

**Meeting Minutes of
Lincoln County Public Property Committee
Thursday, August 18, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Lincoln County Service Center Room 248
Merrill, Wisconsin**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Alber, Bill Zeitz, Richard Berndt, Ron Mittelsteadt, and John Bailey

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

VISITORS: Randy Scholz, Dave Rice, Joel Wendt, Julie Weber, Robert Smith, Diana Smith, Brad Becker, and Dale Christenson

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Vice Chair Zeitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** Motion by Berndt, second by Bailey to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
3. **Public Comment:** Members of the public commented on the fairgrounds.

Jim Alber arrived and took over the meeting from Vice Chair Zeitz.
4. **Review of Vouchers:** The vouchers were placed on file.
5. **Year to Date Budget Report:** The report was placed on file.
6. **Julie Weber Our Way Director-Overview of Our Way and Future Plans:** Julie Weber addressed the committee. Discussed Our Way's 30 year relationship with the county indicating they have 5 homes. 3 in Merrill, 2 in Tomahawk. They have 60 residents and 50 employees. They are licensed and inspected by the state. They have to run the facilities on state license. Their long term future plan is to continue to keep the homes except the 4 way house which is just North of Chips restaurant. They are looking to get out of that house by the end of this year. The Our Way Board meeting will be held on September 22, 2011 at 4:00 and anyone from the Public Property committee is welcome to attend. Motion by Bailey, second by Alber to have mileage and per diem approved for anyone wishing to attend the September meeting. All ayes.
7. **Kitchen Remodel for Our Way House:** Motion by Mittelsteadt, second by Zeitz to remodel the kitchen area with industrial cabinets for the kitchen. All ayes.
8. **Providing Maintenance for Our Way Leased Homes:** Our Way is currently in the process of having a maintenance person do the small repairs that need to be done in the homes.
9. **Hood Vent in Jail Kitchen:** Joel updated the committee and is still working on it for balancing. The Building Committee approved putting an air conditioning unit in the jail to control the heat issue.
10. **Storm Water Drainage at Courthouse and Jail:** Joel updated the committee. The Building Committee had a motion at their last meeting to fix the Courthouse and jail.
11. **Additional Parking at Jail:** Joel updated the committee. Need to find out storm drain problem and fix storm drain problem at the same time so they are coordinating that with the Highway Committee.
12. **Supervisor for Maintenance Department:** No new information.

13. **Request Ad Hoc Committee to look at Cost of Maintenance Department:** No action taken.
14. **Bathroom at Fairgrounds and Outside Water Concerns:** Motion by Bailey, second by Alber to fix the problem with the water concerns by paving a slab in front of the water. All ayes.
15. **Update on Previous Motion at the Public Property to do some Maintenance Work at the Fairgrounds:** All is done except painting under the grandstands. The paint has been purchased but no one has done the painting.
16. **Voluntary Workers Working on Fairgrounds:** Randy updated the committee that volunteers can be used. The committee feels that the volunteers out way the liability on the County. They have used volunteers in the past. Motion by Berndt, second by Mittelsteadt to provide materials for updating the concession; however this needs to be coordinated through the Administrative Coordinator. All ayes.
17. **Items for Next Month's Agenda:**
 - a. Update on 4-H Fair Board Meeting
 - b. Sheer wind presentation/other energy issues
18. **Next Meeting Date:** The next meetings will be held on September 15, 2011 and October 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lincoln County Service Center room 248.
19. **Adjourn:** Motion by Zeitz, second by Mittelsteadt to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. All ayes.