



## WAUKESHA COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

**6<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 178<sup>th</sup> Year of the Waukesha County Board of  
Supervisors Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.  
Waukesha County Courthouse – Room AC-130**

### **CONVENE MEETING**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Decker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent prayer.

**Roll Call:** Supervisors Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Grant, Walz, LaFontain, Koremenos, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Mommaerts, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Schellinger, Gaughan, Szpara, Bangs, and Johnson were present. Supervisor Hammitt was absent.

### **Public Comment:**

State Representative Scott Allen, Assembly District 97, addressed the Board, thanking them for their service.

**County Clerk Correspondence & Announcements:** County Clerk Wartman announced that County Executive Farrow signed all actions from August 22, 2023, Board meeting and that seven (7) claims had been filed since the August 22, 2023, Board meeting.

**Approval of the minutes:** Supervisor Morris moved to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2023 Board meeting. Supervisor Thieme seconded the motion. The Board was polled, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Announcements of Votes Needed:** Chairman Decker announced that Ordinances 178-O-042 and 178-O-050 required 17 votes, Ordinance 178-O-049 required support of 2/3 of the members present (sixteen votes), and that all other items required a simple majority to pass.

### **SCHEDULED ITEM**

County Executive Paul Farrow presented an overview of the 2024 Proposed County Executive Budget to the County Board.

**STANDING COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS**

***Land Use, Parks & Environment Committee***

**Ordinance 178-O-042: Authorize The Waukesha County Department Of Parks And Land Use To Accept Cash Donation From The Friends Of Retzer Nature Center And Modify The Department's 2023 Budget To Appropriate Expenditures**

Supervisor Foti moved to approve Ordinance 178-O-042: Authorize The Waukesha County Department Of Parks And Land Use To Accept Cash Donation From The Friends Of Retzer Nature Center And Modify The Department's 2023 Budget To Appropriate Expenditures. Supervisor Howard seconded the motion. The Board was polled and twenty-four (24) votes were cast 'aye' (Supervisors Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Grant, Walz, LaFontain, Koremenos, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Mommaerts, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Schellinger, Gaughan, Szpara, Bangs, and Johnson). The Ordinance was approved unanimously, 24-0.

**Ordinance 178-O-043: Authorize Application For And Acceptance Of County Conservation Grant For Okauchee Lake, Pewaukee Lake, Oconomowoc And Fox River System Watersheds 2024 Muskellunge Stocking**

Supervisor Foti moved to approve Ordinance 178-O-043: Authorize Application For And Acceptance Of County Conservation Grant For Okauchee Lake, Pewaukee Lake, Oconomowoc And Fox River System Watersheds 2024 Muskellunge Stocking. Supervisor Grant seconded the motion. The Board was polled and twenty-four (24) votes were cast 'aye' (Supervisors Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Grant, Walz, LaFontain, Koremenos, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Mommaerts, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Schellinger, Gaughan, Szpara, Bangs, and Johnson). The Ordinance was approved unanimously, 24-0.

**Ordinance 178-O-044: Amend The Town Of Ottawa District Zoning Map Of The Waukesha County Zoning Code For The Town Of Ottawa By Rezoning Certain Lands Located In Part Of The NW ¼ And SW ¼ Of Section 18, T6N, R17E, Town Of Ottawa, From The FLP Farmland Preservation District To The R-1 Residential District.**

Supervisor Foti moved to approve Ordinance 178-O-044: Amend The Town Of Ottawa District Zoning Map Of The Waukesha County Zoning Code For The Town Of Ottawa By Rezoning Certain Lands Located In Part Of The NW ¼ And SW ¼ Of Section 18, T6N, R17E, Town Of Ottawa, From The FLP Farmland Preservation District To The R-1 Residential District. Supervisor Wolff seconded the motion. The Board was polled and twenty-four (24) votes were cast 'aye' (Supervisors Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Grant, Walz, LaFontain, Koremenos, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Mommaerts, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Schellinger, Gaughan, Szpara, Bangs, and Johnson). The Ordinance was approved unanimously, 24-0.

Ordinance 178-O-045: Authorize Department Of Parks And Land Use To Apply For And Accept Grant Funding From The State Of Wisconsin Department Of Transportation's Federal Transportation Alternative Grant Program For The New Berlin Trail Rehabilitation Project

Supervisor Foti moved to approve Ordinance 178-O-045: Authorize Department Of Parks And Land Use To Apply For And Accept Grant Funding From The State Of Wisconsin Department Of Transportation's Federal Transportation Alternative Grant Program For The New Berlin Trail Rehabilitation Project. Supervisor Szpara seconded the motion. The Board was polled and twenty-four (24) votes were cast 'aye' (Supervisors Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Grant, Walz, LaFontain, Koremenos, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Mommaerts, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Schellinger, Gaughan, Szpara, Bangs, and Johnson). The Ordinance was approved unanimously, 24-0.

Ordinance 178-O-046: Adopt The Waukesha County Shoreland Protection Ordinance Violation Forfeiture Schedule

Supervisor Foti moved to approve Ordinance 178-O-046: Adopt The Waukesha County Shoreland Protection Ordinance Violation Forfeiture Schedule. Supervisor Meier seconded the motion. The Board was polled and twenty-four (24) votes were cast 'aye' (Supervisors Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Grant, Walz, LaFontain, Koremenos, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Mommaerts, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Schellinger, Gaughan, Szpara, Bangs, and Johnson). The Ordinance was approved unanimously, 24-0.

Ordinance 178-O-047: Adopt The Waukesha County Floodland Protection Ordinance Violation Forfeiture Schedule

Supervisor Foti moved to approve Ordinance 178-O-047: Adopt The Waukesha County Floodland Protection Ordinance Violation Forfeiture Schedule. Supervisor Morris seconded the motion. The Board was polled and twenty-four (24) votes were cast 'aye' (Supervisors Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Grant, Walz, LaFontain, Koremenos, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Mommaerts, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Schellinger, Gaughan, Szpara, Bangs, and Johnson). The Ordinance was approved unanimously, 24-0.

***Public Works Committee***

Ordinance 178-O-048: Laying Out, Relocation and Improvement Of County Trunk Highway YY (Pilgrim Road) 250 Feet South Of Fieldstone Drive To Canadian Pacific Railroad. Project I.D. 18-2782(16)

Supervisor Morris moved to approve Ordinance 178-O-048: Laying Out, Relocation and Improvement Of County Trunk Highway YY (Pilgrim Road) 250 Feet South Of Fieldstone Drive To Canadian Pacific Railroad. Project I.D. 18-2782(16). Supervisor Johnson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and twenty-four (24) votes were cast 'aye' (Supervisors Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Grant, Walz, LaFontain, Koremenos, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Mommaerts, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Schellinger, Gaughan, Szpara, Bangs, and Johnson). The Ordinance was approved unanimously, 24-0.

### ***Executive Committee***

#### **Ordinance 178-O-049: Amend Chapter 4 Of The County Code Of Ordinances Regarding Operating Procedures And Rules Related To Nominations And Elections At The Board's Organizational Meeting**

Supervisor Heinrich moved to approve Ordinance 178-O-049: Amend Chapter 4 Of The County Code Of Ordinances Regarding Operating Procedures And Rules Related To Nominations And Elections At The Board's Organizational Meeting. Supervisor LaFontain seconded the motion.

Supervisor Schellinger moved to amend the Ordinance by striking Line 41 – eliminating the clause calling for a secret ballot. Supervisor Walz seconded the motion. The Board was polled and ten (10) votes were cast 'aye' (Weil, Morris, Grant, Walz, Koremenos, Mommaerts, Meier, Nelson, Schellinger, and Szpara). Fourteen (14) votes were cast 'nay' (Foti, Batzko, LaFontain, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Kolb, Crowley, Enriquez, Gaughan, Bangs, and Johnson). The amendment failed 10 – 14.

The Board then voted on the original Ordinance. The Board was polled and twenty-two (22) votes were cast 'aye' (Supervisors Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Grant, Walz, LaFontain, Koremenos, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Mommaerts, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Gaughan, Szpara, and Bangs). Two (2) votes were cast 'nay' (Schellinger, Johnson). The Ordinance passed 22 – 2.

#### **Appointment 178-A-039: Abby Lorenz Reappointment to the Waukesha County Airport Operations Commission**

#### **Appointment 178-A-040: Curtis Podd Appointment to the Waukesha County Board of Adjustment**

Supervisor Heinrich moved to confirm Appointments 178-A-039 and 178-A-040 as presented. Supervisor Crowley seconded the motion. The board was polled and twenty-four (24) votes were cast 'aye' (Supervisors Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Grant, Walz, LaFontain, Koremenos, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Mommaerts, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Schellinger, Gaughan, Szpara, Bangs, and Johnson). The Appointments were confirmed unanimously, 24-0.

### ***Human Resources Committee***

#### **Ordinance 178-O-050: Modify the 2023 Waukesha County Budget and Approve Modifications to Compensation and Benefit Structures for Non-Represented Employees**

Supervisor Nelson moved to approve Ordinance 178-O-050: Modify the 2023 Waukesha County Budget and Approve Modifications to Compensation and Benefit Structures for Non-Represented Employees. Supervisor Thieme seconded the motion.

Supervisor Bangs moved to amend the Ordinance by changing Line 167 to have any reference to the newly proposed holiday to read Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Supervisor Schellinger seconded the motion. The Board was polled and twenty-three (23) votes were cast 'aye' (Supervisors Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Grant, Walz, LaFontain, Koremenos, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Mommaerts, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Schellinger, Gaughan, Szpara, Bangs, and Johnson). One vote was cast 'nay' (Heinrich). The amendment passed 23-1.

Supervisor Bangs made a second motion to amend the Ordinance by removing Lines 171- 173, eliminating the proposed additional floating holiday. Supervisor Schellinger seconded the motion. Supervisor Nelson asked to grant privilege of the floor to Director Thelke and Human Resources Manager Gage to explain the proposal. Supervisor Grant objected.

Supervisor Nelson moved to permit Director Thelke and Human Resources Manager Gage the opportunity to speak. Supervisor Crowley seconded the motion. The Board was polled and eighteen (18) votes were cast 'aye' (Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Walz, Koremenos, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Gaughan, and Szpara). Six (6) votes were cast 'nay' (Grant, LaFontain, Mommaerts, Schellinger, Bangs and Johnson). The motion carried 18 – 6. Privilege of the floor was granted.

Director Thelke made a brief presentation to the Board explaining the reasoning behind the recommended additional floating holiday. The Board then returned to voting on amendment. The Board was polled and seven (7) votes were cast 'aye' (Grant, Koremenos, Mommaerts, Kolb, Schellinger, Szpara, and Bangs). Seventeen (17) votes were cast 'nay' (Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Walz, LaFontain, Heinrich, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Gaughan, and Johnson). The amendment failed 7 – 17. After the vote total was announced Supervisor Johnson stated that she had intended to support the amendment and asked if her recorded vote could be changed. Attorney Weidig advised that it was not possible after the vote had been taken.

The Board then returned to considering the original motion as amended by the change to Line 167. The Board was polled and twenty-three (23) votes were cast 'aye' (Supervisors Foti, Weil, Morris, Batzko, Grant, Walz, LaFontain, Koremenos, Thieme, Howard, Wolff, Decker, Mommaerts, Kolb, Crowley, Meier, Nelson, Enriquez, Schellinger, Gaughan, Szpara, Bangs, and Johnson). One (1) vote was cast 'nay' (Heinrich). The amended Ordinance passed 23-1.

### **ADJOURN MEETING**

Supervisor Wolff moved to adjourn to Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the County Board Chair. Supervisor Enriquez seconded the motion. By voice vote the Board unanimously approved the motion to adjourn. The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Meg Wartman  
Waukesha County Clerk