

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, June 15, 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 27 present, 1 absent. Absent was Baker (arrived 6:03 p.m.) Youth representatives Knoll and Schiff present.

Motion by James O'Brien, second Jaques, to approve minutes of the May 18, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Seventeen 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

Chair Finn presented Supervisor Browne with the 2006 "Celebrate Lake Superior Day" Proclamation, which takes place the third Sunday of July each year. Browne was recognized for his contributions to ensuring the quality of Lake Superior for future generations. In accepting the Proclamation, Browne announced the celebration festivities will be at Barker's Island, and will include Superior Middle School students reciting their essays on the importance of Lake Superior.

Douglas County Sheriff's Rescue Squad Coordinator Dan Parkinson distributed photos of the squad's vehicles to demonstrate their poor and unsafe condition. Parkinson summarized the history of the Rescue Squad's vehicles, noting replacement parts are often not available and maintenance consumes about 1/3 of the Squad's budget. The Squad is requesting assistance from the county in locating used/trade-in vehicles, from county departments. The impact of losing two towing vehicles and the need to access the county's fueling sites were discussed. The Law Enforcement Committee has left the decision on use of the fueling sites, and required vehicle fueling rings, to the Sheriff. Brief discussion followed on the condition of a Forestry Department '98 Chevy truck, which would need \$6,000 to \$8,000 of work and equipment to be useable. Liebaert stated his intention to recommend to the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee, at their June 26th meeting, that the truck be donated to the Squad, rather than asking \$3,500 trade-in value.

As far as the FEMA grant, Parkinson stated they have not heard back yet, and further, the Squad did not know they needed approval from the county to apply for the grant. The grant is an unlimited, 90/10 grant. As an example, a \$110,000 rescue vehicle grant would require \$11,000 from the Rescue Squad budget, which is almost half their budget. It was recommended that the Squad develop a prioritized list of items needed for budget meetings. Organizations, townships, villages or individuals who have potential trade vehicles, are asked to contact Dan Parkinson at 394-2063.

There are also state auction listings that may have vehicles available. Chair Finn advised Parkinson, that if the FEMA grant comes through, Parkinson bring the 10% county share to the Administration Committee for funding consideration.

It may be helpful for Parkinson to make a presentation to the City Council regarding the vehicle situation. It was noted that the Rescue Squad is no longer nonprofit status, but gets a budget from the county. The July Law Enforcement Committee agenda will include Rescue Squad items. Egan suggested that, at budget proposal time, the Squad's budget be a separate item from the Sheriff's Department. Discussion followed. Chair Finn thanked Parkinson and the Rescue Squad for their work, and stated he'll see that lines of communication stay open.

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 June 8, 2006, on the following petitions for amendments of the county zoning district ordinance map:

- (1) Lots 1-3 Incl., Blk. 20, South Range First Division, Section 27, T48N-R13W, (PA-024-01453-00/6215 E County Road C), Town of Parkland, from the R-2: Residential zoning district to the C-1: Commercial zoning district, by Steven B. Olson, P.O. Box 11, South Range, Wisconsin. Intended use: General store;
- (2) NE1/4 of the NW1/4, Part of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4, Part of the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 and the SE1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 31, T44N-R10W, (GO-012-00616-00, 00617-00, 00618-00, 00619-00/off County Road Y), Town of Gordon, from the F-1: Forestry zoning district to the RR-1: Residential-Recreation zoning district, by Pete Mataya and Mary Ann Ulishney, P.O. Box 291, Gordon, Wisconsin. Intended use: Residential development;
- (3) Lots 1-6 Incl. and Lots 8-15 Incl., Bird Sanctuary Estates, Section 12, T44N-R12W, (SO-026-01769-00, 01770-00, 01771-00, 01772-00, 01773-00, 01774-00, 01776-00, 01777-00, 01778-00, 01779-00, 01780-00, 01781-00, 01782-00, 01783-00/off US Highway 53), Town of Solon Springs, from the R-2: Residential zoning district to the R-1: Residential zoning district, by Pollock Lake LLC, etal, (Richard Edwards, Jessie Edwards, Eric Finstad and Jim Pettit), P.O. Box 75, Gordon, Wisconsin. Intended use: Residential homes;
- (4) NE1/4 of the SW1/4, Section 14, T47N-R13W, (OA-022-00509-00/Swamp Road), Town of Oakland, from the F-1: Forestry zoning district to the A-1: Agriculture zoning district, by David & Barbara Stock, 5603 S Swamp Rd., South Range, Wisconsin. Intended use: Residential, horses and animals;

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- (5) Part of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 14, T48N-R13W, (PA-024-00281-00/State Highway 13), Town of Parkland, from the A-1: Agriculture zoning district to the C-1: Commercial zoning district, by Jeffrey & Tarah Nichols, 606 E 2nd St., Superior, Wisconsin. Intended use: Woodworking shop; and
- (6) Part of the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 12, T45N-R12W, (SO-026-00829-00/Wasko Rd), Town of Solon Springs, from the R-2: Residential zoning district to the F-1: Forestry zoning district, by Steve & Judy Fortuna, 9556 E Wasko Rd., Solon Springs, Wisconsin (owners) / Roffers Construction Co., Inc., 404 12th Ave W, Ashland, Wisconsin. Intended use: Quarry-sand pit.

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-6-06.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendations 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.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by C. Johnson, second Stewart, to adopt. Brief discussion. Motion carried.

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #1.18
MEDICAL CARE TO PRISONERS
PRESENTED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

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

SECTION III. INABILITY OF PRISONER TO PAY FOR COST OF CARE.

It shall be presumed that a prisoner is able to pay for the cost of medical care if his income ~~and assets~~ exceeds the financial eligibility standards established by the State of Wisconsin for AFDC-**Related, categorically needy** eligibility. In making a determination as to the financial ability of a prisoner to pay for the cost of his medical care, the income of a prisoner shall be counted for thirty (30) days prior to the first date of medical treatment. Douglas County shall not pay the cost of medical and hospital care provided to a prisoner outside of the Jail who exceeds such financial ability of a prisoner to pay for the cost of medical and hospital care. The Douglas County Sheriff or an employee of Douglas County may require a prisoner to complete an ~~AFDC~~ application form. In the absence of such a completed form, Douglas county may rely on any other information which is available as to the prisoner's present income ~~and assets~~, including, but not limited to, the prisoner's application for representation through the Wisconsin Public Defender's Office. This ordinance shall not diminish the rights of Douglas County to collect any amount paid on behalf of the prisoner for medical or hospital care from the prisoner or his or her estate in the future.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by Martin, second Robinson, to adopt. This amendment simply changes the wording to the current criteria for the needy in terms of the medical care. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #52-06
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, on May 8, 15, and 22, 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:

\$ 2,500.00 PARCEL 10-06 - Lot 14, Block 189, West Superior Seventh Division, (previously known as 1827 Tower Avenue), (07-807-00656-00), City of Superior, from Lawrence J. and Mary T. O'Shaughnessy. Intended use: Storage;

\$ 2,850.00 PARCEL 12-06 - Lot 6, West 1' of North 56' of Lot 7, and West 8' of South 64' of Lot 7, Block 1, Catlin's Division of West Superior, (previously known as 712 Winter Street), (05-805-02455-00), City of Superior, from Kraig L. Reed. Intended use: Yard and off-street parking;

\$ 3,171.81 PARCEL 13-06 - Lot 13, Crystal Lake Shores, Section 26-43-13, Town of Wascott, (WA-032-02362-00), from Leonard T. Eichner, Jr. Intended use: Home site, (NOTE: Consideration was given to the former owner in awarding this parcel to the lower bidder for the amount of delinquent taxes owing against the property); and

WHEREAS, the following parcel of land was also previously advertised on the dates indicated, in accordance with Section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bid received is as follows:

~~\$ 2,000.00~~ PARCEL 16-05 (April 4, 11, 18, 2005)- N-1/2 of N1/2
\$ 2,001.00 of SW1/4 of SE1/4, Section 33-48-15, Town of Superior, (TS-030-02201-00), from N.R.L.L. East, LLC, a Florida limited liability company. Intended use: Investment.

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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 June, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
 (Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by ~~\$10,521.81~~ **10,522.81**)

ACTION: Motion by Budnick, second McKenzie, to amend resolution and add \$1 to amount listed for Parcel #16-05. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution, as amended, carried.

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**RESOLUTION #53-06
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Subject: Environmental Clean-Up of Former Mobil Station Site

WHEREAS, Resolution #4-04, adopted by the Douglas County Board on January 15, 2004, approved an Environmental Consulting Services Agreement with MSA Professional Services, to include sampling of monitor wells and site closure, for property Douglas County took by tax deed located in the Village of Solon Springs and formerly operated as a Mobil Service Station, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin DNR has indicated that because of lead detection at one of the monitoring wells, site closure would only be allowed if the owner of the property agreed to restrict the future property use to industrial, and

WHEREAS, since this is not a practical use of this property and severely restricts future property use, MSA indicated that this option was not feasible, and

WHEREAS, MSA met with the Land and Development Committee and reviewed options, recommending a soil "hot spot" excavation in the subject area, and

WHEREAS, this action is not within the original scope of work as approved by the County Board and PECFA program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendations of the Land and Development Committee and authorizes MSA Professional Services to proceed with a limited soil excavation and prepare a second closure request on this site, submitting a scope of work proposal and cost estimate to the PECFA program for funding approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the estimated costs of \$8,500.00 for the additional scope of work fall within the previously approved budget of \$36,200.00 (with \$35,000.00 in costs eligible for PECFA reimbursement).

Dated this 15th day of June, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: No additional impact; within previously approved budget)

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

RESOLUTION #54-06
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE AND THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Tax Deed Cancellation / Withdrawal from County
Forest Land

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and cancel the tax deed taken on October 19, 1999, as Document Number 714621, on Parcel Number SU-028-00253-00, described as SW1/4 of the SW1/4, Section 34-45-14, Town of Summit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a request be made to the Wisconsin DNR to withdraw this parcel from County Forest Land.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that this action is being taken due to the fact that this parcel, owned by U. S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, was not subject to taxation, was incorrectly placed on the tax roll by the Assessor for the township, and should not have been subject to a tax deed, or subsequent entry into County Forest land.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2006.

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

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

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Roll: Ayes <u> 27 </u> Noes <u> 0 </u> Absent <u> 0 </u> Abstain <u> 1 </u> Ritscher Passed <u> X </u> Lost <u> </u> Refer <u> </u> Amend <u> </u> Other <u> </u>		
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RESOLUTION #55-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Security Access Device Purchase Authorized

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and authorize the Information Services Department to purchase a security access device at a cost of approximately \$17,000.00 to be jointly funded with the City of Superior.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$8,602.00 is authorized from the Information Services fund balance for the Douglas County share.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Reduce Information Services fund balance by \$8,602.00)
(Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)

ACTION: Motion by Hendrickson, second McKenzie, to adopt. Information Services Director David Dusek explained the security device, which is a firewall for computer services, to protect the county's assets. This is a capital outlay item and that is why it has to come to the board. Roll call vote taken and passed with 27 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention. Abstaining was Ritscher.

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RESOLUTION #56-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Buildings and Grounds Department Interim Manager
 Wage Adjustment

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and authorize a 3% wage adjustment for Dennis Arras, Interim Manager of the Buildings and Grounds Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the wage adjustment will be retroactive to April 1, 2006 and continue through December 31, 2006.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
 (Fiscal Note: \$1,503 including fringes)

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Robinson, to adopt. Brief discussion. Motion by Egan, second Quam, to refer the resolution to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #57-06
RESOLUTION BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

Subject: 2005 Assembly Bill 756 Opposed

WHEREAS, 2005 AB 756 would require each county to establish a separate levy for patrol and investigative services of its Sheriff's Department, and

WHEREAS, 2005 AB 756 would exempt from that levy for Sheriff's Department patrol and investigative services, any municipality or group of municipalities with a population of 10,000, if that municipality or group of municipalities provides 24-hour law enforcement patrol and investigative services to the residents thereof, and

WHEREAS, 2005 AB 756 would prohibit, after the effective date of the legislation, any increase in that levy for Sheriff's Department patrol and investigative services upon any non-exempt municipality that has a police department that provides patrol and investigative services, and

WHEREAS, 2005 AB 756 disregards the constitutional responsibility of the Sheriff to enforce the law throughout the county; ignores the multi-jurisdictional nature of traffic law enforcement; jeopardizes public safety by encouraging small municipalities to create separate police agencies of limited capabilities; and, encourages fragmentation of public safety services, and

WHEREAS, 2005 AB 756 will have the effect of shifting to small municipalities the cost of law enforcement services that benefit all county residents and that have historically been shared by all county municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes 2005 AB 756 and any other legislation that would shift Sheriff's Department patrol and investigative costs to small municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this resolution, copies to be forwarded to Governor James Doyle, Senator Robert Jauch, Representative Frank Boyle, Wisconsin Counties Association, and all Wisconsin counties.

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

ACTION: Motion by Glenn, second Stewart, to adopt. Allen stated as a city resident, he favors the bill, and prefers to table this resolution rather than support legislation that pits city against county. It was noted that this bill would add budgetary stress to smaller municipalities already stressed financially. Brief discussion. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #58-06
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: County Forest Law Application

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and authorizes application to the State of Wisconsin to enter the following described property into Special Use under County Forest Law:

Town of Gordon, Township 44 North, Range 12 West

SECTION 26 - PART OF NESW, PART OF SWSW

SECTION 27 - SWSW, SESW, SWSE

SECTION 28 - SESW, SWSE

SECTION 29 - NESW, NESE, NWSE

SECTION 30 - SWSW, SESW, NESE, NWSE, SWSE, SESE

SECTION 34 - PART OF NENE

SECTION 35 - NWNW, PART OF SWSW, NWSW

SECTION 32 - PART OF SWSE, N ½ SESE

SECTION 33 - PART OF SWSW, PART OF SESE, PART OF SWSE, E 820' LYG N OF CTH "Y"

SECTION 34 - PART OF NESE, PART OF NWSW, PART OF ½ OF SWSW, LYG N OF CTH "Y"

SECTION 33 - PART OF SWSE, LOT #1, CERT MAP, P6.89 VL 2

SECTION 35 - NWSW

SECTION 34 - PART OF SESE

TOTAL ACRES: 938.36

Dated this 15th day of June, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Glenn		
5. Baker		
6. Ritscher		
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. Miller		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Budnick		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Graven		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____ Passed <u> X </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
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ACTION: Motion by Liebaert, second John O'Brien, to adopt. Liebaert explained that the forest management will not change, but this cleans-up some things done when the Gordon Dam was constructed. It doesn't prevent harvesting timber if any is found. Motion carried.

Motion by Prettie, second Corbin, to remove from the table Resolution #59-06. Roll call vote taken and failed by a vote of 7 Yes, 20 No, 1 Abstention. Voting yes were Baker, Ritscher, Livingston, Prettie, Conley, Corbin, Liebaert. Abstaining was Quam.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Short term disability is still in discussion stage. Reclassification requests under consideration. As of last Friday, the jail received 30 state prisoners.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS

No appointments. Chair Finn stated that he, C. Johnson, Steve Rannenber, Bob Browne, and Jason Lauman (NWRPC), met with two Wisconsin Department of Administration representatives, to identify weaknesses of Douglas County's past Comprehensive Planning grant applications. The information will help improve chances for grant approval. One weakness has been the absence of utilizing a special citizen committee and public meetings to collect information and data. Chair Finn will begin advertising for interested citizens to serve on a committee, with a goal of starting meetings in August. The Comprehensive Plan must be completed by January 1, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

C. Johnson advised municipalities that have questions on zoning issues to contact Rannenber in the Zoning Department. Also, the County Organizational Study Group has met twice, and David Podratz was elected Co-chair. Members are receiving a myriad of data and information to assist with meeting the Study Groups goals and objectives in a timely manner. Caitlin Knoll was applauded for her graduation from Northwestern High School, in addition to award of recent scholarships.

K. Johnson reported that she attended the State Highway Association Convention this week, and will provide the Highway Committee with important information received during the events.

Egan reported Administration Committee met with auditors regarding the 2005 audit of county financial records. Auditors indicated the county is on solid ground, with only one minor management point that will be corrected. Finance Director Doucette and staff received excellent reviews from the auditors.

Conley reported Health and Human Services Board met last night, and budgets are looking good. County Board members were invited to attend presentations by Health and Human Services staff, at a meeting scheduled for June 28th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Liebaert reported Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee will meet next Monday. Interviews for Forestry Department Director have been completed, and a decision on follow-up interviews has not yet been made. Highway 2 project that had people upset, is not going to be adverse to the corridor or Poplar. It looks to be a win-win situation.

Quam reported City-County Committee will meet July 10, and Liebaert will be on the agenda to discuss the landfill.

Robinson reported Veterans Commission will meet July 21, 4:30 p.m. Information will be provided on the theft of Veterans Administration federal data disk.

McKenzie reported on the emerald ash bore problem, which destroys black ash trees, and suggested the county's forester and DNR be proactive to avoid the problem moving into Douglas County.

Robinson reported he is going to the WCFA meeting, and the ash bore problem is on the agenda. He'll bring back information for the Forestry Department.

Thompson reported POWTS is looking for funding for demonstration of alternative septic systems.

Hendrickson encouraged towns to get their recycling grant applications submitted to the county.

Glenn reported that Buildings and Grounds Committee met and decided to leave the tree on the west side of the Courthouse, but just remove the lights.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Schiff reported school year was completed last week. She also gave an update on the condition of a fellow student who was in a serious car accident. It was noted the school referendum failed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Egan, second Thompson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, July 20, 2006.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk