

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Thursday, April 13, 2006, 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 21 present, 6 absent. Absent and excused were Patricia Ryan, Susan Hendrickson, Jack Sweeney, Bob Browne (arrived 6:30 p.m.), Lew Martin (arrived 6:35 p.m.), Woody Budnick. Youth representative present was Caitlin Knoll.

Motion by Corbin, second Stewart, to approve minutes of the March 16, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Summons and Complaint by Attorney Dennis Cochrane on behalf of Shelli L. Bevington and Medica Insurance Company regarding alleged injuries sustained by Shelli L. Bevington and subrogation rights of Medica Insurance Company. This was already disallowed by the County Board. No action required at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Fourteen 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 Ellen Oaks, of the Veterans Services Office. Oaks was nominated by someone outside her department, for her dedication and commitment to work on behalf of area veterans. Jon Scheldroup, Veterans Service Officer, recognized Oaks as an employee who demonstrates sincere interest in serving the needs of veterans and their families. Oaks extended appreciation for both the nomination and the recognition.

Chair Finn recognized two outgoing County Board Supervisors - Patricia Ryan and Jan Jensen. Due to illness, Ryan was not able to attend the meeting. Finn read aloud Certificates of Appreciation for both Ryan and Jensen, noting their respective contributions to Douglas County. Accepting her Certificate of Appreciation, Jensen reflected on progress the county has made in several areas, and added that the public should understand that Douglas County has some very dedicated employees.

**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 April 11, 2006, on the following petitions for amendments of the county zoning district ordinance map:

- (1) Part of the E1/4 of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4, (Lyg S of Cty Rd W), Section 33, T48N-R15W, (TS-030-02175-01/County Road W), Town of Superior, from the F-1: Forestry zoning district to the R-1: Residential zoning district, by Brendon M. Stryhn, 1375 Pheasant Run, New Richmond, Wisconsin, from the March 8, 2006 hearing. Intended use: Residential/subdivision;
- (2) Part of the SE1/4 of the NW1/4, NE1/4 of the SW1/4, Part of the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 and in Part of the SE1/4 of the SW1/4, Section 22, T48N-R14W, (TS-030-001498-00, 1499-00, 1500-00, 1506-00), Town of Superior, from the R-2: Residential zoning district to the A-1: Agriculture zoning district, by Daniel L. & Theresa E. Lindberg, 3741 E. Burning Tree Dr., Superior, Wisconsin. Intended use: Livestock;
- ~~(3) Part of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4, Lot 2 of CSM Vol. 2, Pg. 100, Section 30, T48N-R12W, (AM-002-00730-02/County Road E), Town of Amnicon, by James Androski (owner), 10215 County Road H, Iron River, Wisconsin / Troy & Jennifer Worth of Worth Enterprise LLC (lessee). Intended use: Auto recycling (salvage) yard; and~~

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-4-13-06.

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 the respective town boards.

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

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6.		
7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Jaques		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Sweeney		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ Other _____		
Rev. 01-09-06		

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6.		
7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Jaques		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Sweeney		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend <u>  X  </u> Other _____		
Rev. 01-09-06		

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

(Committee Action: Zoning Committee will take action on these petitions on April 11, 2006)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by C. Johnson, second Thompson, to adopt. Motion by C. Johnson, second Liebaert, to amend the ordinance, deleting item three. Motion carried. Motion to adopt ordinance, as amended, carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #31-06  
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, on March 6, 13 and 20, 2006, 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:

\$ 1,600.00      PARCEL 1-06 - Part of the NW1/4 of SE1/4 described as follows: beginning at the center of Section 25, Township 43 North, of Range 12 West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian in Wisconsin, thence South twenty rods and all that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section Twenty-Five lying West of the State Road, and beginning at a point thirty-six rods South of the North line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the said Section Twenty-Five, thence East fifty rods, thence South sixteen rods, thence West to East line of State Road, thence North on East line of State Road sixteen rods to place of beginning, Section 25-43-12, Town of Wascott, (WA-032-01308-00), from Jon B. St. Aubin, Timothy A. St. Aubin, Mark L. St. Aubin, and Glen W. St. Aubin. Intended use: Home construction.

\$ 2,252.00      PARCEL 2-06 - That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 47 North, Range 11 West, Douglas County, Wisconsin, described as follows: beginning at a point 280 feet West and 30 feet North of the Southeast corner of said SE1/4 of SW1/4; thence North a distance of 250 feet; thence West a distance of 380 feet to a point distant 660 feet West and 250 feet North of the Southeast corner of said SE1/4 of SW1/4; thence South a distance of 250 feet; thence East a distance of 380 feet to the point of beginning, except that portion described as: that part of SE1/4 of SW1/4, commencing at a point 280 feet West and 30 feet North of SE corner of said SE1/4 of SW1/4 as a place of beginning; thence North-150 feet, thence West-350 feet, thence South-150 feet, thence East-350 feet to the point of beginning, Village of Lake Nebagamom, (LN-146-00308-00), from Donald L. Harvey, Sr., and Bonnie S. Harvey. Intended use: Building site.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6.		
7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Jaques		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Sweeney		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost        _____ Refer        _____ Amend       _____ Other        _____		
Rev. 01-09-06		

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6.		
7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Jaques		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Sweeney		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
Rev. 01-09-06		

\$ 1,000.00 PARCEL 3-06 - Lots 27 and 28, Block 13, Oliver Industrial Center, Section 7-48-14, Village of Oliver, (OL-165-01839-00), from Melvin H. Krause and Linda J. Krause. Intended use: Residential.

\$ 8,600.00 PARCEL 4-06 - Block 49, East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Townsite of Superior, City of Superior (vicinity of 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street), (10-810-00611-00), from PAS Tyme Ltd. Intended use: Residential.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by \$13,452.00)

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

**RESOLUTION #32-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE**

Subject: Lease Agreement Renewal

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approve renewal of lease agreement with Terry Priem, as set forth in Exhibit C-4-13-06.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
(Fiscal Note: \$3,500.00 revenue over 5-year period)

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

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6.		
7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Jaques		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Sweeney		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
Rev. 01-09-06		

**RESOLUTION #33-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE**

Subject: Transfer Ownership of Property to Adjacent Owner

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendations of the Land and Development Committee and transfer the following described property to the adjacent property owner, Donna C. Sorenson:

Parcel #PA-024-00038-00, Part of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, lying Northeast of railroad, Section 2-47-13, Town of Parkland. (2.8 acres)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Douglas County is transferring any interest it may have in the above property due to the taking of a tax deed in 1937, and the subsequent and ongoing use of the property by the Sorenson family, as well as payment of real estate taxes on the above property by the Sorenson family.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Egan, to adopt. Sandvick explained the situation that stemmed from a 1936 tax deed. Motion carried.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6.		
7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Jaques		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Sweeney		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
Rev. 01-09-06		

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6.		
7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Jaques		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Sweeney		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend <u>  X  </u> Other _____		
Rev. 01-09-06		

**RESOLUTION #34-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Subject: True North TV Coverage Expansion Supported

WHEREAS, Northwest Wisconsin has for many years been denied access to local and state of Wisconsin television coverage of news, sports, current events, political activities, etc., and

WHEREAS, television coverage for the 10-Northwestern Wisconsin County region has historically originated in Duluth, Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, there now exists television coverage for the 10-County region that is Wisconsin based via True North TV in Ashland, Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors hereby strongly urges Direc TV, Dish Network, and all cable television providers to permit subscribers in the 10-County Northwest Wisconsin Region, access to True North TV.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, certified copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Feingold, Senator Kohl, Representative Obey, State Senator Jauch, State Representative Boyle, and headquarter offices of relevant cable and satellite television companies.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

(Fiscal Note: None)

**ACTION:** Motion by Quam, second K. Johnson, to adopt. Motion by Liebaert, second Baker, to amend resolution and have it sponsored by entire County Board. Motion carried. Brief discussion. Motion to adopt resolution, as amended, carried.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6.		
7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Jaques		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Sweeney		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
Rev. 01-09-06		

**RESOLUTION #35-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Reauthorization

WHEREAS, the County of Douglas is a qualified political subdivision of the State of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Act (Act) provides that employers covered by the Act either insure their liability with worker's compensation insurance carriers authorized to do business in Wisconsin, or to be exempted (self-insured) from insuring liabilities with a carrier and thereby assuming the responsibility for its own worker's compensation risk and payment, and

WHEREAS, the State and its political subdivisions may self-insure worker's compensation without a special order from the Department of Workforce Development (Department) if they agree to report faithfully all compensable injuries and agree to comply with the Act and rules of the Department, and

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee, at its April 6, 2006, meeting, approved the continuation of the self-insured Worker's Compensation Program, in compliance with Wisconsin Administrative Code DWD 80.60(3).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows:

- (1) Provide for the continuation of a self-insured Worker's Compensation Program that is currently in effect; and
- (2) Authorize Susan T. Sandvick, Douglas County Clerk, to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Worker's Compensation Division, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

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

**ACTION:** Motion by Egan, second Thompson, to adopt. Motion carried.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6.		
7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Jaques		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Sweeney		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed _____ Lost _____ Refer <u>  X  </u> Amend _____ Other _____		
Rev. 01-09-06		

**RESOLUTION #36-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Short-Term Disability Insurance Discontinued

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approves discontinuance of the Group Short-Term Disability Insurance program offering to Douglas County employees effective December 31, 2006.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Quam, to adopt. Motion by Corbin, second Baker, to refer this resolution back to the Administration Committee. Koszarek stated it was not his intent that this resolution go to the Board at this time; there needs to be some discussion with labor. Motion to refer carried.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6.		
7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Conley		
12. Jaques		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Sweeney		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Jensen		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
Rev. 01-09-06		

**RESOLUTION #37-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Elected Officials Salaries Established

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and establish the following salary schedule for elected officials:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Sheriff	\$66,978	\$68,653	\$70,369	\$72,128
Clerk of Courts	\$49,239	\$50,470	\$51,732	\$53,026
Treasurer	\$49,239	\$50,470		
Register of Deeds	\$49,239	\$50,470		
County Clerk	\$49,239	\$50,470		

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
(Fiscal Note: 2.5% annual salary increase)

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

**RESOLUTION #38-06**  
**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:

Sheriff's Department \$274,851 (J.E. #126535 to record grant revenue and expenditures for boat, LETPP equipment, and dive equipment)

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

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

**ACTION:** Motion by Allen, second Stewart, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 21 Yes, 0 No, 6 Absent. Absent were Budnick, Ryan, Browne, Martin, Sweeney, Hendrickson.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn	X	
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John	X	
4. Glenn	X	
5. Baker	X	
6.		
7. Livingston	X	
8. Martin		
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		
17. Egan	X	
18. Allen	X	
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay	X	
22. Thompson	X	
23. Corbin	X	
24. Liebaert	X	
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol	X	
27. Stewart	X	
28. Jensen	X	
Roll: Ayes <u>  21  </u> Noes <u>  0  </u> Absent <u>  6  </u> Abstain <u>  0  </u>  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost <u>      </u> Refer <u>      </u> Amend <u>      </u> Other <u>      </u>		
Rev. 01-09-06		

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Report was distributed. Koszarek asked that all Supervisors, newly elected or not, consider attending the training session on Tuesday, April 18th, from 1 to 5 p.m. It is not only informational, but a good time to discuss departmental operations and the roles and responsibilities of both elected officials and department heads. Department Heads are to attend the training in lieu of the regularly scheduled Department Head meeting.

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS:** Chair Finn is considering April 27<sup>th</sup> for a Committee of the Whole meeting to hear the presentation on methamphetamine problem. If the date changes, he will let everyone know. Comprehensive Planning Grant was not awarded to Douglas County, but there may be opportunities in the next round of applications. The Comprehensive Plan needs to move forward, so a committee consisting of rural Douglas County residents may be formed. Also, next Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, is the reorganization meeting at 6 p.m.

The following appointment was recommended: **Christine Ostern, Chair, Hog Island Committee.** Motion by McKenzie, second Corbin, to approve appointment. Motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

John O'Brien reported Chief Deputy Law presented the security plan to the Buildings & Grounds Committee this morning. The committee approved Law move forward with purchase of the equipment and systems.

McKenzie reported Hog Island Committee met, and noted Ostern did a great job. McKenzie added that Ostern also conducted a workshop on wetlands recently, which was well received. The workshop will be repeated next Wednesday, with a morning session and an afternoon session. Interested County Board members and their town/village representatives are encouraged to attend.

Liebaert reported the Spring Loggers Conference is April 19<sup>th</sup>, at the St. Croix Inn, Solon Springs.

C. Johnson reported Zoning Committee met and this is a busy time of year for permitting.

Thompson reported POWTS subcommittee met and a reply from Department of Commerce has been received and reflects what the committee expected. POWTS will continue to move forward with development of alternative systems that would be acceptable.

K. Johnson reported Highway Committee did not meet in April, but will meet May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Martin reported that at a conference today, Supervisor Bob Browne was elected President of Region 4 for the UW-Extension System. Browne summarized how important UW-Extension is to all citizens of Douglas County, and encouraged County Board members to visit the Douglas County UW-Extension Office to see first hand the myriad of programs and services offered.

McKenzie thanked former County Board Supervisor Eckman for his work on the Land Conservation Committee, and encouraged interested Supervisors to consider an appointment to the committee.

C. Johnson reported on the Nutrition Committee meeting. She recognized the work of Grace Gee and her staff who provide valuable information and education to the schools.

Allen reported that either Mosinee or Wausau Paper is looking to sell some of the 100,000 plus acres in Douglas County. The county retained the hunting and fishing rights to a lot of the Mosinee land for the public, and there is a value to those rights. Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee approved forming a subcommittee to establish a value on the hunting and fishing rights. Liebaert added that Forestry Department staff looked to see if there was paper company land that the county may be interested in trading off for these rights. That list has been developed along with the maps. The paper company's website shows the potential land sales planned for the next three years.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

Knoll reported that last Friday and Saturday, 22 students traveled to the state forensic competition in Madison. All three performances of the school's musical production were a sellout. Spring sports have started. Next Wednesday, the Superior/Douglas County Youth Leadership Program participants are traveling to Disneyworld to participate in Disney sponsored leadership activities. This will be Knoll's second year in the program.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

Motion by Baker, second Jaques, to approve. Motion carried.

**SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE WISCONSIN STATUTES:**

Comprehensive Plan Set-Aside Funds: Since the grant was not received, the county's set-aside funds will most likely go back into the General Fund. A task force to study the current plan and provide direction for the county would be helpful. Chair Finn indicated the Department of Administration is going to let him know the strengths and weakness of the county's application.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Jensen, second James O'Brien, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:50 p.m. Reorganization meeting - Tuesday, April 18, 2006. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday May 18, 2006.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick  
Douglas County Clerk