

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, December 15, 2005, 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 24 present, 4 absent. Absent and excused were Michael Glenn, Bean Prettie, Bob Browne, Bill Eckman (arrived at 6:07 p.m.). Youth representatives present were Caitlin Knoll, Lindsey Schiff, Ashley Johnson, and UW-S representative James Paine.

Motion by Stewart, second Thompson, to approve minutes of the November 17, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sixteen 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

County Administrator Koszarek presented the Employee of the Quarter Award to Rebecca Nordskog, Tax Lister for Douglas County, and recognized her exemplary service to Douglas County. He cited Nordskog's technical expertise in further development of the Tax Lister position. Nordskog thanked the Board for the recognition.

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 6, 2005, on the following petitions for amendments of the county zoning district ordinance map:

- (1) NE1/4 of the NE1/4 and in the SE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 7, T47N-T10W, (MA-020-00044-00/00046-00, Olson Road), Town of Maple, from the F-1: Forestry zoning district to the A-1: Agriculture zoning district, by Stephen Meals et.al., 5231 S Olson Rd., Brule, Wisconsin. Intended use: One family farm residence and agricultural use; and
- (2) SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 19, T47N-R12W, (HA-014-00570-02, Crossover Road), Town of Hawthorne, from the F-1: Forestry zoning district to the A-1: Agriculture zoning district, by Linda Rask, et al., 3806 Tower Avenue, Superior, Wisconsin. Intended use: Create two lots.

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the notice of the public hearing, and proof of giving notice to the town clerks of the hearing, are as shown in Exhibit A-12-05.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee and approve the petitions upon receipt of approval letters from Town of Maple and Town of Hawthorne.

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

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

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

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

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PLATS

Approval of Final Plat of "Rockmont Acres" for Mark Gross by Roy Williams, located in Part of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 and in the SW1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 32, T48N-R12W, Town of Amnicon. (Exhibit B-12-05) Motion by Baker, second Thompson, to approve. Liebaert explained that the Town Board has not discussed the plat nor approved it yet, and he questioned whether approving this is appropriate without the Town Board's input. Rannenberg stated the principal issues would be naming the town road, and signing the plat itself, if approved. He recommended approval, subject to town approval, or to have it come back to the Board. Discussion followed. Motion by Baker, second C. Johnson, to amend the motion to approve the plat pending town approval, and that Douglas County officials do not sign it until town approves. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the public wishing to speak in regard to Resolution #140-05 were invited to do so at this time. Cindy Blomquist, Treasurer in 2005 for the Superior Speedway, Inc., stated she was present to answer any questions from County Board members, and to provide an overview of the Speedway's economic contributions to Douglas County in 2005. She summarized the 2005 races and revenue figures, including the surcharge paid to the county. 426 different cars raced at the Superior Speedway this season, from 14 states and 2 Canadian provinces. There were over 80 sponsors. Blomquist cited promoter Chris Stepan's racing participation throughout the country, and credited Stepan as a primary reason for the speedway's success this year. Superior was nominated for Track of the Year, for the first time in its history; and lost out to Alexandria by two votes.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Baker, second Hendrickson, to convene in closed session in Room 204, Government Center, pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(e) and (g) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to discuss termination of lease with Superior Speedway, Inc. Roll call vote taken and passed with 25 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent. Absent were Glenn, Browne, Prettie. Closed session convened at 6:18 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Baker, second Robinson, to suspend agenda and take up Resolution #140-05. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #140-05
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Superior Speedway, Inc. Lease Terminated

WHEREAS, the Land and Development Committee has held numerous meetings regarding issues surrounding lease with Superior Speedway, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the committee has determined it is in the best interest of Douglas County to terminate the lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and terminate the Lease Agreement for use of the Douglas County Fairgrounds Race Track between Douglas County and the Superior Speedway, Inc.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

(Committee Action: 6 - 1)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second K. Johnson, to table resolution. Chair Finn explained this means the lease stands until a later date. Motion carried.

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Baker, to appoint a committee to work on unresolved issues related to the Superior Speedway, Inc., lease, to include three Land and Development Committee members and three members of the Superior Speedway, Inc. Board of Directors. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #129-05
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, on November 7, 14 and 21, 2005, Douglas County advertised for sale various parcels of land, in accordance with Section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bids received are as follows:

\$ 20,001.00 PARCEL 45-05 - Lots 254-262 Inclusive, Nakoma Gardens, Section 26-48-13, Town of Parkland, (PA-024-02221-00), from N.R.L.L. East, LLC. Intended use: Investment;

\$ 4,551.00 PARCEL 55-05 - Lot 1, and Lots 3-10 Inclusive, Block 4, Airline Division #3, Section 13-48-15, Village of Oliver, (OL-165-00076-00, PT OL-165-00078-00), from Timothy Van Hout and Jyll Elder. Intended use: Adjacent property owner;

\$ 562.00 PARCEL 56-05 - Lot 8, Block 19, Riverside Division of Oliver, Section 12-48-15, Village of Oliver, (OL-165-02218-00), from Greg Brisky. Intended use: Adjacent property owner;

\$ 3,250.00 PARCEL 57-05 - Lots 19, 20, 21 and 24, Block 19, Fairmount Park Addition to West Superior, City of Superior (vicinity of Garfield Avenue and Maple Street), (09-809-04059-00, 09-809-04064-00), from RJS Real Estate Group, LLC. Intended use: Residential;

\$ 4,125.00 PARCEL 60-05 - Lots 18 & 19, Block 10, Butler Park in the City of Superior, City of Superior, (08-808-01830-00), from Madsen Builders. Intended use: Future building site;

\$ 610.00 PARCEL 61-05 - Lot 222, Townsite of Superior West 9th Street, except right of way, City of Superior (vicinity of 24th Avenue East and 9th Street), (01-801-02686-00), from Nicholas and Patricia Shaw. Intended use: Adjacent property owner; and

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WHEREAS, the following parcels of land were also previously advertised on the dates indicated, in accordance with Section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bids received are as follows:

- \$ 4,500.00 PARCEL 90-03 (October 6, 13, 20, 2003) - NE1/4 of W1/2 of Block 14, West 11th Street, Townsite of Superior, known as 2410-16 E. 11th Street, City of Superior, (01-801-02950-00), from Matthew S. Doolittle. Intended use: Building site;
- \$ 4,000.00 PARCEL 7-04 (March 8, 15, 22, 2004) - Lots 1 thru 6 and Lots 19 thru 24 Inclusive, Block 14, Fairmount Park Addition to West Superior, known as 2614-24 State Street and 2613-23 Chestnut Street, City of Superior, (09-809-03949-00 & 09-809-03967-00), from Frank Fudally. Intended use: Adjacent property owner;
- \$ 3,750.00 PARCEL 8-04 (March 8, 15, 22, 2004) - NE1/4 of NW1/4 of SE1/4, Section 4-48-13, except .595 acres and except highway, City of Superior, (11-811-07069-00), from Walter L. Larson. Intended use: Building site;
- \$ 411.00 PARCEL 17-04 (May 5, 10, 17, 2004) - Lots 5 & 6, Block 19, Fairmount Park Addition to West Superior, known as 2614-16 N. 32nd Street, City of Superior, (09-809-04045-00), from Mary Lou Peterson. Intended use: Adjacent property owner;
- \$ 10,001.00 PARCEL 6-05 (March 7, 14, 21, 2005) - SE1/4 OF NE1/4, Section 7-48-13, Town of Parkland, (PA-024-00127-00), from N.R.L.L. East, LLC. Intended use: Investment;
- \$ 24,001.00 PARCEL 15-05 (March 7, 14, 21, 2005) - SW1/4 of NW1/4 and SE1/4 of NW1/4, Section 8-48-13, Town of Parkland, (PA-024-00149-00 & PA-024-00150-00), from N.R.L.L. East, LLC. Intended use: Investment;
- \$ 14,000.00 PARCEL 26-05 (May 9, 16, 23, 2005) - Lots 84-92, Nakoma Gardens, Section 22-48-13, Town of Parkland, (PA-024-02134-00), from N.R.L.L. East, LLC. Intended use: Investment; and

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WHEREAS, Douglas County has received bids for the following parcel of land, for which all statutorily-required advertising has been satisfied, and the highest bid received is as follows:

\$ 1,000.00 PARCEL 79-02 (October 31, November 7, 14, 2002, and September 6, 2005) - W-1/2 of SW1/4 of NE1/4 of SW1/4, Section 28-48-12, Town of Amnicon, (AM-002-00639-00), from Steven Johnson. Intended use: Adjacent property owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors, in regular meeting assembled, authorizes the County Clerk to execute quit claim deeds to the above named persons on the above named properties.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
 (Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by \$94,762.00)

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

RESOLUTION #130-05
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Loan Balance Write-off

WHEREAS, in 1998, Douglas County received Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 (initial award was \$750,000.00), for purchase of equipment for the economic expansion of Husky Rustic Siding Company, in the Village of Solon Springs Industrial Park, and

WHEREAS, payment on the loan defaulted, Douglas County sold the equipment and realized the amount of \$124,720.00 on the sale of the equipment, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County pursued personal guarantees to collect the balance owing on the loan and it was determined that there were no assets available for pay off, and

WHEREAS, an official write-off of the balance owing on the loan is required by the Department of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and write-off the amount of \$175,280.00 owing on the Douglas County CDBG-ED loan to Husky Rustic Siding Company.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Loss of \$175,280.00 in CDBG-ED funds)

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second James O'Brien, to adopt. Allen explained the CDBG loan default process and state required action. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #131-05
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Lamar Lease

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approve re-negotiated lease with Lamar for signboard at 822 Tower Avenue, as set forth in Exhibit C-12-05.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Increase of \$800 revenue annually for ten years)

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Egan, to adopt. Sweeney asked why not have an escalator clause over the ten year period. Sandvick explained this figure is the offer made by the company to continue the lease which has been in place for many years at a much lower rate, and there is an out clause in the lease. Brief discussion. Liebaert explained that the Town of Amnicon is receiving \$1,200 per year for a lower rated billboard. He objected to the 2,000 feet perimeter clause for another billboard. Motion by Liebaert, second Robinson, to amend the lease and delete Part 3. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution carried.

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RESOLUTION #132-05
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 Gerald E. Olson, to repurchase Parcel #SO-026-01492-00, described as Part of Lot C of Government Lot 2, Renouff's 3rd Addition to Lake St. Croix, desc. 355 RP 292, Section 19-45-11, Town of Solon Springs, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$2,354.38; and
- (2) From Chase Home Finance, to repurchase Parcel #SS-181-00161-00, Lot 1, Block 9, Highview Addition, Village of Solon Springs, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$569.86; and
- (3) From James Riley (Kevin Lyon), to repurchase Parcel #PA-024-01208 and Parcel #PA-024-01216-00, described as Lot 10, Block 1, East Superior 3rd Division, S/D Lot F 15, Section 16-48N-13W, and Lots 2 & 3, Block 3, East Superior 3rd Division, S/D Lot G 15, Section 16-48N-13W, Town of Parkland, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$398.66.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Jaques, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #133-05
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISOR ALLEN**

Subject: Repurchase of Tax Delinquent Property

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of Supervisor Allen and approve the following request to repurchase tax delinquent property, pursuant to Douglas County Ordinance #1.5:

From Raymond O. Hursh, to repurchase Parcel #LN-146-00308-02, described as Part of the SE1/4 of the SW1/4, commencing at a point 280 feet West and 30 feet North of SE corner of said SE1/4 of SW1/4 as point of beginning, thence North-150 feet, thence West- 350 feet, thence South- 150 feet, thence East- 350 feet to the point of beginning, Section 26-47-11, Village of Lake Nebagamon, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$911.03.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

(Fiscal Note: None)

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

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RESOLUTION #134-05
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Cash Receipts Policy

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve the Cash Receipts Policy as set forth in Exhibit D-12-05.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

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

ACTION: Motion by Hendrickson, second Robinson, to adopt. Sweeney asked if there is a dollar threshold for petty cash in the various departments. Doucette responded all petty cash funds are different. When a department establishes a petty cash fund, a reasonable maximum is set based on discussions between the Finance Department and the requesting department. Robinson noted a typographical error and Doucette will have it corrected. Under "Procedures", one person is assigned custodian of the fund, and if a person is ill for a period of time, another person would be assigned custodian. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #135-05
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Personnel Policy Amended

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve amendment to the Douglas County Personnel Policy Manual, Sections 1 and 2, as set forth in Exhibit E-12-05.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Quam, second Egan, to adopt. It was noted that Sweeney had several questions on this at the Administration Committee, and was to contact Koszarek for answers. Sweeney explained he had not yet contacted Koszarek, and asked if this resolution could be tabled. Egan and Koszarek agreed that waiting for the final product to be completed would be best. Motion by Egan, second Allen, to refer resolution to allow answers to Supervisor Sweeney's questions by Administration Department. Resolution to then come back to Board. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #136-05
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Assembly Bill 575 Opposed

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 575 would specifically classify social workers as protective occupation participants, and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has had a long history of collective bargaining between counties and their respective employees, and this collection bargaining resulted in a process whereby bargaining units and county employers engage in labor negotiations regarding such topics, and

WHEREAS, it is a much more efficient process if county employers and bargaining units are able to negotiate whether certain positions are protective status qualified, and

WHEREAS, a bill introducing protective status for social workers is an expensive and financially exponential benefit, and

WHEREAS, this would increase contribution to the Wisconsin Retirement System for social workers substantially, and this increase in benefits would be borne by the taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and opposes Assembly Bill 575.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this resolution, copies be sent to Senator Robert Jauch, Representatives Frank Boyle and Gary Sherman, Wisconsin Counties Association, and all Wisconsin counties.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

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

ACTION: Motion by Egan, second Hendrickson, to adopt. Referring to Resolution #71-05, a similar resolution supporting this status for jailers, Allen stated it does not seem right not to support the same for Social Workers. Motion by Allen, second McKenzie, to table the resolution. Egan explained the financial implications and distinct differences between the Jailer and Social Worker work environments.

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The Social Worker retirement would go from 11% to 20%, and would increase concomitantly with salaries every year. It would allow retirement three years earlier. Brief discussion followed on the potential dangers inherent in both Jailer and Social Worker positions. It was suggested this be discussed during negotiations. Motion to table resolution failed. Motion to adopt resolution carried.

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RESOLUTION #137-05
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Non-Represented Employees Salary Increase

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve a 2.5% salary increase for non-represented employees effective January 1, 2006.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Within budget)

ACTION: Motion by Hendrickson, second Robinson, to adopt. Motion carried.

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| 22. Thompson | X | |
| 23. Corbin | X | |
| 24. Liebaert | X | |
| 25. Budnick | X | |
| 26. Johnson, Carol | X | |
| 27. Stewart | X | |
| 28. Jensen | X | |
| Roll: Ayes <u> 24 </u> Noes <u> 1 </u> <u>Allen</u> Absent <u> 3 </u> <u>Browne, Glenn, Prettie</u> Abstain <u> </u> Passed <u> X </u> Lost <u> </u> Refer <u> </u> Amend <u> </u> Other <u> </u> | | |
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RESOLUTION #138-05
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Budgetary Transfer

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

Non-Departmental \$400,000 (J.E. #124241 with \$206,785.56 from ACT 11 reserve and \$193,214.44 from Interest Income to make an extra payment to Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability)

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Decrease 01 Ret. Reserve ACT 11 by \$206,785.56 and \$193,214.44 from surplus Interest Income)
(Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)

ACTION: Motion by Martin, second McKenzie, to adopt. The purpose of the transfer is to allow additional payment toward the county's unfunded pension liability. Discussion followed on the auditor's and State Department of Revenue's recommendations last year. Koszarek explained it is a \$7,000,000 debt, that will be significantly more in twenty years. The county can't be forced to pay it up, but periodic small payments will help reduce the burden over the long term. Most other counties have paid their unfunded liability. The city bonded to get a lower rate. Roll call vote taken and passed with 24 Yes, 1 No, 3 Absent. Voting No was Allen. Absent were Prettie, Glenn, Browne.

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RESOLUTION #139-05
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Communication Center Dispatch Employees Labor Agreement

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve the Labor Agreement Between Douglas County and the Communication Center Dispatch Employees, Local 235, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, as set forth in Exhibit F-12-05.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2005.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Within budget parameters)

ACTION: Motion by Hendrickson, second Ryan, to adopt. Egan explained this is a complicated contract, comparable to the union contract previously held by the city. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Koszarek apologized for not having the capital projects list to County Board members as promised, but he will get it to them. The state has been removing increments of prisoners from the jail, and will continue to do so until all removed. Discussions continue with the state on housing of their prisoners, and it is a Superior Days issue. Thus far, there has been no shortage of prisoners since the state prisoners have been removed. St. Louis County prisoners continue to be housed in the jail, and there is no requirement for Douglas County to cover their transportation and minor medical care expenses, which is required for state prisoners. Brief discussion followed.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS: Chair Finn announced that Congressman Obey has garnered \$1.9 million for work on the east side of Douglas County Highway A, Douglas County. Also, 154 regional projects were selected today, and the Parkland sewer system project received approval for \$1 million.

Motion by McKenzie, second Ryan, to approve the following appointments: **Northern Waters Library Service Board of Trustees** - Re-appoint Supervisor Karen Livingston and Tuula Harris for three-year terms, effective January 1, 2006. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Thompson reported POWTS Subcommittee will be meeting with representatives of the State Department of Commerce on January 9th in Menomonie. He thanked Finn for help with expediting the meeting.

Ryan reported Fair Board meeting will be meeting January 18th, 6:00 p.m., in the Courthouse.

Eckman reported on the Annual Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Conference he attended last week. He briefly enumerated the dangers by invasive species to lakes and land, and summarized the causes of and dangers from blue algae bloom. Eckman urged people to limit their use of high level phosphorous lawn fertilizers.

McKenzie followed-up on the conference Eckman attended, and noted that two resolutions came out of the conference, to take to the state: (1) To limit nitrogen in certain lawn treatment chemicals; and (2) To support a ban on phosphorous. Governor Doyle has announced availability of a biomass grant, for which information has been provided to Chair Finn. McKenzie encouraged support for Senate Bill 470 which regulates open burning of solid waste.

Liebaert reported the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for December is cancelled.

K. Johnson reported that the Highway Committee is pleased with the \$1.9 million funding for CTH A work, which is an 80/20 match. This will require the five-year road plan be adjusted, but it is worthwhile. Frozen road declaration went into effect December 12th.

Robinson reported the Law Enforcement Committee met, and subsequently a copy of the recent, very favorable, Douglas County Jail Inspection Report, was distributed to County Board members.

Quam reported City-County Committee will meet in January and will meet bimonthly in 2006.

UW S Representative Paine reported that Congress is about to vote on a budget reconciliation, to include a \$14 billion cut in student financial aid. 80% of UW-S students receive financial aid. To a UW-S student, it would mean an additional \$450 per month out-of-pocket for a four-year degree. Paine asked for County Board support through a resolution or letters to legislators, opposing the financial aid cuts. Chair Finn will consider recommending some action by the County Board.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS: Motion by Ryan, second Eckman, to approve. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Allen, second James O'Brien, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, January 19, 2006.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk