

**JOURNAL OF THE MEETING OF THE
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

March 15, 2022

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.11, the March 15, 2022 session of the Sheboygan County Board was called to order by Chairperson Vern Koch at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Koch noted that the notice of meeting was posted on March 11, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. in compliance with the open meeting law. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

The roll call was taken and recorded with 23 Supervisors present; (1) Supervisor attended remotely: Supervisor Jorgensen; Absent: 2, Supervisors Donovan, and Nennig.

Resolution No. 39 (2021/22) Re: Honoring the Life of Former County Board Supervisor Daniel LeMahieu.

Pursuant to County Board Rule 2.13, this Resolution was on the floor for immediate action and was unanimously adopted by the Board on a rising vote and a pause in its deliberations.

Chairperson Vern Koch presented a signed copy of the resolution to Rosemary LeMahieu.

Supervisor Wegner moved for approval of the February 15, 2022 Journal, which was distributed to all supervisors prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Brauer and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

APPOINTMENT

The Chairperson announced that the next order of business was the consideration of the appointment by County Administrator of **Kathy Schoessow** to the Citizen Participation Plan Committee.

Supervisor Brauer moved to concur with the appointment. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hoffmann and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

PRESENTATIONS - NONE

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Vilas County Board of Supervisors requesting the State to revise the current real estate transfer fees revenue sharing formula. By Chairperson referred to the Finance Committee.

Supervisor Donovan arrived at 6:10 p.m.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Adam Payne presented a slide presentation entitled "Remembering Daniel LeMahieu". Mr. LeMahieu served on the County Board for 14 years, and was Chairman from 2000 – 2002. Mr. Payne shared that Mr. LeMahieu was a man of high integrity, character, a good listener, and supported a number of enhancements during his tenure. Mr. LeMahieu was subsequently elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly and continued his public service for 12 more years. Mr. Payne showed a brief segment of the first and last segments Mr. LeMahieu co-hosted of TV-8 programs entitled 'Sheboygan County Government Working for You'. Mr. Payne shared how grateful he was to know and work with Mr. LeMahieu, and all of the County Board Chairpersons that followed. Mr. Payne concluded his remarks by providing a 2021 year-end financial overview, and recognized the County Board

and Department Heads for their teamwork, impressive fiscal track record and building a strong fund balance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding **Resolution No. 38 (2021/22) Granting Easement to Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Sheboygan County Memorial Airport** recommending adoption.

Supervisor Goehring moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wegner and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding **Ordinance No. 06 (2021/22) Amending Chapter 38.29, Regulation of Emergency Alarms** recommending enactment.

Supervisor Goehring moved to enact the ordinance. Supervisor Brauer seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board

The Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee regarding **Resolution No. 37 (2021/22) Reauthorization of Self-insurance Status for Worker's Compensation** recommending adoption.

Supervisor Wegner moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Abler and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee regarding **Ordinance No. 05 (2021/22) Amending Pay Scale for Certain County Positions** recommending enactment.

Supervisor Goehring moved to enact the ordinance. Supervisor Brauer seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Human Resources Committee regarding **Ordinance No. 04 (2021/22) Amending Section 1.04 of the County Code to Update Qualifications of County Board Supervisor Candidates** recommending enactment.

Supervisor Abler moved to enact the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Brauer and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The County Board received for information the report of the County Administrator and Human Resources Director on Elected Officials' Salaries per Chapter 47.

(Vice-Chairperson Ziegelbauer presiding)

Pursuant to Rule IV of the Rules of Order, the following resolutions and ordinances were introduced by the Clerk and referred by the Vice-Chairperson as indicated:

Resolution No. 40 (2021/22) Re: Authorizing the Finance Committee and Finance Director to Balance Over Budget Departmental Accounts referred to the Executive Committee.

Ordinance No. 07 (2021/22) Re: Amending Certain Elected Officials' Salaries (Clerk of Courts and Sheriff) referred to the Finance Committee.

Ordinance No. 08 (2021/22) Re: Establishing Speed Zone on County Road RR (Town of Holland) referred to the Law Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Te Stroete moved to adjourn. Supervisor Hoffmann seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

RESOLUTION 2022 - 15

Re: Request State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula

WHEREAS, the collection by counties of a real estate transfer fee was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the State arbitrarily changed the transfer fee formula to now require counties to remit to the State 80% of all transfer fees collected; and

WHEREAS, the County through the Register of Deeds office assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in Vilas County, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 Vilas County collected \$1,576,841 in real estate transfer fees with the County's 20% retained share totaling \$315,368, and was required to remit 80% or \$1,261,473 to the State; and

WHEREAS, Vilas County real estate transfer fee collections as averaged over the past five years totaled \$5,208,810 of which the County retained \$1,041,762; and over that same period \$4,167,048 was remitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services in an inflationary economy, coupled with the financial restrictions imposed by State mandated levy limits; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to financially assist all Wisconsin Counties, Vilas County requests that the State of Wisconsin return the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all total real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 22nd day of February, 2022 that we hereby request that the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Vilas County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

SUBMITTED BY: Finance & Budget Committee

s/ Ron De Bruyne, Chair

Holly Tomlanovich, Vice-Chair

s/ Jerry Burkett

s/ Michael Cady

s/ Ron Kressin