

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, December 21, 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 and excused was Carol Johnson. Student Representatives present were Ashley Burger and Megan Dalbec.

Motion by Martin, second Thompson, to approve minutes of the November 16, 2006, meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Claim from Attorney David A. Kropid on behalf of Bruce W. Hann alleging damages resulting from motorcycle accident. Insurance company recommending denial of claim.

Claim from Attorney David A. Kropid on behalf of Cathy Hann alleging damages resulting from husband's (Bruce W. Hann) motorcycle accident. Insurance company recommending denial of claim.

Motion by Allen, second Hendrickson, to disallow Bruce W. Hann and Cathy Hann claims. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Wisconsin Department of Revenue, details of final 2006 payment amounts for shared revenue and expenditure restraint. Referred to Administration Committee.
2. Enbridge Energy Company, Inc., notice of issuance of various permits for pipeline construction. Received and placed on file.
3. Department of Health and Family Services, notice of federal and state aids deposits. Referred to Health and Human Services Board.
4. United States Coast Guard, proposal to nominate Superior Entry South Breakwater Lighthouse as historic property for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Referred to County Board Chair.
5. Public Service Commission, Second Supplemental Decision Concerning Counties' Grants to reimburse costs associated with enhanced wireless 911 service. Referred to Law Enforcement Committee.
6. Department of Workforce Development, results of single audit report for Douglas County for the year ended December 31, 2005. Referred to Health and Human Services Board.
7. Northern Waters Library Service, request to appoint a replacement for Pam Wallace on NWLS Board of Trustees, for the three-year term beginning January 1, 2007. Referred to County Board Chair.
8. WCA, seminar on Planning and Zoning, January 22, 2007. Referred to Zoning Committee.

9. Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival Co-Chairs, request for continued financial contribution for 2007 festival. Referred to Land and Development Committee.
10. Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Final Calculation for Calendar Year 2007 General Transportation Aids. Referred to Highway Committee.
11. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, notice of severance share on wood products cut from Douglas County forest lands. Referred to Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Max Erickson is postponed until next month.

Tobacco Free Coalition - Michelle Hughes, Douglas County Health Department, Barb Manion, member of the Douglas County Tobacco Free Coalition, presented information on the mission of the organization. Purpose of the presentation was to increase awareness of the effects of smoking tobacco and second-hand smoke. Karen White, WIC Program, highlighted the adverse effects on children who are exposed to second-hand smoke. Michelle Hughes added highlights of diseases resulting from cigarette smoking in enclosed areas. The Coalition promotes smoke free environment in all buildings.

ORDINANCES

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #8.0
ZONING ORDINANCE
PRESENTED BY THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

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

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Zoning Committee held a public hearing on December 13, 2006, on the following petitions for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

- (1) Part of the SE, NW (SO-026-00179-00); Part of the NW, SW (Lying westerly of RR R/W) (SO-026-00184-01); W1/2, W1/2, SE, NW (SO-026-00180-00), from R-2: Residential to F-1: Forestry zoning district; and Parts of the NW, Parcels 1 & 2 of CSM #425, Vol. 3, Pgs. 52-53 (SO-026-00178-00), from R-2: Residential to the F-1: Forestry zoning district; and Part of N1/2, SW1/4 (SO-026-00184-02), from R-1: Residential to F-1: Forestry zoning district; all in Section 12, T44N-R12W, Town of Solon Springs, by Solon Springs/Gordon Airport, P.O. Box 36, Solon Springs, Wisconsin. Intended use: Remove non-conforming status of existing airport property; and
- (2) SW1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 20, T47N-R13W, (OA-022-00619-00/Stromquist Road), Town of Oakland, from the F-1: Forestry to the A-1: Agriculture zoning district, by Jeffrey M. & Lynn M. Messenger, 18133 County Road 27, New Ulm, Minnesota. Intended use: Mobile home.

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the notice of the public hearing, and proof of giving notice to the town clerks of the hearing are as shown in Exhibit A-12-06.

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 letter from the respective town boards.

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

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

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

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

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #1.14
MEDICAL EXAMINER
PRESENTED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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

SECTION IV. ASSISTANTS

The Medical Examiner may appoint such assistants as may be authorized by the County Board of Supervisors. **An Assistant Medical Examiner shall be paid \$55.00 per investigation, plus \$30 for viewing bodies for cremation, in lieu of all other compensation. An Assistant Medical Examiner shall be paid for investigations and viewing bodies for cremation at the rates incorporated into the annual Medical Examiner budget as approved by the County Board.** The duties of an Assistant Medical Examiner shall be identical to those of the Medical Examiner and shall be performed at his or her direction.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second James O'Brien, to adopt. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #110-06
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, the following parcels of land were advertised on November 6, 13 and 20, 2006, in accordance with Section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bids received are as follows:

\$1,000.00 PARCEL 33-06 - Lots 1 and 7, Block 17, Harbor View Division, City of Superior, (11-811-02583-00, 11-811-02589-00), from Gail M. Pearson. Intended use: Adjacent property owner, and

\$1,501.00 PARCEL 29-06 - Lots 23, 25 and 26, Block 13, Carnegie Western Division, Section 7-48-14, Village of Oliver, (OL-165-01010-00 & OL-165-01012-00), from Brian L. and Michele L. Wick. Intended use: Future building site.

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 21st day of December, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by \$2,501.00)

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

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RESOLUTION #111-06
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Repurchase of Property

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approve the following requests to repurchase tax delinquent property, pursuant to Douglas County Ordinance #1.5:

- (1) From Deborah L. Doyle, to repurchase Parcel #07-807-00340-00, described as Lot 7, Block 182, West Superior 6th Division, City of Superior, known as 1713 John Avenue, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$3,382.56; and
- (2) From Charles and Laura Christianson, to repurchase Parcel #09-809-00499-00, described as Lot 5, Block 239, West Superior 12th Division, City of Superior, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$9,106.60; and
- (3) From Kathleen J. Holmes, to repurchase Parcel #OL-165-00444-00, described as Lots 26-29, Incl., block 13, Carnegie Central Division, 12-48-15, Desc. 289 DP 213, Village of Oliver, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$6,924.24; **and**
- (4) **From Kimberly K. Goeke, to repurchase Parcel #OL-165-01433-00, described as Lots 20-22, Block 20, Oliver Bridge Division, 12-48-15, Desc. 447 RP 645, Village of Oliver, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$7,578.96.**

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by Quam, second Allen, to adopt. Motion by Allen, second Corbin, to amend resolution and add the following: (4) From Kimberly K. Goeke, to repurchase Parcel #OL-165-01433-00, described as Lots 20-22, Block 20, Oliver Bridge Division, 12-48-15, Desc. 447 RP 645, Village of Oliver, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$7,578.96. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

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RESOLUTION #112-06
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Transfer of Property to the City of Superior

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approve transfer of ownership of the following described properties to the City of Superior:

- (1) Parcel #02-802-07098-11 - The Westerly 240 feet of that part of the South 30 acres of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24-49-14, in the City of Superior, Douglas County, Wisconsin, described as follows: commencing at the intersection of North 28th Street and Bardon Avenue, thence North 0 degrees, 25 minutes 48 seconds East along the centerline of Bardon Avenue 663.00 feet, thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 38 seconds West 33.00 feet to the West line of Bardon Avenue and the point of beginning, thence continuing North 89 degrees, 39 minutes 38 seconds West 400.00 feet, thence South 0 degrees 25 minutes 48 seconds West 395.00 feet, thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 38 seconds East 400.00 feet to the West line of Bardon Avenue, thence North 0 degrees 25 minutes 48 seconds East 395.00 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 2.25 acres more or less. Subject to easements, restrictions and reservations of record and highway right-of-way, 1200 E. 15th Street.
- (2) Parcel #05-805-02306-00 - Lot 17, Block 137, Burhans Addition to West Superior, City of Superior, 1224 Grand Avenue.
- (3) Parcel #07-807-00707-00 - Lot 10, Block 191, West Superior Seventh Division, City of Superior, 1819 Oakes Avenue.
- (4) Parcel #07-807-00757-00 - Lot 1, Block 195, West Superior Seventh Division, City of Superior, 1901 Banks Avenue.
- (5) Parcel #08-808-01831-00 - Lots 20 and 21, Block 10, Butler Park in City of Superior, City of Superior, 5431 Albany Avenue.
- (6) Parcel #10-810-02681-00 - Lots 241 and 243, Block 27, Subdivision of Block 27 on East St. Croix Street, Townsite of Superior East St. Croix Street, City of Superior, 3818 E. St. Croix Street.

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(7) Parcel #11-811-03985-00 - Lots 8, 9, and 10, Block 10, Itasca Division of Superior, City of Superior, 5218 E. 2nd Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any profit from **individual** future sale of ~~the properties~~ **each property** be split equally between the City of Superior and Douglas County.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Jaques, to adopt. Motion by Allen, second Egan, to change last paragraph as follows: Add "individual" before "future sale"; Delete "the properties" and add "each property". Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

**RESOLUTION #113-06
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Subject: Fairgrounds Racetrack Agreement Between Douglas County and Superior Racing, Inc.

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approve Agreement between Douglas County and Superior Racing, Inc., for use of the Douglas County fairgrounds racetrack, as set forth in Exhibit C-12-06.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Rental revenue of \$250 per day, per event; \$1.00 per person surcharge for all paid admissions)

ACTION: Motion by Stewart, second Jaques, to adopt. Corbin stated that all Supervisors received a letter from him, regarding his concerns about various components of the agreement, including the absence of financials requested from Gondik and Erickson. He added that the other bidders offered irrevocable and personal guarantees. The proposed agreement does not include a performance bond. Discussion followed on the financial commitments from the various bidders, need for a performance bond, and new lighting for the track. Felker commented that when the agreement was drafted, he specifically did not make it a lease because it is not to be a tenant-landlord relationship, but a service provider type of agreement. It was noted that the proposed amendments to the agreement by Supervisor Jaques are related more to lease language, and Felker opined the amendments are not necessary. Sweeney questioned the absence of a performance bond, and Felker responded it would be perfectly appropriate, but the agreement would need to be re-negotiated. Felker added that this is something the parties negotiating should have addressed. Brief discussion followed on the Ranta-Johnson proposal. It was noted that the committee reviewed the Gondik proposal and agreed a one year contract will tell the story. It was made clear that, overall, many committee members were not comfortable with a five or ten year lease. The one year Gondik/Erickson agreement is with local people, and the individuals within the organizations are getting along and working together. Beer sales will be a 75/25 split of net profit, but as yet, no contract is signed between Head of the Lakes Fair Board and Superior Racing, Inc.

Motion by Quam, second Martin, to allow Rick Gondik to address the Board. Motion carried.

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Gondik explained that the performance bond never came up in negotiations, but it certainly is not a deal breaker, though he is not that familiar with a performance bond. He stated he made it clear to the negotiating committee, that he was not going to put up \$80,000 for new lighting, and that stands today. But he and Erickson have advertisers and racing support that they promise to contact for help towards improving the lighting. Regarding the performance bond, Allen stated it can be discussed at the next round of negotiations.

Motion to adopt resolution carried.

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RESOLUTION #114-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Personnel Policy - Reimbursement of Expenses Amended

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve amendment to the Personnel Policy - Reimbursement of Expenses, as set forth in Exhibit D-12-06.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

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

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

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RESOLUTION #115-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Unfunded Pension Liability Payment

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and authorize payment not to exceed \$600,000 to the State of Wisconsin Retirement System for contribution to Douglas County's unfunded pension liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said funds come from Interest Income, with payment made in January, 2007.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
 (Fiscal Note: Up to \$600,000 from budget surplus generated from interest income)

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

RESOLUTION #116-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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) Buildings & Grounds \$10,000.00 (J.E. #131815 Exceed operating supplies line item; net budget will not be exceeded due to savings in personnel); and
- (2) Treasurer \$3,400.00 (J.E. #131814 transfer from Contingency to Treasurer's budget for electrical work in Treasurer's Office).

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Decrease Contingency Fund by \$3,400 and increase Treasurer's budget by \$3,400)

ACTION: Motion by Corbin, second Quam, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 27 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Absent was C. Johnson.

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1. Finn	X	
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RESOLUTION #117-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Dental Plan – Self-Insured

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve the establishment of a self-insured dental plan for Douglas County, effective January 1, 2007.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by Corbin, second K. Johnson, to adopt. Brief discussion. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #118-06
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Side Letter Agreement Between Douglas County and
Communication Workers of America, Local #4646

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve Side Letter Agreement between Douglas County and Communication Workers of America, Local #4646, as set forth in Exhibit E-12-06.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

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

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

RESOLUTION #119-06
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: Boat Inspections and Cleaning at Great Lakes Boat Landings Funding

WHEREAS the northern one-third of Wisconsin includes a high percentage of the state's lakes and streams, and the quality of these waters represents a critical element to the lifestyle and economy of the region, and

WHEREAS significant efforts, which have been put forth to protect water quality, environmental quality and economic value of these critical resources, are being reduced by rapid spread of aquatic invasive species, and

WHEREAS Great Lakes waters, such as the Superior-Duluth estuary, contain over 20 aquatic invasive species, posing major problems, and

WHEREAS the quality of Wisconsin's inland waters, their recreational and economic values, are seriously threatened by the lack of attention to containing these species within the Great Lakes, and

WHEREAS boat washing equipment is provided at salt water landings so boaters can protect their rigs from corrosion, and it is equally essential that Wisconsin provide education and equipment required to promote cleaning of rigs at Great Lakes landings to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and request the State of Wisconsin fund increased boat inspections and boat cleaning efforts at all Great Lakes boat landings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors request state support to fund a minimum of two full-time boat inspectors at Lake Superior harbors, and that the positions be supervised by local professionals to assure program quality.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate state agencies work with the City of Superior to install boat washing facilities at Superior harbor boat landings, and upon passage, copies

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of this resolution be sent to Governor Doyle, Senator Jauch, Representative Boyle, and City of Superior Mayor Ross.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by James O'Brien, second Stewart, to adopt. Motion by Hendrickson, second McKenzie, to amend the resolution and have it sponsored by the entire County Board. Motion carried. Browne explained the need for the inspectors. Conley added that invasive species are coming into the Great Lakes from all over the world, plus the milfoil problem is decimating our lakes. Brief discussion. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

RESOLUTION #120-06
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: Professional Field Staff Increase for University of Wisconsin-Extension and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in Northwestern Wisconsin Supported

WHEREAS the northern one-third of Wisconsin includes a high percentage of the state's lakes and streams, and quality of these waters represents a critical element to the lifestyle and economy of the region, and

WHEREAS the professional expertise needed to protect these resources from spread of aquatic invasive species has been centered in Madison, and

WHEREAS the value of placing professionals in the north is not only suggested by the region's needs, but by the past success of the fifty-percent Fisheries Specialist position formerly at UW-Superior, which stimulated public understanding of many critical water resource issues and fostered development of the statewide Wisconsin Invasive Species Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and request that the University of Wisconsin-Extension and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources increase the number of professional field staff in northwestern Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors request that the Invasive Species Specialist position be transferred from Madison to a location in Ashland or Bayfield Counties, and the fifty-percent time Fisheries Specialist position at UW-Superior be reinstated and filled.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, the County Clerk send copies of this resolution to University of Wisconsin-Extension Chancellor Wilson, DNR Secretary Hassett, Governor Doyle, Representative Boyle, Senator Jauch, and UW-Superior Chancellor Erlenbach.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

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ACTION: Motion by Martin, second Liebaert, 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.

RESOLUTION #121-06
RESOLUTION BY THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Buildings and Grounds Department Interim Director
 Compensation Increased

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Administration Committee and increase the salary to Dennis Arras for his services as Interim Buildings and Grounds Department Director from \$400 per month to \$1,000 per month, effective January 1, 2007 through April 30, 2007.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

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

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Robinson, to adopt. Koszarek explained the impact of this resolution on the employee's state retirement program if not carried through for the entire year. He agreed with approval of this resolution; however, it will need to be re-addressed by the committee. A search for a full time manager is postponed. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #122-06
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Transfer of Property to Town of Gordon

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendations of the Land and Development Committee and transfer ownership of the following described property to the Town of Gordon:

Parcel #GO-012-01288-00 and Parcel #GO-012-01274-00, Part of the NW1/4 of SW1/4, West of Highway Y, Section 32-44-11, and E-1/2 of NE1/4 of SE1/4, Section 31-44-11, Town of Gordon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this transfer is contingent upon the Town of Gordon transferring ownership of the following described property to Douglas County:

Parcel #GO-012-01949-00, NE1/4 of NE1/4, Section 19-45-13, Town of Gordon.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

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

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

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Koszarek extended best wishes to outgoing Supervisor David Conley, recognizing Conley's long-standing contributions to care of people and the environment.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS

Chair Finn presented a Certificate of Recognition to 11th District Supervisor David Conley, highlighting his dedication to the county in human services and work on environmental issues. Accepting the recognition, Conley stated it is hard to leave, and affirmed his commitment to resolving environmental issues and how this nation and world manages it for future generations. He added he has tried always to work towards agendas that benefit people and the environment, and his votes through the years reflect those views. Conley thanked his constituents and his wife, Jan Conley, for their support over his twenty years of service. He encouraged people to participate in government and issues that affect the public and the environment.

Chair Finn introduced Mike Coyle, his recommendation to replace Conley. Motion by Corbin, second Hendrickson, to approve Mike Coyle as the new 11th District Supervisor, along with temporary committee appointments to committees on which Conley served. Motion carried.

Governor's inauguration will cover a four city inaugural stop, and he will be in Superior at the Bong Center on January 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quam thanked K. Johnson for activating a senior center in Brule for senior meals. Aging Resource Center reevaluated by northern region, and they are exceeding state requirements.

McKenzie reported that grazing grants are earmarked by Senator Kohl, and Obey has stated he wanted to get rid of earmarks. She asked that people support removing the earmarks. Briefly explaining the Midwest Renewable Energies program, McKenzie urged interested parties to contact Joan Wimme in the Extension Office. Student representatives offered to assist McKenzie with getting the word out on the renewable energies program.

Chair Finn announced Jeff Buhrandt, Obey's representative is leaving and will be replaced.

K. Johnson reported Highway Committee is working with Jeff Thompson on management/employee issues.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Dalbec presented the youth report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Motion by McKenzie, second Martin, to approve bills and claims. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by James O'Brien, second Browne, to adjourn. Motion carried. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, January 18, 2007.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk