

**Meeting Minutes of
Lincoln County Public Property Committee
Thursday, February 16, 2012 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, Art Lersch, and Brad Becker

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Alber called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** Motion by Bailey, second by Berndt to approve minutes. Motion Carried, all ayes.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Review of Vouchers:** Randy indicated he had no concern with the vouchers and the committee did not have any questions. The vouchers were placed on file.
5. **Year to Date Budget Report:** Randy indicated the current budget is in good shape but will have to go for contingency of \$6806.00 which is less than 1% of the total budget for 2011 and will have the request on next month agenda.
6. **High Speed Internet Service for Lincoln County:**
Jim Alber informed the committee he was recently at a presentation discussing high speed internet and the possibilities of bringing it into Lincoln County off of towers. There are currently other Counties doing this in Municipalities in the North and wanted to bring it to the attention of the committee to see if they felt it was worth looking into. The committee does feel like it is worth looking into. Randy indicated that currently Lincoln County owns 3 towers; one in Corning, Somo, and one at the Sheriff's Office. Motions by Alber, second by Zeitz to have Randy proceed with options for high speed internet for across the county. Motion carried, all ayes.
7. **Update on Antique Furniture:** Randy indicated the furniture has been on Craigslist for about 2 months with one desk being sold. He handed out 2 more antique pieces of bookshelves to see if the committee wanted those to be added to listing on Craigslist. Motion by Mittelsteadt, second by Berndt to add these items to listing to be sold. All ayes.
8. **Our Way Lease Agreement:** Randy indicated the lease agreement is coming due. There were some minor corrections in the lease that was handed out. Randy noted the corrections and the main change from the lease would only be for Forward House. Our Way would like to have a 30 day out instead of a 120 day out of the lease because they are currently waiting for approval from the state to move residents in that house to a different location. The Committee indicated some changes needed to be made to the contract. Randy noted the changes will be made on this contract and all others. Motion by Bailey, second by Zeitz to approve all the contracts as amended. Motion passed. All ayes.
9. **June Dairy Breakfast-FSA Alumni:** Jim Alber indicated they are going to stay at the MARC and not move to the Fairgrounds.
10. **Fairground Consultant:** Bill Zeitz indicated that the Fairground User Group is having a consultant come in to look over the facility. He thought the Public Property Committee would

authorize paying \$200.00 toward the total \$500.00 cost. The Rodeo and Fair Association are each going to pay \$100.00 each the remaining \$100.00 will come from other user groups. Motion by Bailey, second by Zeitz to pay the \$200.00. All ayes.

11. **Fairgrounds Lease Agreement:** The Committee discussed talking about profit vs. non-profit groups. Randy handed out the current contract as the committee wished to make changes from before. Motion by Alber, second by Mittelsteadt to amend the contract that was handed out to add the words “non-profit entities” to the end of the sentence on the first page under the section starting with “This Agreement” motion passed 4-1 with Bailey voting against. Motion by Alber, second by Zeitz to pass the Fairground Lease Agreement as amended. Motion carried 4-1 with Bailey voting against. Motion by Mittelsteadt, second by Zeitz to have Nancy set up an addendum to the current agreement for profit organizations that would require them to come before the committee to get a lease agreement and the committee would set the cost of the agreement. Vote 4-1 with Bailey voting against.
12. **Management Organization Group:** Art indicated on February 29, 2012 the consultant that was mentioned above will be at the Fairgrounds at 4:00 p.m. and will be taking a look at the property and everyone is invited to attend. Then at 6:30 p.m. the User Group is going to meet and continue to discuss what they are looking at doing. The outcome of the meeting was the possibility of two structures. The first option is to have an independent User Group which would be a volunteer group which would organize the volunteers to work at the Fairgrounds. The other option would be to have the Fair Association act as a lead to the volunteer group and work everything through them. Both structures would have Public Property and County Board involved having the final decision on items. There is still talk about who and how to set up those structures.
13. **List of Maintenance items for Fairgrounds:** Randy provided the maintenance items that were included from the Fair Association president and the committee discussed what would make the most sense. Motion by Zeitz, second by Alber to approve the paving project including the trench work for the water and electric of approximately \$15,000.00 that would come out of the Maintenance budget. All ayes.
14. **Items for Next Month’s Agenda:**
 - a. Report on Antique Furniture Sales
 - b. Fairground Approvement Group
 - c. Addendum to Fairground Lease Agreement
 - d. High Speed Internet if information is Available
15. **Next Meeting Date:** The next meetings will be March 15 at 7:00 p.m.
16. **Adjourn:** Motion by Mittelsteadt, second by Berndt to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.