

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Thursday, December 17, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center**  
**1316 North 14<sup>th</sup> 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 were James O'Brien, Susan Hendrickson. Baker left 7:10 p.m. Youth representatives present were Tom Naughton, Levi Felton.

Motion by Baker, second Corbin, to approve the November 19, 2009 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Twelve 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**

Christine Ostern presented a summary of the revised Land and Water Resource Management Plan. She had presented the plan in Madison, and shared with the County Board one page from that presentation which highlighted all the resource attributes located in Douglas County. The Plan allows the county to leverage funding from a variety of sources to support the land and water management programs. Revisions to the Plan are now only required to be done every ten years per new state requirements. Discussion.

**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 9, 2009, on the following petitions for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

E1/2-SE1/4-SW1/4-NE1/4, Section 8, T45N-R14W, Town of Summit, from the F-1: Forestry zoning district to the A-1: Agricultural zoning district, by Thomas Johnson (seller), Foxboro, Wisconsin / James Holmes (buyer), Gordon, Wisconsin. Intended use: Seasonal dwelling; and

NW1/4-NW1/4, Sec 8, T45N-R14W, Town of Summit, from the R-1: Residential zoning district to the A-1: Agricultural zoning district, by Path Inc., c/o John Wohlwend, Foxboro, Wisconsin. Intended use: Hay production.

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the notice of the public hearing, proof of giving notice to the town clerks of the hearing, and approval letters from towns, are as shown in Exhibit A-12-09.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

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

**ACTION:** Motion by Baker, second C. Johnson, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE #8.12  
DOUGLAS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
ORDINANCE  
PRESENTED BY THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

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

**SECTION I. AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Douglas County is authorized to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan as defined in Section 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**SECTION II. INTENT**

The County Board of Douglas County, Wisconsin, has adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in the preparation of a comprehensive plan as required by Section 66.1001(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee and the Zoning Committee have held at least one public hearing on this ordinance, in compliance with the requirements of Section 66.1001(4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**SECTION III. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The Comprehensive Planning Committee and the Zoning Committee of Douglas County has recommended to the County Board of Supervisors, adoption of the document entitled "Douglas County Comprehensive Plan", which contains all the elements specified in Section 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**SECTION IV. ADOPTION**

The County Board of Douglas County, Wisconsin, does, by enactment of this ordinance, formally adopt the document entitled "Douglas County Comprehensive Plan" pursuant to Section 66.1001(4)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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**SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2010, and upon passage and publication according to law.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

**ACTION:** Motion by C. Johnson, second Baker, to adopt. Dennis Hill and Bill Kovalski addressed the Board opposing specific sections of the Plan. Chair Finn emphasized that work on this plan began several years ago, and the committee held 44 meetings, numerous subcommittee meetings, public hearings, and enjoyed cooperation with the towns and the Towns Association. These groups, comprised of volunteers, staff, County Board members and professionals, spent hundreds of hours on development of this state required document, and citizens had plenty of opportunities to object to all or part of the Plan. Jason Laumann, NWRPC, addressed the implementation issue, which is a required component. The goals, objectives, policies, programs and actions included in the plan can be amended anytime to meet new opportunities, challenges, or a dynamic economy. Statute requires revision every ten years, but the Douglas Count Comprehensive Plan calls for an annual review. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #105-09**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE**

Subject: Land Sale to Town of Parkland

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approve sale of the following parcel in the Town of Parkland to the Parkland Sanitary District No. 1, for the amount of \$100.00, for the purpose of constructing a wastewater pumping facility:

Parcel #PA-024-00802-00, described as Lots 16-20 Inclusive, Block 1, East Superior 1<sup>st</sup> Division, Sections 15 & 16-48-13, Town of Parkland.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by \$100.00)

ACTION: Motion by C. Johnson, second Jaques, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #106-09**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE**

Subject: Repurchase of Tax Delinquent Properties

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approve the following requests to repurchase tax delinquent properties, pursuant to Douglas County Ordinance #1.5:

- (1) From Jennifer Scanlon, to repurchase Parcel #TS-030-00254-00, the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 11, Township 47 North, Range 14 West, except that parcel described in "Exhibit A" (see tax deed #829790), Town of Superior, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$1,056.92; and
- (2) From Rebb Bourassa, to repurchase Parcel #OL-165-00440-00 and OL-165-00442-00, Lots 13 and 15, Block 13, Carnegie Central Division, Village of Oliver, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$525.74,
- (3) From Roger Carlson, to repurchase Parcel #05-805-04227-00, Lot 9 and Fractional Lot 10, Block 111, Superior Improvement Company's Addition to West Superior, City of Superior, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$4,719.54, and
- (4) From Maxine Leffel, to repurchase Parcels #HA-014-00064-01 and #HA-014-00064-02, the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 and the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 7, Township 46 North, Range 11 West, Town of Hawthorne, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$2,850.22, and
- (5) **From Donald S. Velleux, to repurchase Parcel #01-801-01922-00, Lots 72, 74 and 76, Townsite of Superior West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, City of Superior, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$9,090.69.**

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Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

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

**ACTION:** Motion by Martin, second Allen, to adopt. Motion by Jaques, second Allen, to amend resolution and add “5) From Donald S. Velleux to repurchase Parcel #01-801-01922-00, Lots 72, 74 and 76, Townsite of Superior West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, City of Superior, having paid delinquent taxes and fees in the amount of \$9,090.69.” Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

**RESOLUTION #107-09**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE**

Subject: County-Owned Land Included in NERR

WHEREAS, the St. Louis River estuary contains a tremendous ecosystem diversity and uniqueness that offers the largest, most cost-effective impact for research, education, and public outreach activities, and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis River estuary was chosen and designated by Governor Doyle as the site for the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) on May 30, 2008, and

WHEREAS, traditional and existing land uses will not be regulated within the designated NERR site since the NERR program is not regulatory, and

WHEREAS, there would be no fiscal obligation from local sources since all aspects of the program are funded through federal and state sources, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on April 3, 2009, to distribute information and gather public comments, wherein much public support for the Lake Superior NERR designation was exhibited, and

WHEREAS, publicly accessible land along the Lake Superior NERR site will be included in the management plan of the Lake Superior NERR site, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County previously included by resolution forest crop/special use land in the Town of Superior in the Lake Superior NERR designation, and

WHEREAS, by including this land in the Lake Superior NERR site designation, Douglas County will join other public landowners participating in the designation including: State of Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin, and City of Superior, thereby allowing Douglas County input into the management of the Lake Superior NERR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors supports the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approves participation in the

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process of designating the St. Louis River estuary as the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve site by including additional county-owned land in the City of Superior in the designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, a copy of this resolution will be sent to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – NERR Program staff and the St. Louis River NERR Steering Committee members.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

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

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

**RESOLUTION #108-09**  
**RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISORS ON THE LAND**  
**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Land and Water Resource Management Plan, 2010 - 2020  
 Adopted

RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Land Conservation Committee and adopt the Douglas County Land and Water Resource Management Plan, 2010 - 2020, as set forth in Exhibit B-12-09.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Quam, to adopt. Motion by Corbin, second McKenzie, to amend Exhibit, page 36, and delete “prioritized” from the goals section – remove footnote 11. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

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**RESOLUTION #109-09**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Transportation Services Grant

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~~ of the amount of the grant which is \$111,525.00, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009, authorizes Senior Connections to prepare and submit to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation an application for assistance during 2010 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 \$22,305.00 in order to provide the required local match of \$22,305.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors authorizes Senior Connections 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

**ACTION:** Motion by Jaques, second Ryan, to adopt. Motion by Jaques, second Ryan, to amend second paragraph and change “20% times” to “20% of”. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

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**RESOLUTION #110-09**  
**RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISORS ON THE ENERGY**  
**COMMITTEE AND THE ADMINISTRATION**  
**COMMITTEE**

Subject: Recycled Copy Paper Purchase Policy

WHEREAS, recycled paper products are readily available and are often more cost effective than comparable products containing 100% virgin fiber, and

WHEREAS, many businesses, as well as governmental units, have committed to using paper products with recycled fiber, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees, 60,000 gallons of water, 275 pounds of sulfur, 225 kilowatt hours of electricity and 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Forestry has achieved certification by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Standard and also Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and

WHEREAS, recycled paper products are now competitively available that include fiber certified to the SFI and/or FSC standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendations of the Energy Committee and establish a policy that Douglas County shall purchase copy paper that uses a minimum of 30% post consumer recycled content, and 100% virgin fiber content that meets SFI and/or FSC sustainability standards, when practicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy shall prevail when the cost of the recycled paper products are competitive with 100% virgin paper products.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy is the minimum standard required for office supply vendors to participate in bidding for a contract to supply Douglas County with copy paper.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Corbin, second Nye, to adopt. Discussion on competitive definition. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #111-09**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Grant Policy

RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve Douglas County Grant Policy as set forth in Exhibit C-12-09.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION #112-09**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Non-Represented Employees Salary Increase for 2010

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve a salary increase of 2.25% for non-represented employees, effective January 1, 2010.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Approximately \$60,000 net increase in personnel costs; within budget)

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

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**RESOLUTION #113-09**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Finance Department Position  
 Reclassifications/Reorganization

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approve the following reclassifications of positions within the Finance Department, which are being proposed due to the retirement of one Accountant position, which will not be filled:

- (1) Position: Public Safety Accountant  
 Request: Reclassify from Public Safety Accountant, C42, Step 8, to Public Safety Accounting Supervisor C51, Step 6  
 Cost: \$3,178
  
- (2) Position: Accounting/Single Audit Supervisor  
 Request: R e c l a s s i f y f r o m Accounting/Single Audit Supervisor, C51, Step 8+ to Assistant Finance Director, C52, Step 8  
 Cost: \$4,539
  
- (3) Position: Account Specialist III  
 Request: Increase hours from 15 to 37.5  
 Cost: \$43,019

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that contracting for computer programming services will be required and \$22,000 is approved for contracted services and purchase of software to allow greater efficiency.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the reclassification changes take effect on January 18, 2010.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Initial savings of \$98,721; increase Contracted Services by \$10,000; increase Computer Equipment Capital Outlay by \$12,000; net department savings of \$25,985)

ACTION: Motion by Ryan, second John O'Brien, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #114-09  
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Withdrawal of Property from Forest Crop Law

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and approve a request to the Wisconsin DNR to withdraw the following approximate 3.5-acre parcel from County Forest Crop Law:

That part of the NW ¼ of Section 6, Township 43 North, Range 12 West, Town of Wascott, Douglas County, Wisconsin, described as The East 150 feet (approximate) of the North 975 feet (approximate) of that part laying North of the Buckley Island town road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of this withdrawal is to allow for exchange of property with an adjacent owner to resolve a long-standing encroachment issue.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

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

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**RESOLUTION #115-09  
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Exchange of County Forest Land

WHEREAS, Douglas County owns the approximate 3.5 acre parcel described as follows:

That part of the NW ¼ of Section 6, Township 43 North, Range 12 West, Town of Wascott, Douglas County, Wisconsin, described as The East 150 feet (approximate) of the North 975 feet (approximate) of that part laying North of the Buckley Island town road, and

WHEREAS, Furman K. Barnes and Pun I. Barnes own the approximate 5.3 acre parcel described as follows:

That part of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 6, Township 43 North, Range 12 West, Town of Wascott, Douglas County, Wisconsin described as That part laying South of the Buckley Island town road, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee recommends approving the ownership exchange of the said properties herein between Douglas County and Furman K. Barnes and Pun I. Barnes, and

WHEREAS, exchange of the said properties will provide resolution to a long standing encroachment issue involving a cabin structure and other miscellaneous items located on County Forest land, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to exchange said property pursuant to SS59.52(6) and 28.11, Stats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves the ownership exchange of approximately 3.5 acres of County Forest land for approximately 5.3 acres of land owned by Furman K. Barnes and Pun I. Barnes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this exchange is contingent upon both parties satisfactorily meeting all provisions in the Property Exchange Agreement and that the said County property

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is approved for withdrawal from the Wisconsin County Forest Law by both the County and Wisconsin DNR.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the approximate 5.3 acres of said Furman K. Barnes and Pun I. Barnes property described herein be entered under the Wisconsin County Forest Law once the County assumes ownership.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that this land exchange shall not set a future precedent for resolving encroachment or trespass issues on the County Forest and was determined to be in the best interest of the County and land owner for this particular circumstance only.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> of December, 2009.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION #116-09**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Emergency Management Grant

RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and authorize Douglas County to apply and accept, if awarded, a Regional SCIP Implementation Councils / Coordinators (2008) grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if funding is less than 100% of the position, the contract would be eliminated.**

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

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

ACTION: Motion by K. Johnson, second Corbin, to adopt. Keith Kesler, Emergency Management Coordinator, summarized the grant and explained the application is in the discussion stage, with no decision as of this date. Discussion on grant specifics and potential impact on Kesler’s workload. Motion by Allen, second Stewart, to amend resolution and add “Be It Further Resolved that if funding is less than 100% of the position, the contract would be eliminated.” Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

Motion by Allen, second Ryan, to allow resolution not on agenda, #117-09. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #117-09**  
**RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISORS FINN AND CORBIN**

Subject: Positions Eliminated in 2010 Budget

WHEREAS, the 2010 Douglas County budget eliminated funding for several positions, effective January 1, 2010, and

WHEREAS, several positions may become open through an early retirement incentive, during the months of January and February, 2010, which would allow displaced employees to secure an open position, and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate and streamline the job placement process, it is recommended that the effective date of January 1, 2010, be extended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendations of Supervisors Finn and Corbin and authorize the Administrator the option to extend those positions that were eliminated in the 2010 budget, at his discretion, up to February 26, 2010.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

(Fiscal Note: Not to exceed \$8,500)

**ACTION:** Motion by Corbin, second Stewart, to adopt. When the retirement option was offered, the layoffs would have been effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. This resolution extends layoff decisions to February 26, 2010, to allow for the retirements to take place. Brief discussion regarding layoff positions. Motion carried.

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**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Eleven employees elected the offer. Ultimately this will save money, and avoid some layoffs.

Employee of the Quarter is Daryl Saari, Highway Department employee since 1962. He is retiring December 31. Koszarek read the nomination letter. Saari was not present to accept the award.

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS:** End of year expense reports due tomorrow. Lighting in courthouse main entrance to compliment veterans plaques has been installed. 154 Environmental Infrastructure Regional Selection Committee approved two Douglas County projects: Village of Solon Springs request for \$750,000, and \$200,000 for the City of Superior.

The following appointments were recommended: **City of Superior Ambulance Service Study Group** - Kay Johnson, Jack Sweeney; **Energy Committee** - Nick Baker, Chair, during Dave Conley's absence January - April. Motion by C. Johnson, second Corbin, to approve. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Martin reported NWCSA purchased a church in Ashland for program headquarters in that area.

Ryan reported Rural Housing grant of \$494,000 has funded 10 rehab projects totalling \$229,745. 34 applications received.

McKenzie reported Land Conservation Committee approved mini-grants for Minong Flowage and Mooney Dam project. Pri Ru Ta will be hiring a grazing specialist in next couple weeks.

Quam reported Health and Human Services Departments both under budget by \$100,000.

K. Johnson reported Highway Committee will meet the first Wednesday in January. Committee members need to read an opinion from Corporation Counsel regarding extent of committee responsibilities and authority. Chair Finn asked that all County Board members read the opinion.

Finn reported County Administrator Recruitment Committee will meet December 30. January 29 is application deadline.

### **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Naughton reported that many students are helping with Salvation Army bell ringing. Felton reported Superior Days Youth Committee has decided on two major issues: (1) Dental coverage to a specific group; and, (2) Water quality of the St. Louis River.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Allen, second C. Johnson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned 8:00 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, January 21, 2010.

Submitted by,  
Susan T. Sandvick  
Douglas County Clerk