1. Meeting called to order:

Clerk Brandt called the meeting to order at 3:00pm in the county board room.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Pledge was recited.

3. Acknowledge that the meeting was properly noticed and posted:

The clerk certified that the meeting was properly noticed and posted.

4. Clerk to read certified list of duly elected board members:

The clerk read the list of duly elected board members:

Hurley Dist. 1 Paul Mullard Hurley Dist. 2 Mario Loreti Hurley Dist. 3 Jamey Francis Hurley Dist. 4 Larry Youngs Montreal Dist. 5 William Thomas Montreal Dist. 6 Roy Haeger Kimball Dist. 7 Doug Swartz Gurney/Saxon Dist. 8 Karl Krall Knight/Knight/Pence Dist. 9 Patrick Hanson Oma/Carey Dist. 10 Scott Erickson Mercer Dist. 11 Richard Boes Mercer Dist. 12 Karen Lauer Mercer Dist. 13 Roxanne Lutgen Mercer Dist. 14 Tanner Hiller Sherman Dist. 15 Kurt Wolff

5. Clerk to administer oath of office to board members:

The clerk administered the oath of office to the newly elected board.

6. Roll Call:

Present were Haeger, Swartz, Krall, Hanson, Erickson, Lauer, Lutgen, Hiller, Wolff, Mullard, Loreti, Francis, Youngs, Thomas. Absent Boes.

7. Election of Board Chair:

The clerk called for the election of the Board Chair. Erickson nominated Larry Youngs for chair. Clerk for any other nominations three times. Motion by Erickson seconded by Thomas to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Youngs. All yes. Carried.

8. Election of Board Vice Chair:

Hiller nominated Kurt Wolff for Vice Chair. Youngs called for other nominations three times. Motion by Hiller seconded by Lutgen to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Wolff. All yes. Carried.

9. Election of Highway Committee:

Seat 1#

Hiller nominated Scott Erickson, Youngs called for nominations 3 times. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Hiller to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Erickson. All yes. Carried.

Seat 2#

Hanson Nominated Karl Krall, Youngs called for nominations 3 times. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Hiller to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Krall. All yes. Carried.

Seat 3#

Thomas nominated Pat Hanson, Youngs called for nominations 3 times. Motion by Thomas to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Hanson. All yes. Carried.

Seat 4#

Erickson nominated Bill Thomas, Youngs called for nominations 3 times. Motion by Erickson, seconded by Lutgen to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Thoms. All yes. Carried.

Seat 5#

Francis nominated Tanner Hiller, Youngs called for nominations 3 times. Motion by Francis seconded by Lutgen to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Hiller, All yes, Carried.

10. Election of Agriculture and Extension Committee:

Seat 1#

Erickson nominated Bill Thomas, Youngs called for nominations 3 times. Motion Erickson seconded by Hiller to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas. All yes. Carried.

Seat 2#

Hiller nominated Jamey Francis, Youngs called for nominations 3 times. Motion Hiller seconded by Lutgen to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Francis. All yes. Carried.

Seat 3#

Krall nominated Doug Swartz, Youngs called for nominations 3 times. Motion Krall seconded by Francis to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Swartz. All yes. Carried.

Seat 4#

Lauer nominated Roxanne Lutgen, Youngs called for nominations 3 times. Motion Lauer seconded by Hiller to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Lutgen. All yes. Carried.

11. Approve minutes of March 26, 2024 as presented:

Motion made to approve the minutes as presented made by Hanson seconded by Krall. All yes. Carried.

12. Communications:

The clerk noted that she would like dates and times that would work for the board members so that a training seminar could be set up with the County Association to go over the proper procedures for board members and meeting processes.

13. Adoption of Roberts Rules of order:

Motion to adopt Robers Rules of Order made by Thomas seconded by Lutgen. All yes, Carried.

14. Designation of official county Depository:

Discussion and concerns on this item, motion to postpone made by Lauer, seconded by Wolff, All yes, Carried.

15. Designation of official County Newspaper:

Motion to designate the official paper as the Iron County Miner made by Thomas, seconded by Wolff. All yes, Carried.

16. Designate day and time for County Board Meetings:

Motion to set the meeting day to the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm made by Thomas, seconded by Lutgen. All yes, Carried.

17. Designate corporate Counsel:

Chairman Youngs noted that he felt this should be looked at to find someone who knows Wisconsin Law and practices in the State. Motion to postpone made by Hiller seconded by Krall. All yes, Carried.

18. Committee, Department Heads and Chairman's Report:

Erickson reported that the finance committee met and discussed the assistance of purchasing a generator for Mercer but there were discrepancies on what building it was for. Stacy will be putting up fire number signs but will be reimbursed from the two towns, we approved the hiring of Lisa Zanella for custodial staff. Hanson stated that zoning has one of the largest agendas that they have had in a long time. Thomas noted that they had water coming up from the floor drains over the weekend in the Memorial Building, but it has been taken care of now.

19. Public comment pursuant to Resolution #2341.

None

20. Fair Ground Committee to discuss loan for new stage:

Doug Swartz noted that they need to build a new stage and stalls for the horse barn. They will need to get a loan for some of the cost and would need to get a general obligation loan with the County through the bank. The approximate cost is \$40,000 and the rate is 4.75 for 10 years. The board asked that they bring in financials from the committee and clarification of who is responsible. This will be on the next agenda.

21. Discuss/Approve hire of Custodial staff:

Since the prior custodian retired, we need to approve the hiring of Lisa Zanella for 35 hours a week at \$20 per hour, Motion to approve made by Francis, seconded by Thomas. All yes, Carried.

22. Discuss Phase Il Budget Reconciliation:

Wolff noted that we need to continue to work through the deficit and that we are depleting our general fund by \$125,000 a month. We need to look at taxes, services, and how to close the budget gap as he would like to have ideas and input from other board members and completed to him by May 6th. He would also like to see budget workshops, one here and one in Mercer. Lutgen asked if anyone had looked into overtime and loan payoff. Youngs thanked Wolff for all his work and time being put into this.

23. Adjournment:

Youngs adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm.

Approved: May 28, 2024 Respectfully submitted
Christan Brandt, County Clerk