

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Tuesday, April 20, 2004, 6:00 p.m., Government Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Board Room**  
**1316 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

The Douglas County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to Chapter 59.04 in reorganization at the Government Center, Superior, Wisconsin, at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

Meeting called to order by Susan T. Sandvick, County Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

The "Oath of Office" was taken by Supervisors present. Judge George L. Glonek conducted the ceremony, leading them in unison. Certifications of Supervisors were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Douglas G. Finn
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert D. Browne
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John O'Brien
4 <sup>th</sup>	Michael L. Glenn
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Baker
8 <sup>th</sup>	Lew Martin
9 <sup>th</sup>	Bean Prettie
10 <sup>th</sup>	John Robinson
11 <sup>th</sup>	David K. Conley
12 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph A. Tribbey, Jr.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Lawrence J. Quam
14 <sup>th</sup>	James J. O'Brien
15 <sup>th</sup>	Kathryn McKenzie
16 <sup>th</sup>	John R. Shepard, Sr.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Gerald Egan
18 <sup>th</sup>	Keith A. Allen
19 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Ryan
20 <sup>th</sup>	Susan A. Hendrickson
21 <sup>st</sup>	Kay F. Johnson
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rich Thompson
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wes Johnson
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Liebaert
25 <sup>th</sup>	Woody Budnick
26 <sup>th</sup>	Carol J. Johnson
27 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas K. Stewart
28 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Jensen

Roll call was taken by County Clerk Susan T. Sandvick. There were 26 present, 1 absent. Absent and excused was Supervisor Bill Eckman-6th District. Due to the recent resignation of Supervisor Stephen Ward, the 7<sup>th</sup> District seat is vacant. No youth representatives were present.

## **ELECTIONS**

### **TEMPORARY CHAIR**

Glenn nominated John Shepard as Temporary Chair. Motion carried.

Temporary Chair Shepard noted the training session this afternoon was excellent and recognized County Clerk Sandvick, UW-Extension staff Geof Wendorf and Fariba Pendleton who developed and presented the program.

### **COUNTY BOARD CHAIR**

Nominations were called for. Browne nominated Doug Finn. Motion by Martin, second Robinson, to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Finn. Motion carried.

### **COUNTY BOARD VICE CHAIR**

Nominations were called for. Egan nominated Keith Allen. Motion by Quam, second Martin, to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Keith Allen. Motion carried.

### **COUNTY BOARD SECOND VICE CHAIR**

Nominations were called for. Quam nominated Carol Johnson. Motion by Quam, second James O'Brien, to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Carol Johnson. Motion carried.

### **COUNTY BOARD THIRD VICE CHAIR**

Nominations were called for. Glenn nominated Larry Quam. Motion by Browne, second James O'Brien, to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Larry Quam. Motion carried.

## **ORDINANCE**

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #8.0  
ZONING ORDINANCE  
PRESENTED BY THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Zoning Committee held a public hearing on April 8, 2004, on the following petition for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

Pt. of the SW1/4 of the SW1/4, Lot B, Vol. 1, Pg. 44, Section 31, T44N-R11W, (GO-012-01259-00, Soo Line Drive), Town of Gordon, from the RR-1: Residential-Recreation zoning district to the R-1: Residential zoning district, by Darri L. Waggoner Nichols, et.al. (Thomas Nichols), P.O. Box 57, Gordon, Wisconsin. Intended use: Home occupation - wood working shop.

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the notice of the public hearing, and proof of giving notice to the town clerk of the hearing, is as shown on Exhibit A-4-20-04.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee and approve the petition

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk notify the town clerk of the action.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by C. Johnson, second Ryan, to adopt. Motion carried.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6. Eckman		
7. <del>Ward</del>		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Tribbey		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Shepard		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Johnson, Wes		
24. Liebaert		
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		

### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Koszarek indicated everyone received a copy of his proposal for evaluation of department managers. He requested input from County Board Supervisors on that proposal. The evaluation proposal will be discussed with department managers at the next department managers meeting.

### **COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS**

Chair Finn announced that the committee appointments process is a little different this term, due to changes adopted by the County Board. The goal is to have appointment recommendations completed by early next week, and presented for approval at the May 20<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting.

Supervisors who have not yet filed the Economic Interests Form with County Clerk Sandvick's Office, need to do so as soon as possible. Sandvick will put a form in those supervisors' mailboxes.

### **SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE WISCONSIN STATUTES**

**Resolution Not On Agenda:** Motion by James O'Brien, second Martin, to allow Resolution #33-04 not on agenda, to be put on the table. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION**

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6. Eckman		
7. Vacant		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Tribbey		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Shepard		
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28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend <u>  X  </u> Other _____		

**RESOLUTION #33-04  
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS**

Subject: Veterans Clinic Supported

WHEREAS, the Twin Ports Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic was opened in October, 1989, after years of effort by countless veterans, community organizations, and individuals, to secure a local clinic for our region's veterans, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County recognizes and applauds the contributions of its elected representatives who have long-supported the Twin Ports Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic and services provided to veterans, and

WHEREAS, the City of Superior, Douglas County and the State of Wisconsin contributed financially to attract the clinic to Superior, which enabled the hospital to provide the Veterans Administration a very low lease rate, and

WHEREAS, the Twin Ports Outpatient Clinic serves over 5,600 veterans and handles more than 20,000 patients each year, providing quality health care to our veterans in a professional, caring manner, and is one of the best performing facilities in the upper midwest, and

WHEREAS, if it was not for this extremely valuable clinic, many veterans in the region would not receive any health care, and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration has notified both veterans and staff that serious consideration is being given to the privatization of the Twin Ports Veterans Clinic, which may reduce the quality and availability of health care services to veterans, and adversely impact the community that was instrumental in establishment of the clinic fifteen years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors go on record strongly supporting the presence of the Twin Ports Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic in Superior, and respectfully requests the Veterans Administration to renegotiate a lease with St. Mary's Hospital of Superior, at the earliest possible date.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6. Eckman		
7. Vacant		
8. Martin		
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Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend <u>  X  </u> Other _____		

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors opposes the privatization of the Twin Ports Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, certified copies of the resolution be sent to President George W. Bush, U. S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi, VA Midwest Health Care Network Director Dr. Robert A. Petzel, Minneapolis Medical Center Director Steven P. Kleinglass, Representative Obey, Senator Kohl, Senator Feingold, Representative Oberstar (MN), Senator Dayton (MN), Senator Coleman (MN), Governor Doyle, Senator Jauch, and Representative Boyle.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Glenn, to adopt. Motion by Browne, second James O'Brien to amend resolution and have it sponsored by the entire County Board. Motion carried. Chair Finn briefly summarized the history of the clinic and Douglas County's involvement and contributions to securing the clinic in Superior. James O'Brien recognized the positive articles in the Duluth News-Tribune regarding the clinic's current status, and encouraged his colleagues and residents throughout the region to write or call their congressional representatives to keep the clinic here. Motion carried.

Conley announced the Health and Human Services Board meeting has been moved to April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Finn thanked Judge Glonek for administering the Oath of Office to County Board Supervisors earlier in this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Glenn, second Shepard, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - May 20, 2004.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick  
Douglas County Clerk