

MARCH 9, 2006**SPECIAL EVENING SESSION****6:00 P.M.****HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING – LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM – MERRILL**

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the Health & Human Services Building, Lower Level Conference Room in the City of Merrill in session assembled pursuant to law. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Simon. Roll was called by the Clerk and the following answered present: Alber, Bloomer, Caylor, Cohrs, Fox, Kleinschmidt, Krueger, Lee, Lussow, Meyer, Mittelsteadt, Plant, Powell, Rankin, Saal, Schmidt, Schroeder, Simon, Weaver and Woller (20). Supervisors Loka and Ugolini; excused. Supervisor Alber arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by the Board.

The Lincoln County Board met to discuss building and remodeling plans developed based on information compiled by the Workplace Planning Committee and on that committee's deliberations.

Chair Simon, Lincoln County Chair was the Moderator for tonight's meeting. Art Lersch, UW Extension, was the facilitator and he compiled notes made by each of the Supervisors in both the option portion and the debate. The notes are on record in the County Clerk's office.

Ray Bloomer, Workplace Planning Committee chairperson, provided the Board with a brief overview of the two proposals developed by the committee. The first proposal calls for a remodeling of the courthouse, the remodeling of the existing jail, and constructing an administration building on the "Pines" site. In votes taken July 2005 and December 2005, the Board directed the committee to focus its efforts on this particular proposal. For this reason, hereafter this proposal is referred to as the "Board Directed Option." Based on Mr. Bloomer's summary sheet, the estimated cost of this proposal is \$12,415,300.

The other proposal made by the committee calls for building a justice center and remodeling the existing safety building for administration. Based on Mr. Bloomer's summary sheet, the estimated cost of this proposal is \$10,692,864. The Board also met to review a plan proposed to build courts and administration in a building owned by Todd and Renee Frederick (Ward Paper Mill area). The estimated cost for the initial phase of that project is \$8,200,000.¹

The Board chair solicited comments from supervisors in a round robin fashion. Time limits were used in an effort to maintain focus and promote a steady, non-confrontational flow of debate. The chair began the meeting by asking supervisors to briefly state which proposed plan, if any, they favored and/or to make a brief general opening statement.

By an informal count (as stipulated by the Board chair, no official voting was conducted) Board members favored the Board Directed Option by a tally of 15 to 5.

During the next part of the session, Board Members at the request of the Board Chair engaged in a debate about the merits of each option. The Chair called on members who wished to speaking, emphasizing that each would have two minutes to express their views. During the debate process, a few supervisors asked Judge Bain of the ninth district court system questions.

¹ Proposal information is based on a sheet developed by Ray Bloomer, Workplace Planning Committee chairperson. Initial data for the "Board Directed Option" came from plans compiled by Ayres and Associates. Details of the Frederick Proposal came from Todd Frederick and Prairie River Properties/Flad Associates.

Judge Bain answered questions regarding concerns about court security related to the Board Directed Option, the best long range solution to court space issue, and how to remodel the Courthouse without having to build an addition.

The Board Chair next asked supervisors to make their final comments. Chair Simon stated that the next step in the process is for the Workplace Planning Committee to develop a resolution based on this evening's discussion to hopefully present to the Board at its scheduled March 21st regular meeting.

Supervisor Bloomer announced that the next Workplace Planning Committee meeting would be scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 pm (HHS lower level meeting room).

REPORT OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

20 Supervisors will be paid mileage and per diem for attendance at the March 9, 2006 County Board Meeting per roll call. Motion made by Supervisor Caylor, seconded by Supervisor Krueger to approve the report on mileage and per diem. Motion carried – all ayes.

Next regular meeting will be held at the William Buedingen Training Room in the Town of Bradley on March 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Supervisor Krueger, seconded by Supervisor Alber to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried – all ayes.

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I, Robert D. Kunkel, County Clerk in and for said Lincoln County, Wisconsin do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of all proceedings by and before the Board of Supervisors at their special meeting, March 9, 2006.

Robert D. Kunkel, Lincoln County Clerk