

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR SESSION

November 12, 2013

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the County Board Room, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

The Board was called to order by Jack Meyers, Chairman.

Roll Called, Supervisors present – 19, Absent – 0

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Jack Meyers	1
Donald Peters	2
Eugene Henke	3
Paul Schwandt	4
Ben Moderow	5
Margaret Whirry	6
Michael Starshak	7
Carter Richter	8
David Richter	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Maureen Schweder	12
Nicholas Toney	13
Debra Schubert	14
Michael R. Stoddard	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Joanne Guden	17
Richard Trochinski	18
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

NOTICE: GREEN LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors will convene at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin on Tuesday the 12th day of November, 2013 at 6:00 PM for the regular meeting of the Board. Regular monthly business to be transacted includes:

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES 10/15/2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

APPEARANCES

- Mark Putzke – Clean Cities Grant

REPORTS

- Kim Zills – UW Extension (County Fair)
- Jerry Beuthin – Veterans Service Office

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 Min. Limit)

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC HEARING

- Recess for Public Hearing on 2014 Budget and 2013 Tax Levy at 6:30 PM. Regular business will resume at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTIONS

- Res 22-2013 2014 Budget and 2013 Tax Levy
- Res 23-2013 Support of Proposal by Prosperity Southwest Wisconsin Requesting State Financial Support to County Economic Development Organizations by Providing Annual Grants of Up to \$24,000
- Res 24-2013 Adoption of Wage Study Conducted by WIFPLI

ORDINANCES

- Ord 1071-2013 Rezone in the Town of Manchester: Red & Beverly Marwitz
- Ord 1072-2013 Rezone in the Town of Manchester: Gerald & Mary Sauer
- Ord 1073-2013 Amend Ord 1042-2012 Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual: Health Insurance, Appendix K

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

COMMITTEES TO REPORT ON December 17, 2013

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

OTHER MATTERS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

ADJOURN

The several committees of the Board may also meet for the purpose of discussing or acting upon matters, which are the subject matter of the meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 1st day of November, 2013.

Margaret R. Bostelmann
Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES

2. Minutes of October 15, 2013 were reviewed by the Board. ***Motion/second (C. Richter/Schubert)*** to approve the minutes from October 15, 2013. All Ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next County Board meeting will take place on December 17, 2013 at 6:00 PM.
4. Each supervisor has received a packet containing nomination papers for the election on April 1, 2014. Candidates may begin circulating nomination papers on December 1, 2013.
5. The Public Hearing for the 2014 Budget will take place at 6:30 PM.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

6. Chairman Meyers informed the Board that certain committee reports will be eliminated at future County Board meetings in favor of departmental reports only. There will also be a maximum of two reports per month. A committee may be requested to report should the need arise.

APPEARANCES

7. Chief Deputy Mark Putzke of the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office gave an informational presentation on the Wisconsin Clean Cities (WCC). They are a nonprofit coalition that works to promote petroleum reduction by educating fleets and the general public about alternative fuels. Putzke gave an example of Winnebago County where they have switched all of their police vehicles to alternative fuels and have seen a significant savings in their budget.

REPORTS

8. Kim Zills, Program Specialist in the UW-Extension department, gave an update on the August 2013 Green Lake County Fair. The Fair was a huge success with many of the programs surpassing record numbers again this year. Zills thanked all of the volunteers that put so many hours into the annual event and reminded Board members how important the Fair is to the local economy and area youth. Plans are in the works for the 2014 Fair which will be a celebration of the Fair's 75th Anniversary.
9. Jerry Beuthin, Veteran's Service Officer, gave a report on the activities of the Veteran's Service department. He stated that the primary function of the office is to provide advocacy to ensure that all veterans and their dependents receive the entitlements they deserve. Beuthin stated there are approximately 1,550 current veterans in Green Lake County. He listed the benefits that the department provides assistance with. Beuthin also thanked the volunteer drivers that provide medical transportation to the veterans.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 Minute Limit)

10. Bob Malchetske, a representative from Farmers & Merchants Bank, stated that he had asked the Personnel Committee in September for the opportunity to submit a bid for health insurance. He was told to come back at the October meeting. Malchetske stated that when he came to the October meeting, a vote was taken and passed to remain with Group Health Trust before he was given a chance to present a proposal. Malchetske urged the Board to quote out the health insurance bids at least every 3 years to get the "best bang for your buck".

11. Chairman Meyers stated that at this time the Public Hearing portion of the meeting will take place and Public Comments will resume after the Public Hearing adjourns.

PUBLIC HEARING

12. **Motion/Second (Starshak/D. Richter)** at 6:32 PM to dissolve as a County Board of Supervisors and arise as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on the proposed 2014 budget. All ayes. Motion carried.
13. Finance Committee Chairman Deb Schubert conducted the Public Hearing. County Clerk Marge Bostelmann briefly summarized the 2014 Budget.
14. **Motion/second (Toney/D. Richter)** to dissolve at 6:34 PM as a Committee of the Whole and arise as a County Board of Supervisors for the purpose of continuing the meeting and that Jack Meyers be seated as County Board Chairman. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 Minute Limit) (continued)

15. Jim Clemens, a representative from Network Health Plan, asked the Board if they know for certain that they received the best deal for their taxpayers as well as the employees. He guaranteed that coverage would be available for employees as of January 1, 2014. Clemens stated that they service several schools and counties in the area.
16. Tami Eisenga, Green Lake County Register in Probate, spoke on behalf of Green Lake County employees and expressed discontent with the Personnel Committee's decision process in regard to the health insurance. She expressed her dissatisfaction with the surveys sent out in regard to the health insurance and believes that there are several problems with the current provider. Eisenga urged the Board to get ideas and input from employees before making decisions on such matters.
17. Bob Stellmacher, Green Lake County highway department employee, stated that he feels Green Lake County has excellent employees that are concerned about doing a good job as well as making ends meet. He stated that employee morale is very low due to the decrease in benefits that have taken place over the past year. He encouraged the Board to consider the statement "a happy worker is a productive worker".

CORRESPONDENCE

18. None

RESOLUTIONS

19. Resolution No. 22-2013 2014 Budget and 2013 Tax Levy **Motion/second (Schubert/Toney)** to adopt Resolution No. 22-2013. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-2013 – Ayes – 19, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0. Resolution 22-2013 passed as adopted.
20. Resolution No. 23-2013 Support of Proposal by Prosperity Southwest Wisconsin Requesting State Financial Support to County Economic Development Organizations by Providing Annual

Grants of Up to \$24,000. **Motion/second (Starshak/Reabe)** to adopt Resolution No. 23-2013. Supervisor Starshak stated that this organization provides funding through the Economic Development Corporation and urged adoption of this resolution. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-2013 – Ayes – 19, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain - 0. Resolution 23-2013 passed as adopted.

21. Resolution No. 24-2013 Adoption of Wage Study Conducted by WIFPLI. **Motion/second (Wendt/Trochinski)** to adopt Resolution No. 24-2013. Supervisor Schweder asked for clarification on one class of employees. Supervisor Starshak thanked County Clerk Marge Bostelmann for her explanation of the wage study to each supervisor as well as the time involved in the study. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-2013 – Ayes – 19, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain - 0. Resolution 24-2013 passed as adopted.

ORDINANCES

22. Ord. 1071-2013 Rezone in the Town of Manchester: Fred & Beverly Marwitz. Due to an error in the numbering system, this ordinance will be change to 1074-2013 to avoid duplication. **Motion/second (Henke/Peters)** to enact Ordinance No. 1074-2013. Roll Call vote on Motion to enact – Ayes – 19, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0. Ordinance No. 1074-2013 passed as enacted.
23. Ord. 1072-2013 Rezone in the Town of Manchester: Gerald & Mary Sauer. **Motion/second (Schwandt/Toney)** to enact Ordinance No. 1072-2013. Roll Call vote on Motion to enact – Ayes – 19, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0. Ordinance No. 1072-2013 passed as enacted.
24. Ord 1073-2013 Amend Ord 1042-2012 Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual: Health Insurance, Appendix K. **Motion/second (Wendt/D. Richter)** to enact Ordinance No. 1073-2013. Supervisor Starshak stated he has concerns on the behalf of both the employees and the taxpayers and stated that he feels that there is a need for competitive bids. **Motion/second (Starshak/Peters)** to return this ordinance to the Personnel Committee for competitive bids providing there is no break in coverage for employees. Roll call vote on motion to return to committee – Ayes – 9 (Peters, Henke, Moderow, Whirry, Starshak, Schweder, Toney, Stoddard, Thom), Nays – 10, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion failed. Discussion held regarding the competitive bidding process and whether or not proper procedure was followed. Roll Call vote on Motion to enact – Ayes – 11, Nays – 8 (Peters, Henke, Moderow, Starshak, Schweder, Toney, Stoddard, Thom), Absent – 0, Abstain – 0. Ordinance No. 1066-2013 passed as enacted. Supervisor Wendt wished to make a motion as a matter of record to bid out the health insurance next year. Chairman Meyers stated it will be added to the agenda next year to allow for all interested parties to submit bids.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

25. Chairman Meyers appointed Robert Burdick to the Veterans Service Commission for a 3 year term beginning December 10, 2013. All ayes.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT IN DECEMBER

26. Chairman Meyers stated that Planning and Zoning and Information Technologies will each give a report in December.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

27. None

SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

28. None

ADJOURN

29. *Motion/second (Schubert/Stoddard)* to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Liz Otto
Liz Otto
Deputy County Clerk