

## PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday - April 18, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Holst at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room at the Pierce County Courthouse.

A quorum was established with roll call by County Clerk Jamie Feuerhelm with 15 supervisors present; 2 excused (M. Kahlow, K. Snow). Also attending were Corporation Counsel Brad Lawrence, JoAnn Miller-Administrative Coordinator, Andy Pichotta-Land Management Director, Chad Johnson-Highway Commissioner, Jason Matthys-Chief Deputy Sheriff, Steve Albarado-Lt. Jail Administrator, John Worsing-Medical Examiner, Peg Feuerhelm-Clerk of Court, Larry Johnson-Town of Ellsworth resident, Jerry Turley-Town of Oak Grove resident, Cindy Jensen-Town of Oak Grove resident, Randy Trok-Town of Trenton resident Matthew Lambert-Press (PC Herald) & Sean Scallon-Press (Prescott Journal).

Motion by R. Wood/R. Mercord to adopt the agenda as presented; motion carried unanimously. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Supervisor D. Bergseng.

**Public Comment on Issues Not Related to Agenda Items:** None.

**2016 Annual Reports:** Motion by J. Aubart/D. Reis to approve 2016 annual department reports; motion carried unanimously.

*\* All legislation except rezone ordinances may be acted upon with the first reading at the Organizational Meeting.*

### RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST CONSIDERATION

**Res. 17-01 Amend Fees for Services of County Medical Examiner & Deputy Medical Examiner.**

Motion by M. Pittman/B. Schroeder to suspend the rules & waive reading (first) of the resolution; motion carried by show of hands vote with 14 in favor & 1 opposed (B. Plunkett). Motion by J. Aubart/M. Pittman to approve Resolution 17-01 as presented; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Res. 17-02 Adopt Rules for the Conduct of Business by the Pierce County Board of Adjustment.** First reading by Clerk J. Feuerhelm. A. Pichotta explained purpose was to update these rules. Motion by M. Pittman/J. Kosin to approve Resolution 17-02 as presented. Supervisor R Wood asked that clarifying language be added to Article VI, Section 1, Paragraph A of Exhibit A to include "or represented" after "...shall appear in person,....". Supervisors M. Pittman/J. Kosin agreed to friendly amendment to resolution. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Res. 17-03 Supporting the Initiation of Passenger Rail Service between West Central Wisconsin & the Twin Cities.**

First reading by Clerk J. Feuerhelm. Chairman J. Holst indicated that the Finance & Personnel Committee sent this legislation forward with a negative recommendation to approve. Supervisor S. Bjork indicated he was not in favor of resolution when presented at the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting because the proposed route does not extend into Pierce County & thought that later on resources from Pierce County may be requested. Supervisor R. Wood indicated that she was in favor of public transportation but was concerned about what the estimated cost would be to travel on such a railway that was offered. Supervisor M. Pittman added that he thought that it may cost less to drive a personal vehicle to such locations than to use the proposed railway. Supervisor B. Plunkett stated he felt it would reduce traffic on busy highways thus reducing the cost for repairs & upkeep. Supervisor L. Peterson stated the bus lines in Twin Cities was not faring well financially & thought a new railway system may experience the same. Supervisor D. Reis indicated he thought it was important to plan for the future & to include alternate means of transportation, also noting that no request of funds or resources was included in support of the resolution. Chairman J. Holst indicated that he concurred with Supervisor S. Bjork's point of view on the subject. Supervisor N. Gulbranson indicated that he concurred with Supervisor D. Reis & was in favor of the concept of some type of railway system.

Motion by S. Bjork/L. Peterson to deny approval or Resolution 17-03 as presented; motion *failed* by show of hands vote with 6 in favor (L. Peterson, S. Bjork, B. Schroeder, J. Kosin, M. Pittman, J. Holst); & 9 opposed (R. Mercord, J. Aubart, R. Wood, B. Plunkett, D. Bergseng, P. Fetzter, N. Gulbranson, D. Auckland, D. Reis).

Motion by B. Plunkett/R. Wood to approve Resolution 17-03 as presented; motion *carried* by show of hands vote with 9 in favor (R. Mercord, J. Aubart, R. Wood, B. Plunkett, D. Bergseng, P. Fetzer, N. Gulbranson, D. Auckland, D. Reis); & 6 opposed (L. Peterson, S. Bjork, B. Schroeder, J. Kosin, M. Pittman, J. Holst).

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION**

#### **Res. 16-31 Authorization to Apply for Snowmobile Trail Program State Aid.**

Motion by J. Aubart/D. Reis to approve Resolution 16-31 as presented; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Res. 16-32 Amend Personnel Policy to Make Changes to Paid Time Off (PTO), Paid Holidays & other Miscellaneous Items.**

Motion by J. Aubart/R. Wood to approve Resolution 16-32 as presented; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Res. 16-34 Authorizing Sale of County-Owned Property in Town of Oak Grove.**

Motion by B. Schroeder/D. Auckland to deny approval of Resolution 16-34. Supervisor J. Aubart asked if the current value of the property was known. Corp Counsel B. Lawrence explained that if sale was approved the issue would go back to Finance & Personnel Committee who could then authorize the property to be appraised. Supervisor B. Schroeder indicated he was not in favor of selling the parcel because he felt it was a beautiful piece of property that all county residents could enjoy. A. Pichotta explained that currently there was no legal road access to the property. Town of Oak Grove resident J. Turley stated that a poll was taken of area residents & all were opposed to the sale of the property. He added that he was engaged in conversations with current surrounding land owners to acquire easements to be able to access the property. He said their preliminary response was in favor of granting such a request. He also stated that he allowed access to the site from his own property & spent many hours making & grooming trails in the area. He thought that the area was used heavily by people. Supervisor S. Bjork indicated that in light of new information perhaps the Board should reconsider selling the property. Supervisor M. Pittman called for the question. Supervisor S. Bjork opposed to calling the question to add that whether the Board passes the resolution today or not, there would be multiple opportunities for the County to discuss the property's future before a sale actually occurred. Motion to *deny* approval of Resolution 16-34 carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **ORDINANCES FOR FIRST CONSIDERATION**

