

JANUARY 16, 2007**EVENING SESSION****6:00 P.M.****HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING – LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM - MERRILL**

Pledge of Allegiance was given by the Board.

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the Health & Human Services Building – Lower Level Conference Room, City of Merrill, in session assembled pursuant to law. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Powell. Roll was called by the Clerk and the following answered present: Berndt, Caylor, Fox, Kahle, Lee, Loka, Lussow, Meyer, Mittelsteadt, Plant, Powell, Rankin, Rusch, Saal, Schneider, Short, Simon, Weaver, Woller and Zeitz (20). Supervisor Krueger excused. Supervisor Alber arrived at 6:02 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS/RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS

Clerk reported that he still needs some of the Supervisors Certificate of Insurance. He requested that they be turned in as soon as possible. He also reported that the Lincoln County Board Schedule needed to be revised. The dates remain the same for July and August but the location has changed. July's meeting will be in Merrill and August's meeting will be in Tomahawk. Clerk stated he distributed new Expense Reports to the Supervisors. The Expense Reports have to be in the Clerk's office by the 10th of each month.

SERVICE RECOGNITIONS FOR JANUARY, 2007

Clerk read a service recognition for Randall B. Scholz, currently the Highway Commissioner at the Highway Department for 10 years of service. He received a 10-year pin.

Clerk read a service recognition for Robert D. Kunkel, currently the County Clerk in the County Clerk's Office for 10 years of service. He received a 10-year pin.

Clerk read a service recognition for Sarah L. Koss currently the Register of Deeds in the Register of Deed's Office for 10 years of service. She received a 10-year pin.

Clerk read a service recognition for James H. Wayda, currently a Paint Operator-Class 3 at the Highway Department for 10 years of service. He received a 10-year pin.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL – DECEMBER 19, 2006

Clerk reported there was an error on page 102. In the roll call to suspend the rules; add Rankin to the Supervisors voting nay; add Lee to the Supervisors voting aye. Motion was made by Supervisor Caylor, seconded by Supervisor Rankin to accept the minutes of December 19, 2006 as amended. All Supervisors voting aye and motion carried.

LETTERS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

Monthly Mailbox Correspondence – Any Questions

There were no questions on the monthly mailbox correspondence.

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR'S WRITTEN REPORT – Q & A

John Mulder had nothing to add to his report.

REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Year-to-date Budget Report – Dan Leydet, Finance Director

Dan presented the year-to date Budget Report for the month of December. Discussion was held.

Lincoln County's Community Health Improvement Plan for 2006-2011 – Shelley Hersil –
 Shelley Hersil, Director – Health Department, gave a presentation on the Community Health Improvement Plan for 2006-2011. Supervisor Zeitz spoke on his views concerning the Health Plan.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution 2007-01-01

Title: Adopt the 2007-2011 Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Plan

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires counties to have current Outdoor Recreation Plans to be eligible for certain state and federal program grants and funds; and

WHEREAS, said Outdoor Recreation Plans must be updated every five years; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee retained the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to prepare the 2007-2011 Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, said report sets forth goals and objectives to be used as guidelines in formulating future recreational plans; and

WHEREAS, said report establishes recommendations for improving the recreational system in Lincoln County over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee has reviewed and approved said plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 16th day of January, 2007, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors hereby adopt the proposed 2007-2011 Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Plan and that the Plan be forwarded to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for their acceptance.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2007

Committee Action: Forestry, Land and Parks Committee, December 4, 2006 Passed 4-0 (James Alber, excused)

Fiscal Impact: None

Motion made by Supervisor Rankin, seconded by Supervisor Alber to adopt Resolution 2007-01-01. Jane Severt, Forestry Administrator, spoke on the Resolution. Resolution 2007-01-01 is adopted by a voice vote and motion in carried.

