

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, December 20, 2007, 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 26 present, 2 absent. Absent and excused was John Robinson. Karen Livingston arrived 6:10 p.m. John O'Brien left at 7:55 p.m. Student representatives present were Tegan Wendland, Lucas Geissler, and Alanna McNaughton.

Motion by James O'Brien, second Corbin, to approve minutes of the November 6, 2007, and November 15, 2007, meetings. Motion carried.

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.

PRESENTATION

Mary Morgan, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Superior, presented information on development of an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Readiness Plan, in the event that the disease reaches Douglas County. Morgan introduced members of the Superior Tree Board. Emerald ash borer has become a national threat to the nation's trees, and it is 100% fatal to ash trees. The Superior Tree Board is working on a readiness plan and wants Douglas County to be aware of the extensive damage resulting from this destructive disease. Once EAB hits a region, the federal government's program for eradication is utilized, but a local ordinance should also be in place for dealing with the pest's infestation should it be found in the region. The EAB disease is now about 30 to 40 miles south of the Wisconsin border in Illinois. City of Superior is no longer planting urban ash trees but is diversifying with other trees. Discussion.

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:

ZONING SCHEDULE - DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS¹

R-1:

Yards Required
Rear ~~40~~
Principal Building 40
Accessory Building 10

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

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

ACTION: Motion by C. Johnson, second Baker, to adopt. Discussion followed regarding the 10 foot minimum as too close to an adjacent property, which could shade a neighbor's home and property. Motion by Stewart, second Conley, to refer the amendment back to Zoning Committee. Motion to refer carried.

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**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 12, 2007, on the following petitions for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

- (1) E1/2 of the E1/2 of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 & in the W1/2 of the E1/2 of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 3, T44N-R11W, (GO-012-00777-00/00777-01/Town Line Road), Town of Gordon, from the F-1: Forestry zoning district to the A-1: Agriculture zoning district, by John F. & Jaquin L. Ronnestrand, 17055 290th Avenue, New Auburn, Wisconsin and Jason G. Ronnestrand, 811 8th Avenue, Bloomer, Wisconsin, from the November 7, 2007 hearing. Intended use: Resolve encroachment of existing building; and
- (2) S1/2 of the N1/2 of the SE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 3, T46N-R13W, (OA-022-00045-00/County Road L), Town of Oakland, from the F-1: Forestry zoning district to the A-1: Agriculture zoning district, by Sherry Doskey (Anderson), 9315S Pison Road, Bennett, Wisconsin. Intended use: Horses.

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-12-07.

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 20th day of December, 2007.

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

ACTION: Motion by C. Johnson, second Thompson, to adopt. Motion carried.

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PLATS

Approval of Final Plat - Douglas County Plat of Pine Point by John Ripley for Charles & Caroline McCann, located in Part of the NE1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 36, T43N-R13W, and in Part of the NW1/4 of the SW1/4, Section 31, T43N-R12W, Town of Wascott. Motion by Baker, second John O'Brien, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #109-07
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, the following parcels of land were advertised on November 5, 12, and 19, 2007, in accordance with Section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bids received are as follows:

\$ 8,500.00 PARCEL 38-07: North 1/3 of West 3/4 of NW1/4 of SW1/4, Section 34-48-15, Town of Superior, (TS-030-02215-02), from Ronald S. Kiminski. Intended use: Hunting;

\$ 7,200.00 PARCEL 51-07: Lots 1 through 8, Block 21, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior, (08-808-08940-00), from Jack H. Casper. Intended use: Adjacent owner; and

\$22,750.00 PARCEL 52-07: Lots 1 through 6, except part conveyed 256 D 508 to State of Wisconsin, Lots 7 through 19, Lots 22 and 23, except R/W, subdivision of Lot 1 Cumming Slip Addition to West Superior, City of Superior, (03-803-01068-00, 03-803-01074-00, 03-803-01091-00, 03-803-01092-00), from FSY R/E Group, LLC. Intended use: Adjacent owner.

