

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING – February 18, 2020**

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The Langlade County Board of Supervisors met in the Clover Room at the Langlade County Fairgrounds. Acting Chairman/Vice-Chairman Nye called the February 18, 2020 Meeting of the County Board to order at 5:00 p.m.

On call of the roll, all Supervisors reported present, except Supervisors Cahak, Scupien, and Solin. Motion by Supervisor Pennington, second by Pierce to excuse Supervisors Cahak, Scupien and Solin. All ayes, motion carried. 18 Supervisors present, 3 absent.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

Approve or amend the minutes of January 28, 2020 meeting as printed and published: Motion by Supervisor Pennington, second by Supervisor Bonacci to approve the January 28, 2020 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens and Delegations, Recognize other in Attendance: Acting Chairman Nye welcomed all in attendance for tonight's meeting.

Recognition of County Employees: Human Resources Director Tina Ver Hagen announced the New Hires/Promotions: Steven Meshak, Sheriff's Deputy; Matthew Becker, Highway Worker. Retirements/Resignations: Lindsey Steger, 2 years; Kristin Cuellar, 10 years. Milestones: Cody Brauner, 5 years; Sherri Hunter, 5 years; Dennis Keen, 20 years; Brenda Malitz, 20 years. County Treasurer Tammy Wilhelm and Sherri Hunter addressed the Board. Wilhelm thanked her deputy, Sherri Hunter. The Board applauded the County Employees recognized.

Acting Chairman Nye discussed the procedure for tonight's meeting, as this is a County Board Meeting, not a Public Hearing, addressing comments to the Chairman, speaking to the issue on the floor. Acting Chairman Nye suggested allowing three speakers for the topic and three speakers against the topic, giving each party three minutes to speak. Motion by Supervisor Pierce, second by Supervisor Nonnenmacher to allow those in the audience, who were at the last County Board Meeting, and were not allowed to speak, can do so tonight. Voice vote: ayes majority.

Public comment on agenda items and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas: Ron Kaas, County Resident from White Lake, regarding sulfide mineral exploration drilling in the headwaters of the Wolf River at the Langlade County & Oneida County Line. Acting Chairman Nye will refer this to the Water & Land Use Planning Committee for review. Supervisor Novak discussed the closed session on today's agenda. Acting Chairman Nye removed the Closed Session from today's agenda.

Old Business:

RS#5-2020 Sanctuary County for Second Amendment Rights (Tabled from January 28, 2020 Meeting): Motion by Supervisor Pennington, second by Supervisor Livingston to bring RS#5-2020 Sanctuary County for Second Amendment Rights to the floor for discussion.

RESOLUTION #5-2020

INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES

INTENT: SANCTUARY COUNTY FOR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."; and

WHEREAS, the Langlade County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Langlade County to keep and bear Arms or that could otherwise begin a slippery slope of restrictions on the Second Amendment right of the citizens of Langlade County; and

WHEREAS, the Langlade County Board of Supervisors opposes the introduction of legislation in the United States Congress or the State of Wisconsin Legislature that could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Langlade County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Langlade County to keep and bear Arms; and

WHEREAS, the Langlade County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Langlade County to bear arms; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Langlade County and its intent that public funds of the County not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid in the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Langlade County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby declares Langlade County, Wisconsin as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

David J. Solin, Chairman
Ronald M. Nye
Don Scupien
William Livingston
Ben Pierce

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Arlene Bonacci, Chairman
Doug Nonnenmacher
Richard Schuh
Ben Pierce
George Shinnors

resolution and three members of the public against, giving them three minutes each. Sheriff Westen addressed his concerns regarding RS #5-2020. Acting Chairman Nye calls for a vote: paper vote, signed. All Supervisors present voted aye, except Supervisors Hurlbert, Shinners, Feller Gottard and Nye voted nay, with Supervisors Solin, Scupien and Cahak absent. 14 ayes, 4 nays, 3 absent. Motion carried, RS #5-2020 is adopted.

Acceptance of Gifts and Donations: Finance Director Resch discussed the \$10,000 donation to Langlade County for Administrative Office Furniture. The furnishings have been purchased using money from the savings in the personnel costs in the County Manager budget. Per County Policy, the form filled out, Committee consideration and if over \$5000, County Board approval, if changes other than the donor's intention, it must be in writing. Motion by Supervisor Pierce, second by Supervisor Schuh to proceed with the donation with the conditions to be resolved. Discussion held. Motion by Supervisor Medo, second by Supervisor Benishek to amend the motion to state the money to be used as the donor expressed. Voice vote: all ayes on the amendment. Voice vote on the Amended Motion: all ayes. Langlade County will accept the \$10,000 donation, using the money for Administrative Office Furniture.

Judge Rhode update on the Second Judgeship Bill for Langlade County: Acting Chairman Nye stated RS #25-2018 gave support from Langlade County for a second Judge. Langlade County Judge Rhode addressed the County Board, providing the Board members a case count, case type review, looking back four years for Langlade County. Judge Rhode discussed the bill that is currently on the floor in Madison designating twelve Judges for the State of Wisconsin over a three-year period. Discussion held. No action taken.

New Business:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Elections or Appointments:

Re-Appoint Supervisor Nye for another six-year term to the North Central WI Regional Planning Commission
Approve recommended persons to act as authorized emergency fire wardens for 2020: Dave Visser, Richard Tretanier and Kay Lotter

Letter, Petitions and Communications

Zoning Ordinances:

Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor Hurlbert to approve Consent Agenda. All ayes, motion carried. Consent Agenda is adopted.

Committee Reports: A summary of information contained in recent committee minutes on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #8-2020

INTRODUCED BY: FINANCE and INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) COMMITTEE

INTENT: POLICY TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AND THE BARRING OF ENTRANCES/EXITS FOR NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS

WHEREAS, Section 104 (L)(1) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended (42 U.S.C. 69 §5304) prohibits the State from expending or obligating any Community Development Block Grant funds to any unit of general local government that does not have or adopt a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by local law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations; and a policy of enforcing State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstration within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Langlade County as the lead County for the Northwoods Housing Region to pursue Community Development Block Grant Funds and to comply with Section 104 (L)(1) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended (42 USC 69 §5304).

WHEREAS, it is policy of the County to prohibit the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the County's jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations.

WHEREAS, it is policy of the County to enforce applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstration within the County's jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, the officials and employees of the County shall assist in the orderly prevention of all excessive force within the County of Langlade by implementing the authority and enforcement procedures set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

WHEREAS, the Langlade County Board directs the Langlade County Sheriff's Office to implement this Resolution by amending applicable Langlade County Sheriff Office procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to declare its intent as the lead County for the Northwoods Housing Region to have policies in place that prohibit the use of excessive force and the barring of entrances/exits for non-violent civil rights demonstrations, as set forth with Section 104 (L)(1) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended (42 U.S.C. 69 §5304).

FINANCE and INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) COMMITTEE:

Don Scupien, Chairman
Sandy Fischer
Pete Pennington
Doug Nonnenmacher
Vern Cahak