

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, April 10, 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 23 present, 5 absent. Absent and excused were Baker, Ritscher, McKenzie, Corbin, C. Johnson. Baker arrived 6:25 p.m. Youth representatives present were Megan Dalbec, Kelly Nys, and Dominic Frost.

Motion by Martin, second K. Johnson, to authorize a special meeting Monday, April 14th, if necessary to adjourn this meeting due to the storm. Motion carried.

Motion by James O'Brien, second Miller, to approve minutes of the March 20, 2008, meeting. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sixteen 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 announced that due to the expected blizzard, the Employee of the Quarter Award will be presented to Luann Bergstrom at the May 15th County Board meeting.

Supervisor Jack Sweeney - "Long-Term Care Reform", presented the second of three planned briefings regarding the proposal that Douglas County's become a participating member in the eleven county Long-Term Care Organization. Sweeney reviewed the 2006 budget of \$558,962 and expenditures to date. The projected balance as of today is \$146,487. There is a five year paydown of 22% per county beginning in 2009, which is given back to the State. Douglas County will have no liability, per statute. If something happens to the 11 county group to put it in deficit, the counties will have no liability whatsoever. Sweeney indicated there will be a savings to the county and elimination of long waiting lists. The three big items on the table right now for the LTCO include: (1) Soliciting information for an executive; (2) Developing the best fit and contract for the Information Technology component (the right company and person); and (3) Hiring a negotiator to work with the three unions involved. It appears there will be approximately 25 people hired, and Superior will be a hub for this organization. Brief discussion on positions to be filled. The mandate to provide the services will no longer rest with the county, but with the LTCO.

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 April 9, 2008, on the following petition for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

Part of the NE1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 35, T48N-R12W, (AM-002-00873-00/US Hwy 2 & Westline Rd), Town of Amnicon, from the A-1: Agriculture zoning district to the C-1: Commercial zoning district, by John & Pamela Ramsay, 43 Mentor Dr., Naples, Florida. Intended use: Commercial.

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the notice of the public hearing, and proof of giving notice to the town clerk of the hearing are as shown in Exhibit A-4-10-08.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors approve the petition contingent on Zoning Committee approval and receipt of approval letter from the town board.

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

Dated this 10th day of April, 2008.

(Committee Action: To be determined at April 9, 2008 meeting)
(Fiscal Note: None)

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

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**ORDINANCE #4.33A
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
PRESENTED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

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

That Ordinance #4.33 of the Douglas County Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and re-created as Ordinance #4.33A as follows:

SECTION I. AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the authority of sec. 59.54(25), Wisconsin Statutes, Douglas County does hereby establish this ordinance prohibiting the possession of marijuana.

SECTION II. DEFINITION

- A. "Marijuana" means all parts of the plants of the genus Cannabis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin, including tetrahydrocannabinols. "Marijuana" does include the mature stalks if mixed with other parts of the plant.
- B. "Marijuana" does not include fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil or cake or the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination.

SECTION III. POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA PROHIBITED

No person may possess or attempt to possess 25 grams or less of marijuana as defined in Section II., unless:

- A. The person obtains the marijuana directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a physician

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or other practitioner who is licensed, registered, certified or otherwise permitted to prescribe a controlled substance, and who is acting in the course of his or her professional practice.

B The person is otherwise authorized by Wisconsin Statute to possess marijuana.

SECTION IV. PENALTIES

Any person violating Section III is subject to a forfeiture of up to \$1000.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE

Following passage and publication by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors this ordinance shall be in full force and effect.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2008.

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

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

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**ORDINANCE #4.33B
POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
PRESENTED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

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

4.33B POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the authority of sec. 59.54(25m), Wisconsin Statutes, Douglas County does hereby establish this ordinance prohibiting the possession of drug paraphernalia.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Drug Paraphernalia" means all equipment, products and materials that are used, designed for use or primarily intended for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body, a controlled substance or controlled substance analog in violation of this ordinance.
- B. "Drug paraphernalia" does not include:
 - 1. Hypodermic syringes, needles and other objects used or intended for use in parenterally injecting substances into the human body.
 - 2. Any items, including pipes, papers and accessories that are designed for use or primarily intended for use with tobacco products.
- C. "Primarily" means chiefly or mainly.

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SECTION III. POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA PROHIBITED

No person may possess or attempt to possess drug paraphernalia as defined in Section II of this ordinance.

SECTION IV. PENALTIES

Any person violating Section III is subject to the following penalties:

- A. For a first violation a forfeiture of not less than \$150 nor more than \$250.
- B. For a second violation a forfeiture of not less than \$250 nor more than \$350.
- C. For a third or subsequent violation, a forfeiture of not less than \$350 nor more than \$500.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE

Following passage and publication by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors this ordinance shall be in full force and effect.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2008.

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

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

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9. Prettie	X	
10. Robinson	X	
11. Coyle	X	
12. Jaques	X	
13. Quam	X	
14. O'Brien, James	X	
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16. Sweeney		X
17. Egan	X	
18. Allen		X
19. Miller	X	
20. Hendrickson	X	
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22. Thompson	X	
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24. Liebaert	X	
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Roll: Ayes <u> 21 </u> Noes <u> 2 </u> Absent <u> 5 </u> Abstain <u> </u> Passed <u> X </u> Lost <u> </u> Refer <u> </u> Amend <u> </u> Other <u> </u>		
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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 age, in accordance with the Wisconsin Retirement System, 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 10th day of April, 2008

(Committee Action: 7-2-2)

(Fiscal Note: Unknown)

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ACTION: Motion by Quam, second Miller, to adopt. Livingston questioned why the ordinance does not cover existing elected officials. Corporation Counsel stated the intent is to cover them if elected officials decide to run again. Roll call vote taken and passed with 21 Yes, 2 No, 5 Absent. Voting no were Sweeney and Allen. Absent were Ritscher, McKenzie, Baker, Corbin, C. Johnson.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION #31-08
RESOLUTION BY LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, the following parcels of land were advertised on March 7, 14 and 21, 2008, in accordance with Section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bids received are as follows:

\$ 1,501.00 PARCEL 02-08: Lots 19 and 21, Townsite of Superior, West 3rd Street, City of Superior, (PT 01-801-00786-00), from Byron F. Card. Intended use: Adjacent property owner; and

\$18,501.00 PARCEL 04-08: Lots 1-18 Inclusive, and Lots 37-40 Inclusive, Block 39, Oliver Central Division, Section 12-48-15, Village of Oliver, (OL-165-01669-00, OL-165-01677-00), from Eric G. Mackie and Amy S. Mackie. Intended use: Adjacent property 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 10th day of April, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by \$20,002.00)

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

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**RESOLUTION #32-08
PRESENTED BY THE ENERGY COMMITTEE**

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, 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, 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, energy audits have already been done on most of the county properties and the Energy Committee will pursue the completion of that process, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Department is currently monitoring the results of the energy audits and about a 7% reduction in energy consumption has already resulted, which is significant and is saving Douglas County money, in addition to reducing greenhouse gas emission output, and

WHEREAS, most buildings have been inventoried and changes recommended, and after the smaller buildings are done, the Energy Committee will compile a list of improvements that have been made and further improvements that could be made, to reduce energy costs and global warming emissions, and recommendations for improvements will be prioritized and costs determined for presentation to the **appropriate committee and** County Board on a case-by-case basis.

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WHEREAS, energy conservation needs to become a budget line item and as the County continues to realize monetary savings from energy use reduction, a percentage of the savings should be funneled back into the energy conservation budget category to fund further energy reduction improvements.

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Superior has a Sustainability Committee which is in the process of determining their carbon footprint, and Douglas County could utilize their criteria for the same process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Energy Committee, that through cooperation with the National Association of Counties and other institutions, Douglas County will commit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for Douglas County owned and operated facilities, 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;
- Establishing a **target goal** of 7% emissions reduction for 2008;
- 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 10th day of April, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
 (Fiscal Note: Unknown)

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ACTION: Motion by Conley, second Browne, to adopt. Sweeney stated he does not agree with setting up a special fund based on a percentage of savings. Chair Finn noted the resolution does not authorize that at this time, and it would have to be approved by the County Board. Discussion. It was noted that the city of Duluth has set up such a fund, which has helped with additional energy savings projects. Motion by Browne, second Conley, to amend resolution and change “target” to “goal” in the third bullet on page two. Motion carried. Motion by Conley, second Baker, to add to the last line of eighth Whereas, “appropriate committee and” County Board. Motion carried. Motion by Stewart, second Sweeney, to amend the resolution and eliminate ninth Whereas paragraph. Discussion. Motion failed. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

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RESOLUTION #33-08
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: "Take Back the Night" Event Supported

WHEREAS, sexual violence against the citizens of Wisconsin continues at an unacceptable rate, each year affecting many thousands of people in Wisconsin of all genders, ages and abilities, of all racial, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds, and of all sexual orientations, and

WHEREAS, sexual violence is promoted through - and in turn reinforces - systems of oppression within society, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Wisconsin are compelled to reaffirm their commitment to creating an ever more just society, and

WHEREAS, continued commitment is needed to ensure that all victims and survivors of sexual violence are treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve, and afforded the support they need to heal, and

WHEREAS, to prevent future violations against our citizens, it is imperative that we foster greater public awareness of the causes and effects of sexual violence and commit to addressing this problem on every civic level, and

WHEREAS, a number of community groups and activists have organized "Take Back the Night" protests against sexual violence in the Twin Ports for the last several years as part of the necessary educational campaign needed to end this problem, and

WHEREAS, this year the Twin Ports "Take Back the Night" protect will be held in Duluth on April 24th.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors declares its support for "Take Back the Night", and encourages community participation in this event.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2008.
(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Conley, second Hendrickson, to adopt. Motion by K. Johnson, second Liebaert, to sponsor the resolution by the County Board. Motion carried. Motion to adopt as amended, carried.

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RESOLUTION #34-08
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISORS BROWNE, FINN, AND CONLEY

Subject: "Early Adopters Project" for Sustainable Twin Ports Program Supported

WHEREAS, Douglas County has been invited to participate in the Twin Ports Sustainability "Early Adopters Project" as described in Exhibit C-4-10-08, and

WHEREAS, the "Early Adopters Project", through training, application and a shared understanding of sustainability, will help Douglas County to create and implement specific sustainability plans that provide economic, environmental and social benefits, and

WHEREAS, two or three Douglas County staff will participate in action planning and training within the program, and

WHEREAS, participation may result in cost-savings or revenue opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Douglas County apply for membership in the Twin Ports Sustainability Program's "Early Adopters Project".

Dated this 10th day of April, 2008.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Livingston, second Browne, to adopt. Jerry Hembd, UW-Superior, summarized the project goals, noting the partners participating in the sustainability efforts. This resolution represents the next step to Douglas County's previously adopted status as an eco-county. There are no out-of-pocket contributions from the county, only in-kind contributions from the various partners. Motion carried.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Isackson		
5. Baker		
6. Ritscher		
7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Coyle		
12. Jaques		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Sweeney		
17. Egan		
18. Allen		
19. Miller		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Conley		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Graven		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____ Passed <u> X </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
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**RESOLUTION #35-08
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: DNR Grant Programs Participation Authorized

WHEREAS, Douglas County is interested in maintaining, acquiring, insuring, or developing lands for public outdoor motorized trail use, and

WHEREAS, said public motorized trails are eligible for funds under Section 23.09 (26) (snowmobile) or Section 23.33 (all-terrain vehicle), of the Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and approves Douglas County's application for funds under Section 23.09 (26) or Section 23.33 of the Wisconsin Statutes, for such eligible maintenance, acquisition, insurance, rehabilitation, and /or development costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mark Schroeder, Douglas County Forestry Department, be authorized to act on behalf of Douglas County as signatory on all grant applications and related documents submitted to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available, and to take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete any approved projects.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2008.

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

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

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Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____ Passed <u> X </u> Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
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RESOLUTION #36-08
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Designation of ATC Funds for Unfunded Pension Liability

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve an annual designation of \$100,000.00 from ATC funds, for a period of three years, to be used for paydown of Douglas County's unfunded pension liability.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Reduce ATC funds by \$300,000.00)

ACTION: Motion by Quam, second Jaques, to adopt. Discussion. Motion by Prettie, second Coyle, to amend resolution and change three years to one year. \$6.3 million is the unfunded liability balance. Allen stated he is totally against the amendment. It was noted that the county has been putting in \$500,000 the last two years, and this \$100,000 is just a portion of what the county pays down each year. The end of each year, the Board decides how much to pay down on this liability based on year-end budget reports. Koszarek explained that the county is required to paydown \$170,000 annually. Roll call vote taken on the amendment and failed with tie vote, 12 Yes, 12 No, 4 Absent. Voting yes were Browne, Isackson, Baker, Livingston, Prettie, Coyle, Miller, Hendrickson, Thompson, Liebaert, Conley, Graven. Absent were Ritscher, McKenzie, Corbin, C. Johnson. Motion to adopt resolution, carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: County will announce in the morning as to whether the county will open or not due to storm. Employees should call 395-1411 or check the website.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS: WCA district meeting in Hayward on April 28th at 2 p.m. Contact Chair Finn if you want to attend.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING SUPERVISORS: Chair Finn presented outgoing County Board Supervisors Dean Miller and George Graven, with Certificates of Appreciation for their service on the Douglas County Board. Supervisor Ritscher was not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Quam reported both Health and Human Services divisions came in under budget for 2007.

Liebaert reported Forestry Department has logging meeting on April 16, 10 a.m., St. Croix Inn, Solon Springs. He thanked Graven for his participation on the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Dalbec reported SHS forensic team will be moving on to Madison for state competition.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS Motion by K. Johnson, second James O'Brien, to approve. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Jaques, second Allen, to adjourn open session and convene into closed session in Government Center Conference Room 204, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss purchase of property by the Forestry Department. Roll call vote taken and passed with 24 Yes, 0 No, 4 Absent. Absent were Corbin, C. Johnson, Ritscher, McKenzie. Open session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting - Tuesday, April 15, 2008 - Reorganization meeting.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk