

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, December 18, 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 22 present, 5 absent. Absent and excused were John Robinson, Steven Baker, Carol Johnson, James O'Brien. Absent was Keith Allen (arrived 6:15 p.m.). Youth representatives present Lucas Geissler, Levi Felton, Sarah Miles.

Motion by Jaques, second Quam, to approve November 20, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Eleven 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

Wisconsin 2008 Conservation Farmer of the Year Award was presented to Mark and Cora Liebaert by Christine Ostern, Douglas County Land Conservationist, and County Board Chair Finn. Liebaert's farm celebrates 100 years in operation this year. Summarizing Liebaert's farming operation, Ostern noted this is the first time award for a Douglas County farmer. Liebaert opined that the honor speaks well of northern Wisconsin's land ethics and conservation efforts.

Mike Deemer-White, Federal Communications Commission, Digital TV Outreach Program, presented valuable information regarding "What Every Consumer Should Know About DTV". Persons with questions or needing assistance with setting up the digital converter box, should call 888-225-5322, the FCC's consumer information center. To order \$40 coupons for the DTV converters, call NTIA at 888-388-2009, or log on to www.dtv2009.gov.

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 December 10, 2008, on the following petitions for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

- (1) The SW1/4 of the SW1/4; Part of the SE1/4 of the SW1/4; W1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 in Section 30 and Part of the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 in Section 31, T46N-R14W, (SU-028-00748-00, 00749-00, 00749-02, 00760-00/State Road 35), Town of Summit, from the R-2: Residential and F-1: Forestry zoning districts to the A-1: Agricultural zoning district, by Robert L. Parker, et al, 4966 Rice Lake Road, Duluth, Minnesota. Intended use: Agricultural; and
- (2) The NE1/4 of the NE1/4 and in the SE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 6, T46N-R11W, (HA-014-00037-00, 00040-00/County Road B), Town of Hawthorne, from the R-2: Residential and F-1: Forestry zoning districts to the A-1: Agricultural zoning district, by David J. Calhoun, 2 Gauguin Circle, Aliso Viejo, California. Intended use: Horses, gardening, farm animals.

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the notice of the public hearing, and proof of giving notice to the town clerks of the hearing, and letters from Town Boards, are as shown in Exhibit A-12-08.

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

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

Dated this 18th day of December, 2008.

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

ACTION: Motion by N. Baker, second Thompson, to adopt. Motion carried.

Roll Call		
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27. Stewart		
28. Bergman		
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RESOLUTIONS

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RESOLUTION #123-08
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Health Insurance Rates for 2009

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve the following health insurance premiums for 2009:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>2009 Expected</u>
Single	\$ 545.00	\$ 604.00
Employee +1	\$1,350.00	\$ 1,501.00
Family	\$1,840.00	\$ 2,036.00

Dated this 18th day of December, 2008.

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

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

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RESOLUTION #124-08
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Non-Represented Employees Salary Increase for 2009

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve a 2009 salary increase of 2.5% for non-represented employees effective January 1, 2009.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
 (Fiscal Note: Approximately \$64,000 net increase in personnel costs)

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

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn	X	
2. Browne	X	
3. O'Brien, John	X	
4. Isackson	X	
5. Baker, Nick	X	
6. Baker, Steven		
7. Livingston	X	
8. Martin	X	
9. Prettie	X	
10. Robinson		
11. Coyle	X	
12. Jaques	X	
13. Quam	X	
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie	X	
16. Sweeney	X	
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18. Allen	X	
19. Ryan	X	
20. Hendrickson	X	
21. Johnson, Kay	X	
22. Thompson	X	
23. Corbin	X	
24. Liebaert	X	
25. Conley	X	
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart	X	
28. Bergman	X	
Roll: Ayes <u> 23 </u> Noes <u> 0 </u> Absent <u> 4 </u> Abstain <u> </u> Passed <u> X </u> Lost <u> </u> Refer <u> </u> Amend <u> </u> Other <u> </u>		
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RESOLUTION #125-08
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 transfers:

- (1) Capital Projects \$62,179.29 (J.E. #146062
 Release funding from Capital Projects Reserve to be used as grant match dollars to pay for radio interoperability upgrades for Sheriff and Emergency Management Departments);

- (2) Land Records \$4,950.00 (J.E. #146073
 Release funding from Computer Maintenance Reserve to pay for image silo data migration and storage fee); and

- (3) Sheriff/Jail \$40,000.00 (J.E. #146072
 Release funding from Jail Assessment Reserve to pay for capital expenditures and professional services)

Dated this 18th day of December, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: (1) Reduce 08 Capital Projects Reserve by \$62,179.29 and increase Sheriff's Capital Communications Equipment by same; (2) Reduce Computer Maintenance Reserve by \$4,950.00 and increase Land Records Contracted Services by same; and (3) Reduce Jail Assessment Reserve by \$40,000.00 and increase the Jail Capital Outlay for Buildings by \$28,000.00, Equipment by \$1,500.00, and Contracted Services by \$10,500.00)

(Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)

ACTION: Motion by Corbin, second Hendrickson, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 23 Yes, 0 No, 4 Absent. Absent were John Robinson, Steven Baker, Carol Johnson, James O'Brien.

RESOLUTION #126-08
RESOLUTION BY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Transportation Services Grant Amended

WHEREAS, Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to annually grant financial aid to counties for the purposes of assisting them in providing specialized transportation services to the elderly and the disabled, and

WHEREAS, each grant must be matched with a local share of not less than 20% times the amount of the grant which is \$109,063.00, and

WHEREAS, this body considers that the provision of specialized transportation services would improve and promote the maintenance of human dignity and self-sufficiency of the elderly and the disabled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors on this 18th day of December, 2008, authorizes the Aging Resource Center to prepare and submit to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation an application for assistance during 2009 under Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes, in conformance with the requirements issued by that Department and also authorizes the obligation of county funds in the amount of \$21,813.00 in order to provide the required local match of \$21,813.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Aging Resource Center to execute a state aid contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation under Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes on behalf of Douglas County.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2008.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

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

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RESOLUTION #127-08
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: Federal Legislation for Maximum National Speed Limit

WHEREAS, the United States is currently experiencing a period of high fuel price volatility which can have a negative affect on individuals, institutions, industry and planning, and

WHEREAS, much fuel consumption, vehicle emissions and increased cost can be averted through conservation methods, and

WHEREAS, vehicle fuel efficiency rapidly decreases at speeds above 60 mph, and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin the maximum allowable highway speed is 65 mph but it may be more in other states, and

WHEREAS, there is historical precedent for a maximum national speed limit which did result in saving lives, dollars and fuel, and

WHEREAS, American Trucking Associations, which represent 3.5 million drivers, have asked Washington to set a national speed limit of 65 mph citing information that a 10 mph reduction from 75 mph to 65 mph will reduce national fuel consumption by 27%, and

WHEREAS, higher Corporate Average Fleet Efficiency (CAFE) Standards could also result in lower fuel consumption, lower prices and less atmospheric pollution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors supports federal energy legislation that provides a uniform and predictable regulatory environment and includes improved CAFE Standards and a maximum national speed limit of 65 mph.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage copies of this resolution be sent to President-Elect Obama, our federal and state legislative delegates, the Secretary of Energy, Governor Doyle, and all Wisconsin counties.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2008.

(Fiscal Note: None)

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ACTION: Motion by Conley, second Browne, to adopt. Motion by McKenzie, second Hendrickson, to amend resolution to come from entire County Board. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Written report distributed and reviewed.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS: 154 projects approved were Parkland, Poplar, City of Superior and Dairyland. NWRPC working with Parkland on industrial park grant. Finn met with St. Louis County Commissioners regarding passenger railway project. District 17 vacancy has been advertised, and one inquiry so far.

The following appointments were recommended: **Land Conservation Committee:** Kay Johnson interim member, and **Comprehensive Planning Committee:** Vice Chair - Nick Baker, during Sue Hendrickson's three month absence. Motion by Allen, second Coyle, to approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, second Stewart, to approve \$5 flower fund assessment. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quam reported on Aging Resource Center activities and services.

Martin reported on Douglas County Historical Society sponsored USO Show.

McKenzie reported on sessions at the State Land and Water Conservation Association convention.

K. Johnson reported on Highway Department work through the recent storms.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Geissler reported on SHS school newspaper story on auto safety, and on the high school choirs festival held at UW-Superior.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS: Motion by Stewart, second Jaques, to approve. Brief discussion on status Land Conservation and Surveyor budget balances. Motion carried.

SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE WISCONSIN STATUTES:

Wind Ordinance Public Input: Some town boards do not see the proposed ordinance in a timely manner in order to be involved in these discussions. It was suggested wind ordinance public hearings consider towns meetings participation. Discussion. It was noted by Steve Rannenberg, Zoning Department Manager, that if towns feel strongly enough that the ordinance should be postponed, they need to let the Zoning Committee know.

State Representative-Elect Milroy addressed the County Board regarding his inauguration on January 5th. His Capital Building office will be 8 North.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Allen, second Coyle, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:28 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, January 15, 2009

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk