

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, September 17, 2009, 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 Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Westman, for County Clerk Susan T. Sandvick. There were 23 present, 5 absent. Absent and excused were John Nye, John O'Brien, Carol Johnson, Jim Paine, James O'Brien. Sweeney left at 6:55 p.m. Youth representatives present were Sarah Miles, Tom Naughton, Levi Felton.

Motion by Baker, second Martin, to approve minutes of the August 20, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Cheryl Westman, Deputy County Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to new Youth Representative Alternate Caitlin Pendleton. Ariel Johnson and Katie Stenroos were not present.

CLAIMS

Summons and Petition for Writ of Certiorari from Attorney James R. Phelan on behalf of Michael Quam related to decision by Douglas County Board of Adjustment. No action needed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Five 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 the County Clerk.

PRESENTATIONS

Chair Finn announced that Brenda Ostrander, Finance Department, has been selected Employee of the Quarter. A Douglas County employee 1986, Ostrander was nominated by her colleagues in the Finance Department for her contributions to the technical advancement of the department and training support for staff. Ostrander was not in attendance at the meeting.

Janet Jennings, Director, Superior Public Library, summarized the library utilization data, materials circulation statistics, program/services, and funding. Newest library branch is Lake Nebagamon. There is a vacancy on the Library Board. Interested persons contact Jennings.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #76-09
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, the following parcels of land were advertised on August 7, 14, and 21, 2009, in accordance with Section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bids received are as follows:

\$ 2,600.00 PARCEL 19-09: Lots 9, 11 and 13, Detroit Pier, Townsite of Superior, City of Superior (01-801-05076-00; vicinity of 23rd Avenue East), from Frederick Paine. Intended use: Adjacent property owner;

\$ 2,051.00 PARCEL 20-09: Fractional Lot 1, Block 8, South Superior Third Division, and alley vacated, City of Superior (08-808-01079-00; vicinity of Stinson Avenue and N. 54th Street), from RJS Real Estate Group LLC. Intended use: Adjacent property owner; and

WHEREAS, the following parcel of land was also previously advertised on the dates indicated, in accordance with Section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bid received is as follows:

\$ 375.00 PARCEL 12-09: (July 10, 17,. 24, 2009, and August 7, 14, 21, 2009) Fractional Lots 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, Ely's Addition to Superior, except part conveyed 273 D 491 for street, and alley vacated 404-543, City of Superior (02-802-02416-00, 02-802-02417-00, 02-802-02418-00, 02-802-02419-00, 02-802-02420-00, 02-802-02421-00), from Ronald Lundberg. 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 17th day of September, 2009.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by \$5,026.00)

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

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn		
2. Browne		
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4. Isackson		
5. Baker, Nick		
6. Paine		
7. Livingston		
8. Martin		
9. Prettie		
10. Robinson		
11. Coyle		
12. Jaques		
13. Quam		
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie		
16. Sweeney		
17. Nye		
18. Allen		
19. Ryan		
20. Hendrickson		
21. Johnson, Kay		
22. Thompson		
23. Corbin		
24. Liebaert		
25. Conley		
26. Johnson, Carol		
27. Stewart		
28. Bergman		
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RESOLUTION #77-09
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: Sale 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 sale of the following described property to the City of Superior for stormwater detention basin site, as shown in Exhibit B-9-09, upon payment of \$26,400.00:

Parcel #09-809-01210-00, Lots 1 through 22, Block 443 (Section 21, Township 49, Range 14, Douglas County, Wisconsin), lying between North 22nd Street and North 23rd Street and New York Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue, West Superior, 19th Division, City of Superior; and

Parcel #09-809-01232-00, Lots 1 through 22, Block 444 (Section 21, Township 49, Range 14, Douglas County, Wisconsin), lying between North 23rd Street and North 24th Street (Wellington Street) and New York Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue, West Superior, 19th Division, City of Superior.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2009.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss in Land Sales Account" by \$26,400.00)

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

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RESOLUTION #78-09
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: Funding of Public Assistance Investigations Supported

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has terminated funding for Public Assistance Investigations for the balance of 2009, and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has terminated or failed to provide funding for 2010, and

WHEREAS, investigations into welfare fraud have saved or prevented millions of dollars in benefits from being granted to persons NOT eligible for public assistance benefits in calendar year 2008, and

WHEREAS, over \$6 million dollars were collected in revenue in calendar year 2008, and

WHEREAS, the services of investigative staff and program related staff are paid for from these savings and collections, and

WHEREAS, the cost-benefit ratio is \$6-\$7.00 for every dollar spent statewide to every dollar saved and/or recovered, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin taxpayers demand accountability in public assistance programs and prosecution for public assistance benefit fraud, and

WHEREAS, in the Douglas County Investigative Consortium of Counties alone, 46% of all investigations conducted in 2008 were found to either be totally or partially fraudulent with future savings estimated at over \$350,000.00 with over \$30,000.00 recovered , and

WHEREAS, for the period January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009, assistance benefits savings were \$142,000.00, with a cost benefit ratio of over \$5.00 for each dollar spent on investigations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors strongly support reinstatement of full and adequate funding for Public Assistance Investigations for 2009 and 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Doyle, Senator Jauch, Representative Milroy, all Wisconsin counties, and WCA.

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Dated this 17th day of September, 2009.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Quam, second Ryan, to adopt. Motion by McKenzie, second Hendrickson, to amend resolution and sponsor it by the County Board. Motion carried. Jim Borgeson, Welfare Fraud Investigator for Douglas County, summarized the program and funding loss impacts. The program will end in 2010 unless Human Services Department funds it. Discussion. It was suggested that a similar resolution intended for federal legislators and appropriate agencies be presented to the County Board next month. Motion to adopt resolution, as amended, carried.

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RESOLUTION #79-09
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Medication Therapy Management Program for County Health Insurance Program

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendations of the Administration Committee and authorize participation in HealthPartners Medication Therapy Management Program, as outlined in Exhibit C-9-09.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that authorization is given to waive the prescription co-pay to those participating in the program, for a period of six months.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of this program is \$1.15 per health insurance plan member, per month, and will be charged to the Health Insurance Fund.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that this program will be **initially reviewed at six months and reported to the Administration Committee** and reviewed in one year to determine the actual benefits and costs savings that can be attributed to this program.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2009.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Estimated annual cost of \$9,187 from Health Insurance Fund, with estimated gross savings of \$13,752, resulting in expected net savings of \$4,565)

ACTION: Motion by Corbin, second Bergman, to adopt. Measuring success of the program was questioned. Sherrie Freeman, Holden Insurance, responded that Health Partners will track participation and the savings. This is a voluntary program. Programs are reviewed quarterly by Health Partners. Generally, 15% of the eligible population would deem the program successful. Lengthy discussion continued regarding what percentage of Douglas County's eligible participants would make this a success. Motion by McKenzie, second Allen, to amend the resolution to reflect an initial review of participation and savings be conducted after six months and reported to the Administration Committee. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution, as amended, carried.

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Finn	X	
2. Browne	X	
3. O'Brien, John		
4. Isackson	X	
5. Baker, Nick	X	
6. Paine		
7. Livingston	X	
8. Martin	X	
9. Prettie	X	
10. Robinson	X	
11. Coyle	X	
12. Jaques	X	
13. Quam	X	
14. O'Brien, James		
15. McKenzie	X	
16. Sweeney	X	
17. Nye		
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>5</u>	
Abstain	<u>0</u>	
Passed	<u>X</u>	
Lost	<u> </u>	
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Amend	<u> </u>	
Other	<u> </u>	
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RESOLUTION #80-09
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:

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| 1) Forestry | \$8,000.00 (J.E. #151237 to release reserve funding for major tractor repairs); |
| 2) Forestry | \$15,000.00 (J.E. #151236 release reserve funding for North Flowage boat launch refurbishment); |
| 3) Forestry | \$17,000.00 (J.E. #151235 release reserve funding for Solon Springs roof replacement); |
| 4) Forestry | \$58,400.00 (J.E. #151234 release reserve funding for CTH M shop facility repairs); |
| 5) Land & Development/
Fairgrounds Surcharge | \$ 7,000.00 (J.E.#151465 release funding for engineering inspection of grandstand); |
| 6) Land & Development/
Fairgrounds Surcharge | \$16,800.00 (J.E. #151465 release funding for accumulated tire removal and disposal); and |
| 7) Emergency Mgmt. | \$83,892.00 (J.E. #151464 transfer grant funds for equipment shelters and related equipment at Maple & Gordon tower sites). |

Dated this 17th day of September, 2009.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: 1) Increase Forestry capital asset up to \$8,000 and decrease General Fund fund balance by same; 2) Increase Forestry capital asset up to \$15,000 and decrease General Fund fund balance by same; 3) Increase Forestry capital asset up to \$17,000 and decrease General Fund fund balance by same; 4) Increase Forestry capital asset up to \$58,400 and decrease General Fund fund balance by same; 5) Increase L & D contracted services by \$7,000 and decrease Fairgrounds Surcharge Account by same; 6) Increase L & D contracted services by \$16,800 and decrease Fairgrounds Surcharge Account by same; and 7) Increase EM capital assets by \$83,892 and increase grant revenue by same.

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

ACTION: Motion by Martin, second Corbin, to adopt. Discussion. Roll call vote taken and passed with 23 Yes, 0 No, 5 Absent. Absent were James O'Brien, C. Johnson, Nye, Paine, John O'Brien.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: None.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS: Chair Finn reported that Koszarek and Doucette's proposed budget was not ready to distribute with next week's Administration Committee budget agendas. They are struggling with the budget pending some decisions. There will be staffing changes, nothing drastic, but some movement. Due to \$25,000 less in shared revenue, an additional \$25,000 had to be cut before finalizing the proposed budget. Budget saving ideas may include offerings of early retirement with a health insurance component, and furloughs.

The following appointments were recommended: **Land Conservation Committee** - Amy Colby to replace Julie Anderson; **Comprehensive Planning Committee** - Change Brad Theien and David Thomas to Alternates; **County Administrator Recruitment Committee** - Doug Finn (Chair), Dan Corbin, Jack Sweeney, Jim Paine, Susan Sandvick, Ann Doucette, plus one community representative to be named. Motion by Ryan, second Quam, to approve. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Liebaert reported that the Land Use Access Management Plan has been implemented and signs posted.

McKenzie reported Land Conservation Committee met today and open public meeting last week. Committee's work priorities have been set.

Conley reported Energy Committee's contractor is conducting analysis for the retrocommissioning project. Initial reports expected in three to four months. Health and Energy Participation Program was successful and a Health Care Rally this Saturday in Superior is open to the public.

K. Johnson reported on the Highway Committee meeting. Highway Department is busy with blacktopping projects.

Corbin encouraged County Board members to attend the Administration Committee budget sessions next week.

Hendrickson reported Comprehensive Planning subcommittees have been meeting and getting ready for the October 20th Open House in Solon Springs, 6 to 8 p.m., Community Center.

Quam reported Senior Connections has developed an organizational chart and has computerized their financial process and reporting. One session he attended at the WCA Conference dealt with Robert's Rules. The handout information is with County Clerk Sandvick.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Miles reported on her SPD ride-along, stopping at various convenience stores to see which were selling cigarettes to minors. Felton added that school is in session and getting back in the swing of things. SHS Homecoming is next week.

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

SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE WISCONSIN STATUTES

Allen recommended the Comprehensive Planning Open House format be more interactive this time, and that a formal presentation be made to the County Board prior to it coming before the Board for adoption. Discussion. Stewart objected to a “special” County Board meeting due to the associated costs, and suggested any presentation be made prior to a regular County Board meeting.

Departmental grant applications require committee of jurisdiction approval.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Quam, second Robinson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, October 15, 2009; Annual budget meeting, Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk