



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 | 6:00 PM | GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARDROOM 201  
1316 NORTH 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET | SUPERIOR, WI 54880

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mark Liebaert.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by County Clerk Kaci Jo Lundgren. There were 18 - Present, 3 – Absent.  
Absent – Lear, Borgeson, Skowlund. Youth representatives: Present – Blix, Danz.  
Absent – Botner.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Pomush, second Hendrickson, to approve the October 19, 2023 and October 31, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**5. PRESENTATION**

- a. Chapter 980 Placement Statutory Requirements presented by Scott Timm, Supervised Release Liaison Program Supervisor from Department of Health Services; Timm presented on requirements for clients within program including community placement procedures, supervised release processes, client activity opportunities, and revocation and discharge procedures.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**7. RESOLUTIONS**

- a. #60-23: Resolution by the Health and Human Services Board, Public Safety and Administration Committees recommending Re-entry Specialist Position. Matt Izzard spoke regarding hours of position. Length of available funds determined by hours worked; proposed existence of 15 years based on 37.5 hour work week. Actual working hours to be determined. Motion by Pomush, second Jaques, to adopt. Motion carried.
- b. #61-23: Resolution by the Administration Committee recommending budgetary transfers. Motion by Bergman, second Jaques, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 18 – Yes, 0 – No, 3 – Absent. Absent – Lear, Borgeson, Skowlund.
- c. #62-23: Resolution by the Administration Committee recommending funding for 980 placement. Motion by Baker, second Bergman, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 18 – Yes, 0 – No, 3 – Absent. Absent – Lear, Borgeson, Skowlund.

- d. #63-23: Resolution by the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee recommending participation in WDNR grant programs. Motion by Baker, second Slay, to adopt. Motion carried.

***FULL RESOLUTIONS ON FOLLOWING PAGES***

ROLL CALL					
DIST	SUPERVISOR	Y	N	OTHER	
1	POMUSH				
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19	LONG				
20	BORGESON				
21	BERGMAN				
<b>TOTALS</b>		YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
<b>ACTION</b>					
ADOPTED	LOST	REFERRED	AMENDED	OTHER	
X					
LAST REVISED 6-16-23					

**RESOLUTION #60-23  
RE-ENTRY SPECIALIST POSITION**

**PRESENTED BY THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD,  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES**

WHEREAS, Douglas County is anticipated to receive approximately \$1,244,000.00 in opioid settlement funds, and

WHEREAS, the funds must be used in relation to the opioid epidemic, assisting in prevention and recovery, and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of Douglas County inmates are affected by opioid use or are at high risk of being addicted, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a position staffed within the Jail, known as a Re-Entry Specialist, would aid known opioid users and those at risk in getting treatment and other resources prior to and after release, and

WHEREAS, the intent of this position is to alleviate opioid-related deaths, prevent opioid use relapse, prevent recidivism within the jail and reduce crime within the community, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors, in regular meeting assembled, approves the creation of a Re-Entry Specialist position, funded with opioid settlement funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this position takes effect immediately.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

*Committee Action: Unanimous  
Fiscal Note: Within Opioid Settlement Funds*

**ACTION:** Motion by Pomush, second Jaques, to adopt. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL					
DIST	SUPERVISOR	Y	N	OTHER	
1	POMUSH	X			
2	BONG	X			
3	SLAY	X			
4	FENNESSEY	X			
5	BAKER	X			
6	LEINO	X			
7	GLAZMAN	X			
8	SKOWLUND			ABSENT	
9	JAQUES	X			
10	PETERSON	X			
11	STAUPE	X			
12	LEAR			ABSENT	
13	SANDOK BAKER	X			
14	RYAN	X			
15	HENDRICKSON	X			
16	LUOSTARI	X			
17	LIEBAERT	X			
18	MOEN	X			
19	LONG	X			
20	BORGESON			ABSENT	
21	BERGMAN	X			
<b>TOTALS</b>		YES 18	NO 0	ABSENT 3	ABSTAIN
<b>ACTION</b>					
ADOPTED X	LOST	REFERRED	AMENDED	OTHER	
LAST REVISED 6-16-23					

## RESOLUTION #61-23 BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

### **PRESENTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approves the budgetary transfers as set forth in Exhibit A-11-23.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

*Exhibit A-11-23*

*Committee Action: Unanimous*

*Fiscal Note: Included in Exhibit A-11-23*

*Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required*

**ACTION:** Motion by Bergman, second Jaques, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 18 – Yes, 0 – No, 3 – Absent. Absent – Lear, Borgeson, Skowlund.

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4	FENNESSEY	X			
5	BAKER	X			
6	LEINO	X			
7	GLAZMAN	X			
8	SKOWLUND			ABSENT	
9	JAQUES	X			
10	PETERSON	X			
11	STAUPE	X			
12	LEAR			ABSENT	
13	SANDOK BAKER	X			
14	RYAN	X			
15	HENDRICKSON	X			
16	LUOSTARI	X			
17	LIEBAERT	X			
18	MOEN	X			
19	LONG	X			
20	BORGESON			ABSENT	
21	BERGMAN	X			
<b>TOTALS</b>		YES 18	NO 0	ABSENT 3	ABSTAIN
<b>ACTION</b>					
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**RESOLUTION #62-23  
CHAPTER 980 PLACEMENT FUNDING  
CONTINUES (Page 1 of 2)**

**PRESENTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 980.06 allows for the involuntary (civil) commitment of individuals with a history of sexual offense upon completion of their prison sentences. A “sexually violent person (hereafter “Chapter 980 person”) is committed to the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center in Mauston, Wisconsin until the individual reaches the point in their treatment and rehabilitation that a court determines it is appropriate for them to reside in the community, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County, Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 980.08(4)(dm), is responsible for establishing a temporary committee to submit a report to the Wisconsin Department of Human Services identifying an appropriate residential option in Douglas County when the court orders the supervised release of a Douglas County Chapter 980 person, and

WHEREAS, the temporary committee has 120 days to submit a report to the Department of Health Services pursuant to Wis. Stat. 980.08(4)(dm)(4) following the court order. Failure to do

so may result in exemplary damages relating to Wis. Stat. 51.61(7), of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for each violation, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County was notified that a Douglas County Chapter 980 person had been granted supervised release in December of 2022 and the Douglas County Chapter 980 Ad Hoc Committee was formed to find a residential option, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Chapter 980 Ad Hoc Committee has concluded that Douglas County owns no property that meets the statutory criteria for housing a Chapter 980 person and has been unable to secure any private vendor interest in purchasing a property for said purpose, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Chapter 980 Ad Hoc Committee, after weighing safety of the public and public costs, has recommended that Douglas County purchase property that meets the statutory criteria for housing a Chapter 980 person and lease said property to the Wisconsin Department of Human Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors, in regular meeting assembled, authorizes \$200,000 from ARPA funds to purchase a property to lease to the Wisconsin Department of Human Services to house the Douglas County Chapter 980 person that has been court ordered for supervised release pursuant to Wis. Stat. §980.08(4)(dm).

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

*Committee Action: Unanimous  
Fiscal Note: Within ARPA remaining budget  
Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required*

ROLL CALL					
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7	GLAZMAN	X			
8	SKOWLUND			ABSENT	
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14	RYAN	X			
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16	LUOSTARI	X			
17	LIEBAERT	X			
18	MOEN	X			
19	LONG	X			
20	BORGESON			ABSENT	
21	BERGMAN	X			
<b>TOTALS</b>		YES 18	NO 0	ABSENT 3	ABSTAIN
ACTION					
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**RESOLUTION #62-23  
CHAPTER 980 PLACEMENT FUNDING  
COMPLETE (Page 2 of 2)**

**ACTION:** Motion by Baker, second Bergman, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 18 – Yes, 0 – No, 3 – Absent. Absent – Lear, Borgeson, Skowlund.

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**RESOLUTION #63-23**  
**WDNR Grant Programs Participation Authorized**  
**(County Conservation Aids)**

**PRESENTED BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Douglas County is interested in developing, improving, and maintaining fish and wildlife resources and habitats, and

WHEREAS, said fish and wildlife project work is eligible for up to 50% cost-share funds under Section 23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter NR 50 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby authorizes Douglas County's application for funds under Section 23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter NR 50 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, for such eligible fish and wildlife related project work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Douglas County will comply with all local, state, and federal rules, regulations, and ordinances relating to project work, all County Conservation Aid program requirements, and meet all financial obligations awarded under the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Forestry and Natural Resources, Douglas County Forestry Department staff, or designee, be hereby authorized to act on behalf of Douglas County as sole signatory and/or submitter for all grant applications and related documents submitted to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available through the County Conservation Aids program; including but not limited to agreements, contracts, reports, reimbursement requests, and any other documents required to complete program work, and to take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete any approved projects.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

*Committee Action: Unanimous*  
*Fiscal Note: None*

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

**8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Written report reviewed.

**9. COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Liebaert reported on various county activity.

**10. APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Peterson, second Slay, to approve the following appointments:

**a. By County Administrator**

**Highway Traffic Safety Commission:** Jake Engelman (current alternate, replacing Jerry Moe) and Matt Izzard (alternate). Motion carried.

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Jaques – Health & Human Services, Administration; Baker – Transportation & Infrastructure; Pomush – Veterans Commission; Hendrickson – Land Conservation.

**12. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Danz reported on Northwestern High School activities; Blix reported on Superior High School activities.

**13. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

Motion by Hendrickson, second Bergman, to approve. Motion carried.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE**

Six items of correspondence were either received and placed on file or referred to the appropriate committee.

**15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

State representative presentations.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Pomush, second Luostari, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting – December 21, 2023.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Douglas County Clerk