

## Lincoln County Board of Supervisors

Meeting: March 17, 2015

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the William Buedingen Training Center, W6147 State RD 86, Tomahawk, WI in session assembled pursuant to law. Vice-Chair Caylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Pledge of allegiance followed. Roll was called with the following present: Alber, Allen, Baughan, Breitenmoser, Caylor, Gilk, Hetfeld, Koth, Lee, Loka, Pike, Plant, Powell, Rusch, Schwartzman, Swanson, Vander Sanden, Woller, and Zeitz (19) Excused: Lussow, and Weaver (2)

4. A. Announcement: None
- B. Service Recognitions for March 2015:
  - 10 Years: Dawn Bergs, Finance Department  
Marianne Vonderheid, Clerk of Courts
  - 15 years: Beth Humphrey, Register of Deeds  
June Winters, Zoning Department
  - 20 Years: Jennifer Blaubach, Forestry Department
- C. Appointments & Re-Appointments:
  1. Re-appoint of Bob Weaver to CCCW Board of Directors (term expires May 1, 2017). M/S Lee/Allen to re-appoint Bob Weaver to CCCW Board of Directors. Motion carried on a voice vote.
5. Approval of the Journal –M/S Vander Sanden/ Alber to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried on a voice vote.
6. A. Letters: None
- B. Memorials – None
7. Reports of Standing & Special Committees:
  - A. Public Property Committee: (From January Meeting) – Report on joint meeting with City of Merrill representatives regarding fairgrounds operations and finances (Jeff Hetfeld, Chairman) Supervisor Hetfeld gave a handout of estimate of upgrade costs and Mayor William Bialecki gave a draft of a resolution that was approved in a closed session of the Merrill City Council. Vice-Chair Caylor referred this back to Committee to get a formal response from the City of Merrill and to bring back to May County Board Meeting.
  - B. Finance Committee: 2015 Year-to-Date Budget Report – Finance Director (Dan Leydet)
  - C. Finance Committee: 2016 Budget – Finance Director (Dan Leydet)
  - D. Administrative & Legislative Committee:  
Administrative Coordinator’s Written Report – February (Randy Scholz)
8. Resolutions and Ordinances for Board Action
  - A. 1) Resolution 2015-03-09  
Fill Vacancy in Elective Office (Treasurer)

WHEREAS, Jan Lemmer’s resignation requires that the County Board take action to fill her unexpired term ending in December, 2016; and

WHEREAS, sec. 17.21, Stats., prescribes filling a vacancy in the office of county treasurer by appointment by the county board for the residue of the unexpired term unless a special election is ordered by the county board; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative & Legislative Committee, having weighed the options, recommends that an appointment be made utilizing the following format:

- 1) Advertise vacancy
- 2) Administrative & Legislative Committee to conduct interviews and bring finalists to County Board
- 3) County Board may submit questions for final interviews to Administrative Coordinator in advance of final interviews
- 4) Finalists interviewed by Administrative Coordinator at an open-session County Board meeting
- 5) County Board to vote on replacement to hold office of county treasurer for the current, unexpired term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors does hereby endorse this method of filling the unexpired term of Jan Lemmer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this resolution fails, a special election will be held.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2015.

Introduced by: Administrative & Legislative Committee Passed 4 - 0 on March 6, 2015

Fiscal Impact: Cost of advertisement and special county board meeting – if necessary.

M/S Alber/Lee to adopt Resolution 2015-03-09. Discussion followed. Motion carried on a voice vote.

2) Resolution 2015 -03-10

OPPOSING STATE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT REFORM

WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue (DOR) proposes to change from municipal to county assessment and require 100% assessment of every property every year beginning with the 2017 tax assessment year, thereby rushing the establishment of a complex program and jeopardizing quality and thoughtful consideration; and, WHEREAS, the proposal consolidates boards of review to the county or regional level thereby reducing public engagement in the appeals process; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal eliminates 5 state jobs and creates at a minimum, 72 county jobs; and

WHEREAS, the proposal penalizes non-compliance by charging counties for state assessments and if not paid, by reducing county road aids by the cost of DOR to complete county assessments; and

WHEREAS, the proposal establishes that the State determines salary, budget, number of personnel, qualifications, certifications, maximum number of parcels any assessor may assess per year, standards and procedures for sales verification, and continuing education requirements with no knowledge or consideration of county budget and programming, while the counties are required to pay for these costs; and

WHEREAS, the proposal allows Counties to only recover 95% of the assessment cost using the 2015 municipal assessment expense as the basis for the 95% and may only increase this in future years by net new construction, in effect creating a cost that is over four times the level funded; and

WHEREAS, the proposal saves the State \$194,000 beginning in 2017 and costs each county hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, if implemented, this proposal will burden the tax payer with excessive tax assessment costs, less public engagement in the process, and reduced county programming in other areas, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Lincoln County opposes the implementation of county assessment in Wisconsin and asks for the proposal to be removed from the budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to send this resolution to Governor Walker, the Joint Finance Committee, and all Wisconsin Counties.

Dated: March, 17, 2015

Introduced by: Land Services Committee

Date Passed: 3/12/15

Committee Vote: 6-0

Fiscal Impact: Net \$589,000 annually

M/S Allen/Plant to adopt Resolution 2015-03-10. Discussion followed. Motion carried on a voice vote.

3) Resolution 2015-03-11

PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY 3D ELEVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 3D Elevation Partnership Program goal is to collect enhanced digital elevation data in the form of high-quality light detection and ranging (lidar);

WHEREAS, Lidar data facilitates the protection of life and property through hazard risk assessment and disaster management applications;

WHEREAS, Lidar data facilitates economic development through private sector site analysis applications;

WHEREAS, Lidar data facilitates cost effective delivery of public services through utility and road construction applications;

WHEREAS, Lidar data facilitates the protection of natural resources through natural resource mapping and modeling applications;

WHEREAS, a 3<sup>rd</sup> party review of Lincoln County Lidar data collected in 2008 revealed significant errors that cannot be corrected;

WHEREAS, the erroneous data was used by various agencies for flood risk assessment, engineering studies, site assessment, and other applications and continues to be publicly available for use;

WHEREAS, Lincoln County recognizes accurate Lidar data as an investment in Lincoln County's safety, economic development, resource protection, and service delivery.

WHEREAS, in absence of a dramatic population change, rapid development, or substantial natural disaster, the resulting Lidar is anticipated to have a lifespan of twenty years or more; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors agrees to enter into a partnership with USGS whereby the USGS agrees to fund the lesser of \$113,375 or 50% of the cost of Lidar acquisition and serve as project manager and conduct quality control and assurance;  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors commits up to \$62,000 of CIP funds for Lidar acquisition;  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the remaining project costs will be paid for through Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP) funds and/or contributions from other partners;  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Land Services Administrator is authorized to execute a partnership agreement between USGS and Lincoln County, subject to oversight by the Land Services Committee and review by Corporation Counsel.

Dated: March 17, 2015

Introduced by: Land Services Committee      Date Passed: 02/12/2015      Committee Vote: 7-0

Finance Committee      Date Passed: 03/06/2015      Committee Vote: 3-0

Fiscal Impact: \$62,000 CIP; remaining project costs from WLIP funds and partners.

M/S Powell/Allen to amend Resolution 2015-03-11 with the following: 10<sup>th</sup> paragraph, second line... "whereby the USGS and the Federal Emergency Management Agency agrees to fund \$125,005". Following a lengthy discussion, the Question was called with a roll call vote; Aye's: Allen, Baughan, Breitenmoser, Caylor, Gilk, Hetfeld, Koth, Lee, Loka, Pike, Plant, Powell, Rusch, Schwartzman, Swanson, Vander Sanden, and Woller. (17) Nay's: Alber and Zeitz (2) Motion carried 17-2

#### 4) Resolution 2015-03-12

##### NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT FARMER EDUCATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is an agency responsible for administering Wisconsin's Soil and Water Resource Management Program pursuant to Wis. Stat. Ch. 281: and

WHEREAS, ATCP 50.04(3) and NR 151.07 Wis. Admin. Code requires crop and livestock producers who apply nutrients to agricultural fields do so in accordance with a certified nutrient management plan; and

WHEREAS, the goal of nutrient management programming in Lincoln County is to provide producers with the skills needed to develop and implement a nutrient management plan for their farm operation, which meets the requirements of the nutrient management standard; and

WHEREAS, Section 59.52(19) Wis. Stats. empowers the County Board to accept donations, gifts, or grants of money for any public governmental purpose within the powers of the County; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County applied to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for funding through its Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant program; and

WHEREAS, DATCP notified Lincoln County that it had been awarded a Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant for \$11,000 to cover the cost of soil testing for participating farmers and a portion of support costs; and

WHEREAS, the required match will be covered entirely through existing UW Extension and Land Services resources; and

WHEREAS, nutrient management plays a critical role in the protection of waters of the state, protection of groundwater and drinking water resources; and increasing farm productivity; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County recognizes the importance of agriculture to our economy, community character, and environmental protection with nearly 450 active farms, over 75,000 acres under the management of farmers, and results in the sale of \$30 million of farm products annually; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors authorizes acceptance of DATCP's Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant not to exceed \$11,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Land Services Administrator is authorized to execute the agreement between DATCAP and Lincoln County, subject to oversight by the Land Services Committee.

Dated: March, 17, 2015

Introduced by: Land Services Committee      Date Passed: 3/12/15      Committee Vote: 6-0

Fiscal Impact: Estimated \$8,000 in-kind, \$1,620 direct support for Fiscal year 2015

M/S Powell/ Schwartzman to adopt Resolution 2015-03-12. Discussion followed. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### 5) Resolution 2015 – 03 – 13

Approving CIP Request for \$22,500 for the Courthouse Brick and Concrete Restoration Project

WHEREAS, the courthouse south entrance project was approved in the 2014 outlay budget to include concrete restoration work for the amount of \$12,500; and

WHEREAS, the project was delayed until 2015 at which time a review of the courthouse exterior was done which determined that additional brick restoration was needed at an additional cost of \$22,500; and

WHEREAS, the project scope has been forwarded to the Historical Society for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2015 the Public Property Committee voted to proceed with the project and secure funding from the Finance and Insurance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the CIP fund currently has a balance of \$1,269,688.52;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does approve and authorize the amount of \$22,500 from the CIP fund for the brick restoration work needed on the courthouse exterior.

Dated: March 17, 2015

Introduced by: Finance and Insurance Committee

Date Passed: 3/6/15

Committee Vote: 3-0

Fiscal Impact: \$22,500 from the CIP fund

M/S Alber/ Koth to adopt Resolution 2015-03-13. Discussion followed. Motion carried on a voice vote.

B. Ordinance: None

9. Reports of Claims – None

10. M/S Gilk/Plant to approve the mileage and per diem for this meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote.

11. Next County Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., at Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street, Room 255, Merrill, WI 54452

12. M/S Baughan/Pike to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN )

I, Deborah A Rauchle, Deputy 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, March 17, 2015.

Deborah A Rauchle, Deputy County Clerk