

Lincoln County Board of Supervisors
Meeting: May 19, 2020

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI in session assembled pursuant to law.

1. Clerk Marlowe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed.
3. Roll was called with the following present: Allen, Ashbeck, Bialecki, Breitenmoser, Callahan, Friske, Gilk, Gorski, Hafeman, Heller, Koth, Lee, Loka, McCrank, Panfil, Peterson, Ratliff, Rusch, Simon (arrived at 9:25 a.m.), Voermans, and Weaver. (21) Excused: Wendt
4. M/S Loka/Koth motion to suspend sec. 2.03(1), Lincoln Co Code to allow for supervisors attending this meeting by telephone to vote for chair and vice chair by roll call rather than secret ballot. Roll was called, Aye: Allen, Ashbeck, Bialecki, Breitenmoser, Callahan, Friske, Gilk, Gorski, Hafeman, Heller, Koth, Lee, Loka, McCrank, Panfil, Peterson, Ratliff, Rusch, Voermans, and Weaver; Nays: None. Motion passed 20-0.
Clerk Marlowe called for nominations for County Board Chair. Supervisor Loka nominated Supervisor Lee. Supervisor Breitenmoser nominated Supervisor Koth. Nominations were closed. Koth received 12 votes and Lee received 8 votes. Kevin Koth was elected as Board Chairman.
Chair Koth called for nominations for Vice Chair. Supervisor Gilk nominated Supervisor Weaver. Supervisor Ratliff nominated Supervisor Breitenmoser. Supervisor Breitenmoser declined. Supervisor Peterson nominated Supervisor Friske. Supervisor Friske declined. Nominations were closed. M/S Bialecki/Heller to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Weaver. Motion carried by voice vote. Robert Weaver was elected as Vice-chair.
5. Chair Koth called for nominations for Administrative & Legislative Committee. Supervisors nominated were: Callahan, Friske, Allen, Lee, Gilk, Breitenmoser, Rusch, and Gorski. Nominations were closed. Callahan received 9 votes, Friske received 9 votes, Allen received 12 votes, Lee received 8 votes, Gilk received 12 votes, Breitenmoser received 14 votes, Rusch received 12 votes, and Gorski received 5 votes. On the first ballot Allen, Gilk, Breitenmoser, and Rusch were elected. After the first round of voting, Supervisor Callahan withdrew his name from the second ballot in support of another candidate. Supervisors Friske, Lee and Gorski were on the second ballot. After the second round of voting; Friske received 8 votes, Lee received 6 votes and Gorski received 6 votes. The five elected (by written, signed ballot) to Administrative & Legislative Committee are: Allen, Breitenmoser, Friske, Gilk, and Rusch.
Chair Koth called for nominations for Highway Committee. Supervisors nominated were: Bialecki, Heller, Hafeman, McCrank, Lee, and Peterson. Nominations were closed. The five elected (by written, signed ballot) to Highway Committee are: Bialecki, Hafeman, Heller, Lee and McCrank.
Chair Koth called for nominations for Social Services Committee. Supervisors nominated were: Gilk, Gorski, Lee, McCrank, Rusch, and Voermans. Nominations were closed. The five elected (by written, signed ballot) to Social Services Committee are: Gilk, Gorski, Lee, Rusch, and Voermans.
6. Chair Koth appointed the following to the Nominating Committee: Chair Koth, Allen, Breitenmoser, Bialecki, and Vice-Chair Weaver.
7. M/S Heller/Bialecki to recess meeting (to nominating committee) at 9:50 a.m. – to reconvene no earlier than 11:00 a.m.
8. Reconvened meeting at 11:00 a.m.
9. The nominating committee provided its written list of appointing committees and members. M/S Rusch/Ratliff to ratify all committee appointments. Discussion followed. Motion carried on by voice vote.
10. Reading & Approval of the Journal – April 21, 2020 M/S Allen/Heller to approve the April 21, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
11. Reports of Standing & Special Committees:
 - A. Board of Health: Public Health Officer COVID-19 Pandemic Update – Health Officer (Shelley Hersil) Ms. Hersil gave her report on the county’s current COVID-19 statistics and answered questions from the floor.
 - B. Administrative & Legislative Committee: Administrative Coordinator’s COVID-19 Update - (Jason Hake) Mr. Hake updated the board on the A&L Committee discussions and answered questions from the floor.
12. M/S Heller/Ashbeck to approve the mileage and per diem for this meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

