

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Safety Room, Courthouse/Law Enforcement Center, Montello, Wisconsin
January 21, 2020

Pursuant to notice duly given in the manner established by the Board of Supervisors and in compliance with Sub-Chapter V of Chapter 19 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a lawfully held regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marquette, Wisconsin was called to order by County Board Chairperson Robert Miller at 7:00 p.m. on January 21, 2020, at Montello, Wisconsin, at the time and place established by the Board of Supervisors or in accordance with law.

The Clerk called the roll and the following members answered roll call:

District No. 1 . . Glenn Kemnitz, Jr.
District No. 2 . . Dennis Fenner (absent)
District No. 3 . . David Krentz
District No. 4 . . Robin Buchholz
District No. 5 . . Kathy Jo Locke
District No. 6 . . Gary Thalacker
District No. 7 . . Ken Borzick
District No. 8 . . Mike Raddatz
District No. 9 . . Bart O'Brien
District No. 10 . Mary P. Walters
District No. 11 . Al Rosenthal
District No. 12 . Jon Sheller
District No. 13 . Kathleen McGwin
District No. 14 . Robert Miller
District No. 15 . Gayle Mack
District No. 16 . Alan Gibeaut
District No. 17 . Judi Nigbor

A quorum of the Board of Supervisors was declared present and open meetings law compliance was established.

Also present were Corporation Counsel Natalie Bussan and Administrative Coordinator/County Clerk Gary Sorensen.

A moment of silence was observed followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion/second by Raddatz/Buchholz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion/second by Raddatz/Kemnitz to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Citizen comments: Ron Sell thanked the County Board for their authorization of a letter of support for the Town of Montello 14th Road bridge grant request.

Building and Grounds Superintendent Paul Van Treeck presented a progress update on the EMS Stations construction project.

The chairperson of the respective standing committees gave committee reports.

Supervisor McGwin noted the activities of the Census 2020 planning group.

Supervisor Mack updated the Board on Economic Development activity.

Motion/second by Rosenthal/Raddatz to approve the consent agenda as per agenda item 8 consisting of the adoption of Resolutions 3-2020 and 4-2020 and approving appointments as follows: Kathleen McGwin and Vicki Huffman to the Winnefox Library System Board, terms to expire December 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 3-2019 ZONING AMENDMENT – TOWN OF NEWTON

(Introduced by David Krentz and Alan Gibeaut)

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the Marquette County Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the petition has been referred to the Marquette County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Planning and Zoning Committee on due notice conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendment and filed their recommendation to the Board.

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment and recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Committee have been given due consideration by the Board in open session.

WHEREAS, the Board finds the following:

1. The land is better suited for a use not allowed in the AG-1 district.
2. The rezoning will not substantially impair or limit current or future agricultural use of the surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use.
3. The rezoning is consistent with the applicable town and County comprehensive plans, including the farmland preservation plan component of the County Comprehensive Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, the Marquette County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows:

The NW1/4-NW1/4, Section 32, T17N R9E, Town of Newton containing 40 acres more or less be rezoned from Prime Agriculture (AG-1) with 5 acres rezoned to Agriculture Residential (AG-3(4)) and the remaining 35 acres to the Farmland Preservation Overlay (FPO) District.

Resolution No. 4-2019 ZONING AMENDMENT – TOWN OF OXFORD

(Introduced by David Krentz and Alan Gibeaut)

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WHEREAS, the Board finds the following:

1. The land is better suited for a use not allowed in the AG-1 district.
2. The rezoning will not substantially impair or limit current or future agricultural use of the surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use.
3. The rezoning is consistent with the applicable town and County comprehensive plans, including the farmland preservation plan component of the County Comprehensive Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, the Marquette County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows:

The SW1/4-SE1/4, Section 25, T15N R8E, Town of Oxford containing 40 acres more or less be rezoned from Prime Agriculture (AG-1) with 5 acres rezoned to Agriculture Residential (AG-3(4)) and the remaining 35 acres to the Farmland Preservation Overlay (FPO) District.

Resolutions 1-2020 and 2-2020 were opened for consideration and public comment.

The following citizens addressed the County Board with comments regarding the referendum questions: Frank Buress, Tom Wastart, Jermitt Krage, Bill Lundy, Bruce Jefferson, Karen Wollenberg, Bernard Lisner, Fred Wollenberg, Laurel Bennett, Sharon Samuelson and Keith Bagley.

Resolution No. 1-2020 RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR APRIL 2020 REFERENDUM
RELATED TO POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND SPENDING
(Introduced by Mike Raddatz and Kathleen McGwin)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 1-2020 was defeated as follows: Ayes 7; Noes 9; Absent 1.

Voting Yes: Kemnitz, Locke, McGwin, Nigbor, Raddatz, Rosenthal and Sheller.

Voting No: Borzick, Buchholz, Gibeaut, Krentz, Mack, Miller, O'Brien, Thalacker and Walters.

Absent: Fenner.

Shall the voters of Marquette County, WI, be given the opportunity to vote on the following advisory referendum question on the April 7, 2020 ballot with a Yes or No vote? A majority vote of the Marquette County Board shall mean the advisory referendum question below shall be posed to the voters at the upcoming April Spring Election.

Shall Marquette County, WI, adopt the following resolution.

Resolved, that "We the People" of Marquette County, WI seek to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

1. Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights – not corporations, unions, nonprofits or other artificial entities, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting speech.

Be it further Resolved, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of the referendum results to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and to the legislators representing Marquette County.

Resolution No. 2-2020 RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR APRIL 2020 REFERENDUM
RELATED TO CALLING FOR A NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE
FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS
(Introduced by Mike Raddatz and Kathleen McGwin)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 2-2020 was adopted as follows: Ayes 10; Noes 6; Absent 1.

Voting Yes: Gibeaut, Kemnitz, Locke, Mack, McGwin, Miller, Nigbor, Raddatz, Rosenthal and Sheller.

Voting No: Borzick, Buchholz, Krentz, O'Brien, Thalacker and Walters.

Absent: Fenner.

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Should Marquette County request that the Wisconsin Legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans ending the practice of Gerrymandering in Wisconsin?

Explanation:

A 'yes' vote allows Marquette County to advise the Wisconsin Legislature to create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

A 'no' vote means Marquette County will not send an advisory recommendation to the Wisconsin Legislature to create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

Resolution No. 5-2020 APPROVAL OF 10 YEAR
LAND AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
(Introduced by Bob Miller and Robin Buchholz)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 5-2020 was adopted as follows: Ayes 16; Noes 0; Absent 1.

WHEREAS, through 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, Chapter 92 of the Wisconsin Statutes was amended, requiring counties to develop land and water resource management plans, and this statutory amendment provided Marquette County with the opportunity to assess our resource conditions and needs and to decide how we can best meet our goals.

WHEREAS, the intent of this change was to develop a locally led process that would utilize local, state, and federal funds to protect our land and water resources,

WHEREAS, Marquette County brought a diverse group of stakeholders together including local government officials and staff, special interest groups, farmers and citizens, to assist in the development of the land and water resource management plan,

WHEREAS, Marquette County held a public hearing on November 19th, 2019 to accept comments on the Marquette County Land and Water Resource Management Plan,

