

Minutes of the
ASHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

April 16, 2024

Ashland County Courthouse, 201 Main Street West, Room 204, Ashland, Wisconsin

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Reorganizational Meeting of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday April 16, 2024 by Remote/Zoom and in person at the Ashland County Courthouse, County Board Room. County Administrator Dan Grady called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- a. A moment of silence was held.**
- b. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.**

2. OATH OF OFFICE & SWEARING IN OF COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS

a. Oath of Office

County Clerk Heather Schutte administered the Oath of Office to the County Board Supervisors.

b. Roll Call:

Present: Ellefson, Trudeau, Nagro, Metzinger, Campbell, Ray, Kinney, Starck, Riemer, Bussey, Anderson, Vitek, Huber, Schultz, Eder Jr and Mertig. 16

Absent: Franek. 1

Excused: Szyndor and Pufall. 2

c. Introduction of County Board Supervisors

The County Board Supervisors individually introduced themselves.

3. ELECTIONS

a. Appointment of Ballot Clerk/Tellers

Motion was made by Bradley Ray and seconded by Clarence Campbell to appoint Heather Schutte and Sue Misun as Ballot Clerks/Tellers. Voice vote, motion carried.

b. Nominations for Chair/Election of Chairperson (Secret Ballot) Wis.Stats. 19.88(1)

Dan Grady opened the nominations for Chairperson. Nominated were Richard Pufall and Gary Mertig. Mr. Grady asked three times for any other nominations. There being none, motion was made by Clarence Campbell and seconded by Laura Nagro to close the nominations for Chairperson. Voice vote, motion carried.

The results of the vote were as follows:

Richard Pufall	-	3 votes
Gary Mertig	-	13 votes

Gary Mertig was elected as County Board Chairperson.

c. Nominations for Vice Chair/Election of Vice Chairperson (Secret Ballot) Wis.Stats. 19.88(1)

Chairperson Mertig opened the nominations for Vice Chairperson. Nominated was Clarence Campbell. Chairperson Mertig asked three times for any other nominations. There being none, nominations were closed. Motion was made by Tom Riemer and seconded by George Bussey to cast a unanimous ballot for Clarence Campbell. Voice vote, motion carried.

Clarence Campbell was elected as County Board Vice Chairperson.

d. Nominations for the Executive Committee/Election of Executive Committee

Chairperson Mertig opened the nominations for the Executive Committee. Nominated were Richard Pufall, Martin Vitek, Bradley Ray and Bill Metzinger. Chairperson Mertig asked three times for any other nominations. There being none, nominations were closed.

The results of the vote were as follows:

Richard Pufall	-	2 votes
Martin Vitek	-	12 votes
Bradley Ray	-	9 votes
Bill Metzinger	-	13 votes

The supervisors elected to the Executive Committee were:

Martin Vitek
Bradley Ray
Bill Metzinger.

e. Nominations for Highway Committee/Election of Highway Committee

a) City of Ashland District (1-11)

Nominations were opened for the City of Ashland – Districts 1-11. Nominated were Thomas Trudeau and Bill Metzinger. Chairperson Mertig asked three times for any other nominations. There being none, nominations were closed.

The results of the vote were as follows:

Thomas Trudeau	-	5 votes
Bill Metzinger	-	11 votes

b) North District (1-13)

Nominations were opened for the North District – 1-13. Nominated were Thomas Trudeau and Tom Riemer. Chairperson Mertig asked three times for any other nominations. There being none, nominations were closed.

The results of the vote were as follows:

Thomas Trudeau	-	10 votes
Tom Riemer	-	6 votes

c) Central District (14-17)

Nominations were opened for the Central District – 14-17. Nominated were Jerry Anderson, Martin Vitek and Rich Huber. Chairperson Mertig asked three times for any other nominations. There being none, nominations were closed.

The results of the vote were as follows:

Jerry Anderson	-	4 votes
Martin Vitek	-	7 votes
Rich Huber	-	5 votes

d) South District (18-21)

Nominations were opened for the South District – 18-21. Nominated were Gary Eder, Jr and James Schultz. Chairperson Mertig asked three times for any other nominations. There being none, nominations were closed.

The results of the vote were as follows:

Gary Eder, Jr	-	6 votes
James Schultz	-	9 votes

e) At Large

Nominations were opened for the At-Large seat. Nominated were Rich Huber and Tom Riemer. Chairperson Mertig asked three times for any other nominations. There being none, nominations were closed.

The results of the vote were as follows:

Rich Huber	-	8 votes
Tom Riemer	-	8 votes

The vote ended in a tie, votes were recast with the results as follows:

Rich Huber	-	8 votes
Tom Riemer	-	8 votes

The votes were recast for a third time due to another tie.

The results of the third vote were as follows:

Rich Huber	-	3 votes
Tom Riemer	-	10 votes

The County Board Supervisors elected to the Highway Committee were:

Bill Metzinger
Tom Trudeau
Martin Vitek
James Schultz
Tom Riemer

f. Approve Administrator's Appointment to Health and Human Services Committee

Motion was made by Bradley Ray and seconded by Martin Vitek to confirm the County Board Supervisor appointments of Clarence Campbell, Laura Nagro, Richard Huber, George Bussey and Elizabeth Franek and the reappointment of Dr. AA Koeller as a Citizen Member to the Health and Human Services Committee. Voice vote, motion carried.

g. Supervisor Requests for Committee Appointments

The supervisors were instructed to review the committee list and select which committees they would be interested in serving on. The completed lists should be turned into the County Board Office or County Clerk's Office. The appointments will be confirmed at the April 30, 2024 County Board Meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Rich Huber and seconded by Blake Ellefson to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

5. ADOPTION OF THE RULES

a. Roberts Rules of Order

Motion was made by Martin Vitek and seconded by Laura Nagro to adopt Roberts Rules of Order. Voice vote, motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. County Board Minutes – March 26, 2024

Motion was made by Bill Metzinger and seconded by Mike Starck to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2024 County Board Meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

7. PRESENTATION

a. Introduction to the County Board – Roles and Responsibilities

County Attorney Max Lindsey was not present at the meeting. Motion was made by Laura Nagro and seconded by Bradley Ray to the table the presentation until the next County Board meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERTINENT TO AGENDA ITEMS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OF THE DAY (3 minutes per speaker/30-minute limit total)

There were no public comments.

9. REGULAR AGENDA – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Set Meeting Time for Future Meetings

The Board will take up the issue of meeting times for future meetings at the next County Board meeting.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Bradley Ray and seconded by Mike Starck. County Board adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather W. Schutte
Ashland County Clerk