Resolution # 2007-01-02

SUPPORT OF THE WISCONSIN GRAZING LANDS CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Lincoln County actively promotes the development of technical, planning and educational initiatives designed to strengthen the agricultural economy while balancing environmental and quality of life issues; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has developed a Land and Water Resource Management Plan that identifies management intensive grazing as a best management practice to reduce soil erosion, barnyard runoff, pesticide application, energy use, while increasing wildlife habitat, and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County, in cooperation with the Central Wisconsin River Graziers Network and Marathon County, participates in a grazing project to promote the implementation of management intensive grazing as a profitable option for livestock producers, and also protect and improve the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) represents a federal, state and county partnership to improve and expand the use of grazing-based systems for livestock production through funds totaling \$950,000 annually provided by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County, via the Marathon-Lincoln Grazing Project, has received approximately \$320,000 of funds over eight (8) years from the GLCI to educate and assist over 200 farm families with the implementation management intensive grazing on over 18,000 acres of cropland; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a demonstrated unmet need of over \$1,000,000 to provide further assistance on research, education and technical assistance about management intensive grazing to Wisconsin's livestock farmers, especially to the 50% of farmers new to the dairy industry and who are projected to implement management intensive grazing as a management option.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors supports the Wisconsin Grazing Land Conservation Initiative and respectfully requests that the State of Wisconsin provide the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection - Division of Agriculture Development with an annual budget allocation of \$400,000 and that the funds be new program funds that will advance the efforts of the current GLCI grant program.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2007

Introduced by: Land Information, Conservation and University Extension Committee

Committee Action: Land Information, Conservation and University Extension Committee: Passed 6-0 on 12/13/06

Fiscal Impact: Potential to increase grant funds available to Lincoln County for grazing project.

Motion made by Supervisor Alber, seconded by Supervisor Schneider adopted Resolution 2007-01-02. Diane Hanson, Conservationist, spoke on the Resolution. Resolution 2007-01-02 is adopted by a voice vote and motion is carried.

Resolution 2007-01-03

Title: State of Wisconsin Contract with Lincoln County for Child Support Services

WHEREAS, Lincoln County acts as an agent of the State of Wisconsin in providing child support services to the public and in enforcing child support laws; and

WHEREAS, this work requires a contract between Lincoln County and the State of Wisconsin; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve and authorize execution of the State Contract as attached, by the Lincoln County Board Chair.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2007

Introduced by: James R. Kurszewski, Lincoln County Child Support Director/Attorney

Committee Action: Finance Committee; Passed 5 - 0 on 01/05/07

Fiscal Impact: This contract must be executed in order for Lincoln County to be eligible for reimbursement of child support services.

Motion made by Supervisor Woller, seconded by Supervisor Lee to adopt Resolution 2007-01-03. James Kurszewski, Child Support Attorney, explained the Contract for Child Support. Supervisor Zeitz made a motion to layover for another month. There was no second, so motion died. Resolution 2007-01-03 is adopted by a voice vote, with 1 nay and motion is carried.

Resolution 2007 -01 -04

Title: Approval to Renew Health Professionals LTD Contract

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department has had a previous contract with Health Professionals LTD for medical services in the jail, which has expired; and

WHEREAS, the new contract has been proposed for three (3) years effective January 1, 2007 with no increase the first year (2007) and a 2 ½ percent increase in each of the next two years (\$1,289.92 for 2008 and \$1,312.93 for 2009) and the previous contracts had a 5 percent increase in each year; and

WHEREAS, the new contract has been reviewed by Corporation Council and the Law Enforcement Committee and is ready for County Board approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Lincoln County Board Chair to sign the proposed contract with Health Professionals LTD, as attached.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2007

Introduced by: Law Enforcement Committee

Committee Action: Law Enforcement Committee; Passed 4-0 on 01/16/07.

Fiscal Impact: The 2006 contract had a fiscal impact of \$51,236.60. This contract will have no increase the first year (2007) and a 2 ½ percent increase in each of the next two years (\$1,289.92 for 2008 and \$1,312.93 for 2009). The total increase is \$2,602.85 over the three years of the contract. Previous contracts had a 5 percent increase in each year.

Motion made by Supervisor Caylor, seconded by Supervisor Mittelsteadt to adopt Resolution 2007-01-04. Supervisor Caylor explained the Contract. Discussion was held. Resolution 2007-01-04 is adopted by a voice vote and motion is carried.

Resolution 2007 – 01 - 05

**Title: A Resolution To Improve Relations between the Lincoln County Board Of Supervisors
And The Town Boards Of Lincoln County**

WHEREAS, it is desired goal of the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors to improve the image of Lincoln County government; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Land Information Department informed Lincoln County clerks and treasurers it would no longer fold tax statements in a cost savings move, and.

WHEREAS, this alleged cost-saving move merely passes on the burden to Lincoln County clerks and treasurers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board Supervisors approve either of the following:

- A. Resumption by the Lincoln County Land Information Department of the folding of tax statements **or**
- B. Each County Supervisor folds the tax statements for his or her district on his or her own time to further acquaint each supervisor with the tax burdens of the citizens in his or her district.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2007

Introduced by: William Zeitz, District 9

Fiscal Impact: None - Public Relations: Priceless

Motion made by Supervisor Zeitz, seconded by Supervisor Meyer to adopt Resolution 2007-01-05. Supervisor Meyer stated that she had called Town Chairs to get their feelings on this and they did not feel that it was a problem. Motion made by Supervisor Meyer, seconded by Supervisor Caylor to table the Resolution. A roll call vote was requested. Clerk called roll with Supervisors Berndt, Caylor, Kahle, Lee, Loka, Lussow, Meyer, Mittelsteadt, Plant, Powell, Rankin, Rusch, Saal, Schneider, Short, Weaver and Woller voting aye (17); Supervisors Alber, Fox, Simon and Zeitz voting nay (4). Resolution 2007-01-05 is tabled and motion is carried.

Resolution 2007 – 01- 06

**Title: A Resolution To Rescind Lincoln County Resolution 2006-12-75 And 2006-12-76
Requiring Bonding For A New Administration Building, Courthouse Remodeling and Jail Pod
Project**

WHEREAS, by a vote of 14-7 on 12/19/2006, Lincoln County Supervisors approved Resolution 2006-12-75 requiring the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount not to exceed \$9,965,000, and 2006-12-076 requiring the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount not to exceed \$2,290,000; and

WHEREAS, these measures will require a tax levy increase to fund what some refer to as “the county building project” and others refer to as “Saddam’s Palace”; and

WHEREAS, it has come to light that as of 1/10/2007, Lincoln county has \$8,632,986.93 in taxpayer funds in an account with the State of Wisconsin Investment Pool; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of this county should be informed that their dollars are being used to speculate in the volatile equity and bond market.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County rescinds Resolution 2006-12-75 and 2006-12-76 and discusses the removal of taxpayer funds from the Wisconsin Investment Pool.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2007

Drafted and introduced by: William Zeitz, District 9

Fiscal Impact: Astronomical if not adopted.

Chair stated that Ray Bloomer had requested to speak on the Resolution and he spoke before the motion was made. Motion made by Supervisor Zeitz, seconded by Supervisor Fox to adopt Resolution 2007-01-06. Supervisor Zeitz spoke on the Resolution. Motion made by Supervisor Lussow, seconded by Supervisor Weaver to table Resolution 2007-01-06. A roll call vote was requested. Clerk called roll with Supervisors Berndt, Caylor, Kahle, Lee, Loka, Lussow, Meyer, Plant, Powell, Rusch, Saal, Schneider, Short, Weaver and Woller voting aye (15); Supervisors Alber, Fox, Mittelsteadt, Rankin, Simon and Zeitz voting nay (6). Resolution 2007-01-06 is tabled and motion is carried. A point of order was called by the Chair when Supervisor Short requested that the Finance people present speak further on the financial issues. Debate was ended with the roll call vote.

REPORT OR ACTION ON CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN – NONE

REPORT OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

21 Supervisors will be paid mileage and per diem for attendance at the January 16, 2007 County Board Meeting per roll call. Motion made by Supervisor Caylor, seconded by Supervisor Lussow to approve the report on mileage and per diem. Motion carried – all ayes.

Next meeting will be held at the Health & Human Services Building, Lower Level Conference Room – in the City of Merrill on February 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Supervisor Alber, seconded by Supervisor Lussow to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.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, January 16, 2007.

Robert D. Kunkel, Lincoln County Clerk

