

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 12, 2019

County Board Room, Green County Courthouse, 1016 16th Ave, Monroe, WI

Arthur Carter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Clerk read the roll with 28 present, and 3 absent being Supervisors Fiduccia, Hoesly, and Williams.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Doyle made an announcement regarding the Public Hearing on the 2020 Green County Budget.

Motion by Supervisor Guth, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to dissolve as the County Board and convene as a Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

The public hearing was opened. No one from the public spoke.

Motion by Supervisor Guth, seconded by Supervisor Furgal to dissolve as Committee of the Whole and reconvene as the County Board. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

The 2020 Budget was then read by Finance and Accounting chair Jerry Guth and Finance Directors Andrea Sweeney and Julie Sachs.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$208.76 be and is hereby levied upon the taxable property of the several towns, villages, and cities in Green County in accordance with the instructions of the Finance Committee for the purpose of collecting the following: State Special Charges to Districts \$208.76; and County Charge backs to Districts \$0. Motion by Leonard, seconded by Thoman to adopt Resolution No. 1 of the 2020 budget. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$185,000.00, be and is hereby levied upon the taxable property of the several towns, villages, and cities in Green County (excepting that within the limits of the City of Monroe, the City of Brodhead, the Village of Browntown, the Village of Brooklyn, and the Village of New Glarus) for County Aid for construction of bridges. Motion by Francois, seconded by Mandel to adopt Resolution No. 2 of the 2020 budget. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$465,378.00, be and is hereby levied upon the taxable property of the several towns, villages, and cities in Green County as designated by the Green County Library Board, in conjunction with the South Central Library System, pursuant to Green County Board action of August 9, 1977. Motion by Furgal, seconded by Neuenschwander to adopt Resolution No. 3 of the 2020 budget. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$40,460.00, be and is hereby levied upon the taxable property of the several towns, villages, and cities in Green County (excepting that within the limits of the City of Monroe), for county aid for the Humane Society. Motion by Roth, seconded by Olson to adopt Resolution No. 4 of the 2020 budget. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$2,928,925.00, which represents a portion of the amount received during 2018 in payment of Green County's ½% sales tax, be and is hereby designated for use in funding the 2020 Green County Budget. Said amount shall show in the budget document as a reduction from the Proposed Levy to arrive at the Net Levy. Motion by Borowski, seconded by Leonard to adopt Resolution No. 5 of the 2020 budget. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$16,713,330.24, be and is hereby levied upon the taxable property of the several towns, villages and cities in Green County for all other purposes and expenses for the year 2020, including an adjustment of \$791 for unused previous year's levy. Motion by Mandel, seconded by Torkelson to adopt Resolution No. 6 of the 2020 budget. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Motion by Gundlach, seconded by Rufenacht to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-01-2019

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO FACILITATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services, including for residential, commercial, and governmental use, provides enhanced educational possibilities, furthers

workforce development opportunities, and stimulates economic development within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County's residents increasingly depend on their ability to access affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services to improve their economic and financial position, to enhance their social networking capabilities, and to meet their basic consumer needs; and

WHEREAS, the County's businesses rely on their ability to access affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services to effectively compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the County's ability to timely deliver cost-effective governmental services to its residents, including emergency medical services and law enforcement protection, is enhanced by its ability to access affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband; and

WHEREAS, the County, along with its residents and businesses, desire expanded access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services to effectively deliver basic services to its residents, to more fully engage in commerce, and to better compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the County's topography and population density has made it cost-prohibitive for private sector development of a reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband network throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result, many areas of the County have limited or no access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to develop and implement a plan to facilitate the provision of reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services to residents and businesses throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the County believes that cooperation with private-sector partners is necessary for the development of a county-wide broadband network that meets the needs of the County, its residents, and its businesses; and

WHEREAS, Hilbert Communications, LLC is an ISP with experience providing reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services to underserved and unserved communities throughout Wisconsin for commercial, governmental, and emergency response purposes; and

WHEREAS, Hilbert Communications, LLC is able to and desires to assist the County with the development of a plan to facilitate the deployment of reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the County believes that the economic activity and public benefits likely to occur as a result of the development and deployment of a reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband network throughout the County constitutes a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to work together for the mutual benefit of the County's residents, businesses, government, and emergency responders by jointly developing a plan to facilitate the provision of reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services throughout the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Green County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, or his designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), attached as **Exhibit A**, with Hilbert Communications, LLC expressing the parties' desire and intent to develop a plan to construct, develop, and deploy high-speed internet infrastructure to facilitate the provision of affordable, reliable, high-speed internet services throughout the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Green County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs staff to immediately enter into negotiations with Hilbert Communications, LLC to develop a comprehensive plan, including all necessary agreements and other documentation, setting forth all relevant aspects necessary for the parties to jointly, or in partnership, construct, develop, and deploy high-speed internet infrastructure throughout the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Green County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs staff to immediately develop and prepare a complete Broadband Expansion Grant Application, including all necessary agreements and other documentation, in partnership with Hilbert Communications LLC, for joint submission to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin not later than December 19, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all plans, applications, and Agreements referenced herein shall not become effective unless and until each has received approval by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Green County's General Code of Ordinances and/or as otherwise required by law.

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Jerry Guth, Chair

Steve Borowski

Kristi Leonard

Harvey Mandel, Vice-chair

Arthur Carter

Motion by Guth, seconded by Leonard to approve Resolution 11-01-19. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

There were no annual reports.

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Mandel to confirm the appointment of Phillip Ringhand to the Veterans Service Commission. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

There were no out of state travel requests.

The Birth Dearth and calendars from the Wisconsin Counties Association were distributed to supervisors, as well as a Library flyer. County Clerk Doyle made announcements regarding completion of the new building project, Pleasant View campus wiring and loading dock, boiler room remodel, black top completion, and nomination papers. Corporation Counsel Bucholtz reminded supervisors to be careful about replying all on emails and warned of open meeting violations.

Motion by Krattiger, seconded by Rufenacht to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

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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 November 12, 2019, A.D.

Michael J. Doyle, Green County Clerk