

ROCK COUNTY HALL OF HONOR COMMITTEE
May 13, 2015

Call to Order. Chair Podzilni called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Brill moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Sveum. ADOPTED.

Members Present: Supervisor J. Russell Podzilni, Chair, Rock County Board of Supervisors; Supervisor Rick Richard, Chair, Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee; Supervisor Henry Brill, Chair, General Services Committee; Tom Sveum, President, Milton Historical Society; Jackie Wood, Rock County Historical Society; Steve Platteter (for Rich Bostwick), Arrowhead Library System.

Members Absent: Tim Maahs, Rock County Historical Society; Dean Carmen Wilson, U.W. Rock County Dean; Nancy Wallace, President, Beloit Historical Society; Robert Hoerler, President, Luther Valley Historical Society; John Decker, President, The Grove Society of Evansville; Diana Shadel, President, UW Rock County Foundation.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Nick Osborne, Assistant to County Administrator.

Others Present: Supervisor Sandra Kraft.

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Richard moved approval of the minutes of May 14, 2014 as presented, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Discussion of Procedure to be Used in Selection of 2014 Hall of Honor Inductee(s). Mr. Smith gave a brief history of the Rock County Hall of Honor and the criteria for selection set by the County Board is as follows:

“The Rock County Hall of Honor was established to recognize Rock County people, past and present, who have made significant contributions to the county and its people. The selection committee is seeking persons from all walks of life who have contributed their services and talents to the community. The selection committee is particularly looking for information on the broad contributions the candidate has made to the community, in addition to their employment contributions.”

Mr. Smith said the Committee can select one or two inductees to the 2015 Hall of Honor. Generally the process is to review and discuss qualifications and decide on the number of people you would like to recommend. A vote is taken by ballot and the Hall of Honor Committee's recommendation is forwarded by resolution to the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee on May 19, 2015 and on to the County Board on May 28, 2015 for approval.

Review of Nominations. Chair Podzilni said, for clarification purposes, the Rock County Hall of Honor was established to recognize individuals and not groups or organizations.

Recommendation of Inductee(s) to the 2015 Hall of Honor. Chair Podzilni and the Committee discussed the nominee's contributions to the citizens of Rock County.

Ms. Wood said Ted Brown was a fine man and gave a lot back to the Community. He and his wife, Doris, gave \$25,000 to the City of Edgerton about a year ago.

Supervisor Kraft added that the Browns were a team and she was his support.

Mr. Sveum said people of this time period were a team, usually a team in most everything.

Chair Podzilni said they were both very conscientious people.

Supervisor Brill moved to approve both Theodore and Doris Brown, second by Mr. Sveum. ADOPTED.

Chair Podzilni asked if the family wished to have the ceremony at UW Rock County. Supervisor Kraft said they are a small family and may just wish to have a small ceremony at Edgerton City Hall.

Ms. Wood suggested having something put in the paper.

Supervisor Richard asked if there were any ideas on how to increase the visibility for getting nominations and suggested the possibility of going on a local radio show. Mr. Sveum suggested putting something on the historical society web sites. Mr. Platteter suggested using the library web sites. Supervisor Brill suggested Forward Janesville.

Adjournment. Supervisor Brill moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:44 P.M., second by Supervisor Richard. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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