

Lincoln County Board of Supervisors  
Meeting: November 12, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street, Room 255, Merrill, in session assembled pursuant to law. Chair Lussow called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Pledge of allegiance followed. Roll was called with the following present: Bailey, Bloomer, Breitenmoser, Caylor, Fox, Giese, Gilk, Hetfeld, Lee, Loka, Lussow, Nelson, Pike, Plant, Rankin, Rusch, Saal, Vander Sanden, Weaver, Woller, and Zeitz (21). Supervisor Alber was excused from roll call and arrived at 8:05 a.m. (22)

4. At 8:05 a.m. the meeting was recessed to the 2014 Budget Public Hearing. Randy Scholz presented the 2014 Budget.

5. Reconvened to regular meeting at 8:09 a.m.

6. a. Announcements – None

b. Service Recognitions for November 2013:

15 Years: Brenda Rasmussen, Social Services

c. Appointments & Re-Appointments:

1. Veterans Service Commission, Claude R. Willet – term expires November 2016 M/S Lee/Bloomer to re-appoint Claude R. Willet to Veterans Service Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Wisconsin Valley Library Service, Marilyn Sauer – term expires December 31, 2016 M/S Saal/Zeitz to re-appoint Marilyn Sauer to Wisconsin Valley Library Service. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Approval of Journal – M/S Caylor/Woller to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

8. a. Letters – La Crosse County Resolution – Opposing SB-349 Supervisor Gilk asked that this be referred to the following committees: Highway, Land Conservation, and Administrative & Legislative.

b. Memorials – None

9. Reports of Standing & Special Committees:

A. Action on Grandstand Replacement Bids – referred from July Co Board Meeting. Maintenance Director Gierl presented on the current bathroom facilities at the fairgrounds stating they are not up to State code and that if any improvements are made to the grounds we would be required to update these facilities to meet state code. Discussion followed. Three people from the public spoke. M/S Bloomer/ to table this item. Motion died for a lack of a second. Discussion followed. M/S Vander Sanden/Zeitz to direct Public Property to do a cost study of the existing facility infrastructure at the fairgrounds within 90 days. Discussion followed. M/S Fox/Bloomer to amend the motion on the table to include the cost of developing new seating at the fairgrounds. Roll was called on the amendment; Aye’s: Bailey, Bloomer, Caylor, Fox, Giese, Hetfeld, Loka, Pike, Rankin, Weaver, Woller, and Zeitz (12). Nay’s: Alber, Breitenmoser, Gilk, Lee, Lussow, Nelson, Plant, Rusch, Saal, and Vander Sanden (10). Motion carried 12-10. Roll was called on original motion as amended; Aye’s: Bailey, Bloomer, Breitenmoser, Caylor, Fox, Giese, Gilk, Hetfeld, Lee, Loka, Lussow, Nelson, Pike, Plant, Rankin, Rusch, Saal, Weaver, Woller, and Zeitz (20). Nay’s: Alber, and Vander Sanden (2). Motion carried 20-2. M/S Bloomer/Hetfeld to reject Grandstand Replacement Bids. Motion carried by voice vote.

B 2013 Year-to-Date Budget Report – Finance Director – Dan Leydet

C. Administrative Coordinator’s Written Report – October (Randy Scholz)

10. Resolutions and Ordinances for Board Action

1) Resolution 2013-11-52

Title: Approving the 2014 Budget and Providing for Tax Levy

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Finance and Insurance Committee, after careful review, does hereby present the 2014 budget recommended for adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors that the 2014 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:

Health	\$	551,973.00
Veterans Relief		5,000.00
Special Charges Upon County		99.00
Libraries		622,997.00

EMS Service	636,086.00
Debt Service	796,288.00
Other County Taxes	<u>10,858,687.00</u>
TOTAL COUNTY TAXES	13,471,130.00

State Tax (for Forestry Purposes)	380,174.46
Charge back Illegal 2010 Taxes	449.46
TOTAL COUNTY AND STATE TAXES	<u>\$13,851,753.92</u>

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 12th day of November, 2013.

Introduced by: Finance and Insurance Committee      Committee Action: Passed on November 8, 2013  
 Fiscal Impact: As stated above

M/S Vander Sanden/Weaver to adopt Resolution 2013-11-52. Following discussion, roll was called. Aye’s: Alber, Bailey, Bloomer, Breitenmoser, Caylor, Fox, Giese, Gilk, Hetfeld, Lee, Loka, Lussow, Nelson, Pike Plant, Rankin, Rusch, Saal, Vander Sanden, Weaver, Woller, and Zeitz. (22) Nay: None. Motion carried 22-0.

2) Resolution 2013–11-53

TITLE: JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF NORTH STAR ROAD  
 IN THE TOWN OF MERRILL

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors (hereinafter “County”), the Town Board of the Town of Merrill (hereinafter “Town”) and the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (hereinafter “DOT”) have from time to time altered the local road systems in the interest of safety, convenience and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the functional/jurisdictional relationships of present state, county and town highway systems have been reviewed by the Lincoln County Highway Committee, the Town of Merrill and the DOT; and

WHEREAS, certain changes in the jurisdiction of these highway systems in Lincoln County have been agreed to by the County and Town; and

WHEREAS, sec. 83.025, Stats, enables the County to enter into jurisdictional transfer agreements with local units of government, thereby facilitating such alterations in jurisdictional highway systems.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a portion of North Star Road on the officially laid out, marked and traveled Town Road System including right-of-way interests, shall revert to the County beginning at the overpass bridge of USH 51 at the point where County Road C and North Star Road currently meet, in the Town of Merrill proceeding westerly approximately .94 miles to CTH JJ (Pier Street); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town and the County do mutually agree to transfer jurisdictional responsibility, stated above under the following conditions:

- (1) The County will take over all responsibility for maintenance including snow plowing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing bodies concur with and approve this jurisdictional transfer and shall take place upon the official approval of the DOT.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2013

Introduced by: Highway Committee      Passed: 5 – 0 on August 1, 2013

Fiscal Impact: Unknown – Gain in General Transportation Aids should offset maintenance costs.

M/S Lee/Vander Sanden to adopt Resolution 2013-11-53. Motion passed on a voice vote.

4) Resolution 2013-11-54

A Resolution to approve a Request for Proposal for Architectural and Engineering Services for a Berm System Grandstand Replacement

WHEREAS, Lincoln County suffered the loss of its Fairgrounds Grandstand on June 19, 2012 and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln County’s insurance claim pertaining to this structure has been settled and satisfied with the State of Wisconsin (LGPIF) for approximately \$1,357,719.30 having been accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on July 16, 2013, and

WHEREAS, these funds having been agreed on, and having no restrictions are now free to be applied to a Berm System replacement structure including architectural and engineering services, and  
 WHEREAS, included in this settlement, was the release of any time restraints put on the use of the settlement dollars.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors supports the initiation of a request for proposal for architectural and engineering services for a berm system concept to replace the former grandstand

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the deadline for delivery of this completed RFP to the Maintenance Director of Lincoln County be on or before January 14, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2013

Fiscal Impact: Cost of advertising

Introduced by: Public Property Committee      Date Passed: October 29, 2013 Committee Vote: 4-1

Supervisor Fox withdrew Resolution 2013-11-54. Point of order called by Supervisor Zeitz. Discussion followed.

#### 4) Resolution 2013-11-55

##### TO APPROVE THE 2014 LINCOLN COUNTY FOREST ANNUAL WORK PLAN

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has lands enrolled in the Wisconsin County Forest Land Program commonly referred to as the Lincoln County Forest; and

WHEREAS, Wis. State Statute 28.11(5) (b) and Wisconsin Administrative Code 47.70 (4) (f) requires an annual work plan to be approved by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors to be eligible for the County Forest Administration Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee reviewed and approved the 2014 County Forest Annual Work Plan to supplement the Fifteen-Year Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan as a way to help prioritize projects and emphasis the current needs of the County Forest and Recreational System.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain and resolve to approve and adopt the 2014 Lincoln County Forest Annual Work Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2014 Lincoln County Forest Annual Work Plan will be included as an amendment to the Fifteen-Year Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approved Annual Work Plan be forwarded to the Department of Natural Resources for their acceptance.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013

Introduced by: Forestry, Land and Parks Committee      Date Passed: 10/14/13      Committee Vote:      4-0

Fiscal Impact: Loss of approx. \$50,531 of State Grant Funds if not approved.

M/S Nelson/Bailey to adopt Resolution 2013-11-55. Following discussion, motion carried on a voice vote.

#### 5) Resolution 2013-11-56

Approve Filling Authorized Position Information Technology Department – Information Technology Director  
 WHEREAS page 7 of the Lincoln County Personnel Policy specifies a procedure for approval authorized positions, and

WHEREAS the Administrative Coordinator has recommended filling the vacant position, and

WHEREAS the Administrative & Legislative Committee and Personnel Committee have approved filling the authorized vacant position

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administrative & Legislative Committee and Personnel Committee and approves filling the authorized vacant position

Fiscal Impact:

Exact saving unknown – savings with new employee – lower pay, less vacation, less sick leave

Dated this 12th day of November, 2013

Introduced by: Administrative & Legislative Committee      Date Passed: November 4, 2013

Committee Vote: Unanimous

Introduced by: Personnel Committee Date Passed: November 4, 2013 Committee Vote: Unanimous  
M/S Caylor/Alber to adopt Resolution 2013-11-56. Following discussion, motion carried by a voice vote.

B. Ordinance - None

11. Reports of Claims – None
12. M/S Caylor/Breitenmoser to approve the mileage and per diem for this meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote.
13. Next County Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., at Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales St., Room 255, Merrill, WI 54452
14. M/S Plant/Gilk to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

I, Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk in and for said Lincoln County, Wisconsin do hereby certify the within and foregoing is a true and accurate recital of all proceedings by and before the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting, November 12, 2013.

Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk