

**Lincoln County Board of Supervisors
Budget Meeting November 10, 2009**

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the Lincoln County Service Center County Board Room at 801 N. Sales Street – City of Merrill, in session assembled pursuant to law. Chair Lussow called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance was given by the Board. Roll was called by the Clerk and the following answered present: Alber, Anderson, Bailey, Berndt, Bloomer, Caylor, Eisenman, Fox, Krueger, Lee, Loka, Lussow, Meyer, Mittelsteadt, Pampuch, Rankin, Rusch, Saal, Simon, Woller, and Zeitz (21). Weaver excused.

Recess to Public Hearing – 8:05 a.m. Zeitz spoke on the public hearing being held in the morning. Clerk explained that it is held in the morning because there are other municipalities that hold their meetings also on that day in the evening who have officials that need to attend that meeting. It is by state statute that it is held on the second Tuesday of November.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

Announcements – Chair Lussow presented the 2010 County Board Schedule. Clerk stated that the Supervisors could begin to take out election papers as of December 1st. They need to get 20 signatures. The papers will be available in the Clerk’s Office beginning on December 1st.

Service Recognitions for November, 2009

Clerk read service recognitions for the following employees:

Bruce Slaminski – 10 years (Housekeeping Supervisor – Pine Crest Nursing Home)

Brenda Rasmussen – 11 years (Social Worker II - Social Services Department)

Elayne Lang – 15 years (Payroll Specialist – Finance Department)

Tim Meehean – 25 years (Interim Administrative Coordinator Pine Crest Nursing Home Administrator – Administration Department/Pine Crest Nursing Home)

Approval of Journal – October 20, 2009

Motion was made by Caylor, seconded by Eisenman to approve the minutes of October 20, 2009 as presented and placed on file. Motion carried – all ayes.

Letters, Petitions and Memorial - Monthly Mailbox Correspondence – Any Questions – There wasn’t any questions on the correspondence.

Reports of Standing & Special Committees

Administrative Coordinator’s written report – Q & A

Interim Administrative Coordinator Tim Meehean had nothing to add to the report. The report was included in their packets. Place on file.

Finance Director’s Year-to Date Budget Report – Dan Leydet explained his report. He had nothing further to add. The report was placed on file.

Resolutions and Ordinances for Board Action

Resolution 2009-11-42

Title: Approving the 2010 Budget and Providing for Tax Levy

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Finance and Insurance Committee, after careful review, does hereby present the 2010 budget recommended for adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors that the 2010 budget be adopted as presented (per the summary Budget Report submitted);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following sums of money be raised for the ensuing year:

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| Veterans Relief | \$ | 6,000.00 |
| Debt Service | | 685,601.00 |
| Other County Taxes | | 11,531,776.00 |
| Libraries | | 563,863.00 |
| TOTAL COUNTY TAXES | | <u>\$12,787,240.00</u> |

State Tax (for Forestry Purposes) \$413,561.15

**TOTAL COUNTY AND
STATE TAXES** \$13,200,801.15

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall enter in the Tax Apportionment, other State and County Special Charges as authorized legal taxes against the respective districts to the County.

Dated this 10th day of November, 2009

Introduced by: Finance and Insurance Committee; Committee Action: Passed 5 – 0 on November 6, 2009

Fiscal Impact: As stated above

Motion made by Lee, seconded by Eisenman to adopt Resolution 2009-11-42. Tim Meehean, Interim Administrative Coordinator, explained the resolution. Discussion was held. Motion made by Zeitz, seconded by Bloomer to have no levy increase for the taxpayers of Lincoln County. Discussion was held. Clerk called roll on motion to have no levy increase with all Supervisors voting nay except for Bailey, Bloomer and Zeitz voting aye (3). Motion failed. Motion made by Zeitz to eliminate mileage. There was no second and motion failed. Discussion continued. Motion made by Caylor, seconded by Mittelsteadt to call the question. Bloomer objected to the call of the question. Clerk called roll on the call of the question and all Supervisors voting aye except Alber, Bailey, Bloomer, Fox, Loka, Rankin, Saal, and Zeitz voting nay (8). Clerk called roll on original motion and all the Supervisors voted aye except Bailey, Bloomer, Saal and Zeitz voting nay (4). Resolution 2009-11-42 is adopted 17-4.

Resolution 2009-11-43

Title: Transfer of Solid Waste Department's Designated Funds

WHEREAS, Lincoln County anticipates a budget deficit in 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department has run a profitable operation, and is able to help contribute some of its profits from the landfill's Designated Funds to the County's General Fund to help make up part of the 2010 deficit, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Committee recommends a one-time transfer of \$200,000 to the County's General Fund

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board hereby approves the transfer of \$200,000 from the Solid Waste Fund to the General Fund.

Dated this 10th day of November, 2009

Introduced by: Solid Waste Committee; Committee Action: Passed 4 – 0 on 10/28/09

Fiscal Impact: \$200,000

Motion made by Loka, seconded by Fox to adopt Resolution 2009-11-43. Discussion was held. Resolution 2009-11-43 is adopted by a voice vote.

Resolution 2009-11-44

Authorization to Execute Tomahawk Annex Lease

WHEREAS, resolution 2005-03-09 dated March, 2005, approved execution of a lease for Lincoln County office space in the Old Tomahawk House, Tomahawk, Wisconsin through December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Public Property Committee has negotiated a three year lease (1/1/10 – 12/31/12) at a rate of \$1475/month including utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize of the lease agreement as attached.

Dated this 10th day of November, 2009

Introduced by: Public Property Committee; Committee Action: Passed 5 - 0 on 10/15/09

Fiscal Impact: \$1475 per month for 3 years including utilities (\$0.64 per sq. ft.)

Motion made by Zeitz, seconded by Alber to adopt Resolution 2009-11-44. Joel Wendt, Maintenance Director, explained the resolution. Resolution 2009-11-44 is adopted by a voice vote.

Resolution 2009-11-45

Title: Approving Conveyance of Real Estate

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of November, 2009 that the following conveyance of real estate to be made by the County Clerk in behalf of Lincoln County, be and same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved:

Purchaser: Todd & Sheila Lucht

Description: CM AT 1/4 CR BTW SEC 13 & 14 – S 22.9' POB – S 94.3'- N 48DG 52" E 54.5' – S 61DG 47" E 161.7' – N 0DG 25" W 134.9' – N 90DG W TO POB PRT NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 13-34-06 .350 Acres (W5289 Crass Rd. Tomahawk) Parcel #004-3406-133-9991 and

CM AT NW CR NW 1/4 SW 1/4 – S 22DG 8' E 91' POB – S 60DG 20' E 213.2' – S 15DG 15' W 140' – N 60DG 20' W 300' - NELY 68DG 145.7' TO POB

Section 13-34-06 .850 Acres (N8690 County Rd. S, Tomahawk) Parcel #004-3406-133-9995

Amount: \$12,500.75

Dated this 10th day of November, 2009

Introduced by: Forestry, Land & Parks Committee; Committee Action: Passed 5-0 on October 5, 2009

Fiscal Impact: \$12,500.75

Motion made by Eisenman, seconded by Anderson to adopt Resolution 2009-11-45. Kevin Kleinschmidt, Forestry Administrator, explained the resolution. Resolution 2009-11-45 is adopted by a voice vote.

Resolution 2009-11-46

Title: Approving A Loan to Sew Pieceful Quilting LLC, from Revolving Loan Fund

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has established a revolving loan fund, and

WHEREAS, after public meeting and due consideration, the Revolving Loan Fund – Loan Review Committee has recommended approval of the application submitted to the Revolving Loan Fund Administrator for the following project: Sew Pieceful Quilting LLC, Marie Daigle Owner;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the County Board to approve the application for the County to distribute the funds from the revolving loan fund;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board does approve and authorize the loan for the above-named project; and the County Finance Director is hereby authorized to loan funds as recommended by the Revolving Loan Fund – Loan Review Committee and Finance and Insurance Committee

Dated this 10th day of November, 2009

Introduced by: Revolving Loan Fund – Loan Review Committee and Finance and Insurance Committee

Committee Action: Revolving Loan Fund – Loan Review Committee; recommended approval, November 3, 2009. Committee Action: Finance and Insurance Committee

Fiscal Impact: \$25,000 Loan with a return of four percent interest.

Motion made by Lee, seconded by Simon to adopt Resolution 2009-11-46. Jack Sroka, Director of Economic Development Corporation, explained the resolution. Resolution 2009-11-46 is adopted by a voice vote.

Resolution 2009-11-47

Title: Temporary Hiring Freeze

WHEREAS, Lincoln County faces potential cuts in state aids and other revenues and faces uncertain budget issues for 2010, and

WHEREAS, the County should review all job vacancies for possible cost saving methods,

WHEREAS, leaving vacant positions open for a short period of time allows the County to review the need for the positions without laying people off.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board hereby approves a temporary hiring freeze with the following conditions:

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| Duration: | Effective for all of 2010 |
| Continuance: | The temporary hiring freeze will be reviewed in October by the Personnel Committee for continuance/discontinuance |
| Effective Date: | For all current and future vacancies that have not been approved to filled by the Admin & Legislative Committee as of 11/2/09 |
| Exemptions: | Only Pine Crest, and the positions of Sheriff Deputies, Correctional positions, and 911 Telecommunicators are exempt from the temporary hiring freeze. |
| Waiting Period: | All departments must wait at least 90 days from the last day of actual work before they can hire a replacement after following the process as outline in section 4.07 of the Lincoln County code of ordinances. . |

Dated this 10th day of November, 2009

Introduced by: Personnel Committee; Committee Action: Personnel Committee; Passed 5-0 on 11/3/09

Fiscal Impact: potential savings of wages and fringes depending on the number of vacancies.

Motion made by Caylor, seconded by Anderson to adopt Resolution 2009-11-47. Tim Meehean, Interim Administrative Coordinator, explained the resolution. Discussion was held. Resolution 2009-11-47 is adopted by a voice vote with Alber voting nay.

Report of Action on Claims against the County of Lincoln - None

Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Alber to approve the report on mileage and per diem. Motion carried –21 ayes.

The next meeting will be the County Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill.

Supervisor Woller wanted to congratulate the Department Heads for their hard work on the budget process. Tim Meehean also said that the Department Heads deserved a lot of credit for their efforts in preparing the budget in these difficult times.

Supervisor Fox stated his concerns about calling the question. He felt that we shouldn't stop the discussion before all who wanted to speak had the opportunity. Chair Lussow responded that the Supervisors have had about 8 months to look at the budget and state their concerns. Supervisor Bloomer responded that he feels that the calling of the question should be looked at and that all Supervisors should have the opportunity to speak as long as they want. Supervisor Simon made a point of order. This is not on the agenda and he is requesting that Chair Lussow put call of the question on the next Administrative & Legislative Committee Agenda for their next meeting. Chair Lussow responded that he would do that.

Motion made by Krueger, seconded by Bloomer to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried – all ayes.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

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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 regular meeting, November 10, 2009.

Robert D. Kunkel, Lincoln County Clerk