

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, September 21, 2023, 4:00 p.m., Government Center Room 270
1316 N. 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Alan Jaques.

1. ROLL CALL

Present – Alan Jaques, Rosemary Lear, Mary Lou Bergman, Mark Liebaert, Samuel Pomush, Kelly Peterson, Nick Baker, Bill Fennessey, Pat Ryan. Others present – Ann Doucette, Bill Whiteside, Valerie Chammings, Lee Sandok Baker, Carolyn Pierce, Natasha Schmid, Shelley Nelson, Ashley Strabel, Candy Anderson, Matt Izzard, Jake Engelman, Scott Luostari, Sue Hendrickson, Kaci Lundgren, Emily Cahill (Committee Clerk).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Baker, second Pomush, to approve September 7, 2023 minutes. Motion by Lear, second Ryan, to amend minutes with the following correction: County Board Chair salary increase to begin after the chair is elected at the Reorganization meeting on April 16, 2024. Motion carried. Motion to approve as amended, carried.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Resolution Authorizing Senior Connections to Apply for the Transportation Services Grant:** Annual numbers updated on resolution; included with agenda.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Pomush, second Peterson, to approve resolution authorizing Senior Connections to apply for Transportation Services Grant and refer to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. 2024 Proposed Budgets**

- 1. Non-Departmental:** Included with agenda.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Baker, second Bergman, to approve 2024 proposed non-departmental budget as presented and refer to budget session. Motion carried.

SUSPEND AGENDA

ACTION: Motion by Liebaert, second Pomush, to suspend agenda and address item 3.b.2. after item 3.b.c. Motion carried.

- c. 2024 Budget Presentation and Recommendations:** Doucette and Whiteside detailed the departments' budget increase/decrease numbers; report included in agenda. 2024 proposed tax levy is \$18,920,361, a 1.01% increase from last year. Total expenses increased by 6%. Additional \$8,000 to be added to Land Conservation budget to fund Agricultural Technician position. Additional \$100,000 to be added to Sheriff's Department budget to fund squad proposal; funds to be restricted for sheriff department use with reserve.

ACTION: Motion by Peterson, second Fennessey, to approve \$8,000 addition to Land Conservation budget to fund Agricultural Technician position. Motion carried.

ACTION: Motion by Lear, second Baker, to approve \$100,000 addition to Sheriff's Department budget to fund squad proposal. Motion carried.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Baker, second Pomush, to approve 2024 budget with Land Conservation and Sheriff's Department additions and refer to County Board budget session. Motion carried unanimously.

b. 2024 Proposed Budgets

2. Direct Tax Relief: Included with agenda.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Lear, second Bergman, to approve 2024 proposed budget to include \$8,000 relating to Agricultural Technician position and \$100,000 relating to Sheriff squad proposal and refer to budget session. Motion carried.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review County Board supervisor salaries.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lear, second Pomush, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Emily Cahill
Committee Clerk