



COUNTY OF BURNETT  
**BURNETT COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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## **Proceedings**

Burnett County Board of Supervisors  
June 18, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Taylor called the June 18, 2020, Burnett County Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room 165 of the Burnett County Government Center, Siren, Wisconsin.

**ROLL CALL** Present, 20 supervisors onsite: Gene McLain, Ramona Moody, Dorothy Richard, Donald Chell, Gene Olson, Chuck Awe, Chuck Anderson, Edgar Peterson, Norman Bickford, Christopher Sybers, Bert Lund, Jr., Emmett Byrne, Jim Pearson, Gary Lundberg, Duane Johnson, Don Taylor, Craig Conroy, Gerald Pardun, Steve Austin and Brent Blomberg. Excused, one supervisor; Jim Paden. Excused, two student representatives; Jordan Webster, Siren and William DeBlieck, Webster. No Grantsburg student representative.

**INVOCATION** Associate Pastor George Selbher of Grace Baptist Church in Grantsburg gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chairman Taylor led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING** Northern Representative from Senator Ron Johnson's office, Jim Miller, updated the supervisors on COVID-19 activity in the state and money disbursements nationwide. Mr. Miller periodically attends the Burnett County Board of Supervisors meeting to connect with Burnett County constituents and our local government officials and relays information and concerns to state officials.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER** Motion to approve the agenda order was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Byrne. Motion carried, voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY 21, 2020, MEETING** Motion to approve the proceedings of the May 21, 2020, Burnett County Board meeting with corrections was made by Supervisor Blomberg, seconded by Supervisor Lund. Corrections will be made to the list of attending supervisors to add Chuck Awe, Jim Pearson and Ramona Moody and remove Jeremy Gronski and correct the date in the first line of the meeting changing April to May. Motion carried, voice vote.

**FORTS FOLLE AVOINE YEARLY UPDATE/PRESENTATION** Forts Director Jeff Jensen and Board Representative Judy Bauerfeld presented the 2019 yearly report on finance, operations and activities at the Forts. They also presented information on 2020 operations and lack of activities and funds due to COVID-19. Mr. Jensen will be stepping down as director and thanked the supervisors for their continued support of Forts Folle Avoine.

**RESOLUTION 2020-13 EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON LIVESTOCK FACILITIES LICENSING** WHEREAS, on July 18, 2019, the Burnett County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2019-20 “Moratorium on Livestock Facilities Licensing”; and

WHEREAS, the Large Scale Livestock Study Ad-Hoc Committee (known as the LSLs Ad-Hoc Committee) was formed to study, review, consider and determine whether amendments to the Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance or creation of a Livestock Facilities Zoning Ordinance, is required to protect the public health or safety in Burnett County; and

WHEREAS, since fall of 2019, the LSLs Ad-Hoc Committee has been meeting regularly to educate themselves and the residents in Burnett County on Large Scale Livestock operations and potential impacts; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the LSLs Ad-Hoc Committee has been unable to meet since March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Moratorium on Livestock Facilities Licensing, allows for an extension of the moratorium for up to six months by a majority vote of the Burnett County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the LSLs Ad-Hoc Committee believes an extension would allow the committee adequate time to reconvene meetings to finalize their work prior to the end of the extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the LSLs Ad-Hoc Committee seeks a six-month extension of the moratorium, until January 18, 2021, to continue their meaningful study and analysis.

Chairman Taylor introduced the resolution recommended by the LSLs Ad-Hoc Committee. Motion to approve Resolution 2020-13 Extending the Moratorium on Livestock Facilities Licensing was made by Supervisor Moody, seconded by Supervisor Blomberg. Motion to amend changing line 26 from December 18, 2020, to January 18, 2021, as the end of the extension date, was made by Supervisor Blomberg, seconded by Supervisor Richard. Motion carried, voice vote. Resolution with amended motion carried, voice vote.

**ADJUSTMENT TO ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARY – CLERK OF COURT** Chairman Taylor led a discussion on the changes made in the Court areas regarding personnel movement and bringing the Register of Probate Position under the Clerk of Court. Clerk of Court Jacqueline Baasch will also be the Register in Probate, Carly Good who currently does traffic court will be the Deputy Register in Probate and Ms. Good’s position will be refilled. There will be an increase in salary for Ms. Baasch as Register in Probate and the budget from that unit will be brought into the court’s budget. Ultimately this will greatly reduce the budget amount from Register in Probate brought into the court’s budget. Motion to approve the increase in Ms. Baasch’s salary and combine the budgets was made by Supervisor Lundberg, seconded by Supervisor Pardun. Motion carried, voice vote.

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT** Chairman Taylor attended the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) District Meeting and was re-elected to the WCA Board of Directors. Supervisor Paden was elected to the Wisconsin Towns Association Board of Directors. Burnett County is up from last year’s sales tax collection. Two paper mills, one Duluth and one in Wisconsin Rapids is closing. This should not affect current timber sales or revenues right now,

but may impact things in the future. Chairman Taylor will attend the Northwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) meeting in Hayward next Wednesday.

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

**Administration Committee** report was given by Chairman Taylor.

**Public Safety Committee** report was given by Supervisor Pardun.

**Infrastructure Committee** report was given by Supervisor Awe.

**Health and Community Services Committee** report was given by Supervisor Sybers.

**Natural Resources Committee** report was given by Supervisor Peterson.

**Land Use and Information Committee** report was given by Supervisor Bickford.

**OTHER COMMITTEE, BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

**CEP, Inc.** report was given by Supervisor Bryne.

**Aging and Disability Resource Center Board** report was given by Supervisor Blomberg.

**Land Information Council** report was given by Supervisor Blomberg.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** Administrator Ehalt shared a few notes on statewide trades and products being higher than this time last year. The COVID-19 Burnett County update still shows only two confirmed cases in the county. We are looking at disinfectant fogging systems and some other purchases to assist with COVID-19 needs. There was an Economic Development meeting yesterday. Mr. Ehalt and Economic Development Director Dick Hartmann met with WITC and are working on putting in a site in Burnett County. The project entails establishing a CDL training site. WITC wants to be in the Burnett County area. The 2021 Budget kickoff was June 4, 2020. Guidelines were distributed for the departments to use as they prepare their 2021 budgets.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn the June 18, 2020, meeting was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Sybers. Motion carried, voice vote. Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Proceedings of the Burnett County Board of Supervisors Meeting held on the 18th day of June, as recorded by Wanda Hinrichs and kept by me as County Clerk. Corrections or additions to these proceedings will be in the proceedings of the next succeeding meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

*Wanda Hinrichs*

Wanda Hinrichs,  
Burnett County Clerk