

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, December 16, 2004, 6:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chairman Douglas Finn.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll call taken by County Clerk Susan T. Sandvick. There were 23 present and 4 absent. Absent and excused were Wes Johnson, Michael Glenn, Carol Johnson, Robert Browne. Youth representative present was Kimber Johnson. Youth representatives absent were Jackie Avis and Ashley Waterman.

Motion by Hendrickson, second Shepard, to approve minutes of the November 18, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY

Notice of Claim for Specific Relief from Jamy R. Johansen, Attorney, on behalf of Duluth Ready Mix, Inc., for payment of \$25,426.72 relating to materials and services for improvement of race track at Head of the Lakes Fairgrounds. Corporation Counsel recommends no action at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Sheboygan County, resolution opposing use of highway funds for other purposes. Received and placed on file.
2. Supervisor Wes Johnson, resignation as 23rd District County Board Supervisor. Referred to County Board Chair.
3. Eugene E. Ryan family, thank you card. Received and placed on file.
4. Wisconsin DNR, notice of severance share on wood products cut from Douglas County forest lands. Referred to Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee.
5. Wisconsin DNR, notice of completed application by City of Superior for proposed St. Louis River grading. Received and placed on file.
6. Several letters from citizens opposing Arrowhead to Weston Transmission Power Line. Referred to A-W Power Line Committee.
7. Wisconsin DNR, notice of intent to reissue pollutant discharge elimination system permit to Murphy Oil USA, Inc., Superior. Received and placed on file.

8. Enbridge Pipelines, L.L.C., informational brochure, including Enbridge pipeline map, on pipeline operations, safety and maintenance. Received and placed on file.
9. Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation, refund to Douglas County from Deductible Fund Escrow Account. Referred to Administration Committee.
10. Jane Edwards, City of Superior, Wastewater Division, notice of progress with Superior's mercury pollution prevention program. Received and placed on file.
11. Mike B. Wittenwyler, letter and print articles refuting specific A-W power line project opposition issues. Received and placed on file.
12. Wisconsin Dept. of Health and Family Services, notice of federal and state aids deposits. Referred to Health and Human Services Board.

PRESENTATIONS

Linda Bruce introduced Dr. Hank Hurley, who was hired as President of WITC in July. Hurley shared information on his education, background and career, and briefly summarized WITC enrollment data, programmatic strengths, and vision for the future of WITC.

County Administrator Koszarek presented the Employee Quarter Award to James Borgeson, in recognition of his work in the Public Assistance Fraud Investigation Unit.

Chair Finn presented Rosanne Hoffren, Deputy County Clerk, a Certificate of Appreciation for her 36 plus years of service to Douglas County. Hoffren, who will retire January 3, 2005, served as Deputy Clerk for three County Clerks, and was primarily responsible for land sales and numerous national, state and local election processes. Thanking the County Board for the recognition, Hoffren stated she has enjoyed her work with the county. County Clerk Sandvick also recognized Hoffren's contributions to the overall operation of the County Clerk's office.

ORDINANCES

**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 December 9, 2004, on the following petition for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

Part of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 12, T47N-R15W, (Pt. TS-030-01129-00/01, Dedham Road), Town of Superior, from the W-1: Resource Conservation zoning district to the A-1: Agriculture zoning district, by Ray Mendlik, 124 24 1/2 Avenue, Cumberland, Wisconsin. Proposed use: Seasonal dwelling.

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the notice of the public hearing and proof of giving notice to the town clerk of the hearing, and correspondence from the town is as shown on Exhibit A-12-04.

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 16th day of December, 2004.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Eckman, second Ryan, to adopt. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #98-04
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, Douglas County has advertised for sale various parcels of land on November 8, 15 and 22, 2004, in accordance with Section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bids received are as follows:

\$ 4,002.00 PARCEL 71-04 - West 132 feet of East 528 feet of North 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 30-48-11, Town of Amnicon, from Darren & Tammy Kitchak. Intended use: Homesite;

\$ 7,002.00 PARCEL 72-04 - North 264 feet of West 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 30-48-11, Town of Amnicon, from Darren & Tammy Kitchak. Intended use: Additional land for homesite;

\$ 5,100.00 PARCEL 80-04 - East 1/2 of South 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 21-47-13, Town of Oakland, from Lawrence Mattison. Intended use: Owns adjacent property;

\$ 5,000.00 PARCEL 82-04 - East 1/2 of West 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 34-48-15, except pipeline easement, Town of Superior, from Paul Lemke. Intended use: Recreational; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County has advertised for sale previously advertised parcels of land on November 8, 2004, in accordance with Section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bids received are as follows:

\$ 270.00 PARCEL 83-03 - Lot 447, 11th Street, Ely's Addition to Superior, known as 1701 East 11th Street, City of Superior, from Ronald Lundberg. Intended use: Owns adjacent property;

\$ 376.00 PARCEL 108-03 - Lots 19, 20 and 21, Block 1, Townsite of Patzau, Town of Summit, from Big Iron Transportation Company. Intended use: Investment.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors, in regular meeting assembled, the

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County Clerk be, and she hereby is authorized to execute quit claim deeds to the above named persons on the above named properties.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2004.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase Profit and Loss on "Land Sales Account" by \$21,750.00)

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Egan, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #99-04
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Repurchase of Properties

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approve the following requests to repurchase tax delinquent properties, pursuant to Douglas County Ordinance #1.5:

- 1) From Kevin M. & Betty M. Lund, to repurchase Parcel #SU-028-00375-00, described as East ½ of SE1/4 of NW1/4, Section 12-45-15, Town of Summit, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$9,130.05;
- 2) From Ronald G. St. Hilaire, to repurchase Parcel #WA-032-00724-00, described as North 100.20 feet of South 811.184 feet of Government Lot 4, Section 29-43-11, Town of Wascott, described Volume 411 R.P. 514, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$12,962.94;
- 3) From Ronald G. St. Hilaire, to repurchase Parcel #WA-032-00723-00, described as North 508.82 feet of Government Lot 4, Section 29-43-11, Town of Wascott, described Volume 411 R.P. 514, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$10,982.66;
- 4) From Ronald G. St. Hilaire, to repurchase Parcel #WA-032-00725-00, described as North 202.79 feet of South 710.98 feet of Government Lot 4, Section 29-43-11, Town of Wascott, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$9,285.88; and
- 5) From Burnell V. Williams, to repurchase Parcel #06-806-00210-00, described as North 12 ½ feet of Lot 27 and all of Lot 28, Block 102, West Superior, First Division, City of Superior, known as 1014-1016 Tower Avenue, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$15,693.08.
- 6) From Jeffrey C. & Pearl H. Pfuhl, to repurchase Parcel #07-807-02176-00, described as Lot 4, Block 15, Merriam Park, an Addition to West Superior, City of Superior, known as 2307 Butler Avenue, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$3,294.03.

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- (7) **From Albert J. Fiedler and Kathleen M. Fiedler, to repurchase Parcel #08-808-00061-00, described as Lots 26, 27, 28, and South 13 feet of Lot 29, Block 3, South Superior, First Division, City of Superior, known as 5822 Tower Avenue, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$5,932.16;**
- (8) **From Albert J. Fiedler and Kathleen M. Fiedler, to repurchase Parcel #09-809-02913-00, described as Lots 20, 21, and 22, Block 5, Billings Addition to West Superior, City of Superior, known as 1614-16-18 Logan Avenue, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$11,632.69;**
- (9) **From Bletia Scott, to repurchase Parcel #04-804-00346-00, described as Lots 23, 24, and West 100 feet of Lot 25, Block 38, described as 626 RP 318, West Superior, First Division, City of Superior, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$758.60; and**
- (10) **From Catherine Johnson, to repurchase Parcel #01-801-01410-00, described as Lots 70, 72, and 74, West 5th Street, Townsite of Superior, City of Superior, known as 2826 East 5th Street, upon payment of delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$19,242.82.**

Dated this 16th day of December, 2004.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second McKenzie, to adopt. Motion by Allen, second Egan, to amend resolution and add the four following properties: (7) From Albert J. Fiedler and Kathleen M. Fiedler, to repurchase Parcel #08-808-00061-00, described as Lots 26, 27, 28, and South 13 feet of Lot 29, Block 3, South Superior, First Division, City of Superior, known as 5822 Tower Avenue, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$5,932.16; (8) From Albert J. Fiedler and Kathleen M. Fiedler, to repurchase Parcel #09-809-02913-00, described as Lots 20, 21, and 22, Block 5, Billings Addition to West Superior, City of Superior, known as 1614-16-18 Logan Avenue, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$11,632.69; (9) From Bletia Scott, to repurchase Parcel #04-804-00346-00, described

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as Lots 23, 24, and West 100 feet of Lot 25, Block 38, described as 626 RP 318, West Superior, First Division, City of Superior, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$758.60; and (10) From Catherine Johnson, to repurchase Parcel #01-801-01410-00, described as Lots 70, 72, and 74, West 5th Street, Townsite of Superior, City of Superior, known as 2826 East 5th Street, upon payment of delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$19,242.82. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution, as amended, carried.

**RESOLUTION #100-04
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Subject: Aging and Disabilities Resource Center of Douglas County

WHEREAS, Douglas County has 8,039 persons that are age 60 or older, and 8,657 persons with physical disabilities and/or developmental disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the demand for publicly funded long term care continues to outpace resources, and Douglas County has maintained extensive waiting lists for eligible recipients of such funding, and

WHEREAS, the conservation of persons' private resources (financial and others) is the only strategy to slow growth in the publicly funded system, and

WHEREAS, the provision of information and assistance, prevention of and planning for long term care, is essential to slowing growth in the public system, and

WHEREAS, combining the resources and service delivery system in Douglas County will enable the residents to have easy access to information, assistance, prevention and long term care option counseling to plan for their long term care needs, and

WHEREAS, there is a commitment by Douglas County to create an Aging and Disability Resource Center, serving all target populations within 3 years of being awarded a contract with the Department of Health and Family Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors supports the proposal to create an Aging and Disability Resource Center of Douglas County.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2004.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Quam, second Thompson, to adopt. The resolution has strong support from Health and Human Services Board and the Administration Committee. Motion by Conley, second Quam, to amend resolution and have it sponsored by the entire County Board. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution, as amended, carried.

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**RESOLUTION #101-04
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Subject: State Grain Regulation and Inspection Office, Opposition
to Elimination of Superior-Based Operations

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection developed a contingency plan for the 2005-2007 state budget, and

WHEREAS, one of the plan's possibilities would eliminate the Grain Regulation and Inspection Department in Superior and Milwaukee, which would cut 26 full time jobs in Superior, and

WHEREAS, the grain inspection service was established in 1905, and for the most part is self-supporting through fees charged to the industry, and

WHEREAS, state inspection provides integrity and credibility to world grain shipping, and

WHEREAS, the elimination of inspection will not save money, as any reduction of expenses will be matched by a reduction of revenue, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Superior grain handling operations brings millions of dollars into the economy of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, one-half of the jobs proposed for elimination in Wisconsin's Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection would be in Superior, an office that has already had the number of employees reduced by ten and reduced costs, representing a disproportionate loss of state agency jobs for northern Wisconsin, specifically Douglas County, and

WHEREAS, the grain program is projected to breakeven financially for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, and

WHEREAS, U. S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson recently addressed the potential threat of terrorist acts against the nation's and world's food supply, and

WHEREAS, grain inspection plays a critical role in worldwide food safety, and this is not the time to reduce grain inspection offices.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes the elimination of the Grain Regulation and Inspection Offices in Superior.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any changes are to be made, they are made in consultation with the local employees, the industries, the local Development Association, and federal government to assure that the inspectors stay under State of Wisconsin supervision.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Doyle; Rodney J. Nilsestuen, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; Marc Marotta, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration; Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; U.S. Representative David Obey; U.S. Senators Kohl and Feingold; State Senator Robert Jauch; and State Representative Frank Boyle; and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2004.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Martin, second Stewart, to adopt. Chair Finn summarized discussions he and Andy Lisak, Director of the Development Association, had with representatives from the Governor's Office, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Senator Jauch, and Representative Boyle, during meetings in Madison yesterday. Lisak, union and industry representatives will be involved in a study of the proposed options. State representatives indicated no decisions have been made. Chair Finn noted he left the meeting neither optimistic or pessimistic. Motion by K. Johnson, second Jensen, to amend resolution, and have it sponsored by the entire County Board. Motion carried. Mike Granlund, manager of the Grain Inspection Office in Superior, thanked the Board for their support on behalf of the employees. The office is self supporting, and would not save the state any money, but would jeopardize the integrity of grain shipping through the Twin Ports. Discussion followed. Inspection is federally regulated, and the federal government has designated the grain office for the state as the inspection agents. The proposal is to eliminate grain inspection in Milwaukee and Superior, and fruit inspection in Stevens Point. This will be a Superior Days issue. Motion to adopt resolution, as amended, carried.

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**RESOLUTION #102-04
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Subject: State Department of Transportation District 8 Offices -
Opposition to Elimination of Superior-Based ~~Offices~~ **State DOT
Employees**

WHEREAS, Governor James Doyle has asked all state agencies to develop contingency plans to reduce ~~spending~~ **the number of state employees** by ten percent, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has developed a plan of reorganization of the department, which would consolidate the eight districts into five districts, and

WHEREAS, District 8, currently serving nine northwest Wisconsin counties, including Douglas County, would be consolidated with District ~~5~~ **6** located in Eau Claire, establishing a regional office that would serve twenty counties, and

WHEREAS, although a Department of Transportation Office may remain in Superior, the 91 jobs in the office would be dramatically reduced, thus requiring various services to be contractual, affecting quality and accessibility of service to residents of northwest Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, Superior lies on the border with Duluth, Minnesota, and interstate commerce (e.g. trucking/transportation) businesses regularly utilize a variety of services provided by State Department of Transportation, and accessibility to expedient, quality service is important to this region, and

WHEREAS, the elimination of a ~~District Office in Superior~~ **state DOT employees in Superior** will elicit the concern of northwest Wisconsin residents, resonating the voices of disapproval from Superior to Madison, and

WHEREAS, elimination of ~~the District 8 Office will once~~ **state DOT employees will once** again hit northwest Wisconsin, specifically Superior/Douglas County, with a disproportionate loss of state agency jobs, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation recently spent a large amount of money to remodel the current District 8 Office, and does not make sense to ~~now close it~~ face its possible future closure.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes the consolidation plan prepared by the Department of Transportation, and believes that it is imperative to retain eight districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors is willing to work with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to develop efficiencies and improve services.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Doyle; Frank Busalacchi, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation; Marc Marotta, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration; State Senator Jauch, State Representatives Boyle, Hubler and Sherman; and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2004.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Shepard, second James O'Brien, to adopt. Motion by Baker, second Quam, to amend resolution and eliminate fiscal note. Motion carried. Motion by K. Johnson, second Liebaert, to amend resolution and have it sponsored by the entire County Board. Motion carried. Chair Finn summarized discussions he and Andy Lisak had with Representatives Sherman and Boyle, Senator Jauch, two representatives from Dept. of Transportation, and representatives from the Governor's Office, during a meeting yesterday in Madison. State officials indicated the decision on DOT office closings is not made as yet. Jeff Olson, employee with DOT District 8 office in Superior, distributed a letter on behalf of all Superior-based DOT employees, and outlined several recommendations on the resolution before the Board. Discussion followed. Motion by Baker, second Livingston, to amend resolution as follows: (1) Subject line - Change Superior-Based "Offices" to Superior-Based "State DOT Employees"; (2) First Whereas - Change reduce "spending" to reduce "the number of state DOT employees"; (3) Third Whereas - Change District "5" to District "6"; (4) Sixth Whereas - Change "a District Office in Superior" to "state DOT employees in Superior"; (5) Seventh Whereas - Change "the District 8 Office will once" to "state DOT employees will once"; (6) Eighth Whereas - Remove last three words and insert "face its possible future closure." Motion carried. Olson then summarized the history of cuts at the Superior DOT office and the work performed through that office. In 2000, District 8 had 120 employees reduced to 92, and the current proposal will reduce that

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16. Shepard		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Johnson, Wes		
24. Liebaert		
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28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____ Passed <u> X </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend <u> X </u> Other _____		

figure to 50. Cost comparisons were presented, noting retaining the state employees would cost 17% less than contracting with outside engineers, etc. Lengthy discussion followed. The \$2,000,000 remodeling of the offices done one year ago was of particular concern. Tim Kerns, DOT employee and union representative, presented information on the DOT's 33,065 open contracts totaling over \$6,000,000. To close or downsize the DOT Superior office, would mean consultant fees and contracts will go up, and all the contracts have a 5% increase annually written into them. State DOT employees have 0% to 1% increase in their contract for the next two years. It was noted that 80% of state transportation is funded by the federal government, and that figure will be in jeopardy if the state reduces or closes some offices. Barb Landis, Matt Jamison, and Josie Rice addressed the Board regarding their specific concerns on potential loss of the District 8 Office. Motion to adopt resolution, as amended, carried.

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

RESOLUTION #103-04

RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Side Letter Agreement With Professional Social Workers
AFSCME Local 2375

RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve Side Letter Agreement, as set forth in Exhibit B-12-04, to the labor agreement between Douglas County and the Professional Social Workers AFSCME 2375.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2004.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second Egan, to adopt. Motion carried.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn	X	
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John	X	
4. Glenn		
5. Baker	X	
6. Eckman	X	
7. Livingston	X	
8. Martin	X	
9. Prettie	X	
10. Robinson	X	
11. Conley	X	
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13. Quam	X	
14. O'Brien, James	X	
15. McKenzie	X	
16. Shepard	X	
17. Egan	X	
18. Allen	X	
19. Ryan	X	
20. Hendrickson	X	
21. Johnson, Kay	X	
22. Thompson	X	
23. Johnson, Wes		
24. Liebaert	X	
25. Budnick	X	
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart	X	
28. Jensen	X	
Roll: Ayes <u> 23 </u> Noes <u> 0 </u> Absent <u> 4 </u> Abstain <u> 0 </u> Passed <u> X </u> Lost <u> </u> Refer <u> </u> Amend <u> X </u> Other <u> </u>		

RESOLUTION #104-04
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Budgetary Transfer

RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approves the following budgetary transfer:

Health & Human Services \$ 7,600.00 (J.E. #1167511 from Office Supplies and Expense to Capital Outlay for purchase of laboratory equipment).

Dated this 16th day of December, 2004.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: No impact on levy)
(Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)

ACTION: Motion by Quam, second Hendrickson, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 23 Yes, 0 No, 4 Absent. Absent were Glenn, C. Johnson, Browne, W. Johnson.

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

RESOLUTION #105-04
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: County Board Manual of Policies and Procedures, Meeting Minutes Amendment

RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approves amendment to the County Board Manual of Policies and Procedures, Meeting Minutes, Section C.(2)(f), as set forth in Exhibit C-12-04.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2004.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second Thompson, to adopt. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Written report distributed with the agenda. If the jail population stays as it has been the last month, there should not be a shortfall next year.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS: Chair Finn reported that it appears only minimal shared revenue cuts will occur.

Chair Finn recommended the following appointment: **Douglas County Revolving Loan Fund Board of Directors - Richard Nystrom** to replace Gary Hoffman, effective January 1, 2005. Motion by Baker, second Hendrickson, to approve appointment. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finn reported the next Arrowhead to Weston Power Line Committee meeting will be the first or second Monday of January. Supervisors should contact him with any agenda items.

Prettie reported Judiciary, Legislative & Veterans Committee has cancelled December meeting.

Liebaert reported Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee has cancelled December meeting.

Thompson reported POWTS members met with Dept of Commerce representatives, and the POWTS presentation is anticipated to be ready for the January County Board meeting.

James O'Brien reported that Aging Resource Center has shortage of wheelchairs, and asked anyone who can provide help in this regard, to call Brad Beckman at the Center.

McKenzie reported NRCS, RC&D Conference for next fall will include alternative energy topic.

Chair Finn noted the 12th District seat is vacant, and several applications have been received. Wes Johnson's seat for the 23rd District will become vacant January 1, 2005, at which time advertising for interested persons will begin.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS: Motion by John O'Brien, second Robinson, to approve. Brief discussion. Motion carried.

SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE WISCONSIN STATUTES:

McKenzie reported on Hog Island meeting last night. The county is expected to submit comments supporting the project. It is county property and the project would be value based, as the cleanup would help it. Resolution could be done next month. Hog Island came to Land & Development Committee a month or two ago, and the project did get support. Bidding could occur as early as January or February. Chair Finn will contact John Robinson, DNR, on this.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Allen, second Thompson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, January 20, 2005.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk