

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 13, 2005, 6:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center  
1316 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Douglas Finn.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Moment of silence was dedicated to the memory of recently deceased County Board Supervisor John Shepard, Sr.

Roll call taken by County Clerk Susan T. Sandvick. There were 25 present, 2 absent. Absent were Karen Livingston, Kathryn McKenzie.

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION #79-05**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ARROWHEAD TO WESTON**  
**POWER LINE COMMITTEE**

Subject: Negotiations with American Transmission Company  
 Authorized

WHEREAS, the Arrowhead to Weston power line has been in the discussion and planning stages for over five years, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Supervisors took action opposing the power line in 1999 and on February 2, 2005, due to concerns which include, but are not limited to, health and safety issues, property values, private land versus public land routes, necessity for the transmission line when compared to other options, such as expansion of existing power plants, and harm to the aesthetics of Douglas County's natural landscape, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board still has many of the same concerns today as it did in 1999 and 2005, and

WHEREAS, other counties have negotiated or have agreed to have discussions with American Transmission Company, and

WHEREAS, more questions have been raised as to why Douglas County is unwilling to discuss the various possible other options, and

WHEREAS, the Arrowhead to Weston Power Line Committee reviewed the issues on June 21, 2005, the probable passage of AB437 and its impacts, and recognizes the likelihood of the power line's construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Arrowhead to Weston Power Line Committee to authorize negotiation on the various issues of concern with representatives of the Arrowhead to Weston power line project, specifically American Transmission Company (ATC), including, but not limited to, payment to Douglas County, impacts on property owners, and environmental issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board Chair be authorized to appoint a three to five member negotiation committee to conduct negotiations with ATC.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn	X	
2. Browne		X
3. O'Brien, John	X	
4. Glenn		X
5. Baker		X
6. Eckman	X	
7. Livingston		
8. Martin	X	
9. Prettie		X
10. Robinson	X	
11. Conley		X
12. Jaques	X	
13. Quam	X	
14. O'Brien, James		X
15. McKenzie		
16.		
17. Egan	X	
18. Allen	X	
19. Ryan	X	
20. Hendrickson		X
21. Johnson, Kay	X	
22. Thompson	X	
23. Corbin	X	
24. Liebaert		X
25. Budnick	X	
26. Johnson, Carol		X
27. Stewart		
28. Jensen		X
Roll: Ayes <u>  14  </u> Noes <u>  10  </u> Absent <u>  2  </u> Livingston, McKenzie Abstain <u>  1  </u> Stewart  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost <u>      </u> Refer <u>      </u> Amend <u>      </u> Other <u>      </u>		
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8. Martin	X	
9. Prettie		X
10. Robinson	X	
11. Conley		X
12. Jaques	X	
13. Quam	X	
14. O'Brien, James		X
15. McKenzie		
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17. Egan	X	
18. Allen	X	
19. Ryan	X	
20. Hendrickson		X
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22. Thompson	X	
23. Corbin	X	
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25. Budnick	X	
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BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that if AB437 does not become law, Douglas County will cease negotiations and revert to its position taken with Resolution #11-05.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2005.

(Committee Action: 4-2)

**ACTION: #79-05:** Resolution by the Arrowhead to Weston Power Line Committee authorizing negotiation with American Transmission Company in regard to the Arrowhead to Weston Power Line. Motion by Egan, second John O'Brien, to adopt. As to a point of order question, the Chair explained motion does not need to be made by a majority voter on the February resolution. Chair Finn then reviewed the two issues which are up for discussion: (1) The question as to whether Governor Doyle will sign the Montgomery bill; and (2) Starting negotiations if this resolution passes tonight. Discussion on the power line itself is not the issue at this time. Public were invited to speak to these issues. The following individuals spoke in opposition to the resolution: Mary Ann Lajala, Jean Hedren, Al Cambronne, Rick Davey, Boris Widenfeld, Barb Landis, David Thomas. David Minor, Superior/Douglas County Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the resolution, and reminded the County Board that the county's lobbyist, the Executive Director of WCA, and Senator Jauch stated it is time to start negotiating. Supervisors Prettie, Conley, Liebaert, Browne, Hendrickson, Baker, James O'Brien, and C. Johnson, restated their positions on the issue have not changed, and they will continue to oppose negotiations until the county is forced to negotiate by the Governor's signature on the bill. Liebaert asked that supervisors stick it out for 30 more days to see if the bill gets signed. Allen, Ryan, John O'Brien, K. Johnson, Corbin, Robinson, and Martin each explained their basis for supporting the resolution and beginning to at least talk with ATC to see what may be on the table. Chair Finn made it clear that if the resolution passes tonight, he will add a closed session to next Thursday's meeting to discuss negotiation strategies, with any recommendations coming out of the negotiations having to come before the Board. Roll call vote taken and passed with 14 Yes, 10 No, 2 Absent, 1 Abstention. Voting No were Browne, Glenn, Baker, Prettie, Conley, James O'Brien, Hendrickson, Liebaert, C. Johnson, Jan Jensen. Absent were McKenzie, Livingston. Abstaining was Stewart.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Martin, second Quam, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, July 21, 2005.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick  
Douglas County Clerk