

Lincoln County Board of Supervisors

Meeting: September 15, 2020

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI in session assembled pursuant to law.

1. Chair Koth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed.
3. Roll was called with the following present (in person): Allen, Ashbeck, Bialecki, Breitenmoser, Callahan, Friske, Gilk, Gorski, Hafeman (via teleconference), Heller, Koth, Lee, Loka McCrank, Panfil, Peterson, Ratliff, Rusch, Simon, Voermans, Weaver and Wendt (via teleconference). (22)
4. Announcements/Appointments/Awards and Recognitions
 - A. Announcements: None
 - B. Service Recognitions for September 2020:

30 Years of Service:	Brian Hafemann, Sheriff's Office
	Michael Natzke, Solid Waste
	Ken Schneider, Sheriff's Office
 - C. Appointments & Re-Appointments
 - 1) Re-appointment of Jeffery Moore, Brenda Mueller, and Sue Weith to the Board of Health (Term expires April 2022) M/S Loka/Heller to approve – Motion carried on a voice vote.
 - 2) Appointment of Jeff Jeager to Civil Service Committee to fill the unexpired term of Don Friske (Term expires December 2021) M/S Bialecki/Ratliff to approve – Motion carried on a voice vote.
5. Reading & Approval of the Journal – August 18, 2020 M/S Heller/Ratliff to approve the August 18, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.
6. Letters and Memorials
 - A. Letter – None
 - B. Memorials – None
7. Reports of Standing & Special Committees:
 - A. Finance Committee: 2019 Financial Statement (Dave Maccoux) Mr. Maccoux explained the report and answered questions.
 - B. Highway Committee: Alternative Funding Source for Lincoln County Budget – Administrative Coordinator (Jason Hake)/Finance Director (Dan Leydet) Mr. Hake explained that the Highway Committee Chair requested that this be discussed at County Board. Registration Fee is set to sunset on 12/31/2021. Supervisor Bialecki cited an April Election Referendum to increase our tax levy limit should be discussed due to the fact our State Government will not respond to our needs. Mr. Hake mentioned that there are challenges to drafting and passing a resolution for referendum. Ms. Bergstrom mentioned that a resolution would need to include a purpose for which proceeds would be used, length of exemption from the levy limit, and include what a Yes or No vote means. Discussion followed ending with the need for further discussion to occur well in advance of the April Election. Supervisor Simon encouraged public involvement throughout.
 - C. Finance Committee: 2020 Year-to-date Report – Finance Director (Dan Leydet) Mr. Leydet reviewed the report and answered questions.
 - D. Finance Committee: 2021 Budget Update – Finance Director (Dan Leydet) Mr. Leydet gave an update on the 2021 budget and answered questions.
 - E. Administrative & Legislative Committee: Administrative Coordinator's Written Report – Administrative Coordinator (Jason Hake) Mr. Hake reviewed his report and answered questions.
8. A. Resolutions

1) Resolution 2020-09-24

River Bend Trail Expansion Project

WHEREAS, the community and economic growth committee of the aware and active citizens group of Merrill working with Premier Manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, they would like to extend the River Bend Trail to down town Merrill using county property to place a descriptive informational sign about the history of the Lincoln County courthouse building;

WHEREAS, located at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill WI 54452

WHEREAS, the sign would be 18 inches high by 26 inches long and fastened to a set of posts placed at the southwest edge of the property between the two sidewalks

WHEREAS, they would like to proceed as soon as authorization is granted

WHEREAS, they want to promote economic growth and foster the growth of our sense of place in Merrill history

WHEREAS, the committee obtained grant funds to cover the costs involved in facilitating the project

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts and grants permission for the placement of the sign on the Lincoln County Courthouse property on behalf of the community and economic growth committee of the aware and active citizens group who is responsible for implementing this project.

Dated: September 15, 2020

Introduced by: Public Property Committee Date Passed: 08/18/2020 Fiscal Impact: none

M/S Heller/Ratliff to adopt Resolution 2020-09-24. Discussed followed. Motion carried by a voice vote.

2) Resolution 2020-09-25

Approving Conveyance of Real Estate

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 15th day of September, 2020 that the following conveyance of real estate to be made by the County Clerk on behalf of Lincoln County, be and same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved:

Purchaser	Description	Amount
June P. Borchardt		\$80,612.00
	Lot Five (5) of Certified Survey Map No. 397 recorded in Volume 2 of Certified Survey Maps, Page 165 as Document No. 274163, being a part of Assessor's Plat No. 124 of the City of Tomahawk located in the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Six (6) East, in the City of Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.	

Dated: September 15, 2020

Introduced by: Forestry, Land and Parks Committee Date Passed: August 10, 2020 Committee Vote: Unanimously

Fiscal Impact: \$80,612.00 plus recording fees

M/S Heller/Bialecki to adopt Resolution 2020-09-25. Discussion followed. Motion carried by a voice vote.

3) Resolution 2020-09-26

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – Vacation Accumulation (Carry-over) Waiver

WHEREAS, the Administrative and Legislative Committee has reviewed the tentative Memorandum of Understanding – Vacation Carryover (see attached) between Lincoln County and the Sheriff's Office Deputies Union being represented by Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA) and recommends that the County Board approve the memorandum of understanding on the terms reflected in the attachment to this resolution

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administrative and Legislative Committee and approves the tentative Memorandum of Understanding (see attached) between Lincoln County and the WPPA and authorized the necessary County officials to sign contracts consistent with the tentative agreements

Dated: September 15, 2020

Introduced by: Administrative and Legislative Committee Date Passed: Committee Vote:

Fiscal Impact: None

(Attachment) Memorandum of Understanding "Vacation Accumulation (Carry-over) Waiver"

With mutual consideration between Lincoln County and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association, LEER Division on behalf of the Lincoln County Professional Deputies Association, Local 438 the parties agree for the duration of the current 2018 – 2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement to waive the specific language associated with vacation accrual within Section 18.4.

18.4 No Accumulation. Vacations shall not accumulate from year to year.

This waiver allows all employees covered under the Agreement to carry-over up to five (5) days of accumulated unused calendar year 2020 vacation, for scheduling and use during calendar year 2021. Any carry-over vacation days shall be scheduled in accordance with Article 18.6.

The parties hereto acknowledge that this does not set a precedent nor a past-practice for purposes of future contracts or contract negotiations.

IN WITNESS HEREOF,
LINCOLN COUNTY

LINCOLN COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S
ASSOCIATION

Jason Hake
Administrative Coordinator

Association President, Local 438

WPPA/LEER

M/S Heller/Friske to adopt Resolution 2020-09-26. Discussion followed. Motion carried by a voice vote.

4) Resolution 2020-09-27

IMPLICATIONS OF VERSO MILL CLOSURES

WHEREAS, On June 9, Verso announced idling of their Duluth, MN and Wisconsin Rapids, WI pulp and paper mills by the end of July 2020 for an indefinite period, and

WHEREAS, the idling of these mills will directly impact 1,000 workers and indirectly affect thousands more across the entire State of Wisconsin that support the mill through related forestry work such as logging and transportation, and

WHEREAS, the prolonged closure of these mills will negatively affect national, state, county and private landowners financially and has the potential to affect the ability to continue proper silviculture techniques on those lands to maintain a healthy forest structure, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Rapids, WI mill utilizes over 25% of all pulpwood produced in the State of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the forest products industry is the number one employer in seven counties, including Lincoln County, and

WHEREAS, approximately 8% of the pulpwood volume harvested from the Lincoln County Forest would be consumed at the Wisconsin Rapids mill, and

WHEREAS, over the last five years, timber revenue generated from the Lincoln County Forest has contributed an average of \$450,000.00 to the County General Fund and \$225,000.00 to Townships with County Forest land and losing a portion of this income will financially affect the 28,957 citizens of Lincoln County, and

WHEREAS, a similar impact will be felt by other Counties operating a County Forest for timber production

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Lincoln ask that the Governor and legislature direct that assistance be provided in any way possible to allow continuation of mill operations and/or financial assistance be considered to support the direct loss of jobs, as well as assistance for other industries impacted by the closure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Wisconsin work with Counties to identify new markets for forest products and provide flexibility and assistance to replace lost revenues

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Evers, Wisconsin Counties Association, and all local, regional, state and federal representatives.

Dated: This 15th day of September 2020

Introduced by: Forestry, Land and Parks Committee

Date Passed: September 9, 2020

Committee Vote:

Passed Unanimously

Fiscal Impact: Unknown

M/S Heller/Ashbeck to adopt Resolution 2020-09-27. Discussion followed. Motion carried by a voice vote.

5) Resolution 2020-09-28

Resolution Authorizing and Approving Purchase of Motorola Radio Console MCC 7500E

WHEREAS, the Motorola MCC 5500 Radio Console System currently supports radio traffic for Law Enforcement, Fire and Ambulance in all of Lincoln County, and the Motorola MCC 5500 Radio Console is 16 years old and has reached end of life and is no longer supported by Motorola; and

WHEREAS, Motorola has proposed the replacement of the MCC 5500 with the new MCC 7500E Radio Console at the cost of \$606,143.00, including maintenance and upgrades; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors authorizes and approves the Motorola Radio Console MCC 7500E purchase.

Dated: September 15th, 2020

Introduced by: Law Enforcement Committee Date Passed: Committee Vote:

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact for the first 6 years, as the project is completely funded by the Bierman’s Family Foundation.

M/S Heller/McCrank to adopt Resolution 2020-09-27. Discussion followed. Motion carried by a voice vote. (The contract can be viewed at the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office, Lincoln County Clerk’s Office and on the Lincoln County website)

B. Ordinances

1) Ordinance 2020-09-694

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL CODE OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN – CHAPTER 17, 17.1.12 AND 17.2.03, ZONING ORDINANCE AS A RESULT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND REZONING PETITION BY ARNE ANDERSEN FOR PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF BRADLEY

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

Chapter 17.1.12, Lincoln County Code and the Planned Land Use Map (Map #4) of Volume 2 of the Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan dated 2001 shall be amended to change the planned land use category for the approximately 1 acre in Section 11, T34N-R6E, in the Town of Bradley, along Curve Inn Rd, tax pin# 004-3406-114-9996, from General Business to Rural Single Family Residential use.

AND

Chapter 17.2.03, Lincoln County Code, is amended such that the approximately 1 acre in Section 11, T34N-R6E, in the Town of Bradley, along Curve Inn Rd, tax pin# 004-3406-114-9996, will be rezoned from a Planned Business (PB) zoning district to a Rural Residential 1 (RR-1) zoning district.

Any areas designated as Wetlands on the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory Map will not be rezoned to upland.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and publication.

Dated: 9/15/20

Introduced by: Land Services Committee Date Passed: 8/13/20 Committee Vote: 6-0

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Heller/McCrank to adopt Ordinance 2020-09-694. Discussion followed. Motion carried by a voice vote.

9. Report of claims: None

10. M/S Heller/Allen to approve the mileage and per diem for this meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

11. Next County Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Meeting Location: Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452

12. M/S Heller/Ratliff to adjourn. Motion carried by a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

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, September 15, 2020.

Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk