

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Thursday, October 18, 2007, 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 23 present, 5 absent. Absent and excused were Quam, Hendrickson, Carol Johnson. Absent were Sweeney and Ritscher. Youth representatives present were Naughton, Nys, M. Dalbec. UW-S student representative present was Tegan Wendland.

Motion by Jaques, second Corbin, to approve minutes of the September 20, 2007, meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Notice of Injury and Circumstance of the Claim by Attorney Daniel D. Hannula on behalf of Shawn Andrews alleging injuries and damages sustained from a fall at the racetrack. No action at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Twenty 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 introduced the county's new Human Resources Director, James Laumeyer, who presented a brief professional vita on himself, and a snapshot of the workplan he envisions for the Human Resources Department.

Koszarek presented the Employee of the Quarter Award to Denese Odermann, his Administrative Assistant. Noting that Odermann is always willing to help staff, Koszarek emphasized she is the friendly face of county government in the administrative offices. Odermann extended appreciation for the recognition, adding that she has never regretted coming to the county to work.

Michele Hughes, Health Department employee, introduced Dr. Thomas Chisholm, Chippewa Falls, who presented information on the adverse effects of tobacco use and second-hand smoke. Chisholm has worked to educate individuals and communities on the reasons for supporting and enforcing a smoke-free environment.

## **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 October 10, 2007, on the following petitions for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

- (1) Part of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 2, T47N-R11W, (MA-020-00098-00/US Highway 2), Town of Maple, from the C-1: Commercial zoning district to the R-1: Residential zoning district, by Colin J. & April M. Wiita, 11248 E US Highway 2, Maple, Wisconsin. Intended use: Residential;
- (2) Part of the SW1/4 of the NE1/4, Pcl in SW Corner, Section 7, T45N-R14W, (SU-028-00078-00/State Road 35 & Carlson Road), Town of Summit, from the C-1: Commercial zoning district to the RR-1: Residential-Recreation zoning district, by Lyle Bruce Carlson (buyer), 892 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Amery, Wisconsin / Linda J. Johnson (seller), 2713 E Carlson Road, Foxboro, Wisconsin. Intended use: Seasonal dwelling); and
- (3) Part of the NW1/4, Section 32, T44N-R11W, (GO-012-01286-00/County Road Y), Town of Gordon, from the R-2: Residential zoning district to the F-1: Forestry zoning district, by the Town of Gordon, P.O. Box 68, Gordon, Wisconsin. Intended use: Trap and rifle range.

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-10-07.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee and approve the petitions contingent on receipt of approval letters from the respective town boards.

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

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

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

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #84-07**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE**

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, the following parcels of land were advertised on September 1, 10, and 17, 2007, in accordance with Section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bids received are as follows:

\$14,000.00      PARCEL 41-07: A piece or parcel of land 525 feet in width, comprising all those parts of the SW1/4 of NW1/4 of Section 32-47-12 of the fourth principal meridian, which are included within two lines running parallel with, and respectively 75 feet and 600 feet distant southwesterly (measured at right angles) from the center line of the main track of the railroad, Section 32-47-12, Town of Hawthorne, (HA-014-00843-00), from Jerry Lindstrom. Intended use: Investment; and

\$21,500.00      PARCEL 42-07: A piece or parcel of land 525 feet in width, comprising all those parts of the NW1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 32-47-12, of the fourth principal meridian, which are included within two lines running parallel with, and respectively 75 feet and 600 feet distant southwesterly (measured at right angles) from the center line of the main track of the railroad, Section 32-47-12, Town of Hawthorne (HA-014-00849-00), from Jerry Lindstrom. Intended use: Investment.

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 on the above named properties.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by \$35,500.00)

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

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**RESOLUTION #85-07  
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Subject: Environmental Consulting Services Agreement

WHEREAS, Douglas County took a tax deed in 2002, to property located in the Village of Solon Springs, formerly operated as a petroleum bulk storage facility, and

WHEREAS, prior to Douglas County taking a tax deed, the site entered the PECFA program following a petroleum release associated with damage to the fueling rack during a windstorm, and

WHEREAS, an emergency action was initiated to clean up the release, with the Department of Natural Resources file on the site remaining open, with the requirement for further investigation, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County received a Brownfield Site Assessment Grant and removed the tank systems, and

WHEREAS, a site assessment completed during the system removal confirmed the presence of contaminated soil and was reported to the Department of Natural Resources, and

WHEREAS, the extent of the petroleum contamination to soil and groundwater is not known and must be determined before the site closure can be requested, or whether it is determined that a remedial action is necessary, and

WHEREAS, MSA Professional Services, previously involved in the site environmental improvement, has presented a proposal to the county which includes 8 soil borings to 15 feet below ground surface, soil sample collection and laboratory analysis, and collection of grab groundwater samples, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County has a reserve account established for environmental issues relating to county property, with a current balance of \$54,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendations of the Land and Development Committee and enter into a contract with MSA Professional Services for environmental consulting services which will determine the extent of petroleum contamination to soil and

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groundwater, at a cost not to exceed \$11,200 (eligible for PECFA reimbursement, subject to a 2% deductible; \$1,200.00 non-reimbursable fees).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$11,200.00 be paid from the reserve account established by the County Board for environmental issues relating to County property.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Reduce reserve account by a maximum of \$11,200.00, with \$9,800.00 eligible for PECFA reimbursement)

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

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**RESOLUTION #86-07**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**AND BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Subject: Secure Courtroom Bid Process Authorized

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and Buildings and Grounds Committee and authorize proceeding with the bid process for the secure courtroom completion per design specifications developed by Stanius Johnson Architects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the costs associated with bidding the project will be charged to the Courtroom Reserve Account.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

(Committee Action: Administration Committee - 6 Yes, 5 No, 0 Absent; Buildings and Grounds Committee - Unanimous)  
 (Fiscal Note: Reduce Courtroom Reserve Account by \$64,433.00)

ACTION: Motion by Martin, second Livingston, to adopt. Extensive debate followed on scaling back the project, the financing needs for highway improvements, additional operational costs of the secure courtroom, upgrading security for the existing courtrooms, and the security and safety of individuals in light of budgetary constraints. Judge Lucci stated he cannot debate the money questions, but pleaded the case for bidding the courtroom completion based on the initial building project plans for security and safety. A homicide trial begins next Tuesday, and Lucci encouraged Board members to attend the first day of the trial to see where 75 plus prospective jurors are waiting. It was noted by several Board members that historically, Douglas County building projects have come in over budget, not under. Lucci emphasized he knows the high risk in the courts every day, recalling a state assessment a few years ago that indicated Douglas County courts were very high risk. K. Johnson and Prettie both emphasized the increased liability risk the county is facing without the secure courtroom. Board members generally agreed that plans for enhanced security for the existing courtrooms, regardless of whether this resolution passes or not, should be pursued. Motion to adopt failed.

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**RESOLUTION #87-07**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**AND BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Subject: Courthouse Roof Project Bid and Additional Funds  
 Approved

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board approved \$300,000.00 for the courthouse roof project per Resolution #12-07, Capital Projects Funding, dated March 15, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid received for the project was \$397,000.00 submitted by Jamar Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee and approve the Jamar Company bid of \$397,000.00 for the courthouse roof project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an additional ~~\$119,000.00~~ **\$124,000.00** needed for the project is hereby approved from the Capital Projects Reserve.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
 (Fiscal Note: ~~\$119,000~~ **\$124,000** reduction from Capital Projects Reserve)  
 (Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)

**ACTION:** Motion by Corbin, second Robinson, to adopt. Finance Director Doucette indicated an additional \$5,000 is needed. Motion by McKenzie, second Egan, to amend \$119,000 to \$124,000. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution as amended, passed with 22 Yes, 0 No, 6 Absent. Absent were Stewart, Hendrickson, Quam, C. Johnson, Ritscher, and Sweeney.

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**RESOLUTION #88-07**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Student Representative Alternates Stipend Authorized

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and authorize a \$25.00 stipend for youth representative alternates' attendance at one committee meeting per month.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
 (Fiscal Note: Not to exceed \$900 annually from County Board budget)

ACTION: Motion by Browne, second Coyle, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #89-07**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Auditing Contract for 2007 through 2011 Approved

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve the bid submitted by Clifton Gunderson for auditing services to Douglas County for the years 2007 through 2011, at a total cost of \$245,000 as set forth below:

2007	\$45,000
2008	\$47,000
2009	\$49,000
2010	\$51,000
2011	\$53,000

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
(Fiscal Note: To be budgeted on annual basis)

**ACTION:** Motion by Allen, second McKenzie, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #90-07**  
**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 for purposes as set forth in Exhibit C-10-07

- (1) Forestry \$75,000.00 (J.E. #137600 from Reserve 2006 Capital Carryover to Forestry Fixed Assets for aerial imagery project);
- (2) Forestry \$21,975.00 (J.E. #137602 from Reserve 2006 Capital Carryover to Forestry Fixed Assets for Anna-Gene Park improvements);
- (3) Forestry \$37,525.00 (J.E. #137599 from Reserve 2006 Capital Carryover to Forestry Fixed Assets for miscellaneous park improvements); and
- (4) Forestry \$31,182.01 (J.E. #137107 from Reserve Bird Sanctuary Capital Improvement Projects to Forestry Fixed Assets for improvements to Bird Sanctuary facilities and parking lot).

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
 (Fiscal Note: Decrease Reserve 2006 Carryover Capital Fund Balance by \$134,500.00 and Bird Sanctuary CIP Reserve by \$31,182.01, and increase Forestry Fixed Assets as noted above for each transfer. See Exhibit C-10-07 for details of each transfer.)  
 (Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)

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ACTION: Motion by Liebaert, second Egan, to adopt. Brief discussion. Roll call vote taken and passed with 19 Yes, 3 No, 6 Absent. Voting no were Prettie, K. Johnson, Baker. Absent were C. Johnson, Ritscher, Sweeney, Quam, Stewart, Hendrickson.

**RESOLUTION #91-07  
RESOLUTION BY THE ZONING COMMITTEE AND  
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Board of Adjustment Size Established

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee and Administration Committee and establish the size of the Board of Adjustment to be five regular members and two alternates.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
(Fiscal Note: Within budget)

**ACTION:** Motion by Corbin, second Baker, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #92-07**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Subject: 2007 Assembly Bill 438 - Reduction to 18 Wisconsin Counties Opposed

WHEREAS, 2007 Assembly Bill 438 creates a nine-member task force to study the responsibilities and obligations of county government and to develop a plan to reduce the number of counties in this state from 72 to 18 or fewer, and

WHEREAS, 2007 Assembly Bill 438 requires that the task force's proposal to reduce the number of counties be prepared by 2011, and

WHEREAS, the suggestion of 18 counties or fewer is an arbitrary number that lacks substantiated research to support the proposition that Wisconsin citizens would be better served, and

WHEREAS, numerous commissions and task forces such as the Kettl Commission have devoted a great deal of time, energy and resources to the state and local government partnership and delivery of services, and

WHEREAS, the Kettl Commission provided a substantive and innovative report with numerous worthwhile recommendations regarding local government services delivery and efficiencies that were never considered by the state legislature, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin citizens would be better served by a discussion relating to local government issues in their entirety, rather than creating a committee charged with attempting to implement a subjective reduction in the number of Wisconsin counties, and

WHEREAS, the state/local government partnership, how local government services are provided and funded, and Wisconsin's taxation structure and system are issues that should be discussed before state policy-makers arbitrarily modify the number of Wisconsin counties, and

WHEREAS, any examination of the number of counties and structure of county government in Wisconsin should consider the current and future social and economic trends, current and future demographics, and the examination should consider a practical and lasting solution that serves Wisconsin citizens for generations to come, and

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WHEREAS, numerous, significant issues must be considered and resolved for the reduction of counties to occur, such as existing labor contracts within each county, real estate documentation such as deeds and plats, zoning authority and land use issues, human service contracts and services, general contracts between the existing counties and their respective service providers, and

WHEREAS, the initial costs of transforming from 72 to 18 counties or fewer would be substantial to Wisconsin taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the costs borne by taxpayers to implement such a reduction in counties would come at a time when the State of Wisconsin has continuous structural budget deficits and other pressing issues such as an aging population and an antiquated taxation system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of Supervisors Prettie, Corbin and Hendrickson, and oppose 2007 Assembly Bill 438.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, the County Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to Governor Doyle, Senator Jauch, Representative Boyle, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all Wisconsin counties.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Martin, second Thompson, to adopt. Motion by McKenzie, second K. Johnson, to amend the resolution so it is sponsored by the entire County Board. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

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**RESOLUTION #93-07**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Subject: Wisconsin State Budget

WHEREAS, all Wisconsin counties are required to adopt annual fiscal budgets, and

WHEREAS, county budgets must conform to mandates and limits established by the state budget, especially levy limits and state aid to counties and municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the statutory levy limit has expired and proposed levy limits are uncertain, making it nearly impossible for county and municipal governments to craft a realistic budget within mandated time frames, and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has yet to adopt a budget for the 2007-2009 biennium, the last state with a July 1 fiscal year that has yet to pass a budget on time, and

WHEREAS, the Senate and Assembly proposed budgets contain different levels of funding for counties in critical mandated areas, including circuit courts and youth aids, as well as vastly different funding levels for shared revenue, and

WHEREAS, the Senate and Assembly versions of the budget contain differing language with regard to levy limits, and

WHEREAS, the county fiscal budget is adopted by the County Board of Supervisors following a public hearing at its annual meeting, which is statutorily held on the Tuesday following the second Monday in November, and

WHEREAS, notice of the hearing must be published in the official county newspaper at least 15 days prior to the hearing, and

WHEREAS, the apportionment of the state and county tax levy must be certified to the treasurer, municipalities and Wisconsin Department of Revenue by November 15<sup>th</sup>, and

WHEREAS, changes after county and municipal budgets are adopted and apportionment is completed would result in severe consequences for local government.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors implores the Wisconsin Legislature to put aside partisan differences and adopt a responsible state budget without further delays that may cripple county and municipal government services to the people of Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, the County Clerk forward copies of this resolution to Governor Doyle, Senator Jauch, Representative Boyle, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by K. Johnson, second Prettie, to adopt. Motion by McKenzie, second Isackson, to amend the resolution so it is sponsored by the entire County Board. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

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**RESOLUTION #94-07  
RESOLUTION BY THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

Subject: Zoning District Map Amendment Denied

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Zoning Committee held a public hearing on October 10, 2007, on the following petition for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

W1/2 of the NE1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 34, T45N-R12W, (SO-026-01200-00/Cemetery Road), Town of Solon Springs, from the A-1: Agricultural zoning district to the C-1: Commercial zoning district, by Paul Gordon et al, 11815 S Cemetery Road, Solon Springs, Wisconsin. Intended use: Retail rock and landscape materials and services.

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the notice of the public hearing, proof of giving notice to the town clerk of the hearing, and correspondence from the town denying the petition, are as shown in Exhibit D-10-07.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee and deny the petition.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

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

**ACTION:** Motion by Baker, second Corbin, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #95-07**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Subject: South Range Post Office

WHEREAS, the United State Post Office has plans to reduce services which may eventually eliminate the South Range Post office, and

WHEREAS, the South Range Post Office serves the Townships of Parkland, Oakland, Amnicon, Lakeside, and Hawthorne, and

WHEREAS, there are three substantial delivery routes, covering 273 miles, with 1,332 mailboxes on said routes, and 43 P.O. boxes, and

WHEREAS, the population shift in Douglas County has been movement into the rural areas, including the aforementioned townships, and

WHEREAS, the farthest delivery site from the South Range Post Office is 15 miles and 30 miles from Superior, and

WHEREAS, members of the Douglas County Board of Supervisors do not deem the change fiscally advantageous considering the immense area covered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors go on record opposing the closing of the South Range Post Office because this would be a detriment to the rural area residents.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Feingold, Senator Kohl, Representative Obey, State Senator Jauch, State Representative Boyle, Postmaster for the Superior area and Postmaster for the South Range Post Office.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.  
(Fiscal Note: None)

**ACTION:** Motion by McKenzie, second Corbin, to adopt. Motion by McKenzie, second Liebaert, to amend the resolution so it is sponsored by the entire County Board. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

Motion by Allen, second Egan, to allow Resolutions #96-07 and #97-07 not on agenda. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #96-07**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE**

Subject: Head of the Lakes Fairgrounds Management Lease

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approve the lease between Douglas County and the Head of Lakes Fair Board, as set forth in Exhibit E-10-07.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

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

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Jaques, to adopt. Motion by Corbin, second Thompson, to amend the lease and change the contract termination clause from 180 days to 30 days. Discussion. Motion on amendment failed. Motion to adopt resolution carried.

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**RESOLUTION #97-07**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Subject: St. Louis River Estuary Supported for National Estuarine Research Reserve Site

WHEREAS, the St. Louis River estuary is ranked highest among resource management professionals as the best site for a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) using detailed site selection criteria, and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis River estuary is located at the true headwaters of all the Great Lakes, and

WHEREAS, there exists a tremendous ecosystem diversity and uniqueness within the St. Louis River estuary that offers the largest, most cost-effective impact for research, education, and public outreach activities, and

WHEREAS, there exists in St. Louis River communities a strong, cohesive network of public support, partners, existing research, facilities, local institutions and infrastructure capable of supporting meaningful research, education, and public outreach activities, and

WHEREAS, the location of the NERR facility in the St. Louis River estuary would help to coordinate and enhance other on-going high profile research activities, and

WHEREAS, there already exists plentiful publicly owned and accessible property in the St. Louis River estuary, and

WHEREAS, traditional and existing land uses would not be regulated within a designated NERR site at the St. Louis River estuary, since the NERR program is not regulatory, and

WHEREAS, there would be no fiscal obligation from local sources since all aspects of the program are funded through federal and state sources, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Land Conservation Committee approved this resolution at their Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of Supervisors on the Land Conservation Committee and enthusiastically support the designation of the NERR site in the St. Louis River estuary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, copies be sent to Governor Doyle, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – NERR Program staff, Lake Superior NERR State Liaison Team members, Lake Superior NERR Coordination Team members, and Lake Superior NERR Public Involvement Team members.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

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

ACTION: Motion by Browne, second Miller, to adopt. Motion by McKenzie, second Conley, to amend resolution so it is sponsored by the entire County Board. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Koszarek reported the \$20,000 grant received will be brought back next month to complete required paperwork. Budget session is 9:00 a.m., November 6. Quite a few counties are digging into fund balances, but Douglas County will not have to do this.

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS :** Chair Finn noted his frustration with the snowballing of architectural fees. Board members are urged to bring friends to the Wisconsin Way forum at UW-S Rothwell Student Union, November 1, as the program deals with state funding mechanisms. Finn reported on the taco plant closing in Poplar. Several economic development and government agencies are working to find something to replace those jobs.

The following appointment was recommended: **Family Care Development Council** - Jack Sweeney; Pat Schanen as Alternate. Motion by Egan, second Jaques, to approve. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

McKenzie reported invasive species coordinator may be funded by a Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association grant. RSVP needed to attend Binational Forum October 29, 30, and 31.

K. Johnson reported Highway Department was to replace five culverts on 105 in Oliver, but because of the clay and the rain, it had to be postponed until the spring. Highway staff are working on road washouts caused by the significant rainfall.

Liebaert reported Forestry Department is also having problems with rain, and some sales will need to be postponed. Huge wide-ranging timber sale scheduled for October 30, 6:00 p.m.

Browne reported Environment, Agriculture and Extension Committee met. 4-H banquet was a success.

Martin reported on his attendance at the Wisconsin Counties Association Annual Conference.

Corbin reported POWTS meets Tuesday night and hopefully will have a final draft ready to submit to Zoning Committee and for discussion with Rural Housing Authority.

Conley reported on WCA Conference sessions on the Wisconsin Way, noting that Wisconsin's per capita annual income is about \$4,000 less than Minnesota's, and for years Wisconsin was on parity with Minnesota. The Wisconsin Way focuses on how state government is funded and possible alternatives.

James O'Brien encouraged area veterans to sign-up with the VA Clinic's open enrollment.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:** Naughton reported football team has made it to playoffs, first time since 1991. Amnesty International student group working on a project to free a wrongly accused and imprisoned African-American cab driver.

Wendland reported UW-S has signed contract with Duluth Transit Authority for student and faculty free access transportation. Sherman Aleksei, noted author and comedian, was at UW-S recently, speaking about building communities of respect. UW-S waiting for state budget to be passed which

hopefully will fund building project. Taste of Superior at UW-S on October 24, 5 to 7 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS:** Motion by K. Johnson, second Corbin, to approve. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie, second Corbin, to allow public to speak. Motion carried.

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

Larry and Kathy Emons, owners of the Gopher Hole Lounge and a home along Highway S, explained problems that remain unresolved due to ditching adjacent to their parking lot with the county's Highway S improvements. Summarizing the events and discussions to date, Emons asked the County Board to help them resolve the problem, suggesting the County Board set a policy that curb and gutter, not ditches such as this, be constructed in front of business and homeowner properties. Chair Finn noted this has been before the Highway Committee before and it is up to that committee whether such a policy will be considered.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by McKenzie, second Corbin, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m. Budget meeting Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, November 15, 2007.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick  
Douglas County Clerk