

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, January 19, 2006, 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, 3 absent. Absent and excused were Carol Johnson, Jan Jensen. Absent was Nick Baker (arrived at 6:50 p.m.) Student representatives present were James Paine, Ashley Johnson, Caitlin Knoll, Lindsey Schiff.

Motion by Quam, second Corbin, to approve minutes of the December 15, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIM

Claim by Attorney Gary J. Halom on behalf of Penny Senn, for damages relating to alleged fall on Douglas County Government Center sidewalk. Corporation Counsel reported that the insurance company has recommended disallowance. Motion by Allen, second Stewart, to disallow the claim. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nineteen 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

Jeff Buhrandt, Superior Office for U.S. Representative David Obey, presented an overview of legislative issues at the federal level. Buhrandt noted that Obey is a member on the House Appropriations Committee. Several projects were summarized, including \$500,000 for UW-S ballast water study; \$2 million for UW-S/UMD general maritime research; \$500,000 for City of Superior sidewalk upgrades; \$1.9 million to reconstruct CTH A east of Solon Springs. Bringing Douglas County ideas and projects to the attention of Obey's office is encouraged. Senator Kohl worked closely on the Senate side to secure the project dollars. Obey has been elected to lead the clean-up committee for ethics improvements, with particular interest in the lobbying issue. Maritime Research group will be looking into the deterioration of pilings in the Superior/Duluth harbor. County Board members extended appreciation for the assistance Obey has provided to Douglas County, including the 154 program funding for projects such as the Parkland Sanitary project. There is one more year of the Section 154 dollars, and Obey is working toward extension of the program. Discussion followed on defederalized funds and confusion over the prescription drug program. Buhrandt indicated that Obey did a press release asking people to call his office for help or explanations, because people can't get through to the Medicare offices. Obey is opposed to the 1%

penalty for seniors who opt not to enroll in Plan D of the prescription drug program. Responding to questions about the three remaining ore docks in the Superior harbor, Buhardt recommended discussing the situation with the railroad. Discussion followed on the budget earmarks that occur annually in the federal budget, and one never knows what earmarks will continue. Burhardt phone number is 398-4426.

Christine Ostern, Land Conservationist, reviewed the 2005 Douglas County land conservation projects, including shoreland stabilization and habitat restoration, and education components of the program. Sources of funding for the Land Conservation Department were briefly discussed, and Ostern explained the selection process for funding of both private and public projects. Corbin thanked Ostern for their work on Amnicon and Dowling Lakes shoreland restoration projects, both for the municipality as well as private land owners. Brief discussion followed on the Ox Creek project. Project tours can be scheduled by contacting Ostern in the Douglas County Zoning 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:

SECTION VI. REGULATION OF SPECIAL USES

6.7 Major Recreational Equipment

2. (a) A property owner may store their own major recreational equipment on their own property without being subject to any time limit, as long as there is a seasonal or year-round ~~residence~~ **dwelling** on the same parcel. The number of trailer campers or recreational vehicles is limited to one (1) **within the shoreland district and two (2) outside the shoreland district.**

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by Ryan, second Corbin, to adopt. Responding to a question on similar ordinances in other counties, Rannenberg stated that the Zoning Committee did consider what other counties do, and this amendment was the result. Discussion followed on the Zoning Department's policy regarding reporting property by citizens. Rannenberg clarified some technicalities of the ordinance, and the definition of "major" recreational equipment. Motion carried.

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**REPEAL AND RE-CREATION OF ORDINANCE #4.18
POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES;
CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES; PENALTIES
PRESENTED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

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

That Ordinance #4.18 of the Douglas County Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and re-created to read:

4.18 POSSESSION/CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES BY UNDERAGE PERSON

SECTION I. AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the authority of sec. 125.10(2), Wisconsin Statutes, Douglas County does hereby establish this ordinance prohibiting the possession/consumption of alcohol beverages by underage persons.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Alcohol beverages" means fermented malt beverages, intoxicating liquor or wine.
- B. "Fermented malt beverages" means any beverage made by the alcohol fermentation of an infusion in potable water of barley malt and hops, with or without unmalted grains or decorticated and degerminated grains or sugar containing 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume.
- C. "Intoxicating liquor" means all ardent, spirituous, distilled or vinous liquors, liquids or compounds, whether medicated, proprietary, patented or not, and by whatever name called, containing 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume, which are beverages, but does not include "fermented malt beverages".
- D. "Underage person" means a person who has not attained the legal drinking age in the State of Wisconsin.

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E. Wine" means products obtained from the normal alcohol fermentation of the juice or must of sound, ripe grapes, other fruits or other agricultural products, imitation wine, compounds sold as wine, vermouth, cider, perry, mead and sake, if such products contain 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume.

SECTION III. UNDERAGE POSSESSION/CONSUMPTION PROHIBITED

Any underage person not accompanied at all times by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age, who knowingly possesses or consumes alcohol beverages is guilty of a violation.

SECTION IV. PENALTIES

Any person violating Section III is subject to the following penalties:

- A. For a first violation a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200, and suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Section 343.30(6)(b)1., Stats.
- B. For a violation committed within 12 months of 1 previous violation, a forfeiture of not less than \$200 nor more than \$300, and suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Section 343.30(6)(b)2., Stats.
- C. For a violation committed within 12 months of 2 previous violations, a forfeiture of not less than \$300 nor more than \$500, and suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Section 343.30(6)(b)3., Stats.
- D. For a violation committed within 12 months of 3 or more previous violations, a forfeiture of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, and suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Section 343.30(6)(b)3., Stats.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE

Following passage and publication by the Douglas County

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Board of Supervisors this ordinance shall be in full force and effect.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by K. Johnson, second James O'Brien, to adopt. Detective John Parenteau explained the existing ordinance had language that did not coincide with current Wisconsin State Statutes. Motion carried.

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**REPEAL AND RE-CREATION OF ORDINANCE #4.19
MISREPRESENTATION OF AGE; PENALTY
PRESENTED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

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

That Ordinance #4.19 of the Douglas County Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and re-created to read:

4.19 MISREPRESENTATION OF AGE BY UNDERAGE PERSON

SECTION I. AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the authority of Section 125.10(2), Wisconsin Statutes, Douglas County does hereby establish this ordinance prohibiting the misrepresentation of age by an underage person for the purpose of receiving alcohol beverages.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Alcohol beverages" means fermented malt beverages, intoxicating liquor or wine.
- B. "Fermented malt beverages" means any beverage made by the alcohol fermentation of an infusion in potable water of barley malt and hops, with or without unmalted grains or decorticated and degerminated grains or sugar containing 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume.
- C. "Intoxicating liquor" means all ardent, spirituous, distilled or vinous liquors, liquids or compounds, whether medicated, proprietary, patented or not, and by whatever name called, containing 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume, which are beverages, but does not include "fermented malt beverages".
- D. "Underage person" means a person who has not attained the legal drinking age in the State of Wisconsin.

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E. "Wine" means products obtained from the normal alcohol fermentation of the juice or must of sound, ripe grapes, other fruits or other agricultural products, imitation wine, compounds sold as wine, vermouth, cider, perry, mead and sake, if such products contain 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume.

SECTION III. MISREPRESENTATION OF AGE BY UNDERAGE PERSONS PROHIBITED

Any underage person who falsely represents his or her age for the purpose of receiving alcohol beverages is guilty of a violation.

SECTION IV. PENALTIES

Any person violating Section III is subject to the following penalties:

- A. For a first violation a forfeiture of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500, and suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Section 343.30(6)(b)1., Stats.
- B. For a violation committed within 12 months of 1 previous violation, a forfeiture of not less than \$300 nor more than \$500, and suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Section 343.30(6)(b)2., Stats.
- C. For a violation committed within 12 months of 2 previous violations, a forfeiture of not less than \$500 nor more than \$750, and suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Section 343.30(6)(b)3., Stats.
- D. For a violation committed within 12 months of 3 or more previous violations, a forfeiture of not less than \$750 nor more than \$1,000, and suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Section 343.30(6)(b)3., Stats.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE

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Board of Supervisors this ordinance shall be in full force and effect.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Prettie, second John O'Brien, to adopt. Motion carried.

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 4.24
PROHIBITING CHILDREN FROM BEING HABITUAL
TRUANTS
PRESENTED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

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

SECTION I. AUTHORITY

**Pursuant to the authority of Wisconsin Statutes Section
118.163(2), Douglas County does hereby establish this ordinance
prohibiting children from being habitual truants.**

SECTION II. HABITUAL TRUANT DEFINED

For purposes of this ordinance an "habitual truant" means a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse under Wisconsin Statutes 118.15 for either of the following: **the school district written attendance policy, for part or all of five or more days on which school is held during a school semester.**

~~(a) Part or all of 5 or more days out of 10 consecutive days on which school is held during a school semester.~~

~~(b) Part of all of 10 or more days on which school is held during a school semester.~~

SECTION III. HABITUAL TRUANCY PROHIBITED

It shall be illegal for any child to be an habitual truant.

SECTION IV. DISPOSITIONS

Any child found by the court to be an habitual truant may be sentenced to **one or more of** the following dispositions:

(a) Suspension of the ~~child's~~ **person's** operating privilege; as defined in Wisconsin Statutes 340.01(40); for not less than 30 days nor more than ~~90 days~~ **one year**. ~~The court shall immediately take possession of any suspended license and forward it to the department~~

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of transportation together with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension.

(b) An order for the **child person** to participate in counseling, ~~community services~~ or a supervised work program **or other community service work** as ~~provided under described in~~ **Wisconsin Statutes 48.34(9) Section 938.34(5g).**

(c) An order for the **child person** to remain at home except during hours in which the **child person** is attending religious worship or a school program, including travel time required to get to and from the school program or place of worship. The order may permit a child to leave his or her home if the child is accompanied by a parent or guardian.

(d) An order for the child to attend an educational program **under as described in Wisconsin Statutes Section 938.34(7d).**

(e) **An order for the Department of Workforce Development to revoke, under Wisconsin Statute Section 103.72, a permit under Wisconsin Statute Section 103.70 authorizing the employment of the person.**

(f) **An order for the person to be placed in a teen court program as described in Wisconsin Statute Section 938.342(1g)(f).**

(g) **An order for the person to attend school.**

(h) **A forfeiture of no more than \$500 plus costs, subject to Wisconsin Statute Section 938.37. All or part of the forfeiture plus costs may be assessed against the person, the parents or guardian of the person, or both.**

(i) **Any other reasonable conditions consistent with this ordinance, including a curfew, restrictions as to going to or remaining on specified premises and restrictions on associating with other children or adults.**

(j) **An order placing the person under formal or informal supervision, as described in Wisconsin Statute Section 938.34(2), for up to one year.**

(k) **An order for the person's parent, guardian or legal custodian to participate in counseling at the parent's, guardian's, or legal custodian's own expense or to attend school with the person, or both.**

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(I) An order for the person to report to a youth report center after school, in the evening, on weekends, on other nonschool days, or at any other time that the person is not under immediate adult supervision, for participation in the social, behavioral, academic, community service, and other programming of the center as described in Wisconsin Statute Section 938.342(1g)(k).

SECTION ~~IV~~ V. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by reason of any decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase or portion thereof.

SECTION ~~V~~ VI. PREVIOUS INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION ~~VI~~ VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second Thompson, to adopt. Corporation Counsel explained that most of these ordinances are county-wide, to include the city, but he will get a definitive answer to McKenzie. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1-06
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, on December 5, 12, and 19, 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:

\$ 2,000.00 PARCEL 72-05 - Lots 1 through 4 Inclusive, Block 5, Riverside Addition to St. Louis, Section 13-48-15 Village of Oliver, (PT OL-165-01949-00), from Steven Lenzen. Intended use: Residential - garage.

\$ 33,303.33 PARCEL 73-05 - Lots 1 through 9, 11, 12 and 22 through 30 Inclusive, Block 4, Albany Addition to South Superior, and also Fractional Lots 1 through 9, 11 and 12, Block 4, McQuaids Addition to South Superior, City of Superior (vicinity of Lamborn Avenue, Weeks Avenue and N. 58th Street), (08-808-01341-00, 08-808-01361-00, 08-808-05317-00), from PAS Tyme Limited. Intended use: Residential.

\$ 3,718.00 PARCEL 74-05 - Lots 87 through 95, odd numbers, Townsite of Superior, West 9th Street, City of Superior (vicinity of 28th Avenue East and East 9th Street), (PT 01-801-02529-00), from David Olson. Intended use: Build home.

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:

\$ 2,500.00 PARCEL 51-04 (Aug. 9, 16, 23, 2004) - So much of Lots 14, 15, 16 & 17, Block 74, Subdivision of Lot A West Superior 1st Division, as is contained within the following described lines: Commencing at a point on the East line of Tower Avenue distance 114 Feet North of SW corner of said Block 74, thence running North along said line a distance of 21 Feet, thence East at right angles, to said last mentioned line a distance of 100 Feet, thence South at right angles to said last mentioned line a distance of 21 Feet, thence West at right angles to said last mentioned line a distance of 100 Feet to place of beginning, known as 814 Tower Avenue, (04-804-00721-00), from John Verlooy. Intended use: Parking lot.

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\$ 6,000.00 PARCEL 40-05 (Sept. 6, 12, 19, 2005) - Lots 1-20, Block 19, and part Mahoning Avenue vacated in 624 RP 166, Carnegie First Division, Section 12-48-15, Village of Oliver, (OL-165-00188-00), from Kenneth Engblom. Intended use: Recreational.

\$ 9,000.00 PARCEL 41-05 (Sept. 6, 12, 19, 2005) - Lots 3, 5-13 Inclusive (except right of way), 15-21 Inclusive (except right of way), 24-29 Inclusive, 31, 32, and 33, Block 14, Carnegie Western Division, Section 7-48-14, Village of Oliver, (OL-165-01018-00, OL-165-01020-00, OL-165-01022-00, OL-165-01024-00, OL-165-01026-00), from Kenneth Engblom. Intended use: Recreational.

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 19th day of January, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by \$56,521.33)

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Jaques, to adopt. McKenzie indicated that Parcel 73-05 had an appraised value of \$10,000, and is a wetland, and it sold for \$33,000. She would like to see an eventual ordinance that would prohibit basements in wetlands, if a building permit is issued. Discussion followed on responsibilities of both buyer and seller as to these issues. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #2-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Side Letter Agreement between Douglas County and
 Douglas County Professional Social Workers

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve the Side Letter Agreement between Douglas County and the Douglas County Professional Social Workers, AFSCME 2375, as set forth in Exhibit B-1-06.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by Egan, second Allen, to adopt. This is a change in policy to coincide with the Health Department contract. The temporary position cannot be paid a rate higher than the contract union rate. Motion carried.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
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RESOLUTION #3-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Health Insurance 2006 Premiums Established

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve the following health insurance premiums for 2006:

2006 Monthly Rates - Increase of 5%			
	County Share	Employee Share	Total
Single	\$ 492.23	\$	\$ 492.23
Single 5%	467.62	24.61	492.23
Employee +1	953.77	105.97	1,059.74
Family	1,422.57	158.06	1,580.64

2005 Monthly Rates			
	County Share	Employee Share	Total
Single	\$ 468.79	\$	\$ 468.79
Single 5%	445.35	23.44	468.79
Employee +1	908.35	100.93	1,009.28
Family	1,354.83	150.54	1,505.37

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Within budget)

ACTION: Motion by Hendrickson, second Ryan, to adopt. Motion carried. McKenzie, Quam, Prettie abstained.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
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3. O'Brien, John		
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RESOLUTION #4-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Write-Off of Non-Sufficient Funds Checks

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve write-off of the following non-sufficient funds checks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01/28/03	Health	J Diver	\$ 3.00
08/23/04	Health	Michelle Shafer	\$ 50.00
11/04/04	Human Services	Stacey Kitzman	\$ 116.00
02/28/05	Register of Deeds	Claude Mann	\$ 7.00
03/21/05	Human Services	Beth Nelson	\$ 65.00
09/12/05	Child Support	Dawnie Eccles	\$ <u>12.00</u>
TOTAL			\$ 253.00

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Bad Debt Expense of \$253.00)

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

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
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RESOLUTION #5-06
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: Assembly Bill 857 Supported

WHEREAS, currently, the Municipal Employment Relations Act does not limit collective bargaining agreements to any specific maximum expenditures or increases in expenditures, and

WHEREAS, under Assembly Bill 857, if the municipal employer is subject to limitations on expenditures or revenue, a final offer may not require the expenditure for compensation and fringe benefits per employee, to be more than the amount spent under the previously negotiated contract for compensation and fringe benefits per employee, increased by the allowable percentage increase in expenditures or revenue between the last year of the previously negotiated contract and the first year of the contract that is being negotiated, and

WHEREAS, if the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission determined that a final offer requires greater expenditure, the commission shall return the offer to the party and the party shall revise it before submitting it again, and

WHEREAS, if the last written position requires greater expenditure than permitted, the party is considered to have no submitted an offer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendations of the Administration Committee and support Assembly Bill 857.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Jauch, Representative Boyle, and all Wisconsin counties.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Martin, second Glenn, to adopt. Motion by Hendrickson, second McKenzie, 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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District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
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10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Jaques		
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RESOLUTION #6-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Senate Bill 438 Opposed

WHEREAS, currently, a participant in the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), other than a teacher, librarian, or school administrator, with at least 0.75 of a year of creditable service in an annual earnings period is currently treated as having one year of creditable service for that annual earnings period for early retirement purposes, and

WHEREAS, full-time employment for these participants is currently 1,904 hours per year, with the result that they must have worked at least 1,428 hours in an annual earnings period in order to receive one year of creditable service for early retirement purposes, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 438 provides that these WRS participants need only have worked 990 hours in an annual earnings period in order to receive one year of creditable service for early retirement purposes,

WHEREAS, the affect of this bill would be to increase the unfunded pension liability of counties and the bill does not allow a county to opt out of the early retirement option.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and oppose Senate Bill 438.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Jauch, Representative Boyle, and all Wisconsin counties.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by Quam, second Jaques, to adopt. New information has been recently received relative to this legislation. Motion by Egan, second Hendrickson, to refer the resolution back to committee to reconsider. It was recommended that the county get more information on the fiscal impact. Motion to refer, carried.

RESOLUTION #7-06
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Regional Revolving Loan Fund Authorization

WHEREAS Governor Doyle and the State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce have announced an initiative for a pilot program that could consolidate the 22 local CDBG Revolving Loan Funds existing in the 10-county northwestern Wisconsin region into a Northwestern Wisconsin Regional Economic Development Fund (NWREDF), and

WHEREAS there are numerous advantages for Douglas County to participate in the NWREDF, and

WHEREAS it is prudent to provide local businesses access to as much funding as possible for the creation of new jobs and the opportunity for expansion, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors hereby transfers the current funds and loans existing in its CDBG-RLF portfolio to the NWREDF administered by the Northwest Regional Planning Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such transfer take place as soon as all administrative procedures are in place.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Administrator or County Board Chair be authorized to sign and execute all necessary documentation to complete said transfer on behalf of Douglas County.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Transfer of \$125,000 in CDBG Funds)
(Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)

ACTION: Motion by Glenn, second Baker, to adopt. Chair Finn explained that for the last several months, various Revolving Loan Fund Committees in the region have been meeting to study the regionalization of a revolving loan fund, as dollars are available and currently not being used in the local loan funds. It was suggested that the regionalization would defederalize the money and remove or limit the restrictions on uses of the dollars, which could be used for loans

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1. Finn	X	
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3. O'Brien, John	X	
4. Glenn	X	
5. Baker	X	
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7. Livingston	X	
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	X	
16. Sweeney	X	
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		
27. Stewart	X	
28. Jensen		
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4. Glenn	X	
5. Baker	X	
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7. Livingston	X	
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	X	
16. Sweeney	X	
17. Egan	X	
18. Allen	X	
19. Ryan	X	
20. Hendrickson	X	
21. Johnson, Kay	X	
22. Thompson	X	
23. Corbin	X	
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27. Stewart	X	
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Roll: Ayes <u> 25 </u> Noes <u> 0 </u> Absent <u> 2 </u> (C. Johnson, Jensen) Abstain <u> </u> Passed <u> X </u> Lost <u> </u> Refer <u> </u> Amend <u> </u> Other <u> </u>		
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and venture capital. The fear is if nothing is done, the money would be sent back to Madison, and that potential precipitated this resolution idea. Brief discussion followed. It was emphasized that this is not Douglas County Revolving Loan Fund money, but is \$125,000 returned to Douglas County from a defaulted state RLF loan. Roll call vote taken and passed with 25 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent. Absent were C. Johnson, Jan Jensen.

RESOLUTION #8-06
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Easement to Dahlberg Light and Power Company

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and approve an easement to Dahlberg Light and Power Company, as set forth in Exhibit C-1-06.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Forestry Department revenue of \$500.00)

ACTION: Motion by Robinson, second Liebaert, to adopt. Motion carried. Stewart abstained.

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1. Finn		
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RESOLUTION #9-06
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE

Subject: 2006 Forestry Department Annual Work Plan Approved

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and approve the Forestry Department 2006 Annual Work Plan, as set forth in Exhibit D-1-06.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by John O'Brien, second Stewart, to adopt. Liebaert referred to page 4 regarding the fifteen year plan, which is in anticipation of extending the ten year plan depending on the statute. Motion carried.

Roll Call		
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1. Finn		
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RESOLUTION #10-06
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-1-06.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

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

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn	X	
2. Browne		X
3. O'Brien, John	X	
4. Glenn	X	
5. Baker		X
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7. Livingston	X	
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	X	
16. Sweeney	X	
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		
27. Stewart	X	
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes <u>19</u> Noes <u>6</u> Absent <u>2</u> (C. Johnson, Jensen) Abstain _____ Passed <u>X</u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
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RESOLUTION #11-06
RESOLUTION BY THE JUDICIARY, LEGISLATIVE AND
VETERANS COMMITTEE

Subject: Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Recreation Fee
 Opposed

WHEREAS, the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior (NPS) has undertaken to prepare a general management plan and environmental impact statement (GMP/EIS), including the elements necessary for a wilderness management plan for the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (AINL), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NPS's Final Wilderness Study/Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision (ROD), NPS has recommended wilderness designation for 44,500 acres of the AINL land base, consisting of the surface of each island (excluding Madeline, Basswood, Sand, and Long Islands) above the "high water mark" of each shoreline, and

WHEREAS, the NPS's ROD further recommends that "(n)one of the waters of Lake Superior will be proposed as wilderness", and

WHEREAS, one element of the GMP/EIS and wilderness management plan under consideration is imposition of a "recreation fee" to be charged to operators of motorized watercraft operating in the waters of Lake Superior below the high water mark but within one-quarter mile of such boundary, and

WHEREAS, water tourism and recreational fishing in the waters of Lake Superior surrounding the AINL have historically been a significant aspect of the culture in Bayfield County and currently represent a substantial element contributing to the area's economy, and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest, and in the best interest of Bayfield County, to preserve and foster continued water tourism and recreational fishing in the waters of Lake Superior surrounding the AINL, and

WHEREAS, the recreation fee under consideration by NPS would be in addition to the various watercraft, snowmobile, ATV, and sport fishing licenses and permits currently required of those who use the waters of Lake Superior outside the designated wilderness area and would accordingly increase the expense and administrative burden on those who currently enjoy such activities.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn	X	
2. Browne		X
3. O'Brien, John	X	
4. Glenn	X	
5. Baker		X
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7. Livingston	X	
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	X	
16. Sweeney	X	
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		
27. Stewart	X	
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes <u> 19 </u> Noes <u> 6 </u> Absent <u> 2 </u> (C. Johnson, Jensen) Abstain <u> </u> Passed <u> X </u> Lost <u> </u> Refer <u> </u> Amend <u> </u> Other <u> </u>		
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Judiciary, Legislative and Veterans Committee and supports the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' following positions:

1. The imposition of a recreation fee by NPS in connection with recreational use of the waters of Lake Superior below the highwater mark of the AINL would interfere with and diminish the reasonable use of such waters in a manner that currently benefits Bayfield County and its residents, and
2. Opposing the imposition of a recreation fee by NPS on recreational boaters, snowmobilers, ATV operators, and others using the waters of Lake Superior to the extent such use does not access the land areas of the lakeshore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this resolution, copies be sent to Representative Obey, and Senators Kohl and Feingold.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by Quam, second Prettie, to adopt. Conley stated he cannot support this resolution, as he supports the recreation fee and the NPS objectives for maintaining a wilderness management designation. Corbin explained that the committee's opposition was due to the fee applied only to motorized watercraft, and no such fee imposed on canoers, trail users, etc., for their use or misuse of the area. Brief discussion followed. Conley called for roll call vote. Roll call vote taken and passed with 19 Yes, 6 No, 2 Absent. Voting no were Browne, Baker, Conley, James O'Brien, Hendrickson, Thompson. Absent were C. Johnson, Jan Jensen. Send copy of resolution to Bayfield County.

**RESOLUTION #12-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

Subject: Zoning Board of Adjustment Composition

WHEREAS, currently, the Zoning Board of Adjustment is composed of five members, and the Wisconsin State Statutes require counties to have not less than three members, and

WHEREAS, Section 59.694 of the Wisconsin Statutes, governing County Zoning Adjustment Boards, was recently amended requiring two alternate members be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, to be in attendance at all meetings so as to vote on an issue when a conflict or absence requires it, and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Committee met and reviewed the options in regard to size of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee and establishes a three-member board as the Douglas County Zoning Board of Adjustment, with two alterantes (designated as 1st Alternate and 2nd Alternate).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution become effective at the time of the 2006 Douglas County Board reorganization and committee appointment process.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Ryan, second Baker, to adopt. State statute amendment requires a minimum of three members and two alternates. Alternates required to attend all meetings. Motion carried.

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District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
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Motion by Glenn, second Corbin, to allow resolution not on the agenda. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #13-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Register of Deeds Late Fee for Credit Customers

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and authorizes the Register of Deeds to establish a late payment fee of \$10.00 per month for credit customer accounts.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Revenue to offset direct cost of re-billing)

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

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
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7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Jaques		
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14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
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18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
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26. Johnson, Carol		
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28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____ Passed <u> X </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Koszarek summarized the written report distributed with the agenda. He noted several recent or anticipated retirements that will affect county operations. Also, Supervisor Carol Johnson called regarding the one time funds from ATC for environmental impact fees which are to go to municipalities within the county. It is expected to be received in July. Koszarek will get information to municipalities and County Board members.

Regarding questions on hiring from inside, Koszarek indicated the policy manual states internal first, but there may be some, based on required job criteria, that will be open both internally and externally. Prettie emphasized that there are qualified existing staff who have taken on management responsibilities time and again, and the county should look internally first. Koszarek indicated he will utilize department heads and County Board members on long-range planning for staffing, cutbacks, on-going training, space utilization, and prioritizing services. Regarding services, other counties are ranking the myriad of services, and what happens is some non-mandated, historically important services fall in the lower rankings. Planning needs to involve the County Board, and he will bring the rankings to the County Board for their information and approval.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS

Finn reported that Bill Eckman resigned in early January due to his residence change. An appointment will not be recommended since elections are in two months. Finn echoed Koszarek's comments on the challenges ahead of the county. Executive Committee meeting tentatively set for February 1st. Long-range planning, capital projects are two items for that agenda. Taxpayers group met with Finn and Koszarek and the group is considering a referendum to change County Administrator position to elective status instead of appointment by the Board. After reorganization in April, there are items that will need to be addressed that will significantly impact operations of the county. Veterans Nursing Home project meeting was held and various options are going to be explored, including working with Native American communities, as well as having someone other than state operate the potential home. Superior Days is February 28th - March 2nd.

The following appointments were recommended: **Speedway Contract Committee** - Keith Allen, Alan Jaques, Woody Budnick; **Highway Traffic Safety Commission** - Morris Luke to replace Greg Mattson; and add Marc Bowker as Alternate, both representing the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Motion by Stewart, second Hendrickson, to approve appointments. Motion carried.

Chair Finn introduced Karen Graff, Senator Russ Feingold's Wausau office representative. Graff briefly summarized Feingold's staff participation in assisting persons with their confusion over the new federal Medicare prescription drug plan. She encouraged individuals to contact her office with any problems, and to contact legislative representatives with any concerns. The 1% penalty will not be assessed if the individual continues secure coverage until such time as one chooses Medicare Part D, but it is important to keep documentation of current coverage which shows no need for Part D at this time. Conley strongly urged Graff to let Feingold know how important it is to work towards clean-up of the prescription drug program. Graff emphasized that Senator Feingold hears every day what calls come into his various offices, including the Wausau office. The Wausau office phone number is 715-848-5660.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allen reported Speedway Contract Committee met three times in the last two weeks. Progress is being made, and he reviewed the proposed contract changes that are being negotiated. Brief discussion followed regarding the Speedway choosing different sanctioned race association than what they have had. A meeting will be held with some drivers to get their input.

Thompson reported the POWTS subcommittee, along with Finn and Rannenberg, met with Department of Commerce Secretary and staff. It appears the presentation was well received, and Thompson will report any outcomes from that meeting.

Conley reported Health and Human Services Board changed regular meetings to 4:00 p.m., the second Wednesday of each month. Preliminary report on the 2005 budget balance, combined between the two departments, is roughly \$300,000 in the black. This projection should hold until the books are closed for the year.

Liebaert apologized to Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee members for not much information forthcoming in last three to four months. The committee will meet January 30th, 9:30 a.m., and the agenda will include a closed session.

K. Johnson reported Highway Committee will meet February 1, 9:30 a.m., due to issues that need to be discussed.

Ryan reported Land Records Committee is recommending to the Land and Development Committee, authorization of \$50,558.50 from Land Improvement Account for 911 grant match for aerial photography.

Martin reported Aging Resource Center served 104,333 meals, at ten different meals sites, in 2005.

Quam reported Aging Resource Center provided 12,531 rides in 2005, compared to 11,284 in 2004. A written review of the charge for rides and services was distributed to the County Board.

Quam reported City-County Committee met and discussed consolidation ideas for various county and city departments, as well as potential reduction in size of the County Board.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Knoll reported that Superior Days youth delegates selected two issues to bring to Madison: the Ballast Water Study and UW-Superior Academic Building. The Northwestern High School musical will be "Grease", performed on April 1st and 2nd.

Paine reported UW-Superior is back in session next week.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS: Motion by Baker, second Thompson, to approve bills and claims. Motion carried.

SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE WISCONSIN STATUTES

Motion by Browne, second Baker, to send “thank you” notes to Senator Feingold and Representative Obey for all the work they have done for Douglas County. Motion carried.

Browne clarified Representative Boyle’s position on the hydroelectric dam proposal at Pattison Park.

Hendrickson asked if the state will be mandating all municipalities to go with electronic voting. Sandvick explained the federal government is mandating that each polling site have an accessible piece of voting equipment to comply with HAVA.

Robinson recommended County Board members and citizens look at a new book titled Far Northwest Wisconsin.

McKenzie strongly recommended that the county begin dialogue with SWL&P on energy issues.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Baker, second James O’Brien, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:14 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, March 16, 2006.

Submitted by,

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