

**Ad Hoc Committee, Government Services Project
Friday, January 27, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
Lincoln County Service Center, Rm. 156
Merrill, Wisconsin 54452**

MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order by committee Chairman Bailey at 8:00 a.m. Besides Supervisor Bailey in attendance were committee members Bob Lee, Randy Scholz, Bill Zeitz, Arlene Meyer, and Dan Leydet. The meeting was facilitated by Art Lersch, UW-Extension, Lincoln County.

2. Approval of minutes from the January 13, 2012 meeting

A motion was made by Supervisor Zeitz and seconded by Mr. Scholz to approve the minutes as written. All ayes.

3. Public Comment

Supervisor Lee spoke about an informational meeting January 30 on local government recycling programs to be held by the state Department of Natural Resources somewhere in the Northwoods region. Details of the meeting were not yet known. He also informed the committee that an item related to its draft recommendation that the Solid Waste Committee explore the possibility of implementing a MRF (Material Recycling Facility) program is on the February 1 Solid Waste Committee agenda

4. Discussion of expected outcomes of recommendations made by committee to County Board (broad, visionary statements to specific action steps)

The committee reaffirmed that it wishes to make both broad visionary and action step type recommendations to the County Board.

5. Recommendations to County Board

After a review of the ideas lists broken down into the categories “currently being done,” “currently being looked at,” needs to be looked at or further looked at,” and the “committee has not made a determination,” the committee developed the following second draft list of recommendations.

Ad Hoc Committee, Government Services Project Proposed **Draft Recommendations**

Proposed **Draft of Recommendations for County Board Approval**

It is assumed that that all recommendations if approved will be implemented in 2012. Also, the committee agreed to meet at least one more time to review and possibly modify these draft

recommendations before they are presented during the February 21 Lincoln County Board meeting.

It is recommended that:

- if the state of Wisconsin or federal government reduces funding for a program, the level of service must also be reduced accordingly. (Note: Minimum levels of service provision based on state and federal standards will have to be discerned on a case by case basis.)
- a resolution be developed for County Board consideration proclaiming that if the state of Wisconsin or the federal government mandates that local governments provide a service, either the state or federal government must pay for that service.
- the County Board engage in a serious conversation about whether to keep or privatize Pine Crest Nursing Home.
- Lincoln County Government annually hold meetings with local government administrators and elected officials within the county to plan and implement when feasible intergovernmental cooperative efforts that save taxpayer dollars while maintaining adequate services.
- the County Board institute an additional one-half percent charge per month on overdue tax payments, bringing the total monthly charge to 1.5%. (Note: County administration is looking into whether this can be done).

Proposed Draft of Recommendations for County Committee Consideration

Note: The committee indicated that all these suggestions should be evaluated based on whether they bring additional revenue to the county and/or reduce county costs.

It is recommended that:

- the Lincoln County Solid Waste Committee explore and if it makes sense implement with County Board approval a compact and sell/Material Recycling Facilities program for the county landfill.
- the Lincoln County Personnel Committee explore and if it makes sense implement with County Board approval a uniform lunch time policy (i.e. the same policy for each department) for county employees.

- the Lincoln County EMS/Judicial Committee explore and if it makes sense implement with County Board approval a review of family members' and significant others' financial status when determining how much indigents should pay for court related expenses.
- the Lincoln EMS/Judicial Committee explore and if it makes sense implement with County Board approval counter fees for starting court related actions for people who are not being represented by an attorney.
- the Lincoln County Administrative & Legislative Committee explore and if it makes sense implement with County Board approval having the county use its maximum authority to enact ordinances that track state statutes regarding petty crimes. (Note: The committee agreed that this should be explored because forfeitures normally generate greater financial benefit to the county than fines.)

6. Presentation of recommendations to County Board

The committee reaffirmed that Lersch provide a process overview of the committee's work and that Chair Bailey will present the recommendations. Committee members agreed that once a final recommendation list is formally approved by the committee, the list of recommendations for county committee consideration will be communicated in a memo to each of the committees mentioned. Each recommendation for County Board approval will be presented in separate resolutions. Committee members also agreed that the presentation will be delivered at the February 21 County Board meeting. Resolutions will be presented to the County Board at its March 20 meeting. This will give supervisors a month to review the recommendations for County Board approval.

7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Besides the standard agenda items, committee members agreed by consensus that the following matters should be placed on the next meeting agenda.

- Recommendations to County Board
- Presentation of recommendations to County Board and county committees

8. Next Meeting(s) Date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, February 3, 9:00 a.m., (Note change in time.) Rm. 156, Lincoln County Service Center.**

9. Adjourn

Chair Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Scholz. All ayes. The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Art Lersch, UW-Extension, Lincoln County