

**Lincoln County Board of Supervisors  
Meeting December 15, 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 6:00 p.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, Lussow, Meyer, Mittelsteadt, Pampuch, Rankin, Rusch, Saal, Simon, Woller, Weaver and Zeitz (21). Loka excused. Bailey arrived at 6:10 p.m.

**Announcements** –Clerk stated that the mileage will be going to 50 cents per mile starting January 1, 2010.

**Service Recognitions for December, 2009**

Clerk read service recognition for the following employee:

Steven Koch - 15 years (Class 3-Equipment Operator at the Highway Department)

**Appointments & Re-Appointments:**

Motion made by Caylor seconded by Mittelsteadt to approve the appointment of Arlan Anderson to the Revolving Loan Committee (expires 4/ 2010). Motion carried.

Motion made by Alber seconded by Woller to approve the re-appointments of David Radtke and Josephine Carpentier to the Developmental Disabilities Board. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rankin seconded by Mittelsteadt to approve the re-appointment of Don Woodford to the Civil Service Commission. Motion carried.

**Approval of Journal – November 10, 2009**

Motion was made by Caylor, seconded by Woller to approve the minutes of November 10, 2009 as presented and placed on file. Motion carried – all ayes.

**Letters, Petitions and Memorial** – Clerk read a memorial for David R. Haskins. Monthly Mailbox Correspondence –Zeitz requested that the Resolution from Waushara County in opposition to S. 149 “Weekend Voting Act” and 2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 2 be refer to the Administrative & Legislative Committee. Request was granted.

**Reports of Standing & Special Committees**

Administrative Coordinator’s written report – Q & A – Placed on file.

Alber requested that “Revenue Generating Ideas” be on next month’s agenda. After discussion it was referred to the Administrative & Legislative Committee.

Finance Director’s Year-to Date Budget Report – Dan Leydet explained his report. Placed on file.

Fall Timber Sales- Kevin Kleinschmidt, Forestry Administrator, reported that there were 14 sales for a total of \$340,661.55.

Building Project Update- Simon provided an update on current projects.

**Resolutions and Ordinances for Board Action**

Resolution 2009-12-48

Ordering County Clerk to Take Tax Deeds of the 2007 Sale

WHEREAS, consistent with ordinance 410-2002 adopting section 3.17, Lincoln County Code (Lincoln County Policy for Screening of Tax Delinquent Property for Possible Acquisition) the Property Evaluation Team inspected tax delinquent properties; and

WHEREAS, the Property Evaluation Team will not accept those properties with visible evidence of contamination; and

WHEREAS, the Finance & Insurance Committee has approved the acquisition of any one of these tax deeds whose owner does not pay the delinquent taxes on their parcel by December 17, 2009; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors in session on December 15, 2009 that the County Clerk be and is hereby ordered to take tax deeds from the said tax delinquent properties inspected by the Property Evaluation Team on the unredeemed tax certificates of the 2007 sale and also those of prior years, which have not been deeded to Lincoln County, pursuant to Section 75.14 of the Wisconsin Statutes, excepting that no tax deed will be taken for any description upon which the county already holds a good tax deed. Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009

Introduced by: Finance & Insurance Committee Passed 5-0 on 12/04/09

Fiscal Impact: Unknown

Motion made by Simon, seconded by Eisenman to adopt. Clerk Kunkel explained the resolution. Adopted by a voice vote.

Resolution 2009 – 12 - 49  
Title: Cancellation of County Checks

WHEREAS, it is in the business interest of Lincoln County that all County Checks be negotiated promptly, and

WHEREAS, the following checks have reached their expiration date,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors that the following checks be canceled and returned to the fund from which the check originated:

| DATE     | CHECK NO. | NAME                | AMOUNT   |
|----------|-----------|---------------------|----------|
| 8/27/08  | 231759    | Lisa Roth           | \$24.70  |
| 10/03/08 | 233090    | John J. Lahti       | 16.70    |
| 10/03/08 | 233096    | Rob. A.P. McConnell | 25.67    |
| 10/03/08 | 233125    | Gerald C. Wilson    | 15.49    |
| 10/09/08 | 233298    | Martha Parchuc      | 3.96     |
| 11/14/08 | 234748    | Ryan K. Ott         | 1.51     |
| 12/08/08 | 235440    | Michael C. Erath    | 24.30    |
| 12/22/08 | 235960    | Barb. Gruetzmacher  | 15.49    |
| 2/26/09  | 238169    | Clare Freeman       | 254.84   |
| 2/26/09  | 238334    | Jeremiah Hawkins    | 133.50   |
| 3/31/09  | 239280    | Mitchell L. Cooper  | 37.94    |
| 5/05/09  | 240421    | Heather A. Matti    | 39.25    |
| 5/28/09  | 241233    | Helen Loeser        | 4.54     |
| TOTAL    |           |                     | \$597.89 |

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2009

Introduced by: Finance and Insurance Committee Passed on 5-0 12/04/09

Fiscal Impact: +\$597.89

Motion made by Mittelsteadt, seconded by Caylor to adopt. Dan Leydet explained the resolution. Adopted by a voice vote.

Resolution 2009-12-50  
Title: Designation of Public Depositories

WHEREAS, provisions in Chapter 34 and Chapter 59 of Wisconsin Statutes require that counties designate public depositories;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following banking institutions shall be and are hereby designated, until further action, as public depositories for all public monies coming into the hands of the Treasurer of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:

- Citizens Bank, Tomahawk, WI 54487
- Lincoln Community Bank, Merrill, WI 54452
- M & I Citizen’s American Bank, Merrill, WI 54452
- River Valley State Bank, Merrill, WI 54452
- Park City Credit Union, Merrill, WI 54452
- Merrill Federal Savings & Loan, Merrill, WI 54452
- State Investment Pool, Madison, WI 53707
- M & I Trust Company, Wausau, WI 54401
- Tomahawk Community Bank, Tomahawk, WI 54487

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the list of bank accounts on the accompanying schedule be approved for use by Lincoln County. Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

Introduced by: Finance and Insurance Committee Passed (5-0) on December 4, 2009

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Motion made by Saal, seconded by Woller to adopt. Dan Leydet explained the resolution. Discussion followed. Adopted by a voice vote.

Resolution 2009 – 12 – 51  
Title: Approval of Union Contract (LAW Local 601) and Setting Salaries and Benefits for Non-represented Employees and Elected Officials for 2010

WHEREAS the Personnel Committee has reviewed the 2010 Tentative Agreement between Lincoln County and the Social Services Paraprofessionals Union (LAW- Local 601) and recommends that the County Board approve the settlement of the contract on the terms reflected on the attached committee action report; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends the same 0% across- the- board increase and benefit modifications for the non-represented employees (with the exception of the VEBA contribution/participation and health insurance contribution);

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends the non-represented employees contribute 5% of the monthly health insurance premium starting 1/1/2010; and

WHEREAS, resolution 2008-06-23 specified that elected officials’ wage increases and participation in benefits shall be the same as for non-represented employees for the 2009-2012 terms; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and approves the 2010 Tentative Agreement between Lincoln County and the Social Services Union (LAW- Local 601) and authorizes the necessary County officials to sign a contract consistent with the tentative agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves the aforementioned salaries and benefit adjustments for the non-represented employees and elected officials for 2010. Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009

Introduced by: Personnel Committee Passed: 5 – 0 on 12/1/09 Fiscal Impact: Union Contract \$360.00 Non-represented and elected officials (\$ 18,584)

Motion made by Caylor, seconded by Saal to adopt. Tim Meehean explained the resolution. Discussion followed. Adopted by a voice vote.

Resolution 2009-12-52

Title: Authorizing Transfer of Ownership of Normal Park to the City of Merrill

WHEREAS, Lincoln County owns and maintains Normal Park on Center Avenue in the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln County incurs direct costs through the maintenance and administration of Normal Park; and,

WHEREAS, the best use of this property to our community is for its’ continued use by the public as a park; and,

WHEREAS, its’ effectiveness as a public park could be enhanced if the City of Merrill undertook the complete maintenance, assessments, and program development for the park; and,

WHEREAS, the City and County are interested in entering into a mutually beneficial agreement to accomplish these public purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain that Lincoln County shall transfer ownership to the City of Merrill in exchange for the following valuable considerations:

\*The City of Merrill will make permanent the current 25 year easement from Prairie Dells Park into the Merrill City Forest.

\*The City will provide first right of refusal for all or part of the Merrill City Forest in the event that the City would elect to sell the property.

\*The City will continue to provide the block as a place for the “Farmers Market.”

\*The City will provide ten limited-use parking spaces in any future downtown development within a two block radius of the Courthouse as a means of providing County residents and employees with additional parking for the Courthouse and Jail facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a condition of the transfer, the City would be legally bound to continue to keep the Normal Park property as a recreational park or the property would revert to Lincoln County ownership.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate County officials are authorized to sign the necessary papers to conduct and finalize the transfer of ownership. Dated this 15th day of December, 2009

Introduced by: Forestry, Land and Parks Committee Passed 5-0 on December 7, 2009

Fiscal Impact: Unknown

Motion made by Lee, seconded by Simon to adopt. Kevin Kleinschmidt explained the resolution. Discussion followed. Clerk called roll with all the Supervisors voted aye except Alber and Rankin. Adopted 19-2.

ORDINANCE 2009 -12-546

Chapter 4 (Personnel Policy) Changes

The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain:

Chapter 4.51 (Vacation) is amended as follows:

- (1) Effective January 1, ~~2006~~, 2010, Non-represented full-time employees shall be granted vacation with pay according to the following schedule: (Am. #324-98)
  - (a) After one year and up to 6 years continuous service, two weeks of vacation; effective with employees hired after May 16, 1995. One week of the above two weeks would be available for use following 6 months of employment.
  - (b) After 6 years and up to ~~15~~ 13 years continuous service, 3 weeks of vacation.
  - (c) After ~~15~~ 13 years and up to ~~22~~ 20 years continuous service, 4 weeks of vacation.
  - (d) After ~~22~~ 20 years continuous service, 5 weeks of vacation.
  - (e) After ~~25~~ 23 years continuous service, one additional vacation day for each year to a maximum of 33 vacation days

Chapter 4.60 (Health Insurance) is amended as follows:

- (b) Effective January 1, 2005, For full-time employees, employees will pay ~~\$20 toward the monthly premium of the single plan and \$35 toward 5% of the monthly health insurance premium of the family plan.~~ The County shall pay the remainder of the full monthly premium ~~for single or family coverage.~~ Premiums are pro-rated for eligible part-time employees.
- (2) Non-represented employees retiring under the provisions of the Wisconsin Retirement Plan may convert up to ~~80~~ 90 days of accumulated sick leave and any earned and unused vacation to the County's Post Employment Health Plan. Non-represented employees who retire under the Wisconsin Retirement Plan, may participate in the County Health Care Plan at their expense until they reach the age they are eligible for Medicare. This provision is not applicable to early retirement for disability. (Am. #218-92; #324-98)

This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009

Introduced by: Personnel Committee Passed 5-0 on 12/01/09

Motion made by Caylor, seconded by Anderson to adopt. Tim Meehean explained the ordinance; discussion followed. Adopted on a voice vote.

**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.

The next County Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill.

Motion made by Krueger, seconded by Eisenman to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried.

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, December 15, 2009.

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Robert D. Kunkel, Lincoln County Clerk