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 20th day of December, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by \$38,450.00)

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

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RESOLUTION #110-07
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Transfer of Property to 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 property to the City of Superior, upon payment of delinquent taxes in the amount of \$13,847.04:

Lots 11, 12, 13 & 14, Block 390, West Superior, 17th Division, City of Superior, known as 1927 Ohio Avenue, Parcel #09-809-00845-00.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

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

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

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RESOLUTION #111-07
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Fairground Race Track Agreement Between Douglas County and Superior Speedway Management, Inc.

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approve the Agreement for Use of the Douglas County Fairground Race Track between Douglas County and the Superior Speedway Management, Inc., as set forth in Exhibit D-12-07.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Approximately \$59,500.00 revenue over three-year period)

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second James O'Brien, to adopt. Discussion. Roll call vote taken and passed with 27 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Absent was Robinson.

Motion by Allen, second Stewart, to suspend rules and allow Arnie Ranta, racetrack operator, to address the Board. Motion carried.

Ranta thanked the Land and Development Committee for their support and briefly noted visions for some improvements at the track he and his partners would like to see in the next three years. Ranta explained his background and experience in racing over the past four decades. He is going to try and keep everything local, utilizing regional participation as needed. Ranta was reminded by Chair Finn to keep the curfew on race days.

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RESOLUTION #112-07
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Civil Suit Authorized for Recovery of Delinquent Real Property Taxes

WHEREAS, Como Oil Company owns the following described properties, which have been issued tax certificates as indicated:

Parcel # 11-811-04105-00, legally described as Lot 1, Block 15, described 630 RP 199, Itasca Division of Superior, City of Superior (Tax Certificate #723);

Parcel #11-811-04106-00, legally described as Lot 2, Block 15, described 630 RP 199, Itasca Division of Superior, City of Superior (Tax Certificate #724);

Parcel #11-811-04107-00, legally described as Lot 3, Block 15, described 630 RP 199, Itasca Division of Superior, City of Superior (Tax Certificate #725);

Parcel #11-811-04110-00, legally described as Fractional Lots 4, 5, and 6, and all of Lot 7, Block 15, subject to easement in Vol. 567, Pg. 412, 566-748, Itasca Division of Superior, City of Superior (Tax Certificate #726); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 74.57, of the Wisconsin Statutes, tax certificates were issued on September 1, 2004 for the above properties for non-payment of 2003 real property taxes in the amount of \$517.47 (plus interest and other charges), and

WHEREAS, real property taxes for the years 2004, 2005, and 2006, are also due and owing on the above referenced properties in the amount of \$1,370.15 (plus interest and other charges), and

WHEREAS, environmental assessments of the subject properties were conducted and it was determined that there are recognized environmental conditions on the properties, and

WHEREAS, it is not advisable for Douglas County to issue a tax deed on the subject properties, and

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WHEREAS, Section 74.53 of the Wisconsin Statutes, allows a county to recover real property taxes through a civil action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 74.53 of the Wisconsin Statutes, authorizes commencement of a civil action against Como Oil Company, 128 N. 21st Street, Superior, Wisconsin, for recovery of all delinquent taxes and interest, and any other allowed costs, relating to the above-referenced properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Como Oil Company was sent notice of this proposed action by the County Clerk, , pursuant to the requirements of Section 74.53(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION #113-07
RESOLUTION BY THE ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE
AND EXTENSION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Erie Pier Dredged Materials

WHEREAS, the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) was created by the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) as the urban planning policy body and designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Duluth-Superior metropolitan area, and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) is an assemblage of stakeholders for the Duluth-Superior port that advises the MIC on harbor related issues, and

WHEREAS, the National Dredging policy recommends that federal/state/local partnerships like the HTAC cooperate on dredged material management and promote beneficial reuse of dredged materials, and

WHEREAS, the Erie Pier Management Plan, compiled by the Dredging Subcommittee of HTAC, directs dredged material management policy for the Erie Pier that promotes reuse of dredged materials, and

WHEREAS, approximately 80 percent of materials dredged from the Duluth-Superior Harbor each year are placed in Erie Pier, which has a limited capacity, and

WHEREAS, most of the dredged materials placed in Erie Pier are not contaminated and can be used beneficially instead, and

WHEREAS, with proper testing and guidelines to protect human health and the environment, beneficial use of dredged materials offers a sustainable long-term management option for dredged materials management in the Duluth-Superior harbor, and

WHEREAS, successful beneficial use projects have demonstrated that dredged materials can provide an alternative source of material for habitat protection, restoration and creation, landscaping, topsoil creation and enhancement, daily cover for landfills, and construction, and

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WHEREAS, studies by the Great Lakes Commission have found that:

- Reuse and recycling of dredged material should take priority over disposal;
- Technological advances and risk assessment procedures can allow dredged materials to be used safely and beneficially; and
- There is currently no federal regulatory framework governing the beneficial use of dredged material.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Environment, Agriculture and Extension Committee and supports the following HTAC and MIC recommendations:

- That area jurisdictions and agencies make beneficial use a policy priority for dredged materials management;
- That HTAC member groups, agencies and jurisdictions work toward making Erie Pier a perpetual processing and reuse facility; and
- That HTAC and MIC member states work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate state policies in the interest of developing a port-wide framework for beneficial use of dredged materials.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

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

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second Hendrickson, to adopt. Motion by Browne, second Ritscher, to refer the resolution back to sponsoring committee, plus the Health and Human Services Board and Land Conservation Committee. Browne stated concern that federal policies are not yet in place, and questioned the conclusions of studies on purification of dredged materials. Baker, a Metropolitan Interstate Council member, responded there have been studies for the last five years on purification of the dredged materials, and the MIC Board has provided its members with results of such studies and the purification processes. McKenzie noted the standards in Minnesota are not the same as in Wisconsin. Brief discussion. Motion to refer carried.

RESOLUTION #114-07
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Medical Examiner Increased Hours Corrected

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and correct Resolution #99-07, adopted November 6, 2007, and increase Medical Examiner hours from 20 to 22, effective January 1, 2008.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

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

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

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RESOLUTION #115-07
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: St. Croix Riverfest Event Recognized

WHEREAS, the St. Croix Riverfest event will focus on the Upper St. Croix - Eau Claire Rivers watershed, and

WHEREAS, a watershed conference and sustainable tourism workshop are planned, along with a series of educational and entertainment community events all open to the general public, and

WHEREAS, the Riverfest will take place June 13 - 14, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and formally and officially recognize the St. Croix Riverfest event scheduled for June 13 - 14, 2008, **and copies of this resolution be sent to Representative Boyle and Senator Jauch.**

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

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

ACTION: Motion by Martin, second Liebaert, to adopt. Motion by Hendrickson, second McKenzie, to amend resolution to be sponsored by the County Board, with copies to Representative Boyle and Senator Jauch. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution, as amended, carried.

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**RESOLUTION #116-07
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Bailiff Coverage Increase

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approved increased bailiff coverage from 1.65 FTE to 2.65 FTE, effective January 1, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the additional cost of \$42,544 will be derived from increase in interest income.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase Sheriff's budget \$42,544.00 and increase budgeted revenue Interest Income \$42,544.00)

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

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RESOLUTION #117-07
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Rescue Squad Appropriation for 2008

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and the Administration Committee and approve appropriation of \$8,500.00 from the Land Improvement Account for operational funding of Douglas County Rescue Squad during the year 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there will be no further funding appropriated for the Rescue Squad in subsequent years.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Decrease Land Improvement Account by \$8,500.00; increase Sheriff's budget \$8,500.00 for Rescue Squad operations)

ACTION: Motion by Hendrickson, second Corbin, to adopt. Discussion on progress of non-profit status, and vehicles the Sheriff's Department has disposed of without offering any to the Rescue Squad. Koszarek was asked to send a memo to the departments reminding them of the vehicle needs of the Rescue Squad, and the County Board's decision last year, that appropriate county vehicles selected for disposition be offered first to the Rescue Squad. Discussion followed on the various functions of the Rescue Squad, particularly in relation to location and use of extrication equipment. It was noted that some of the smaller towns do not have the equipment or resources, and depend on the Rescue Squad. Stewart, Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee clarified the Sheriff's position that he will not cut the patrol budget in order to support the Rescue Squad. Koszarek recommended that the Board and committees let the Rescue Squad and Sheriff work out the issues, and to not triangulate the issue. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #118-07
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:

- (1) Finance \$6,800.00 (J.E. #138795 from supply line items to cover printer purchase); and
- (2) Highway \$59,837.00 (J.E. #138794 from Insurance Recoveries to Fixed Assets for replacement of bituminous paver)

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Decrease Finance budget Computer Supplies by \$4,000.00 and Training by \$2,800.00 and increase Equipment by \$6,800.00; ~~Decrease~~ **Increase** Highway budget Insurance Recoveries by \$59,837.00 reimbursement for totaled paver, and increase Fixed Assets and Fund Balance by \$59,837.00)

ACTION: Motion by Corbin, second K. Johnson, to adopt. Motion by McKenzie, second Corbin, to amend the fiscal note and change "decrease" to "increase" highway budget. Motion carried. Roll call vote taken and passed with 25 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstention, 1 Absent. Voting no was Liebaert. Ritscher abstained. Absent was Robinson.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn	X	
2. Browne	X	
3. O'Brien, John	X	
4. Isackson	X	
5. Baker	X	
6. Ritscher		
7. Livingston	X	
8. Martin	X	
9. Prettie	X	
10. Robinson		
11. Coyle	X	
12. Jaques	X	
13. Quam	X	
14. O'Brien, James	X	
15. McKenzie	X	
16. Sweeney	X	
17. Egan	X	
18. Allen	X	
19. Miller	X	
20. Hendrickson	X	
21. Johnson, Kay	X	
22. Thompson	X	
23. Corbin	X	
24. Liebaert		X
25. Conley	X	
26. Johnson, Carol	X	
27. Stewart	X	
28. Graven	X	
Roll: Ayes <u> 25 </u> Noes <u> 1 </u> Liebaert Absent <u> 1 </u> Robinson Abstain <u> 1 </u> Ritscher Passed <u> X </u> Lost <u> </u> Refer <u> </u> Amend <u> X </u> Other <u> </u>		
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RESOLUTION #119-07
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Health Insurance Rates for 2008

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve the following health insurance premiums for 2008:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>2008 Expected</u>
Single	\$ 517.00	\$ 545.00
Employee +1	\$1,166.00	\$1,350.00
Family	\$1,660.00	\$1,840.00

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

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

ACTION: Motion by Corbin, second Egan, to adopt. Co-pays will remain at 10%. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #120-07
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISORS ON THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD AND THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Single County Aging and Disability Resource Center

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Service's goal is to develop a statewide system of Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) that will complement and support the statewide expansion of managed long-term care services over the next several years, and

WHEREAS, currently Douglas County is part of an eleven county long-term care planning consortium that is developing the Care management Organization (CMO) model for the consortium to implement the delivery of long-term care services within a managed care environment to begin in 2009, and

WHEREAS, ADRC services must be available at least two months prior to when a Care Management Organization (CMO) starts operating in a county, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Health and Human Services Board and Administration Committee have recommended that the Department of Health and Human Services develop a single county ADRC for Douglas County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors appoints the Department of Health and Human Services to develop, implement and administer a single county Aging and Disability Resource Center for Douglas County.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

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

ACTION: Motion by Jaques, second Isackson, to adopt. Lengthy discussion followed to clarify that this Resource Center will not affect the long-standing services of the Aging Resource Center. Pat Schanen explained the nine core functions for an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), and how the department's economic support staff fit into those functions. The Center will be housed in the Health and Human Services Department in the Government Center. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #121-07
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: H.R. 811 Opposed

WHEREAS, Congress has before it a proposed bill, H.R. 811, which will expand the requirements of the Help America Vote Act and prescribes election policy and practices, and

WHEREAS, H.R. 811, as originally written, includes, among other mandates, one which would require replacement of voting machines in Douglas County with such voting equipment as would meet the standards defined in the proposed legislation, and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, many jurisdictions, Douglas County included, have purchased new voting equipment to assist in compliance with the Help American Vote Act and increase voter confidence in the system, and

WHEREAS, in addition, all jurisdictions were required to purchase accessible voting equipment, which would also need to be replaced, in order to comply with the new mandates, and

WHEREAS, the current practices in Douglas County for standardized voting procedures, meet the objectives of existing federal and state election guidelines, and

WHEREAS, election officials of the Wisconsin State Board of Elections have expressed opposition to the specific provisions of H.R. 811, as being overly prescriptive, overly detailed and difficult for compliance, and

WHEREAS, the timetables proposed in the legislation are unrealistic and need to be extended, and

WHEREAS, the funding is not sufficient for the mandates and would then place a resultant financial burden on local jurisdictions, that is unnecessary, and

WHEREAS, election officials are still implementing and perfecting the changes that were imposed by the Help American Vote Act and to add additional mandates, at a this time, may result in disastrous consequences.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses opposition to the provisions set forth in H.R. 811.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Senator Kohl, Senator Feingold, Representative Obey, and Governor Doyle.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

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

ACTION: Motion by Egan, second Thompson, to adopt. Motion by McKenzie, second Browne, to amend resolution to be sponsored by the County Board. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution, as amended, carried.

RESOLUTION #122-07
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Repurchase of Tax Delinquent Property

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

From Diane J. Holmberg and Jody L. Landowski to repurchase Parcel #09-809-04808-00, described as Lots 1, 2 and 3, except S 85' thereof, Block 23, Ontario Land Company's Addition to West Superior, City of Superior, upon payment of delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$9,401.59.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

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

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

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Koszarek reported courthouse roof repair began yesterday, and should take about 90 days. Forestry Department had public forums on the proposed 15-Year Forestry Plan and received rave reviews. Chair Finn asked what the total cost for architectural fees was for the courthouse roof, and Koszarek will get that for him.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS: Congressman Obey's office called, and three items passed in the budget, including \$8,000,000 for 154 projects. Douglas County's four recommended projects were approved. Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled for early January, and one item will be consideration of reduction in committees. Let Chair Finn know if you have items for that agenda.

The following appointments were recommended: **Douglas County Revolving Loan Fund Advisory Committee and Board of Directors - Jim Kehoe;** and **Land Conservation Committee - Supervisor Graven to replace Supervisor Ritscher.** Motion by Corbin, second C. Johnson, to approve. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

McKenzie reported Cameron Birch, the county's new conservation technician, will have an office in the Zoning Department. Land Conservation will be applying for a grant to fund an invasive species coordinator position.

Quam reported on the Health and Human Services Board meeting.

C. Johnson reported Comprehensive Planning Committee's survey results have been provided to County Board members.

Martin reported NWCSA received good marks on their state audit.

Liebaert reported on the 15-Year Forestry Plan public meetings and citizen input. He commended Forestry Department Manager Jon Harris for his work on the plan, and noted that the state may use it as a model instead of the boilerplate of the past. Harris will make a presentation on the plan to the Board, so questions are answered before it comes before the Board for approval in March. The state is putting pressure on the county to get this approved as it may impact funding from the state.

Stewart announced December 26th Law Enforcement Committee meeting moved to January 9th.

K. Johnson reported January 2nd Highway Committee meeting has been cancelled.

Hendrickson reported recycling mini-grant applications are due January 2nd.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS - Wendland reported on the UW-S environmental impact meeting and is working with Supervisor Robinson to keep members informed of progress. Geissler reported SHS has put their student newspaper on line and can be found at spartanspin.com.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS: Motion by Jaques, second Martin, to approve. Motion carried.

SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE WISCONSIN STATUTES

Highway Department: Allen requested Executive Committee agenda item to discuss issues regarding Highway Department/Committee.

Douglas County has received an award for the best overall loss protection from County Mutual.

Highway Department was also mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Corbin, second Browne, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, January 17, 2008.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk