MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, October 10, 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 Center, in the City of Manitowoc, being the 10th day of October 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: 22 members were present: Baumann, Behnke, Brey, Engelbrecht, Falkowski, Gerroll, Hacker, Heller, Klein, Maresh, Martell, Metzger, Muench, Naidl, Neils, Phipps, Shimulunas, Sitkiewitz, Vogt, Wagner, Weiss, and Zimmer. Supervisors Hansen, Jadowski, and Linsmeier were excused.

On a motion by Supervisor Baumann, seconded by Supervisor Behnke the September 19, 2023 meeting minutes were approved on a unanimous vote.

REPORTS OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS, OFFICERS, AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS CLA Financial Officer Bryan Grunewald presented the 2022 Audit Report.

County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer presented the proposed 2024 budget. Executive Ziegelbauer reported inflation continues to be the number one challenge, but with the net new construction in 2023 there will not be an increase in property taxes. The 2024 priorities fall into three main categories of combating inflation with an investment in human capital by raising the pay scale up 3% and proceeding with a 5% increase in the health insurance premiums; making a major expansion in the Human Services department designated to get a handle on mental health, child welfare, and the opioid crisis; and the final category of continuing with an aggressive highway maintenance program for 19.1 miles of road resurfacing.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chairperson Martell presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointment of Rhonda Green as Emergency Services Director. Supervisor Falkowski moved, seconded by Supervisor Muench to approve the appointment. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Martell announced the Annual County Board meeting and Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget will be Monday, October 30, 2023 at the Heritage Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Brey moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Gerroll, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzqcY0muGPM&t=932s