



RUSK COUNTY

RESOLUTION # 54-24

REASSIGNING MAINTENANCE OVERSIGHT OF THE RUSK COUNTY COMMUNITY LIBRARY, RUSK COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER AND RUSK COUNTY VISITOR CENTER

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. ALEC HAMPTON	✓		
2. JERRY BILLER	✓		
3. VACANT Kathy Halber	✓		
4. JOHN MOORE	✓		
5. TERRY WEDWICK	✓		
6. SHERY WALLACE	VACANT		
7. SUZANNE VOHS	✓		
8. TOM CUDO			✓
9. PHIL UNTERSCHUETZ	✓		
10. BRIAN COGGINS	✓		
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER	✓		
12. JIM MEYER	✓		
13. KURT GORSEGNER	✓		
14. JOHN KALEPP	✓		
15. TOM HANSON	✓		
16. LOIS GOODE	✓		
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM	✓		
18. MIKE RUSSELL	✓		
19. DAN GUDIS	✓		
TOTAL	17	0	1

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted ☒

1st Coggins Defeated ☐

2nd Wedwick

No: 0 Yes: 17 Exc: 1

Reviewed by:

, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by:

Jimie Wolk, Finance Director

FISCAL IMPACT: (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

no fiscal impact

Certification:

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 22 day of October 2024 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

Connie Meyer
County Clerk, Rusk County

1 WHEREAS, Sec. 2-267 of the General Code of Rusk County establishes a Joint
2 Management Committee; and,

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4 WHEREAS, Section 2-267 (3) states that the Joint Management Committee
5 shall oversee maintenance of the library, animal shelter and visitor center
6 buildings; and,

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8 WHEREAS, the library, animal shelter and visitor center each have their own
9 respective oversight committee; and,

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11 WHEREAS, the Joint Management Committee wishes to eliminate the
12 burdensome need to have maintenance at these buildings approved by two
13 committees.

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15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of
16 Supervisors hereby approves removing maintenance oversight of the library,
17 animal shelter and visitor center from the Joint Management Committee.

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Library Board shall assume
20 responsibility of maintenance at the library.

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22 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Joint Animal Shelter Board
23 shall assume responsibility of maintenance at the animal shelter.

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25 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Joint Tourism Committee shall
26 assume responsibility of maintenance at the visitor center.

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28 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following ordinance changes are
29 adopted contingent upon the Ladysmith City Council adopting a resolution in
30 similar form.

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32 Changes to Rusk County General Code:

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34 Sec. 2-267. - Joint management committee.

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36 The joint management committee:

37 (1) Shall consist of five members, three of whom shall be selected by the board
38 of supervisors but one of those selected shall be a member of the property
39 committee and one of those selected shall be a representative from a
40 supervisory district which is located within the city limits of the City of
41 Ladysmith. The members shall be appointed for a term of one year. Members
shall be appointed at the January regular county board meeting of each calendar
year.

42 (2) Shall oversee development and implementation of all city/county economic
43 development building projects.

1 ~~(3) Shall oversee maintenance of the library, animal shelter and visitor center~~
2 ~~buildings.~~

3 **Sec. 2-297. – Library board.**

4 The library board:

5 (1) Shall consist of seven members four of whom shall be appointed by the
6 county board chair and be approved by the board of supervisors. One of those
7 four shall be a county board supervisor and one shall be a school district
8 administrator and all shall be residents of the county.

9 (2) The appointments shall be for staggered three-year terms except that the
10 county board supervisor shall forfeit his appointment if he is no longer a county
11 board supervisor and all appointees shall forfeit their positions by no longer
12 being county residents.

13 (3) Vacancies shall be filled immediately for the unexpired term of the person
14 being replaced.

15 (4) The board shall approve the library's annual budget and recommend it to
16 the county finance committee.

17 (5) The board shall be responsible for the operation of the Rusk County
18 Community Library and the operations and scheduling of the community rooms
19 in the basement of the city/county public library.

20 ~~(6) The board shall oversee maintenance of the library.~~

21 **Sec. 8-5. - Animal shelter board.**

22 The animal shelter board shall meet at the call of the chairperson and do the
23 following:

24 (1) Recommend to the county board of supervisors rules and regulations
25 concerning the operation of the animal shelter, standards for the collection,
26 care, custody and disposal of animals at large, public nuisance animals, vicious
27 animals, and standards for the maintenance of animal holding facilities and
28 guard and sentry dogs.

29 (2) Review the proposed budget of the animal shelter and make
30 recommendations to the county board in accordance with the county budget
31 procedure.

32 (3) Upon written complaint, conduct a public hearing to determine if an animal
33 or holding facility, is a public nuisance animal or holding facility.

34 (4) Upon written complaint, conduct a public hearing to determine if an animal
35 is a vicious animal.

36 (5) The county animal shelter board shall examine all claims against the dog
37 license fund and make its report therein as provided by Wis. Stats. ch. 174.

38 (6) To provide that the county animal shelter board is the board designated as
39 required by state statutes that may modify or withdraw abatement orders issued
40 under Wis. Stats. § 173.11 by humane officers appointed by the county.

41 ~~(7) Shall oversee maintenance of the animal shelter.~~

1 **Sec. 2-271. - Joint tourism committee.**

2 The joint tourism committee:

3 (1) Shall consist of seven members, four of whom shall be appointed by the
4 county board chair and confirmed by the county board and three of whom shall
5 be appointed by the City of Ladysmith. The four county appointees shall be
6 county supervisors one of whom shall represent a district entirely within the
7 City of Ladysmith. Appointments shall be made at the county board's
8 organizational meeting in April of even-numbered years. The appointees shall
9 serve two-year terms to run concurrent with their county supervisor terms.

10 (2) Shall be responsible for the oversight of the visitors center's operation **and**
11 **maintenance** including the preparation of the annual budget.

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SUBMITTED BY:

Joint Management Committee



Brian Coggins, Chair

John Kenyon

Al Christianson Sr., Vice Chair

Dan Gudis



Jerry Biller