

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 13, 2016

Arthur Carter, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The Clerk read the roll with 29 present and 2 absent being Luchsinger and Stettler.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Leonard, seconded by Hanson to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 9-1-16

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING IN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Families provides funding to counties through the Children and Family Aids allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect services, including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs; and

WHEREAS, base funding for child welfare services has not increased since the Department of Children and Families was created in 2009; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in all counties across the state; and

WHEREAS, the number of child protective services (CPS) referrals has increased statewide by 30 percent since 2007 – from 55,895 referrals in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the number of CPS referrals in Green County has increased by 39 percent during that same period; and

WHEREAS, the statewide number of children in out-of-home care has increased from 7,653 in 2011 to 8,258 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the statewide number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 18,706 in 2011 to 20,384 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the statewide number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed with the court has increased 12.5 percent from 2008 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, counties are struggling to recruit and retain child welfare workers; and

WHEREAS, the stress of increasing caseloads is taking its toll on CPS workers, causing many experienced child welfare workers to leave the profession; and

WHEREAS, a leading cause of these increases is the use of heroin, opiates, and methamphetamines; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that counties have the resources necessary to ensure the safety of children in every corner of the state; and

WHEREAS, counties are struggling to identify resources to increase child welfare staff, especially given the significant overmatch counties already put in the human services system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the board does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, in its 2017-19 state biennial budget, increase funding to counties in the Children and Family Aids allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and families in the child welfare system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Herb Hanson, Chair
Jerry Guth, Vice-Chair
Russ Torkelson
Sandy Horn
Anita Huffman

Beth Luchsinger
Michael Furgal
Kate Maresch
Emily Zarling

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Torkelson to approve Resolution 9-1-16. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE 16-0901

Modification to Shoreland Zoning Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Green County Land Use and Zoning Committee is charged with the study and development of zoning and land use programs for Green County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has updated their regulations for shoreland zoning and, therefore, the Green County Code is in need of updating; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Zoning Administrator, the Green County Land Use and Zoning Committee has reviewed the Green County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Green County Land Use and Zoning Committee has determined that the Green County Code is in need of updating in order to comply with the State's updated regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that Title 4, Chapter 7 of the Green County Code be repealed and re-created as shown on the attachment to this Ordinance.

(attachment published separately in pamphlet format.)

SIGNED: LAND USE AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Barb Krattiger, Chair
Betty Grotophorst
Jeff Williams

Sherri Fiduccia
Kristi Leonard

Motion by Krattiger, seconded by Grotophorst to approve Ordinance 16-0901. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

There were no appointments or travel requests for the board's consideration.

Under announcements, Green County District Attorney Gary Luhman advised the board of his resignation effective October 1, 2016.

Motion by Guth, seconded by Kubly to adjourn. Motion carried.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF GREEN)

I, Michael J. Doyle, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors of Green County, Wisconsin, on their meeting of September 13, 2016, A.D.

Michael J. Doyle
Green County Clerk