#### **Ord. 17-01 Amend Chapter 172, Section 172-15(B) of the Pierce County Code – Parks and Recreation.**

First reading by Clerk J. Feuerhelm. Motion by D. Bergseng/S. Bjork to approve Ordinance 17-01 as presented; motion carried by show of hands vote with 14 in favor & 1 opposed (L. Peterson).

#### **Ord. 17-02 Map Amendment (Rezone) for 11.01 acres from General Rural to General Rural Flexible on property located in Lot 1 Certified Survey Map Vol. 8 Pg. 166 being part of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 10, T27N, R16W, Town of Gilman, Pierce County Wisconsin. Jerrod & Danette Faber.**

First reading by Clerk J. Feuerhelm. A. Pichotta explained request & after further research & questioning felt it was inline with Town's comprehensive plan. No action taken.

#### **Ord. 17-03 Map Amendment (Rezone) for 1 acre from Rural Residential-12 to General Rural Flexible-8 on property located in NE ¼ fo the SE ¼ of Section 19, T26N, R19W, Town of Oak Grove, Pierce County, Wisconsin. Bailey Webster.**

First reading by Clerk J. Feuerhelm. No action taken.

### **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION**

#### **Ord. 16-06 Map Amendment (Rezone) for 5.5 Acres from Rural Residential 20 (RR-20) to General Rural Flexible (GRF) on Property Located in Gov. Lot 3 being part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ & the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Sec. 33, T25N, R18W in the Town of Trenton.**

Motion by J. Aubart/B. Schroeder to approve Ordinance 16-06 as presented; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Space Needs Study:**

Supervisor D. Reis gave a brief review of study on behalf of Building Committee. He stated that the Committee’s position on the subject was 1) To use the existing sally port & transport inmates as currently done through the Courthouse from the Annex. 2) Do no remodeling of any of the Annex space at this time. 3) Observe the new facility being open & operating with inmate transports happening as stated in #1 for at least 6 months; at that time revisit possible uses/plans for the Annex space.

Supervisor S. Bjork stated that Courthouse security should be a priority, but for the time being he felt the current sally port & procedure could be used to transport inmates. Supervisor J. Kosin stated he was under the understanding that it was a security concern taking inmates through the Courthouse. Supervisor P. Fetzer stated that the County should complete the new facility & try operating in a similar fashion as they have been for a while & see how things go. Supervisor M. Pittman expressed a desire to make sure the County is planning for the future. He stated that additional officers would likely be needed for transport & after a number of years the County would spend nearly as much on personnel costs as it would to build for the Courts. Chief J. Matthys explained how inmate transfer to the Courts is being done currently & how the Sheriff’s Dept. proposes to address the issue when operating from the new facility. He added that there are security concerns regardless of how the department performs this task because of the separation of the Jail & the Courts. He indicated that the Sheriff thought that building a new sally port near the elevator doesn’t necessarily eliminate those concerns & the funds would be better spent on another transport or security officer. Chairman J. Holst stated that an additional security officer may be needed on busy court days but one was probably sufficient for the rest of the time. He also stated that the County has & will have other needs it has to address in addition to the Courts & the Jail. He expressed an emphatic desire not to build a new Courthouse. He stated the County made a big decision to build a new jail facility & he felt that met the most pressing need. Also that sooner or later the County would have to make a decision on what to do with the Annex. Supervisor D. Auckland asked when some of the County’s current debt would be paid off. AC J. Miller responded saying she thought in 2023 or 2025 some debt would drop off, with exception of debt for new jail facility. Motion by J. Aubart/S. Bjork to accept the Potter/Lawson space needs study for Courthouse/Annex & PCOB, motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Chairman J. Holst made the following appointments:

- **Solid Waste Management Board:** Chair Holst indicated that the appointment of Bill Parks at last meeting needed to be rescinded because Mr. Parks former appointment extends through April 2018. An appointment to the seat currently held by the Chair for a three year term from April 2017 to April 2020 was needed. Motion N. Gulbranson/R. Mercord to confirm the re-appointment of Chair Holst to the Solid Waste Management Board & rescind motion to confirm Bill Parks to the SWMB made at March 28<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting; carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Ordinances 17-02 & 03 second reading

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. by motion of B. Schroeder/R. Mercord; motion carried unanimously.

**THOSE PRESENT**

SUPERVISOR NAME	DIST. #	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Robert Mercord	1	X		
LeRoy Peterson	2	X		
Jon Aubart	3	X		
Ruth Wood	4	X		
Ben Plunkett	5	X		
Michael Kahlow	6		X	
Scott Bjork	7	9:03		
Dean Bergseng	8	X		
Ken Snow	9		X	

SUPERVISOR NAME	DIST. #	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Paul Fetzer	10	X		
Neil Gulbranson	11	X		
Dale Auckland	12	X		
Dan Reis	13	X		
Bill Schroeder	14	X		
Jerry Kosin	15	X		
Jeff Holst	16	X		
Mel Pittman	17	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

Respectfully submitted by J. Feuerhelm, County Clerk