

**Lincoln County Board of Supervisors
Meeting February 16, 2010**

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 9:00 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, Lee, Loka, Lussow, Meyer, Mittelsteadt, Pampuch, Rankin, Rusch, Saal, Simon, Weaver, and Woller (20). Krueger absent and Zeitz excused.

Announcements – Chair Lussow spoke on the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization.

Service Recognitions for February, 2010

Clerk read service recognition for the following employees:

Anthony Dallman - 10 years (Surveyor at Land Information and Conservation)

David Pankow – 15 years (Class 4-Paver Operator at Highway Department)

Jeffrey Janik – 25 years (Shop Foreman at Highway Department)

Jeffery Jaeger – 30 years (Sheriff at Sheriff Department)

Appointments & Re-Appointments:

Motion made by Woller seconded by Eisenman to approve the Lincoln County 2010 Active Emergency Fire Wardens as listed. List available on web site. Motion carried.

Approval of Journal – January 19, 2010

Motion was made by Caylor seconded by Bailey to approve the minutes of January 19, 2010 as presented and placed on file. Motion carried.

Letters, Petitions and Memorial – Chair Lussow stated that the resolutions that are sent to State Legislators get their attention.

Reports of Standing & Special Committees

Dr. Lori Weyers explained what Northcentral Technical College is doing to get more training for students. Discussion followed.

Administrative Coordinator's Written Report Q & A – Tim Meehan, Interim Administrative Coordinator, is on vacation. Report placed on file.

Finance Director's Year-to-Date Budget Report – Dan Leydet explained the 2009 end of year budget and the 2010 year-to-date report. Discussion was held. Report placed on file.

Public Property Committee report re: Grecian Delight/Fair Board Dispute –Jody Renaud spoke on Grecian Delight's vendor lease. Alber explained the dispute. Simon had a point of order – such discussion should be held only in a closed session. Discussion followed. Saal requested that there be a closed session next month to discuss this dispute. More discussion followed. A closed session will be placed on next month's agenda.

Coalition on Aging – Arlene Meyer did an update on the Coalition on Aging.

Supervisor Caylor left at 10:10 a.m.

Supervisor Simon gave an update on the Building Committee. They received a communication from the State Historical Society that we have an agreement on the latest proposal for constructing the addition on to the Courthouse. All of the restrictions have been removed. The Department of Transportation has apparently reached an agreement with them in regard to the roundabout that might take 30 feet of property away. The Building Committee will be meeting immediately after this meeting and anyone who is interested should attend.

Resolutions and Ordinances for Board Action

Resolution 2010-02-07

Resolution Designating Lincoln County to be a Recovery Zone for Purposes of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Stimulus Act") authorizes the issuance of "recovery zone economic development bonds", which bonds are eligible for a direct payment by the United States Treasury to the issuer of forty five percent (45%) of the interest due on the bonds; and

WHEREAS, in order to issue recovery zones economic development bonds, an issuer must first designate on or more "recovery zones", being areas which manifest significant poverty, unemployment, rate of home foreclosures, and general distress or meet other criteria specified in the Stimulus Act; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County , Wisconsin (the "County") has experienced significant poverty, a high rate of unemployment and rate of home foreclosures, and other general economic distress (the "Recovery Zone

Conditions”), and such Recovery Zone Conditions impair the sound growth and the tax base of the County and threaten the well-being of the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the existence of Recovery Zones Conditions in the County and the qualification of the County as a recovery zone are evidenced by, among other things, the following factors: (a) the unemployment rate in the County was 11.0% for December 2009, as compared to 7.4% for December 2008, (b) 2008 U.S. Census Bureau data show that 9.4% of people in the County are in poverty and (c) the home foreclosure rate rose 12.6 percent from 2007 to 2008, (d) the same survey indicates that the per capita income in the County is 13.3% below the national average; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the well-being of the County and its citizens, it is necessary that the Recovery Zone Conditions be addressed by financing eligible costs for “qualified economic development purposes,” being expenditures for promoting development and economic activity in the County through expenditures for public infrastructure and construction of public facilities and other capital expenditures with respect to property in the County, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best interests of the citizens of the County to designate the County as a recovery zone for the purposes of and as provided in the Stimulus Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin that:

1. There exist conditions including significant poverty, unemployment and general economic distress which cause the County as a whole to be subject to designation as a recovery zone under the Stimulus Act.
2. All of the territory located within the boundaries of the County is hereby designated as a recovery zone for all purposes of and as provided in the Stimulus Act.
3. The officers of the County are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary in connection with the designation of the County as a recovery zone and the issuance of recovery zone economic development bonds by the County or by other eligible issuers within the County.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any city or town within the boundaries of Lincoln County that has a qualified economic development project on or for properties in the Recovery Zone, being the improvement or development of public facilities or infrastructure or job training and educational programs, may submit that project and costs related to that project to the Finance and Insurance Committee for consideration of the County allocation. The Lincoln County Finance and Insurance Committee will develop guidelines to distribute the Lincoln County allocation. Dated this 16th day of February 2010. Introduced by: Finance and Insurance Committee - Committee Action: Passed (3-0) on February 5, 2010. Fiscal Impact: N/A.

Motion made by Simon, seconded by Mittelsteadt to adopt Resolution 2010-02-07. Dan Leydet, Finance Director, explained. Resolution is adopted by a voice vote.

Resolution 2010-02-08

Waive 90 day hiring freeze for the Desktop Support Specialist, Personnel Specialist and Maintenance Director

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Board adopted Resolution 2009-11-47 approving a temporary hiring freeze of 90 days for vacant positions, and

WHEREAS, the Desktop Support Specialist, Personnel Specialist and Maintenance Director have announced their resignations effective June 2010, May 2010 and March 5, 2010 respectively, and

WHEREAS, the Administrative & Legislative Committee believe it is in the best interest to fill the Desktop Support Position prior to July 1, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Administrative and Legislative Committee believe it is in the best interest to fill the Personnel Specialist position as soon as possible, and

WHEREAS, the Public Property Committee believes it is advisable to explore reorganization options for the Maintenance Department prior to filling the Maintenance Director position, however, if no viable options emerge then the Committee recommends filling the Maintenance Director position as soon as possible, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administrative & Legislative, Personnel and Public Property Committees and waives the

90 day temporary hiring freeze for the Desktop Support Specialist, Personnel Specialist and Maintenance Director positions. Dated this 16th day of February, 2010. Introduced by: Administrative & Legislative Committee. Committee Action: Passed unanimously on 2/08/10. Fiscal Impact: Possible Savings of \$30,000 with the Maintenance Dept Reorganization.

Motion made by Woller, seconded by Alber to adopt Resolution 2009-02-08. A replacement resolution with a correction in the third whereas was placed on their desks. Alber explained the Maintenance Director part of resolution. Don Schlising spoke on the Desktop Support Specialist part. Discussion was held. Clerk called roll with all Supervisors voting aye (15), except Bloomer, Fox, Rankin and Simon voting nay (4). Resolution is adopted by roll call vote 15-4.

ORDINANCE 2010 - 02 – 551

An Ordinance Amending sec. 5.16, Lincoln County Code regarding Civil Service

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

Chapter 5.16, Lincoln County Code is amended as follows:

5.16 SUSPENSION, DISMISSAL OR OTHER DISCIPLINE. (Am. #333-98; Rn. #2007-07-507)

Persons appointed in conformity with the provisions of this subchapter shall hold office on good behavior and shall not be suspended, demoted or dismissed, except as provided by §59.52(8), Wis. Stats., provided, however, that the same shall not apply to the discharge or demotion of a probationary status employee. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication. Dated this 16th day of February, 2010. Introduced by: Law Enforcement, EMS & Judicial Committee - Passed 4 - 0 on 2/10/10 Fiscal Impact: None

Motion made Lee, seconded by Anderson to adopt ordinance 2010-02-551. Lee explained. Ordinance is adopted by a voice vote.

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

Motion made by Eisenman, seconded by Meyer to approve mileage and per diem for this meeting. Motion carried. The next County Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the William Buedingen Training Room, W6147 State Road 86, Tomahawk.

Motion made by Meyer, seconded by Berndt to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.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, February 16, 2010.

Robert D. Kunkel, Lincoln County Clerk