

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, January 17, 2008, 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 Dean Miller. Absent was Adam Ritscher. Youth representatives present were Megan Dalbec, Kelly Nys, Ashley Burger.

Motion by James O'Brien, second Corbin, to approve minutes of the December 20, 2007, meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Summons and Complaint from Attorney Aaron R. Bransky on behalf of SMDC Health System for payment of medical and hospital costs provided to Douglas County Jail inmate. Claim already disallowed; County defending the action.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nine 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 presented Rita Johnson, legal secretary to Corporation Counsel Felker, the Employee of the Quarter Award. Recognized for an exemplary work ethic as a dedicated professional, Felker elaborated on Johnson's commitment and service to his office and other county offices. Johnson thanked the Board, adding that Douglas County is a wonderful employer.

Supervisor Conley introduced Lucinda Johnson, Ph.D., Natural Resources Research Institute, who presented an informational program on "Climate Change Impacts to the Great Lakes Region." Documentation data from studies worldwide substantiate the global warming phenomenon. A guidebook published by King County, State of Washington, which outlines strategies for reducing greenhouse gases, particularly helpful for local, regional and state governments, was recommended by Dr. Johnson. A copy of the guidebook will be available for review in the County Clerk's Office.

Jon Harris, Douglas County Forestry Department Manager, and Don Luebbe, DNR liaison for the Douglas County region, summarized the history, goals and objectives of the required 15-year "Comprehensive Land-Use Plan". Twenty-nine county forests in the state must produce a plan. The state may begin using the Douglas County plan as a model for others to use. Public input has been received through public meetings and included in the document. Following a synopsis of Douglas

County's "Comprehensive Land-Use Plan, 2006 - 2020", Harris asked the Board for any questions they might have on the plan. The final plan should be approved at the February, Forest, Parks & Recreation Committee, and then to the County Board in March. The State has indicated Douglas County went above and beyond in terms of getting public input, compared with the other counties. Luebbe stated that the historical role of the DNR in terms of land use, was more of an oversight function, as opposed to now taking on a role of a partner in managing the forests.

ORDINANCES

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**ORDINANCE #1.28
RETIREMENT BENEFIT POLICY FOR ELECTED
OFFICIALS**

PRESENTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

SECTION I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to give Douglas County elected department heads (Sheriff, Treasurer, County Clerk, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds) a retirement benefit, based on their prior service as a Douglas County employee.

SECTION II. BENEFIT

Elected department heads, who are Douglas County employees at the time of election or re-election, are entitled to a retirement benefit based on the actual number of sick leave days accumulated at the time of first taking office.

SECTION III. RETIREMENT PAYOUT AND HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS

Upon retirement at age 55 or older, or forced retirement due to disability or death, the employee or the officer of his/her estate shall have deposited on their behalf in the ICMA Vantage Care Plan, the value of the elected official's unused sick leave at the time of first taking office not to exceed 120 days.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective immediately and apply to the next office holders.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2008.

(Committee Action: 7-3-1)

(Fiscal Note: \$23,642.00 beginning in 2009 and beyond)

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ACTION: Motion by Quam, second Livingston, to adopt. Correct "Committee Action" to reflect 7 Yes, 3 No, 1 Absent. Motion by Sweeney, second Baker, to refer the ordinance back to the Administration Committee for clarification and improvement of the document. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1-08
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, the following parcels of land were advertised on December 3, 10, and 17, 2007 , in accordance with Section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bids received are as follows:

\$87,734.00 PARCEL 53-07: Approximately 64 lots in the City of Superior (between 58th Street and 64th Street), from Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, intended for development of pipeline transportation system and buffer area adjacent to existing pipeline system, and described as follows:

| <u>PARCEL NO.</u> | <u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| Pt 08-808-07257-00 | Lots 11-12, Lots 14-20, and Lots 24-26, Block 3, Syndicate Addition to South Superior, City of Superior. |
| Pt 08-808-07361-00 | Lots 26-28, Block 6, Syndicate Addition to South Superior, City of Superior. |
| Pt 08-808-07411-00 | Fractional Lots 13-15, and Lots 21-23, Block 8, Syndicate Addition to South Superior, City of Superior. |
| Pt 08-808-07624-00 | Lots 1-7, Block 12, Syndicate Addition 2 to South Superior, City of Superior. |
| 08-808-09024-00 | Lots 17-20, Block 24, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior. |
| 08-808-09048-00 | Lots 1-2, Block 26, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior. |
| 08-808-09050-00 | Lot 3, Block 26, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior. |
| 08-808-09091-00 | Lots 19-20, Block 27, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior. |
| Pt 08-808-09093-00 | Lots 21-22, Block 27, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior. |
| Pt 08-808-09358-00 | Lots 5-8, Block 37, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior. |
| 08-808-09366-00 | Lots 9-11, Block 37, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior. |
| Pt 08-808-09369-00 | Lots 12-16, Block 37, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior. |

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Pt 08-808-09401-00

Lots 25-28, Block 38, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior.

Pt 08-808-09531-00

Lots 27-30, Block 44, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior.

08-808-09566-00

Lots 6-7, Block 45, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior.

Pt 08-808-09573-00

Lots 16-18, Block 45, South Superior Webster Division, City of Superior.

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 17th day of January, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by \$87,734.00)

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

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RESOLUTION #2-08
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Project Labor Agreements

WHEREAS, in undertaking public works projects, Douglas County has a compelling interest in ensuring that construction proceeds:

- (1) In a timely, cost-efficient manner, with the highest degree of quality and with minimal delays and disruptions;
- (2) With the highest degree of safety for workers and the public; and
- (3) In a manner that provides meaningful training and employment opportunities for residents of the communities in which the projects are being built; and

WHEREAS, throughout the country, public and private construction owners regularly utilize and require project labor agreements for billions of dollars worth of construction each year, and

WHEREAS, project labor agreements establish uniform terms and conditions of employment for the contractors and craft construction employees working throughout a project have been shown to provide an effective mechanism for overall construction project and staffing and planning because they allow project owners to,

- (1) Predict their labor costs and requirements up-front, and, therefore, more accurately estimate actual total project costs;
- (2) Promote cost-efficient, timely, and safe construction project trained and skilled construction craft personnel for all aspects of the project;
- (3) Assure greater productivity and workmanship quality from construction craft personnel, thereby yielding high quality, cost-efficient projects, while also reducing maintenance and repair costs over the life of the project;

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- (4) Integrate work schedules and standardize work rules for the project, to provide a well-coordinated, efficiently functioning construction worksite that will minimize delays, promote quality, and maintain project safety; and
- (5) Assure that construction will proceed without interruptions from staffing shortages, high employee turnover, safety incidents, and labor disputes, by providing reliable project staffing, contractual guarantees against work stoppages, and mutually binding procedures for resolving disputes; and

WHEREAS, a project labor agreement can provide a public entity with a useful tool for advancing its interests in cost-efficiency, quality, safety and timeliness in public works construction, and

WHEREAS, consistent with Douglas County’s role as a market participant, in purchasing construction services, and the routine practice under public contracting laws of requiring contractors and subcontractors to meet certain qualification standards as a condition of performing public projects Douglas County may require contractors and subcontractors to abide by a project labor agreement as a condition of working on a particular works project, and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this resolution “project labor agreement” (PLA) means a form of multi-employer, multi-craft pre-hire collective bargaining agreement covering terms and conditions of employment for construction employees on a particular construction project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Douglas County may use a project labor agreement on a public works project estimated to cost in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), as adjusted for changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the date of this Resolution as determined by the United States Department of Labor, when it determines, in the exercise of its discretion, that doing so will further its interests in promoting timely, cost-efficient, and quality construction with minimal delays and disruptions; and further Douglas County, when considering using a PLA on a particular project, may undertake an evaluation to determine whether doing so would advance its interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if Douglas County decides, based on its evaluation, to use a PLA on a particular project it should set forth the basis for its decision in writing

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BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that when Douglas County has determined to use a project agreement on a particular project the agreement should be made binding on all contractors and subcontractors working on the site; and Douglas County may implement the project labor agreement by requiring adherence to the agreement in the bid specifications in all relevant bid documents.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that no contractor may be required to be or become a party to a collective bargaining agreement on any other construction project in order to qualify to work under a project labor agreement implemented for a particular project.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that a project labor agreement implemented pursuant to the provisions of this resolution should:

- (1) Set forth effective, mutually binding procedures for resolving any jurisdictional and labor disputes arising during the construction process;
- (2) Contain guarantees against strikes, lock-outs, and similar actions; and
- (3) Provide that employment on the project will be available to any qualified applicant without regard to union membership.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Browne, to adopt. Motion carried. Isackson abstained.

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RESOLUTION #3-08
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Write-Off of Non-Sufficient Funds Checks

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve write-off of the following non-sufficient funds checks:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 08/18/06 | Health | \$ 110.00 |
| 08/23/06 | ROD | \$ 10.00 |
| 11/03/06 | County Clerk | \$ 1.58 |
| 04/04/07 | Health | \$ 10.00 |
| 05/14/07 | Sheriff | <u>\$ 25.00</u> |
| TOTAL | | \$ 156.58 |

Dated this 17th day of January, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Bad Debt Expense of \$156.58)

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

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RESOLUTION #4-08
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 of a minimum of \$400,000.00, to a maximum of \$600,000.00, to the State of Wisconsin Retirement System for contribution to Douglas County's unfunded pension liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Department will determine the amount to be paid and said funds will come from Interest Income, with payment made in January, 2008.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
 (Fiscal Note: Minimum of \$400,000.00 to maximum of \$600,000.00 from budget surplus generated from interest income)

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

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| Roll: Ayes <u> 26 </u> Noes <u> 0 </u> Absent <u> 2 </u> (Miller; Ritscher) Abstain <u> </u> Passed <u> X </u> Lost <u> </u> Refer <u> </u> Amend <u> </u> Other <u> </u> | | |
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RESOLUTION #5-08
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 transfer:

Health & Human Services \$20,000.00 (J.E. #139261 adjustment of 2007 budgeted funds to allow for purchase of teleconferencing equipment)

Dated this 17th day of January, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Zero impact on total budget)

ACTION: Motion by K. Johnson, second Quam, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 26 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent. Absent were Miller and Ritscher.

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RESOLUTION #6-08
RESOLUTION BY THE JUDICIARY, LEGISLATIVE AND VETERANS COMMITTEE AND THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Vehicle Replacement for Child Support Agency

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Judiciary, Legislative and Veterans Committee and the Administration Committee and approve purchase of replacement vehicle for the Child Support Agency in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 from the Child Support fund balance.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Decrease Child Support fund balance up to \$20,000.00)

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

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RESOLUTION #7-08
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: Climate Change Reduction Efforts Supported

WHEREAS, climate disruption is a reality, with the United Nations IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) scientists in agreement that the impacts are now being seen, and

WHEREAS, in the extreme, climate change could result in an increasing number of droughts, greater risk of forest fires, shifting crop patterns, a reduction in our snow pack, an increase in sea levels, more flooding, extreme temperature fluctuations, and storm events, and

WHEREAS, the economy of Douglas County is heavily dependent on shipping, tourism, recreation and forestry, all of which will be significantly impacted by global warming induced climate change, and

WHEREAS, the United Nations IPCC has called for immediate action to curb greenhouse gas emissions tied to global warming, and

WHEREAS, many state and local governments throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing pollutants through a series of activities that simultaneously provide economic and quality of life benefits, and

WHEREAS, emissions reduction programs can benefit communities through reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conversion and new technologies, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County has previously adopted a resolution endorsing the four principles of the Natural Step sustainability framework, which include the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, the members of the National Association of Counties (NACo) support immediate and long-range efforts to mitigate possible sources of climate change and have agreed that NACo will provide leadership in the education, discussion, evaluation, and decision-making regarding climate change affecting counties.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of Supervisors Conley, Browne, and McKenzie, and through cooperation with the National Association of Counties and other institutions, will commit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by:

- Conducting an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions which results from Douglas County operations;
- Developing an emission reduction plan which includes goals, strategies and timelines;
- Providing leadership in Douglas County communities and the region through public education, open dialogue, and participation in the Twin Ports Early Adopters of Sustainability Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Douglas County urges the President of the United States and federal legislators to pass strong global warming legislation and to take leadership in international efforts to reduce global warming gases.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that Douglas County urges the State of Wisconsin to continue and expand its regional efforts and incentives to reduce global warming gases.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, copies of this resolution be forwarded to President Bush, Senators Feingold and Kohl, Congressman David Obey, Governor Doyle, State Senator Jauch, State Representative Boyle, NACo, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2008.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Conley, second McKenzie, to adopt. Motion by McKenzie, second Browne, to amend resolution to be sponsored by County Board. Motion carried. Asked if there will be a cost for the inventories, etc., called for in this resolution, Conley responded that anything that requires funding would be brought before the County Board. It was suggested the fiscal note should probably read unknown, if there is work to be done. Jaques stated concern about impacts this would have on projects such as Murphy Oil is planning. Several Board members were anxious about the scope of work outlined in the resolution. Motion by Allen, second Jaques, to refer the resolution to the Energy Committee for clarification on how the work outlined in the resolution will be accomplished, and the

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associated costs. Proponents of the resolution argued that the resolution relates to how Douglas County government operates in terms of reducing emissions, using recycled paper, etc. Brief discussion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #8-08
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AND THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Subject: Transfer of Property to Forestry Department

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and the Land and Development Committee and approve transfer of ownership to the Douglas County Forestry Department of the following described property, upon payment of \$20,000.00 to the Land and Development Committee:

Parcel #~~GO-012-01040-00~~ #**GO-012-01949-00**, NE1/4 of NE1/4, Section 19-45-13, Town of Gordon.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss in Land Sales Account by \$20,000.00)

ACTION: Motion by Corbin, second Allen, to adopt. Motion by McKenzie, second Stewart, to amend resolution and correct parcel number to #GO-012-01949-00. Motion carried. Liebaert suggested that the county set a policy on how county-owned land is transferred between departments. Land and Development Committee will put this on their next agenda. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #9-08
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 to the City of Superior of the following described property, upon payment of delinquent taxes in the amount of \$8,006.78:

Parcel #09-809-00371-00, Lots 13 & 14, Block 234, West Superior, 12th Division, City of Superior, known as 3507 - 3509 North 17th Street.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2008.

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

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Corbin, to adopt. Brief discussion on the City of Superior's plan for new housing at this location. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #10-08
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Forestry Department 2008 Annual Work Plan

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and approve the Forestry Department 2008 Annual Work Plan as set forth in Exhibit B-1-08.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2008.

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

ACTION: Motion by Robinson, second Liebaert, to adopt. Brief discussion. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #11-08
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISORS ON THE LAND
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants

WHEREAS Douglas County inland lakes and streams are an important resources used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty, and

WHEREAS public use and enjoyment of Douglas County inland lakes and streams is best served by protection of Douglas County inland lakes and streams from infestation of aquatic invasive species, and

WHEREAS Douglas County recognizes the need to provide information or education about aquatic invasive species, and

WHEREAS Douglas County is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of an aquatic invasive species control project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors request grant funding and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the “Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program” and hereby authorizes the Douglas County Conservationist to act on behalf of Douglas County to:

- Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for aquatic invasive species control purposes;
- Sign documents;
- Take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved aquatic invasive species control grant; and
- Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Douglas County will meet the obligations of the aquatic invasive species control project including timely publication of the results and meet the financial obligations of an aquatic invasive species grant, including a 25% commitment to aquatic invasive species control project costs.

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(Fiscal Note: \$25,000 match to be provided by in-kind services)

ACTION: Motion by Corbin, second McKenzie, to adopt. Christine Ostern, Douglas County Land Conservationist, explained the resolution is a required part of the grant application process. The \$25,000 match will be in the form of in-kind services of county staff and professional services, as well as that of outside organizations. Brief discussion. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Design team cost for courthouse roof project is 8% of project cost, about \$31,000. Koszarek opined it is in the county's best interest to have the design team present to oversee the project. No final figures on 2007 budget, but looking good at this time.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS: Supervisors participating in Superior Days need to get travel approval forms submitted to Chair Finn. Executive Committee met on Monday, and a resolution on committee restructuring and non-county appointments will be on County Board's March agenda. Obey here January 24th, 11 a.m., Government Center Board Room.

The following appointment was recommended: **Comprehensive Planning Committee, Vice Chair - Susan Hendrickson.** Motion by McKenzie, second Stewart, to approve. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quam reported City-County Committee agreed to study merging city and county departments. Jean Vito and Koszarek will work on merging departments issue, and bring ideas to the City County Committee. Health and Human Services Board reports both departments still under budget for 2007.

Liebaert reported Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee meets February 25th.

McKenzie reported Land Conservation Committee's planning group will be pursuing well testing methods and funding.

K. Johnson reported Highway Committee will meet February 6th.

Browne reported on the farmers' market products and BUY LOCAL campaign, for which there will be a resolution to the County Board in the coming months.

Martin reported on the Environment, Agriculture and Extension Committee meeting.

Corbin reported POWTS and Zoning Committee will meet again March 18th.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Dalbec reported youth are completing work on their Superior Days agenda. She and Nys both will attend.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Thompson, second Allen, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, March 20, 2008.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk