

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, October 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mark Liebaert.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll call taken by County Clerk Susan Sandvick. There were 19 Present, 1 Absent. Absent – Allen.

Motion by Pomush, second Jaques, to approve the September 16, 2021, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

One item of correspondence was received and referred to the appropriate committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals provided comment opposing Resolution #47-21, Zoning District Map Amendment Denied: Christine McNeil, Craig McNeil, Gerald McNeil, Jan Jenson.

The following individuals provided comment supporting Resolution #47-21, Zoning District Map Amendment Denied: Nancy Pedersen, Beverly Allen, Knute Pedersen, Julie Kimmes, Jessica Kimmes, Steve Trainor, Dawn Cich, Rick Gondik, Clyde Grueble and Shannon Jorgenson.

Stacey Minter and Leslie Walker provided comment supporting Resolution #45-21, Salary Increase for Jailers and Sergeants Authorized.

Al Horvath provided comment supporting Resolution #42-21, Deer Management Unit Boundary Split Authorized.

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 October 13, 2021, on the following petitions for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

E-1/2 SW SW, Section 35, R47N-T13W, Desc 428 RP 461; (OA-022-00946-00, 6469 E County Road B), Town of Oakland – from the R-2: Residential zone district to the RR-1: Residential Recreational zone district. Proposed use: Campground;

SE NE, Section 22, T48N-R11W; Ex CTH F R/W (1.60AC); (MA-020-00490-00, 00487-00, 3745 S County Road F), Town of Maple – from the A-1: Agricultural zone district to the F-1: Forestry zone district. Proposed use: Small campground with camping cabins; and

WHEREAS, public hearing notice, affidavit of publication, notice given to town clerks of the hearing, and letter of town approval, are as shown in Exhibit A-10-21.

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

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

Dated this 21st day of October, 2021.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

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

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RESOLUTIONS

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**RESOLUTION #41-21
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Subject: Land Sales

WHEREAS, the following parcel of land was advertised on September 3, 10 and 17, 2021, in accordance with section 76.59, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bid received is as follows:

\$ 500.00 Parcel 15-21: Lot 6, Block 10, Weyerhaeuser and Rutledge Addition, Section 35-47-11, Village of Lake Nebagamon, from Gerald Bridge. Zoned: R1. (LN-146-00991-00) Intended use: Driveway located on parcel.

WHEREAS, the following parcel of land was previously advertised on the dates indicated below, in accordance with Section 76.59, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bid received is as follows:

\$ 64,945.00 Parcel 15-20: (July 30, August 6, 13, 2021 and September 3, 10 and 17, 2021) Fractional Lot 8 and Lots 9 thru 11 inclusive, Block 2, South Superior 7th Division, and Fractional Lot 6, Block 6, South Superior 2nd Division, City of Superior (5424 Cumming Avenue), from Savannah Norman. Zoned: R1B Family Residential B. (08-808-01253-00, 08-808-00908-00). Intended use: Residence.

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 21st day of October, 2021.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Increase "Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account" by \$65,445.00)

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

RESOLUTION #42-21
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Deer Management Unit Boundary Split Authorized

WHEREAS, since 2015, the majority of Douglas County has been managed as a single Deer Management Unit (DMU) following the county boundary, and

WHEREAS, County Deer Advisory Committees (CDAC's) are tasked with reviewing DMU boundaries every three years, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County has the largest amount of public forest land in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the broad diversity of deer habitat across the entire county, coupled with varying carrying capacities, does not adequately support a one-size-fits-all county-wide distribution of antlerless permits; which cannot furthermore be corrected by dividing county-wide permits between private and public lands, and

WHEREAS, the current county-wide distribution of antlerless permits between private and public lands does not effectively manage the deer population in certain areas where more or less antlerless permits are needed, and

WHEREAS, managing the Douglas County deer population with this method for the last six years has resulted in reduced population stability and balance, greater pressure on the buck harvest in certain areas, deer browse and crop damage in certain areas, and general dissatisfaction amongst the majority of hunters, and

WHEREAS, the WDNR supports the recommendation to split the county into three separate DMU's based on soil type and carrying capacity, combined with unit specific distribution of antlerless permits between private and public lands, that would provide a far more effective tool for managing the deer population throughout the county, and

WHEREAS, split DMU boundary proposal is set forth in Exhibit C-10-21 where boundaries would be clearly identified by significant land, road, and/or waterway features, and

WHEREAS, most wildlife professionals agree that managing deer populations by soil type and carrying capacity is sound wildlife management, and

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WHEREAS, in 2017 there was strong public support for splitting the county into 3 separate DMU's where 83% of 138 WDNR public opinion survey respondents favored the proposal, and

WHEREAS, in 2021 there was again strong public support for splitting the county into 3 separate DMU's where 80.1% of 773 WDNR public opinion survey respondents favored the proposal, and

WHEREAS, WDNR Bureau of Wildlife Management and the Douglas County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) support this proposed recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby supports splitting the county into three separate DMU's based on available habitats to more effectively manage the county's deer population as set forth in Exhibit C-10-21.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board taking up this issue in 2021 and holding a fair hearing on its merits and the benefits it can provide to the county's deer population, natural resources, and all citizens of Douglas County.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2021.

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

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second Moen, to adopt. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #43-21
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan
2021-2035

WHEREAS, The Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee, recommends approving and adopting the Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan for the 2021-2035 planning period, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County has over 280,000 acres of lands enrolled in the County Forest Law program, pursuant to Section 28.11 Wisconsin Statutes, commonly referred to as the Douglas County Forest, and

WHEREAS, Section 28.11(5)(a) Wisconsin Statutes requires that a Comprehensive County Forest Land-Use Plan be prepared by the County Forestry Committee, with said Plan to encompass a 15-year planning period with subsequent revisions to be completed at 15-year intervals thereafter, and

WHEREAS, the current 5th generation Plan was last revised in 2006 and will be replaced by this 6th generation Plan covering the 2021-2035 planning period, and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the Plan is to direct the administration of the County Forest consistent with the purposes and direction of the County Forest Law, Section 28.11 Wisconsin Statutes, and

WHEREAS, the Plan summarizes the policies, procedures, and strategies that will help guide management of the County Forest throughout the 2021-2035 planning period, and

WHEREAS, the Plan shall include, by official or unofficial reference, all County Forest policies, operating procedures, pertinent regulations, and associated planning documents and reports for the 2021-2035 planning period, and

WHEREAS, the Plan is a dynamic document to be revised as conditions change throughout the 2021-2035 planning period, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest Access Management Plan is included as Chapter 700 of the Plan, and

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WHEREAS, the Draft Plan was available for public review and a 30-day public comment period was offered June 9, 2021, to July 9, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest, Parks, and Recreation Committee approved the Plan during its October 4, 2021, meeting, and

WHEREAS, Section 28.11(5)(a) Wisconsin Statutes requires that the Plan be approved by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

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 and officially adopts the Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2021-2035 (Exhibit D-10-21) as the official authority for administration and management of Douglas County Forest lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee is directed to forward the Plan to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for review and approval.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2021.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

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

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**RESOLUTION #44-21
RESOLUTION BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEES**

Subject: Traffic Control Equipment Rental Rates Approved

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Transportation and Infrastructure and Administration Committees and approves the Traffic Control Equipment Rental Rates as set forth below:

Equipment	Rate	Unit
Type III Barricade	\$15.00	Per day
Type II Barricade	\$10.00	Per day
Barrel	\$7.50	Per day
Traffic Cone	\$5.00	Per day
Traffic Sign	\$5.00	Per day
Traffic Control Light	\$3.00	Per day
Sand Bag	\$1.50	Per day

Dated this 21st day of October, 2021.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase Public Routine Maintenance Revenue; \$1,000)

ACTION: Motion by Pomush, second Baker, to adopt. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #45-21

RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Salary Increase for Jailers and Sergeants Authorized

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approves the following:

Positions: Jailers and Sergeants
 Request: Increase of salary: two steps (5%) on the pay grid
 Cost: \$65,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this is effective the pay period after October 21, 2021, and only applies to currently employed individuals in the certified jailer and sergeant positions.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2021.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
 (Fiscal Note: \$65,000 within budget)

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

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RESOLUTION #46-21

RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Waiver of Real Estate Tax Interest Authorized

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approves the waiver of tax interest on previously existing parcel TS-030-00605-02, now combined with parcel TS-030-00605-00, currently owned by Tyler E. and Allison M. Seybold, in the amount of \$3.76 due to error in combining parcels.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2021.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

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

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**RESOLUTION #47-21
RESOLUTION BY THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

Subject: Zoning District Map Amendment Denied

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Zoning Committee held a public hearing on October 13, 2021, on the following petition for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

Lot 1 CSM #316, Vol 2 Pg 131-2, Pt Gov't Lot 4, Section 22, T43N-R13W, (WA-032-01746-00, 6375 E Pine Oak Road), Town of Wascott – from the RR-1: Residential Recreational zone district to the R-2: Residential zone district, by Craig and Christine McNeil. Intended use: Hobby farm.

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the notice of the public hearing, proof of giving notice to the town clerk of the hearing, and correspondence from the town, are as shown in Exhibit E-10-21, and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Committee denied the petition based on the fact it would constitute spot zoning.

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

Dated this 21st day of October, 2021.

(Committee Action: Roll call vote taken and passed with 4 – Yes, 1 – No, 0 – Absent. Voting no – Bergman)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second Borgeson, to adopt. Bergman, Chair of Zoning Committee, spoke on concerns of Zoning Committee recommendation to deny. Bergman noted there was no measurable evidence to deny, decision was contrary to that of the Town of Wascott Board, other spot zoning applications were approved at the same meeting, and the applicants were not given due process in consideration of application. Motion by Bergman, second Hendrickson, to refer back to Zoning Committee. Roll call vote taken to refer back to Zoning Committee and passed with 11 – Yes, 8 – No, 1 – Absent. Voting no – Bong, Clark, Baker, Glazman, Raunio, Jaques, Long, Borgeson.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Written report reviewed.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT: Minnesota Power sold 30% of Superior Energy Project; should not change revenue to County/City of Superior; WCA Convention attended; jail staffing shortage statewide. More support garnered at state level for .5% sales tax increase. Timber Sale is October 27th; Budget meeting is October 26th.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Hendrickson, second Peterson, to approve County Board Chair appointment of Marquise A. Slay to County Board Supervisor District 3. Motion carried.

Motion by Raunio, second Baker, to approve County Board Chair appointment of Marquise A. Slay to Health and Human Services Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Hendrickson, second Raunio, to approve the following appointments by County Administrator: Civil Service Commission – Paul Johnson; Ethics Board – Richard Berchild. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Hendrickson – Library Board Committee; Clark – Security and Facilities Committee.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS: Motion by Jaques, second Raunio, to approve. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Pomush, second Luostari, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:24 p.m. Budget meeting – October 26, 2021; Special meeting – November 10, 2021; Next regularly scheduled meeting – November 18, 2021.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk