

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, November 20, 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 21 present, 6 absent. Absent and excused were Keith Allen, Karen Livingston, Bob Browne, Sue Hendrickson (arrived 6:05 p.m.), Jack Sweeney, John O'Brien. Youth representatives present were Nate Dalbec, Lucas Geissler, Dominic Frost.

Motion by James O'Brien, second C. Johnson, to approve minutes from the October 16, 2008, and October 28, 2008 meetings. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fifteen 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 the Employee of the Quarter Award to Renee Middleton, UW-Extension. Fariba Pendleton, UW-Extension Community Resource Development Educator, enumerated Middleton's contributions to the Department and excellent customer service skills. Middleton thanked her co-workers and the County Board for the recognition.

Department of Transportation NW Regional Planning and Program Chief Tom Beekman presented a valuable, detailed history of and update on the DOT's improvement planning process for the Highway 53 corridor cross-traffic intersections. Road safety audits have been conducted by objective non-engineering professionals, with a report to be released in the near future. DOT is in the process of designing and completing official mapping for easements and interchanges along 53 from Rice Lake to Superior, expecting to complete the Douglas County plans in about a year. The interchange pieces will be built as funding is available. Study from Bennett to Hawthorne is almost done, and the rest of northern Douglas County will follow. Incident management plans are maintained by NW Regional DOT office. Solon Springs/Minong/Gordon area is under study, and in early 2009 the last two segments to Superior will be studied. Beekman explained the two year process to complete the study. State Statute 84.295 allows DOT to purchase easements outside of a special project. Landowners along 53 in Douglas County, who plan to improve their property, should notify the DOT of those improvements so they can work out an agreeable land plan as highway projects along this stretch of 53 progress. Discussion. County Board asked Beekman to send notification of any public hearings on DOT plans to the Douglas County Clerk for distribution to County Board members. Beekman offered to have DOT staff attend Town Board or Towns Association meetings to present the same information. Call Beekman or Don Gutkowski.

RESOLUTIONS

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RESOLUTION #117-08
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding Between Douglas County
and the City of Superior

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve Memorandum of Understanding between Douglas County and the City of Superior for maintenance of sidewalks, driving surfaces and parking areas as set forth in Exhibit A-11-08.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2008.

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

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

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RESOLUTION #118-08
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Project Labor Agreement Resolution #2-08 Amended

WHEREAS, Resolution #2-08 established a policy that Douglas County would consider entering into project labor agreements for public works projects estimated to cost in excess of \$150,000, and

WHEREAS, under Section 66.0903(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Department of Workforce Development annually establishes a minimum dollar amount to projects for which municipalities are required to pay the prevailing wage as established by the Department, currently at \$221,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and amends Resolution #2-08 as follows:

Douglas County may use a project labor agreement for public works projects estimated to cost in excess of the minimum amount established by the Department of Workforce Development for applicability of the prevailing wage requirements.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2008.

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

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

**RESOLUTION #119-08
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Easement to Dahlberg Light and Power Company
Approved

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and approve an easement to Dahlberg Light and Power Company on property legally described below and set forth in Exhibit B-11-08:

Southeast 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 12, Township 43 North,
Range 12 West, Town of Wascott.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Increase revenue \$278.03)

ACTION: Motion by Liebaert, second Hendrickson, to adopt.
Motion carried. Stewart abstained.

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RESOLUTION #120-08
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: Health Care for Wisconsin Citizens Advisory Referendum Supported

WHEREAS, on the November 4, 2008 ballot, there was an advisory referendum, per Douglas County Resolution #75-08, which asked the voters the following:

“Shall the next state legislature enact health care reform legislation by December 31, 2009, that guarantees every Wisconsin resident affordable health care coverage as good as what is provided to state employees and state officials?”

and

WHEREAS, in Douglas County the voters supported the advisory referendum question with well over 81 percent of the votes cast, 16,917 Yes; 3,891 No, and

WHEREAS, the advisory referendum results in Douglas County demonstrated widespread support for significant changes in how health care coverage is provided to the citizens of Wisconsin and throughout the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors urges both our federal and state representatives to develop a plan that would provide health coverage at a reasonable cost to all citizens of Wisconsin and the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to U. S. Senators Kohl and Feingold, U.S. Representative Obey, Governor Doyle, State Senator Jauch, State Representative Boyle, Representative-Elect Milroy, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2008.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Ryan, second Thompson, to adopt. Motion by K. Johnson, second Quam, to amend resolution to come from entire County Board. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

RESOLUTION #121-08
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Fairgrounds Racetrack Assignment of Contract and
Personal Guarantee

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approve the Assignment of Contract and Personal Guarantee relating to use of the Douglas County fairgrounds racetrack as set forth in Exhibit C-11-08.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2008.

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

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

Motion by Corbin, second Jaques, to allow resolution not on agenda. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #122-08
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISOR ALLEN**

Subject: Repurchase of Tax Delinquent Property

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

- (1) From Kevin R. Popovich to repurchase Parcel #LA-018-00761-00, described as the West 345.41 feet of Government Lot 2, Section 32, Township 49 North, Range 12 West, together with perpetual joint use of an easement for ingress and egress over a 60 foot wide roadway, commencing at and joining the Town Road with Government Lot 1, Section 32, Township 49 North, Range 12 West, the easterly line of which proceeds northerly on the easterly side of Government Lot 1 in Section 32, Township 49 North, Range 12 West, to the southerly line of Government Lot 2 and thence at an angle to the right of 78 degrees, 24 feet and proceed thence in a general easterly direction to the west line of the parcel above described, at which point the centerline of said roadway is 100 feet north of the south line of said Government Lot 2, Town of Lakeside, upon payment of delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$13,379.05, and

- (2) From Kevin R. Popovich to repurchase Parcel #05-805-02502-00, described as Lots 3 and 4, Block 4, Catlin Division of West Superior, City of Superior, upon payment of delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$8,003.32, and

- (3) From Kevin R. Popovich to repurchase Parcel #03-803-00183-00, described as Lots 25, 26, 27 and 28, Block 30, West Superior, 2nd Division, City of Superior, upon payment of delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$2,091.21.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2008.
(Fiscal Note: None)

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

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Koszarek reported no final figures on health insurance rates as yet. Strategic planning goals included meeting with Towns Association to discuss use of the county's website, as well as roads and county highways.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS: Steve Baker, John Robinson, Doug Finn and Mayor Ross went to Minneapolis to tour the veterans hospital and meet some of the veterans there. Also talked with individuals about prospect of veterans nursing home and clinic expansion in Superior. 154 projects selection committee meeting is December 11th in Ashland.

The following appointments were recommended: **Administration Committee:** Chair - Dan Corbin; Vice Chair-Jack Sweeney. Motion by Quam, second Liebaert, to approve. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

McKenzie announced Mark and Cora Liebaert will receive Wisconsin Farmer of the Year Award.

C. Johnson reported Zoning Committee will present the Wind Energy Ordinance to the County Board in January. Comprehensive Planning work is continuing.

K. Johnson, Highway Committee Chair, thanked the Board for approval of \$60,100 to do the wedging and repairs along many highways throughout the county. Energy lights are being installed in the garage. Pattison Park and Maple buildings are underway. Salt issue has been resolved.

Liebaert reported Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee November meeting cancelled. Last timber sale was \$1.6 million. A public hearing on Forestry's Land Recreation Plan will be held December 4th, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Forestry Department office.

Hendrickson reported Parkland and City of Superior signed the sanitary district agreement.

Quam reported Health and Human Services Board to hold a special closed session meeting next week to discuss vendor contracts.

Martin reported the new Extension Education and Recycling Committee is working well.

Robinson summarized educational sessions he attended at the WCFA annual meeting, November 6-7 in Wausau. One important issue was invasive species.

Koszarek commended the work of individuals involved in the GIS presentation yesterday.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Geissler reported on the results and extent of involvement by high school students in the recent presidential election, attesting to young people beginning to think about their obligation and rights as citizens.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS Motion by C. Johnson, second Corbin, to approve. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ryan, second Coyle, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, December 18, 2008.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk