronald and Luann Waack). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Gerroll moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Hansen, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk