

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Thursday, August 17, 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 Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Westman. There were 24 present, 3 absent. Absent and excused were Adam Ritscher, Susan Hendrickson. Absent was Keith Allen (arrived 6:08 p.m.). UW-S representative Paine was present. Youth representatives Knoll and Schiff were absent.

Motion by James O'Brien, second Corbin, to approve minutes of the July 20, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Youth Representative Caitlin Knoll and UW-Superior student representative James Paine were honored with Certificates of Recognition for their active participation on the County Board. Knoll was unable to attend the meeting, but had asked Chair Finn to read a letter to the Board which she had sent.

Noting that Douglas County is one of the few counties to have both high school and university representatives appointed to the County Board, Chair Finn read and presented the Certificate of Recognition to James Paine, UW-Superior student representative. Paine addressed the Board and thanked them for the acceptance of student input.

Wimme thanked the board for affording the high school students the educational experience of participating in county government. There was training this week for the five new high school student representatives who will join second term Youth Representative Lindsey Schiff beginning in September. This year their participation will include assignment to a committee as well.

Health and Human Services Department Deputy Directors Kate Peterson and Deborah Clasen presented an overview of the department's preparedness training. An informational packet had been distributed with the County Board's agenda. The Health Department is in year three of preparedness, and Clasen briefly summarized the training and preparedness Douglas County has completed. Douglas County is one of several counties in a consortium for mutual aid. September 26<sup>th</sup> is the exercise on interpharmaceutical supply preparedness for eleven counties and four tribes. Critical infrastructure personnel will be part of the exercise. There are established state, regional and local chains of command, and FEMA is not included. Conley stated that he does not want to

see Douglas County and the State of Wisconsin caught off guard in a natural disaster after all the work that has gone into this preparedness program. Discussion followed on essential services identification.

Peterson summarized the preparedness Human Services staff have conducted, namely the SIMS training. Informational packets for preparedness have been sent to foster homes, day care centers, etc., to let people start putting their own plans in place in case of a major emergency. The continuity of operations plan, based on the 40% staffing formula, is a work-in-progress, in addition to development of a plan for special needs populations in case of pandemic, natural disaster, or other major event.

## **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 August 9, 2006, on the following petitions for amendments of the county zoning district ordinance map:

- (1) SW1/4 of the SE1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 31, T46N-R10W, (HI-016-01033-00/9360 S County Road S), Town of Highland, from the F-1: Forestry zoning district to the C-1: Commercial zoning district, by the Town of Highland, c/o 9604 S Sandmon Road, Lake Nebagamon, Wisconsin. Intended use: Town Hall/Fire Hall;
- (2) Part of the E1/2 of the E1/2 of the NE1/4, N of RR, Section 31, T48N-R12W, (Pt. AM-002-00733-00/7566 E County Road E), Town of Amnicon, from the I-1 Industrial zoning district to the R-1: Residential zoning district, by James & Carol Androski, 10215 County Road H, Iron River, Wisconsin. Intended use: Existing residential; and
- (3) ~~Lots 1-24 Incl., Blk 1; Lots 1-24 Incl., Blk. 2; Lots 1-24 Incl., Blk. 3; Lots 1-24 Incl., Blk. 4; Lots 1-24 Incl., Blk. 5; Lots 1-24, Incl., Blk. 6; Lots 1-8 Incl., Blk. 7; Lots 17-24, Incl., Blk. 7; Lots 1-8, Incl., Blk. 8; Lots 17-24 Incl., Blk. 8 in Coburn's Division #1 of East Superior, Section 14, T48N-R13W, (PA-024-00784-00, 00785, 00786, 00787, 00788, 00789, 00790, 00791, 00792, 00793, 00794, 00795, 00796 & 00797/State Highway 13), Town of Parkland, from the A-1: Agriculture zoning district to the C-1: Commercial zoning district, by Charlene Kastern (seller), Superior, Wisconsin / Daniel & Sarah Goodwin (buyers), South Range, Wisconsin. Intended use: Tavern & restaurant.~~

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the notice of the public hearing, proof of giving notice to the town clerks of the hearing, and letters of approval from the towns, are as shown in Exhibit A-8-06.

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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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second C. Johnson, to adopt. Motion by C. Johnson, second Baker, to amend ordinance and refer item number 3 back to Zoning Committee. Motion carried. Motion to adopt ordinance, as amended, carried.

## **PLATS**

Approval of Preliminary Plat of Bird Sanctuary Estates First Addition for Pollock Lake, LLC (Richard Edwards, Erik Finstad, James Pettit and Jessie Edwards), by Norb Rehder, located in the SW1/4 of Section 12, T44N-R12W, (Being Lots 1-6 Incl., and Lots 8-15 Incl. of the County Plat of Bird Sanctuary Estates), Town of Solon Springs. Motion by C. Johnson, second Thompson, to approve. Motion carried.

Approval of Preliminary Plat of Highlands of the Brule River by Norb Rehder for Pat Edwards, located in Pt. of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 1, T47N-R10W, Town of Brule. Motion by C. Johnson, second Thompson, to approve. K. Johnson stated the name may change. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #72-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE**

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, on July 3, 10, and 17, 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:

- \$ 2,002.00    PARCEL 24-06 - Lots 219, 221 and 223, except right-of-way, Townsite of Superior West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, (01-801-02683-00 and PT 01-801-02685-00), City of Superior, from Arnold & Jane Prochazka. Intended use: Adjacent property owner;
- \$ 2,000.00    PARCEL 25-06 - Lot 6 and Lots 11 through 13, Block 3, Central Business Addition to Carnegie, Section 13-48-15, (OL-165-01168-00, PT OL-165-01166-00), Village of Oliver, from Jason and Christa Kalin. Intended use: Adjacent property owner; and
- \$ 10,000.00    PARCEL 27-06 - Lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 10, Fairmount Park Addition to West Superior, (09-809-03862-00), City of Superior, from Superior Water Light & Power Company. Intended use: Build electric substation.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by \$14,002.00)

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

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**RESOLUTION #73-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISORS ALLEN AND FINN**

Subject: Transfer of Ownership of Property to  
 Village of Solon Springs

WHEREAS, Douglas County is currently in the process of remediation of property located in the Village of Solon Springs, known as the former Bednar Mobil Station, and will be applying for site closure after a "hot spot" excavation has been completed, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Solon Springs is concerned with the condition of the building located at the site and would like to pursue demolition and redevelopment of the property, and

WHEREAS, the Land and Development Committee has taken action to transfer the property to the village, upon site closure, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Solon Springs would like to obtain ownership at this time, in order to move forward with grant applications for demolition, and

WHEREAS, transfer of ownership of the property at this time, will not affect the county's remediation or eligibility for PECFA reimbursement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendations of Supervisors Allen and Finn and transfer ownership of the following described property to the Village of Solon Springs:

Lots 4 -6 Inclusive, Block 1, Charles Lord's Addition to White Birch, Section 26-45-12, Village of Solon Springs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to execute a Quit Claim Deed on the above described property.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Stewart, second Quam, to adopt. The county will still have some liability, but will be working together with the Village of Solon Springs on any issues or problems. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #74-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Health and Human Services Position Upgrades

RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendations of the Administration Committee and approves the following position upgrades effective July 1, 2006.

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| (1) | Department: Health & Human Services<br>Position: Child and Family Services Supervisor<br><br>Request: Reclass from C51 to C52<br>Cost: \$749.96<br>Committee Action: Unanimous |
| (2) | Department: Health & Human Services<br>Position: LTS Adult Services Supervisor<br>Request: Reclass from C51 to C52<br>Cost: -0-<br>Committee Action: Unanimous                 |

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
 (Fiscal Note: \$749.96)

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

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**RESOLUTION #75-06**

**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Non-Represented Employee Retirement Payout and Post-Retirement Health Insurance Options Amended

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve amendment to the Non-Represented Employee Retirement Payout and Post-Retirement Health Insurance options as set forth in Exhibit E-8-06.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by K. Johnson, second Corbin, to adopt. Sweeney asked if the choice is irrevocable until open enrollment occurs again. Koszarek stated that is right. Asked if the employee can change the percentage or has to keep their first choice for the remainder of county employment, Doucette stated she believes it can be increased during employment, but not decreased. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Worker's Compensation Policy Amended

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve amendment to the Worker's Compensation Policy as set forth in Exhibit F-8-06.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

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

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Roll: Ayes <u>  25  </u> Noes <u>    0  </u> Absent <u>    2  </u> Ritscher, Hendrickson Abstain <u>      </u>  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost <u>      </u> Refer <u>      </u> Amend <u>      </u> Other <u>      </u>		
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**RESOLUTION #77-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Subject: Budgetary Transfers

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

- (1) Highway \$5,000,000.00 (J.E. #129314  
To recognize revenue source for highway reconstruction and construction projects due to bond funding, and investment and assets); and
- (2) Register of Deeds \$4,770.00 (J.E.#129312  
Software to scan plats. Funds to come from Register of Deeds computer reserve).

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
(Fiscal Note: Reduce ROD computer reserve by \$4,770.00)

**ACTION:** Motion by Baker, second Corbin, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 25 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent. Absent were Hendrickson and Ritscher.

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**RESOLUTION #78-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Jail Accounts Receivable Policy

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Law Enforcement Committee and Administration Committee and approve a Jail Accounts Receivable write-off policy as set forth in Exhibit G-8-06.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Approximately \$5,000 per year of bad debt expense)

**ACTION:** Motion by James O'Brien, second Stewart, to adopt. Doucette explained the audit recommendation to have a written policy on this. Brief discussion. This will happen every year, and not likely to hit the \$5,000 cap. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #79-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
**COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Deputy Medical  
Examiners

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendations of the Law Enforcement Committee and Administration Committee and approve the IRS allowable mileage reimbursement rate for Deputy Medical Examiners effective upon passage of this resolution.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Mileage reimbursement to stay within Medical Examiner's approved 2006 budget)

**ACTION:** Motion by Robinson, second K. Johnson, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #80-06**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**  
**COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Buildings and Grounds Department Interim Director  
 Compensation

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Administration Committee and authorize \$400.00 additional salary per month to Dennis Arras for his services as Interim Buildings and Grounds Department Director.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this additional payment is retroactive to March 6, 2006.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

(Committees Action: Unanimous)  
 (Fiscal Note: \$5,054 for 2006)

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Koszarek thanked Peterson and Clasen for their work on preparedness. The county is working on continuity of operations plan. It is a work in progress and will be for years. ICS training is critical and required to qualify for the grants. Budget reviews continuing. Sept 11-15 are scheduled for Administration Committee budget sessions. First session will be overall presentation, and departmental budget presentations will follow. Egan asked that the same format be used as last year in presenting budgets at those sessions.

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS:** Chair Finn thanked departments and finance staff for their work on the budgets again this year. Obey here at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow, Room 207C, to receive update on Highway A progress, the 154 Environmental Infrastructure funding and Parkland's project progress. People have remarked on the Highway A project and the excellent workmanship by Highway Department staff. Stewart added his appreciation for the highway employees' work. Feingold will be in Cloverland on Saturday, August 19, 2:30 p.m., for a public meeting, at Cloverland Town Hall. Comprehensive Plan Committee advertised for citizen interest letters, and at least 15 plus letters of interest have been received. Also, it has been suggested that a process for captioning a brief summary on each resolution before the Board, be researched for the PEGA broadcast at County Board meetings. Chair Finn will follow-up with the County Clerk.

The following appointments were recommended: **Administration Committee** - Carol Johnson; **Law Enforcement Committee** - Alan Jaques; **Land and Development Committee** - John O'Brien; **Highway Committee** - Dean Miller *to replace Carol Johnson*; **Highway Traffic Safety Committee** - Karen Kucera and Richard Schnell as Alternates, and *remove Michelle Fritz*. Motion by Stewart, second Corbin, to approve appointments. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Allen reported Land and Development Committee will meet September 5 instead of August 29.

Conley reported Health and Human Services Department will beat their budget: \$130,000 on health side; \$300,000 plus on the human services side. He encouraged board members to participate in the September 26 mass clinic exercise for preparedness. Special Health and Human Services Board budget meeting is August 31.

Robinson reported he distributed the emerald borer information to all County Board members.

K. Johnson reported 10.3 miles is the full Highway A project, and all road crews working on it. Hoping to have it open in two or three weeks. L is completed. Staff deserves a huge thank you. Highway budget meeting is August 30.

Quam reported Lt. Governor will be at the Challenge Center Monday to present funding to Aging Resource Center.

McKenzie reported Land Conservation Committee met last week, and it was an excellent working meeting. ABDI Land Conservation is now being operated by two temporary individuals until the end of the year. Pri Ru Ta is advertising for a new coordinator. She summarized experiences of other counties with land use planning and development rights on farmland as well as other lands. An energy conservation DVD is available from UMD for anyone interested.

C. Johnson reported Rural Housing and Zoning Committee budget meetings are next week. County Organizational Study Group is an excellent group of people who are interested in both topics of board size and type of county administration. The Study Group members are extremely professional individuals, and discussions are open with healthy, knowledgeable ideas. Next Study Group meeting is August 29, 4:00 p.m. One item on that agenda is to develop a recommendation on board size and process. David Podratz is Co-Chair. The county's website has a link to County Organization Study Group covering all of their meetings.

Budnick reported that the rural areas do not get the County Board meetings broadcast. Chair Finn stated he thought local villages and towns were working on this, and he will check into as well.

Browne reported first Energy Committee meeting took place, and the members are looking forward to working with the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Next meeting is August 22, 4:30 p.m., Room 207B. Interested County Board members and others are encouraged to attend.

Liebaert reported Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee meetings August 28, 9:30 a.m., at the Forestry Department offices. Their annual picnic follows the meeting.

#### **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Paine reported he studied abroad in Bosnia most of the summer, and he wrote a paper which he will share with anyone who may be interested. UW-S students return to campus in two weeks. Haug Fest proceeds go to UW-S Athletics Department.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

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

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

James O'Brien reported over 500 individuals attended Aging Resources Center picnic yesterday.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Robinson, second Allen, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:21 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, September 21, 2006.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick  
Douglas County Clerk