

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Thursday, November 17, 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.

Roll call taken by County Clerk Susan T. Sandvick. There were 25 present, 3 absent. Absent and excused were Robert Browne, Michael Glenn, Carol Johnson. Student representatives present were Caitlin Knoll, Lindsey Shiff, Ashley Johnson.

Motion by Ryan, second Stewart, to approve minutes of the October 20, 2005 and October 25, 2005 meetings. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Thirteen items of correspondence were either received and filed or referred to the appropriate committees. County Board members can request a copy of any of the items by returning the Copy Request Form (attached to their agendas) to County Clerk.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Recognizing the exemplary demonstration of sportsmanship by the Northwestern High School football team during the playoff game with Barron High School, Chair Finn presented a Certificate of Recognition to Steve Gustafson, Athletic Director, Northwestern High School. Supervisors Liebaert, K. Johnson, Budnick and Stewart read the names of the team, coaching staff, cheerleaders and administrators, and noted the importance of recognizing youth for their positive contributions to school and community. Gustafson accepted the certificate on behalf of the team and coaching staff, who were unable to be present at tonight's meeting.

A report on the needs of homeless individuals and families in Douglas County was presented by Kathi Madsen, Douglas County Health and Human Services Department, Millie Rounsville, Northwest Wisconsin Community Services Agency, Inc., and Reverend Barb Certa-Werner, Harbor House. The number of homeless in Douglas County has increased steadily the past two years. Several handouts were distributed summarizing the programs servicing the needs of the homeless, and homeless statistics for Douglas County. Rounsville stated that on a daily basis, Douglas County has 600 families and individuals meeting the definition of homeless. On weekends or evenings, referrals are taken by the Superior Police Department, and Harbor House has in-house staff to take referrals anytime. Conley remarked that in view of having increased numbers each year, he would like to see how people progress from these programs. Certa-Werner responded that individuals are provided various living skills opportunities and must meet certain criteria to receive services. There are people coming in without the skills needed to move forward. The Rent Smart Program has been successful. No one over the age of 64 has come into the program. Over 50% are under 17 years of age, and are part of homeless families being served. Transportation is arranged for individuals in rural areas to get to a housing program. Discussion followed on the length of time individuals or

families can remain at Harbor House. Rounsville affirmed that there are families with children living in cars in Douglas County. Many clients have two and four year degrees, but are working minimum wage jobs. It's not that people are not trying. The majority are not transient population. Solid Rock has about 15 percent veterans in the homeless category. Rounsville will provide Robinson, Veterans Commission Chair, with this data.

Keith Kesler, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported on the Homeland Security grants recently awarded to Douglas County. Douglas County ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in the state for Homeland Security dollars received. The county was awarded the Cellular 911 grant, and the equipment is installed, awaiting trunk installations. Regarding homes without addresses on them, Kesler indicated the city and county are working to resolve this problem, but it is going to take time.

## **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 November 9, 2005, on the following petition for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

Part of Government Lot 7, Section 34, T48N-R14W, (TS-030-01830-00/Wick Road), Town of Superior, from the W-1: Resource Conservation zoning district to the R-2: Residential zoning district, by Peter & Linda Willcoxon, 3766 E. Wick Rd., Superior, Wisconsin. Intended use: Garage; and

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the notice of the public hearing, and proof of giving notice to the town clerk of the hearing, are as shown in Exhibit A-11-05.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee and approve the petition upon receipt of approval letter from Town of Superior.

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

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

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

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

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**ORDINANCE #4.38  
TRESPASS TO LAND - SPECIAL  
PRESENTED BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

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

**SECTION I.           APPLICABILITY**

This ordinance applies to the following described property:

Government Lot 4, Section 11, Township 48 North, Range 14 West, Town of Superior, Douglas County, Wisconsin (Parcel No. TS-030-01309-00)

**SECTION II.           AUTHORITY**

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority of Sections 59.52(6) and 943.13 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**SECTION III.           PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to place the general public on notice of contamination located upon the above-described property which may pose a threat to human health, safety and welfare; and to foreclose access to said property except by duly authorized personnel. Douglas County is not responsible for the presence of any of the contamination to be found upon this property nor for its remediation and accepts no responsibility for any harm or personal injury incurred by anyone on said property, including those who act in violation of this ordinance.

**SECTION IV.           PROHIBITION**

No person may go upon the above-described property except law enforcement or emergency personnel acting in time of emergency or those duly authorized by the County Administrator or County Board Chairperson or their designees.

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**SECTION V. NOTICE**

The above-described property shall be posted or fenced at least sufficiently to comply with the requirements of Section 943.13(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes and to place frequenters on notice of the presence of a human health hazard.

**SECTION VI. PENALTY**

Violations of this ordinance may be prosecuted under Section 943.13 of the Wisconsin Statutes or Douglas County Ordinance 4.15 and be subject to a Class B forfeiture of up to \$1,000.00.

**SECTION VII. PUBLICATION**

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its passage and publication as required by law.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

**ACTION:** Motion by Allen, second Budnick, to adopt. Pat Heiser and Vicki Drake, Douglas County Health and Human Services Department, summarized the history of the land contamination since 1926, when the creosote plant was started. That was prior to many of the regulations on hazardous waste and chemical runoffs. It should be noted that the pollution was caused when Beazer operated the plant, not Koppers. Neighboring land owners are kept informed of contaminants that have been found. Drake indicated nothing has been found in the water, only in the soil and sediments. Fencing and signing of the area is underway, and several hundred signs have already been posted. The ordinance was suggested by EPA, Wisconsin Department of Health, and Douglas County Health Department. Because of potential usage of some areas of the land for recreation and hunting, flyers have been distributed to all small game and deer hunting retail outlets throughout the county. Harvesting animals who may move through that area should not be of concern. The resolution is the final step before remediation starts. Motion carried.

## **PLATS**

Approval of Final Plat of “The Brothers Addition” (preliminary approved May 11, 2005), for Steve Long, Larry Long and Michael Miller by Hugh McDonald, located in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 and in the SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 22, T45N-R12W, Town of Solon Springs. Motion by Baker, second Thompson, to approve. Motion carried.

Approval of Preliminary and Final Plat of “Whippoorwill Ridge” (variance to create two lots exceeding the 3:1: length to width ratio, approved October 12, 2005) for Robert and Sheila Bristol by John Ripley, located within Government Lot 1, Lot 4 of CSM 834, Section 25, T43N-R13W, Town of Wascott. Motion by Baker, second Martin, to approve. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #123-05**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE**

Subject: Repurchase of Tax Delinquent Property

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 property, pursuant to Douglas County Ordinance #1.5:

- (1) From Thomas William Peterson, to repurchase Parcel #HA-014-00220-00, described as the SW1/4 of SE1/4, Section 4-46-12, Town of Hawthorne, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$1,283.08; and
- (2) From Larry Blaylock, to repurchase Parcel #GO-012-02404-00, described as Lot 5, Mataya's Addition, Section 1-43-12, Town of Gordon, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$778.77; and
- (3) From David J. Saari and Alice R. Saari, to repurchase Parcel #MA-020-00410-00, described as the SE1/4 of SW1/4, Section 12-48-11, Town of Maple, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$3,733.69.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

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

**ACTION:** Motion by Allen, second Jaques, to adopt. Motion carried.

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Roll: Ayes <u>  25  </u> Noes <u>  0  </u> Absent <u>  3  </u> Glenn, C. Johnson, Browne Abstain <u>  0  </u>  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost <u>      </u> Refer <u>      </u> Amend <u>      </u> Other <u>      </u>		
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**RESOLUTION #124-05**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Budgetary Transfers

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve the following budgetary transfers:

- (1) Veterans Services \$16,465 (J.E. #123599 insurance reimbursement applied to Veterans van 2005 for 2005 purchase); and
- (2) Sheriff's Department \$80,836.00 (J.E. #123415 transfer from Juvenile Officer to Criminal Investigations).

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase Veterans Van Account by \$16,465.00; no impact on Sheriff's Department budget)

(Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)

**ACTION:** Motion by Allen, second Baker, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 25 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent. Absent were Glenn, C. Johnson, Browne.

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**RESOLUTION #125-05**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Comprehensive Plan Reserve Account

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve appropriation of \$22,200 for the Douglas County Comprehensive Plan from the Contingency Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$2,000 of this appropriation be submitted with the grant application, and the balance of \$20,200 be designated a reserve account for the required grant match for the first year of three, pending award of such.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
(Fiscal Note: Decrease Contingency Fund by \$22,200.00)  
(Administrative Note: Two-thirds of Board-elect required)

ACTION: Motion by Martin, second Hendrickson, to adopt. Allen clarified that if this is approved, and the grant received, there is an additional commitment of \$40,000 over the next two years. Roll call vote taken and passed with 25 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent. Absent were C. Johnson, Browne, Glenn.

**RESOLUTION #126-05  
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISORS ON THE LAND  
RECORDS COMMITTEE**

Subject: Land Information Officer - Interim Appointment

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of Supervisors on the Land Records Committee and approve appointment of Steve Rannenberg as Interim Land Information Officer for Douglas County.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

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

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**RESOLUTION #127-05**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Subject: Veterans Nursing Home Project

WHEREAS, there are approximately 25,100 Veterans currently residing in Northwest Wisconsin – Douglas, Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Barron and Polk Counties, and

WHEREAS, the closest state veterans home is King Manor, near Waupaca, a six-hour drive for northwest Wisconsin veterans and their families, and

WHEREAS, a Veterans Nursing Home in Douglas County would meet the needs of this region’s aging population of World War II, Korean War and Viet Nam conflict veterans, who increasing require nursing home care, and

WHEREAS, veterans returning to Northwest Wisconsin from current conflicts would also have the nursing home services available close to home, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County is committed to help identify potential nursing home sites, to include the former St. Francis Home South facility, and to diligently work to create partnerships with groups or organizations willing to help facilitate the realization of a Veterans Nursing Home in Douglas County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors supports the Veterans Commission recommendation to actively engage support of our state and federal legislators in pursuit of expedient authorization for funding to purchase or build a Veterans Nursing Home in Douglas County, and staffing for such a facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to U.S. Senators Feingold and Kohl, U.S. Representative Obey, Governor Doyle, Wisconsin Secretary of Veterans Affairs - John A. Scocos, Senator Jauch, Representatives Boyle and Sherman, and northwest Wisconsin counties herein listed.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

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**ACTION:** Motion by Robinson, second Thompson, to adopt. Motion by McKenzie, 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 #128-05**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

Subject: Zoning District Map Amendment Denied

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Zoning Committee held a public hearing on November 9, 2005, on the following petition for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

N1/2 of the SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 2, T43N-R11W, (WA-032-00347-00/Lidberg Bridge Road), Town of Wascott, from the F-1: Forestry zoning district to the R-2: Residential zoning district, by Frank Saccoman (owner), Clayton Van Wert, (agent), PO Box 271, Gordon, Wisconsin. Intended use: Towing and storage of vehicles.

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the notice of the public hearing, proof of giving notice to the town clerk of the hearing, and correspondence from the Town of Wascott recommending denial is as shown in Exhibit D-11-05, and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Committee recommends denial of the above-referenced petition due to the Town of Wascott's denial, as the change does not meet requirements of the Wascott Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Zoning Committee and denies the petition.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

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

**ACTION:** Motion by Eckman, second Jensen, to adopt. Motion carried.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Koszarek reported that the first round of NIMS training is almost completed. Additional levels of training will continue in the coming years. He briefly explained the county's portion of property taxes, emphasizing that one should not compare the county with any other entity, because the counties are mandated to provide various state and federal programs. Overall, Douglas County is doing very well in spite of mandates. Reassessments were conducted not only in the city, but in many towns and villages throughout the county.

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

Chair Finn announced that this is Highway Snowplow Operators Month, and cautioned everyone to be aware of the presence of plows during the winter months, in order to avoid accidents. A press conference regarding Superior Days, will be held at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, at the UW-Superior Health and Wellness Center. There will be a celebration at Hog Island, November 28<sup>th</sup>, recognizing completion of the project. In case of inclement weather, it will be moved to Bong Heritage Center.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ryan reported HOL Fairgrounds storage facilities are full. Land Records Committee met this month and will meet again in January.

Conley reported that the Health and Human Services Board will meet next Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the agenda includes discussion of the 2006 meeting schedule. If any members cannot attend November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Conley asked that they contact him with input, as it appears the regular monthly meeting day might be changed to the third Wednesday of the month.

K. Johnson thanked Highway Department snowplow operators for their work during recent storm.

McKenzie reported the grazing grants in the Pri Ru Ta region are being offered again. Beltrami County, Minnesota, forestry programs were discussed at a meeting she attended, and of note was that Beltrami County has started charging fees for private forest management plans. Upper St. Croix Lake newsletter has important information regarding blue green algae and the effects of nitrogen lawn fertilizers. Dane County and all of Minnesota have outlawed the nitrogen fertilizers.

Liebaert reported timber sale went well. He alerted County Board members of a proposal by a legislator in Madison, to reduce Wisconsin's 72 counties to 18.

Quam reported that Board members were provided a copy of the audit on the Aging Resources Center. Brad Beckman recently received statewide Aging Resources Agency outstanding director award.

Egan reported that the support beam work under the stands at the fairgrounds has been completed, and power standards are in progress. Surcharge receipts this year are about \$28,000, and Egan suggested waiting until next year to consider how to reinvest those dollars in the fairgrounds.

Chair Finn reported 154 environmental infrastructure projects will be reviewed at an upcoming regional meeting. Douglas County's top priority is Parkland's sewage system. Total dollars to be available through Representative Obey's office for the final projects selected is not known yet.

The following appointments were recommended: **Recreational Trail Committee** - Fran VanErt and John Deterling, Sr., from alternate positions to regular membership, replacing Dennis Godfrey and Milo Polla, respectively. Motion by Corbin, second Baker, to approve appointments. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

Motion by Egan, second Hendrickson, to approve. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT/CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by Quam, second Allen, to adjourn open session and convene in closed session in Room 204 of the Government Center, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to discuss personnel issue. Roll call vote taken and passed with 25 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent. Absent were Browne, Glenn, C. Johnson. Open session adjourned at 7:27 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, December 15, 2005.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick  
Douglas County Clerk