

Lincoln County Board of Supervisors  
Meeting: December 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. Vice-Chair Weaver 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): Ashbeck, Bialecki, Callahan, Friske, Gilk (arrived at 6:06), Gorski, Lee, Loka, McCrank, Panfil, Peterson, Rusch, Voermans, and Weaver. Attending via teleconference were: Allen, Breitenmoser, Hafeman, Heller, Koth, Ratliff, Simon, and Wendt. (22)
4. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/Appointments
  - A. Announcements: None
  - B. Service Recognitions for December 2020: None
  - D. Appointments & Re-Appointments: None
5. Approval of the Journal: M/S Bialecki/Panfil to approve the December 2, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
6. A. Letters: None  
B. Memorials: None
7. Reports of Standing & Special Committees:
  - A. Finance Committee: 2020 Year-to-date Report – Finance Director (Dan Leydet)
  - B. Administrative & Legislative Committee: Administrative Coordinator’s Written Report – Interim Administrative Coordinator (Nancy Bergstrom)
8. Resolutions and Ordinances

A. 1) Resolution 2020-12-39  
Cancellation of County Checks

WHEREAS, it is in the business interest of Lincoln County that all County Checks be negotiated promptly, and

WHEREAS, the following checks have reached their expiration date,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors that the following checks be canceled and returned to the fund from which the check originated:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
07/2019	323021	KIRBY F MONTI	\$17.04
08/2019	323560	PORTAGE CO SHERIFF DEPT	\$60.00
09/2019	324196	JAMES WEDEMEYER ATTY	\$60.00
10/2019	324731	ALEX R DUPLAYEE	\$38.46
12/2019	325313	KEEGAN R MORREN	\$40.50
12/2019	325316	SHERYL L NIEWOLNY	\$18.83
12/2019	325317	SHELBY J POWERS	\$16.53
12/2019	325325	JACOB J ROSE	\$16.02
12/2019	325347	DEREK R WOELLNER	\$16.02
03/2020	327003	ROBERT WILLIAMS	\$39.09
06/2020	328408	LINDA OSIMITZ	\$ 9.60

**TOTAL \$332.09**

Dated: December 15, 2020

Introduced by: Finance Committee      Committee Action: Passes 5-0 on December 4, 2020

Fiscal Impact:    \$332.09

M/S Simon/Lee to adopt Resolution 2020-12-39. Discussion followed. Motion carried by a voice vote.

2) Resolution 2020-12-40

Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2021-2035

WHEREAS, S.28.11 (5) (a) Wisconsin Statutes requires that a Comprehensive County Forest Land Use Plan be prepared for a fifteen-year period by the County Forestry Committee and shall be approved by the County Board of Supervisors before being submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a final draft; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has 100,843 acres of land enrolled under the County Forest Law and the Forestry, Land and Parks Department has prepared this Plan with the assistance of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Plan lays out the policies, procedures, strategies, and goals that will help guide management decisions on the Forest during the 15-year period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2035; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is a dynamic document, therefore future changes in policy and procedure in the best interest of the county and the public, may be incorporated into the plan by amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Plan for the fifteen-year period encompassing 2021-2035 has been prepared by the Forestry, Land and Parks Committee and submitted for approval of the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, in consideration of the contents of said Plan hereby approve it as submitted by the Forestry, Land and Parks Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to submit this Plan to the Department of Natural Resources for review and approval.

Dated: This 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020

Introduced by: Forestry, Land and Parks Committee      Date passed: November 9, 2020      Committee Vote: Motion passed unanimously.      Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Friske/Ashbeck to adopt Resolution 2020-12-40. Discussion followed. Motion carried by a voice vote. (Plan can be viewed at <https://co.lincoln.wi.us/forestry-land-and-parks/webform/draft-15-year-comprehensive-land-use-plan-2021-2035> )

### 3) Resolution 2020-12-41

#### Resolution Authorizing and Approving Purchase of Replacement Patrol Vehicles

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office regularly replaces ageing and high mileage vehicle annually. The vehicles are used to enforcement traffic laws and create safer travels within our community, as well as responding to emergencies, crimes in progress, fires and medical calls.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office in the normal course of business has identified 6 vehicles that will require replacement that have high mileage and to ensure the safety of the officer during emergency responses.

The Sheriff's Office has delayed the purchases of vehicles in 2020, due the CoVid 19 Crisis and now faces additional delays by the automobile manufacturers back log and a higher demand for replacement vehicle. Funding source as budgeted from CIP, carried forward from 2020 and combined with the budgeted amount from 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors authorizes and approves the Patrol Vehicle purchases for the calendar year of 2020 and 2021.

Dated: December 15, 2020

Introduced by:

Law Enforcement Committee      Date Passed: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020      Committee Vote: 4-0

Finance & Insurance Committee      Date Passed: November 6, 2020      Committee Vote: 4-0

Fiscal Impact: \$290,000.00 (combined total budgeted for '20 & '21)

M/S Loka/Bialecki to adopt Resolution 2020-12-41. Discussion followed. Motion carried by a voice vote.

### 4) Resolution 2020-12-42

Resolution Accepting \$3,000 Donation from Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital, \$300 from Trinity Lutheran Church and \$1,500 from Northwoods Coalition

WHEREAS, the Healthy Minds for Lincoln County, brings the community together to empower people through education and resources to support healthy choices regarding substances and social and emotional well-being.; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Minds for Lincoln County is currently co-chaired by Debbie Moellendorf, UW-Madison Division of Extension and Kristin Bath, Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Minds Coalition is partnering with the ADRC-CW, Merrill Enrichment Center, T.B. Scott Library, Tomahawk Library, Tomahawk Senior Center and UW-Madison Division of Extension Lincoln County to provide adults who are isolated with resources bag(s) to support mental health and well-being this winter; and

WHEREAS, a donation of \$3,000 from Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital has been received to cover costs to produce the educational bags for Tomahawk; and

WHEREAS, a donation of \$300 from Trinity Lutheran Church has been received to assist with costs to produce the educational bags for Merrill residents; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Minds for Lincoln County is eligible to receive a total of \$1,500 from the Northwoods Coalition through their 2020-21 Project Options to offset the costs to implement the following three projects:

- Conduct a community assessment project to capture and tell the story of substance abuse in our county; and
- Conduct a drug prevention awareness campaign to communicate the prevalence, risk and dangers of use and encourage residents to take action; and
- Host a community gathering to educate and unite about substance abuse issues, solutions, and prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts and expresses gratitude for the \$3,000 donation from Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital, \$300 from Trinity Lutheran Church and \$1,500 from Northwoods Coalition on behalf of the Healthy Minds for Lincoln County who is responsible for implementing these projects.

Dated: December 15, 2020

Introduced by: Administrative and Legislative Committee      Date Passed: December 2, 2020

Committee Vote: 7-0      Fiscal Impact: Receiving \$5,000 towards implementation of project identified above.

M/S Ashbeck/Gilk to adopt Resolution 2020-12-42. Supervisor McCrank abstained. Discussion followed.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

#### 5) Resolution 2020-12-43

Resolution Approving 2021 Contract between Lincoln County and Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System

WHEREAS, Lincoln County (County) pursuant to the authority vested in the County Administrative & Legislative Committee by sections 59.22 (2) (d) and 59.56 (3) of Wisconsin Statutes, and the Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin System, on behalf of the Division of Extension Lincoln County, UW Madison, agrees to conduct Extension programs in Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, Extension provides educational programs in Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Health & Well-Being, 4-H, and Youth Development to meet local needs and to connect the University of Wisconsin to Lincoln County with the primary goal of helping to transform lives and communities for the better; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Extension programming, Lincoln County will receive in FY 2021 (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021) an additional benefit of inclusion in the federal grant funded FoodWise Nutrition Education Program of \$76,334; and

WHEREAS, for the estimated full salary and fringes provided in support of Extension services in the county, Extension agrees to provide approximately \$126,600 and the county agrees to provide \$95,825, the amount stated in the 2021 contract between the county and the Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin System. The county also provides office space, information technology equipment and support, and both full and quarter time office program assistants in support of community-based Extension education in Lincoln County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves the attached contract.

Dated: December 15, 2020

Introduced by: Administrative and Legislative Committee      Date Passed: December 2, 2020

Committee Vote: 7-0      Fiscal Impact: Total university investment in Lincoln County Division of Extension education with FoodWise federal grant is approximately \$202,934. 2021 county contract in support of Extension education increased by \$2,075 from 2020.

M/S Voermans/Friske to adopt Resolution 2020-12-43. Discussion followed. Motion carried on a voice vote. (Contract can be viewed at UW Extension Office, County Clerk Office and on the Lincoln County Website.)

#### 6) Resolution 2020-12-44

Accepting and Expressing Gratitude to Children's Hospital for the donation of a set of 2 chairs to further the development of the Forensic Interviewing Room

WHEREAS, Children's Hospital in Wausau has been the local resource for providing a child friendly environment for forensic interviewing;

WHEREAS, Lincoln County through the Department of Social Services received and accepted a grant from the Department of Justice for the purpose of developing a local resource; and

WHEREAS, Children's Hospital is undergoing a remodel and offered two chairs in good condition suitable for LCDSS to further develop their interview room.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the County Board of Supervisors accepts the donation for the two chairs.

Fiscal Impact:      none

Dated this 15th day of December, 2020

Introduced by Social Services Committee      Date Passed: December 9, 2020      Committee Vote:  
 M/S Rusch/Gorski to adopt Resolution 2020-12-44. Supervisor Ashbeck abstained. Discussion followed.  
 Motion carried on a voice vote.

7) Resolution 2020-12-45

Ordering County Clerk to Take Tax Deeds of the 2017 Sale

WHEREAS, sec 3.17, Lincoln County Code (Lincoln County Policy for Screening of Tax Delinquent Property for Possible Acquisition) requires the Property Evaluation Team inspect tax delinquent properties and report to the Finance & Insurance Committee its' recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Finance & Insurance Committee has approved the acquisition of the tax deeds for parcels (as reflected on the attachment hereto) whose owner has not payed the delinquent taxes as of 12/15/2020 or whose owner does not now/hereafter comply with their County Clerk Payment Agreement terms; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, subject to the above payment provisions, that the County Clerk be and is hereby ordered to take tax deeds from the tax delinquent properties itemized on the attachment hereto on the unredeemed tax certificates of the 2017 sale and also those of prior years, which have not been deeded to Lincoln County, pursuant to sec. 75.14, Wis. Stats., excepting that no tax deed will be taken for any description upon which the county already holds a good tax deed.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2020

Introduced by: Finance & Insurance Committee      Committee Action:

Fiscal Impact: TBD

PIN Number	Property Owners	Property Address	Sale price	Supervisory District	Approved by City of Merrill
251-3107-073-0095	Beverly Baumann	307 Cooper Sr	\$1,166.38	District 8	YES
251-3106-114-0045	Ramona Bergman	811 N State St	\$4,619.73	District 4	YES
251-3106-113-0424	Sara Brown	505 East St	\$6,878.92	District 4	YES
251-3106-114-0165	Clayton Frick	501 Blaine St	\$8,020.43	District 3	YES
251-3106-113-0418	Gerald Kleinhans	403 East St	\$6,667.76	District 4	YES
251-3106-142-0005	Merrill Manufacturing	236 S Genesee St	\$68,568.61	District 3	NO
251-3106-123-0371	Mosh LLC	211 N Cleveland St	\$12,516.62	District 3	YES
251-3106-124-0198	Clifford Roberts	205 N Stuyvesant St	\$5,424.84	District 1	YES
251-3106-151-0014	Brian Scribner	1405 Mathews St	\$3,784.61	District 6	YES
251-3106-114-0110	Donald Sparby	202 E 1st St	\$4,912.66	District 3	YES
251-3106-123-0224	Robert Thompson	104 Hendricks St	\$9,694.85	District 3	YES
251-3106-113-0172	Paul Ryan	809 Grand Ave	\$4,337.26	District 5	YES
251-3106-113-0419	Alan Wiedeman	405 East St	\$3,281.73	District 4	YES
<b>Total Sale Price</b>			<b>\$139,874.40</b>		

**OCCUPIED**

PIN Number	Property Owners	Total Taxes, Fees, & Interest Owed	Supervisory District	Approved by Finance
251-3107-073-0095	Beverly Baumann	\$1,467.50	District 8	
251-3106-114-0045	Ramona Bergman	\$6,087.83	District 4	
251-3106-113-0424	Sara Brown	\$9,162.70	District 4	
251-3106-114-0165	Clayton Frick	\$17,644.94	District 3	
251-3106-113-0418	Gerald Kleinhans	\$23,824.44	District 4	
251-3106-123-0371	Mosh LLC	\$19,950.60	District 3	
251-3106-124-0198	Clifford Roberts	\$9,283.76	District 1	
251-3106-151-0014	Brian Scribner	\$11,168.90	District 6	
251-3106-114-0110	Donald Sparby	\$18,029.30	District 3	
251-3106-123-0224	Robert Thompson	\$24,925.74	District 3	
251-3106-113-0419	Alan Wiedeman	\$3,758.16	District 4	

251-3106-113-0172	Paul Ryan	\$16,644.02	District 5
004-3506-114-9965	Wilbert Leider	\$2,488.05	District 14
006-3105-262-9996	Brian Koehler	\$21,980.32	District 12
020-3308-283-9975	Keneth Schram	\$4,198.96	District 20
012-3507-304-9942	Wayne Steinfeld	\$67,817.24	District 18
026-3407-153-9984	Craig Schulz	\$4,130.49	District 19
286-3506-343-0251	Kenneth Dupont	\$35,899.50	District 15
286-3406-032-0026	Fuzzy's Auto	\$41,061.46	District 17
286-3506-344-0148	George Groat	\$11,700.78	District 15
020-3308-332-9981	Bonnie Tutor	\$10,003.75	District 20
020-3308-332-9989	Bonnie Tutor	\$1,432.79	District 20
<b>Grand Total Owed</b>		<b>\$ 362,661.23</b>	

M/S Bialecki/Panfil to adopt Resolution 2020-12-45. Clerk Marlowe answered questions on the properties. Discussion followed. Motion carried on a voice vote.

8) Resolution 2020-12-46  
Adopting a Hiring Freeze Plan

WHEREAS, as a hedge against the 2021 budget impacts (both state and local) resulting from COVID-19, the Administrative & Legislative Committee recommends adoption of the "Hiring Freeze Plan" recited below; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the plan is adopted as set forth below.

**Hiring Freeze Plan**

Purpose: With the uncertainty of the economic impacts resulting from COVID-19, Lincoln County will be implementing a hiring freeze plan. The purpose of the hiring freeze plan is to reduce county expenditures and evaluate staffing reductions through attrition.

Goal: The intention of the hiring freeze plan is to reduce expenditures to help offset the loss in revenue, while ensuring critical services are maintained. All current and future vacant positions that are non-essential (with the exception of deputies and jailers) will be left unfilled through 5/19/2021, unless an exception is granted.

Approval: No approvals to fill vacant positions shall be granted by the Administrative Coordinator or Administrative & Legislative Committee unless one the following criteria is met:

- The position is essential to ongoing operations.
- There is a possibility of consolidating or combining with other position(s), not limited to combining positions within the same department.
- The position is funded with non-tax levy revenue source and is essential to ongoing operations. Positions funded by a combination of tax levy and other revenue sources will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Any request to fill a vacant position requires approval from the Administrative Coordinator and Administrative & Legislative Committee. Approval may include a limited term reassignment for a vacant position to be filled by a current Lincoln County employee.

*Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.*

*Introduced by: Administrative & Legislative Committee Passed 7-0 on 12/2/20*

*Fiscal Impact: Unknown savings (from vacant positions)*

M/S Gilk/Peterson to adopt Resolution 2020-12-46. Discussion followed. Motion carried on a voice vote.

9) Resolution 2020-12-47  
Adopting a Moratorium on Non-Essential Spending

WHEREAS, as a hedge against the 2021 budget impacts (both state and local) resulting from COVID-19, the Administrative & Legislative Committee recommends adoption of the "Moratorium on Non-Essential Spending" recited below; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the plan is adopted as set forth below.

**Moratorium on Non-Essential Spending**

Purpose: With the uncertainty of the economic impacts resulting from COVID-19, Lincoln County will be implementing a moratorium on non-essential spending. The purpose of the moratorium is to reduce county expenditures and evaluate non-essential purchases.

Nonessential purchases: Any expenditure for anything should be made ONLY if it is essential to continuing to provide the core services/mission of a department. Departments should utilize stock on-hand and refrain from purchasing bulk stock beyond what is needed for 30 days. Equipment and vehicle purchases should be delayed to

the greatest extent possible. Replacement schedules for all equipment and vehicles will be closely examined and likely delayed. No contracts for new programs/services are allowed under this moratorium. They will be considered for approval as part of the 2021 budget adoption process.

Goal: The intention of the moratorium is to reduce expenditures to help offset the loss in revenue, while ensuring critical services are maintained. All current non-essential purchases will be delayed through 5/19/2021.

Approval: Any non-essential purchases are prohibited unless permission is granted from oversight committee, Finance Committee and County Board.

*Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.*

*Introduced by: Administrative & Legislative Committee Passed 7-0 on 12/2/20*

*Fiscal Impact: Unknown savings*

M/S Rusch/Voermans to adopt Resolution 2020-12-47. Discussion followed. Motion carried by a voice vote.

10) Resolution 2020-12-48

Approving Conveyance of Lincoln Industries Property to the City of Tomahawk

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 15th day of December, 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
City of Tomahawk	1775 Kaphaem Road, Tomahawk Parcel one (1) of Certified Survey Map No. 619, dated July 2, 1991, recorded July 2, 1991, in Volume 3 of Certified Surveys, page 123, as Document No. 314099, being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼ SE ¼) of Section Two (2), Township Thirty-four (34) North, of Range Six (6) East, City of Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.	\$1.00

Dated: December 15, 2020

Introduced by: Forestry, Land and Parks Committee Date Passed: November 9, 2020

Committee Vote: 5-0 Fiscal Impact: \$1.00 plus recording fees

M/S Heller/Friske to adopt Resolution 2020-12-48. Supervisor Loka abstained from voting but participated in the debate. A discussion followed on how the City of Tomahawk would be using the property. City of Tomahawk Mayor Taskay answered questions pertaining to the City’s usage plan. Mayor Taskay stated the sole intended use for the property is for the Tomahawk Fire Station with an onsite training facility, Sheriff Station, Tomahawk EMS Offices and garage, and has interest in building a hanger and helicopter landing pad with a Central Wisconsin partner. M/S Simon/Gilk to postpone action on the resolution to the February regular board meeting. Discussion included the need to slow the process to give the county enough time to analyze the sale and get a professional appraisal. Supervisor Heller called the question on the motion to postpone and asked for a roll call. Aye’s: Allen, Breitenmoser, Gilk, Gorski, McCrank, Rusch, Simon, Voermans, Weaver and Wendt (10); Nay’s: Ashbeck, Bialecki, Callahan, Friske, Hafeman, Heller, Koth, Lee, Panfil, Peterson, and Ratliff (11) Motion was defeated 11-10 on a roll call vote. Further discussion took place and again called for a professional appraisal and specific plans from the City of Tomahawk. Taskay noted that their intent is to apply for grants and that the first stipulation in applying is that the municipality must first own the land. Once the land is owned the city will move forward on their plan. Supervisor Bialecki called the question on the original motion and also asked for a roll call. Aye’s: Allen, Ashbeck, Bialecki, Breitenmoser, Callahan, Friske, Hafeman, Heller, Koth, Lee, McCrank, Panfil, Peterson, Ratliff, Rusch, and Weaver (16); Nay’s: Gilk, Gorski, Simon, Voermans, and Wendt (5) Motion carried 16-5 on a roll call vote.

11) Resolution 2020-12-49

Approving Conveyance of Delinquent Real Estate to the City of Merrill

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 15th day of December, 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
City Of Merrill	307 Cooper St, Merrill	\$ 1,166.38

The West Thirty-nine (39) Feet of Lot Four (4), in Block Six (6), of Mrs. B. F. Cooper and J. D. Curran's Addition, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PIN: 251-3107-073-0095 811 N State St, Merrill	\$ 4,619.73
Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE¼ NW¼) and part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW¼ NW¼) Described as the South 65 Feet of the North 261 Feet of the West 109.9 Feet of Assessor's Plat No. 418, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PIN: 251-3106-114-0045 505 East St, Merrill	\$ 6,878.92
Lots Three (3) and Four (4), in Block Eleven (11), of the Plan of J M Smith's Addition to the City of Merrill, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin; And All that part of Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE¼ SW¼), Section Eleven (11), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Six (6) East, lying directly East of Lots Three (3) and Four (4), Block Eleven (11), in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PIN: 251-3106-113-0424 501 Blaine St, Merrill	\$ 8,020.43
Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), in Block Three (3), of V R Willard's Addition, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PIN: 251-3106-114-0165 403 East St, Merrill	\$ 6,667.76
Lot Two (2) and the South Ten Feet (S. 10') of Lot Three (3) in Block Ten (10) of J M Smith's Addition to West Merrill, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin PIN: 251-3106-113-0418 211 N Cleveland St, Merrill	\$12,516.62
Commencing at a point Five (5) feet North of the Southwest corner of Block Eleven (11) of H. Streeter's Addition to the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin; thence East to a point Five (5) feet North of the Southwest corner of Lot Five (5) of said Block Eleven (11); thence Southeasterly to a point 154 feet East of the Southwest Corner of said Block Eleven (11) and in the South line of said Block Eleven (11); thence Southwesterly 85 feet to a point in the North line of GL Two (2) Section Twelve (12), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Six (6) East, said point being 143 feet East of the line made by the continuation Southward of the Western boundary line of said Block Eleven (11); thence West on a line parallel with the South line of said Block Eleven (11), 143 feet to the East line of Center Street (now Cleveland Street); thence North 88 feet on a line made by the continuation Southward of the Western boundary line of said Block Eleven (11) to the place of beginning AND	
The North Eight (8) feet of Lots Four (4), Five (5), Six (6) and Seven (7), Block One (1) of Relmer's and Burns' Subdivision, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PIN: 251-3106-123-0371 205 N Stuyvesant St, Merrill	\$ 5,424.84
Lots Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Ten (10) of G L Parks Addition, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PIN: 251-3106-124-0198 1405 Mathews St, Merrill	\$ 3,784.61
Lot Six (6), in Block Three (3), of Mathews and Cotter's Addition to Merrill, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PIN: 251-3106-151-0014 202 E 1st St, Merrill	\$ 4,912.66

Lot Eight (8), in Block Six (6), of T B Scott Lumber Company's Addition to Merrill, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

PIN: 251-3106-114-0110

104 Hendricks St, Merrill \$ 9,694.85

The South 15 feet of Lot Six (6) and the North 25 feet of Lot Seven (7), all in Block Four (4), of Scott and Blade's Addition to Merrill, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PIN: 251-3106-123-0224

809 Grand Ave, Merrill \$ 4,337.26

Lot Two (2), of Block Five (5), of A.C. Norway's Addition to Merrill, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PIN: 251-3106-113-0172

405 East St, Merrill \$ 3,281.73

The North 40 feet of Lot Three (3) and the South 5 feet of Lot Four (4), Block Ten (10), of J.M. Smith's Addition to West Merrill, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, bounded on the West by the East Line of said Lots 3 and 4; on the South by a Continuation of the South line of said Lot 3; on the North by a line parallel with and 45 feet South of a continuation of the North line of said Lot 4; and on the East by the North and South quarter line of said Section 11, Township 31 North, Range 6 East, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

PIN: 251-3106-113-0419

Dated: December 15, 2020

Introduced by: Forestry, Land and Parks Committee Date Passed: December 14, 2020

Committee Vote: Fiscal Impact: \$71,305.79

M/S Bialecki/Friske to adopt Resolution 2020-12-49. Discussion followed. Motion carried on a voice vote.

12) Resolution 2020-12-50

AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM & APPROVING OFFICIAL REFERENDUM QUESTION LANGUAGE (Exceed Levy Limits by \$700,000 for Each Year from 2022 - 2026 to Fund Highway Operations and Maintenance)

WHEREAS, under state law, no political subdivision may increase its levy in any year by a percentage that exceeds the political subdivision's valuation factor; and

WHEREAS, this has severely limited the county's ability to fund ongoing highway operations and road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine whether the people of Lincoln County support raising additional funding (outside the levy limits), the County Board may conduct a countywide advisory referendum, pursuant to Wis. Stat.

59.52(25), in the Spring Election on April 6, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does resolve to conduct a county wide advisory referendum, to be held with the Spring Election on April 6, 2021; and directs the following countywide advisory referendum question be placed on the ballot:

*Question: Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Lincoln for the tax to be imposed for the next tax year (2022) is limited to .530%, which results in a levy estimated at \$ 14,071,977. Shall the County of Lincoln be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy by \$700,000 for EACH YEAR 2022-2026 for the purpose of funding Highway Department operations and road maintenance?*

*Explanatory Statement*

Under state law, no political subdivision may increase its' levy in any year by a percentage that exceeds the political subdivision's valuation factor. This has severely limited the County's ability to fund ongoing Highway Department operations and road maintenance.

The additional \$700,000/year levy has an estimated \$26.40 tax impact on a \$100,000 home.

A "yes" vote indicates you agree with exceeding this limit by \$700,000 each year (2022- 2026) to fund Highway Department operations and road maintenance.

A "no" vote indicates you disagree with exceeding the levy limits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk publish the Notice of Referendum in accordance with statutory requirements.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

Introduced by: Highway Committee Passed: (date) (Vote)



Fiscal Impact: negligible cost of advertising referendum question as part of Spring Election

M/S Heller/Bialecki to adopt Resolution 2020-12-50. Bialecki explained the need to fund our highway department to ensure our roads are maintained. The public's displeasure in our vehicle registration fee was discussed. Discussion took place on the difference between an advisory and binding referendum. Corp. Counsel Bergstrom clarified for the body and offered that an advisory referendum gave the county board the approval to raise the levy but did not bind them to do so. Further discussion occurred. Supervisor Callahan called for a roll call vote. Aye's: Allen, Ashbeck, Bialecki, Breitenmoser, Gilk, Gorski, Heller, Koth, Lee, McCrank, Panfil, Rusch, Voermans, Weaver, and Wendt (15); Nay's: Callahan, Friske, Hafeman, Loka, Peterson, Ratliff, and Simon (7) Motion carried 15-7 roll call vote.

13) Resolution 2020-12-51  
Designation of Public Depositories

WHEREAS, provisions in Chapter 34 and Chapter 59 of Wisconsin Statutes require that counties designate public depositories;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following banking institutions shall be and are hereby designated, until further action, as public depositories for all public monies coming into the hands of the Treasurer of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:

- Associated Bank, Tomahawk, WI 54487
- mBank, Merrill, WI 54452
- BMO Harris Bank, Merrill, WI 54452
- IncredibleBank, Merrill, WI 54452
- Park City Credit Union, Merrill, WI 54452
- Merrill Community Bank, Merrill, WI 54452
- State Investment Pool, Madison, WI 53707
- Tomahawk Community Bank, Tomahawk, WI 54487
- Huntington Bank, Chicago, IL 60601
- American Deposit Management, LLC, Delafield, WI 53018
- U.S. Bank, Madison, WI 53703
- PMA Financial Network, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the list of bank accounts on the accompanying schedule be approved for use by Lincoln County.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

Introduced by: Finance and Insurance Committee                      Committee Action: Passed (5-0) on December 4, 2020. Fiscal Impact: N/A

M/S Ashbeck/Loka to adopt Resolution 2020-12-51. Finance Director explained that this done every year at this time. Motion carried on a voice vote.

B. 1) Ordinance 2020-12-695

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 LAMER REVOCABLE TRUST 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 2.3 acres in Section 9, T35N-R6E, in the Town of Bradley, along County Highway U, tax pin# 004-3506-094-9843, from Private Recreation to Rural Single Family Residential use.

AND

Chapter 17.2.03, Lincoln County Code, is amended such that the approximately 2.3 acres in Section 9, T35N-R6E, in the Town of Bradley, along County Highway U, tax pin# 004-3506-094-9843, will be rezoned from a Recreation (RE) zoning district to a Rural Residential (RR2) 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: (12/15/20)

Introduced by: (Land Services Committee)                      Date Passed: (11/12/20)                      Committee Vote: 6-0

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Heller/Rusch to adopt Ordinance 2020-12-695. Land Service Administrator Huth answered questions about the rezoning. Motion carried on a voice vote.

2) Ordinance 2020-12-696

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 LAKE VIEW SHORES RESORT INC 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 29 acres in Govt Lot 9 of Section 9, T35N-R6E, in the Town of Bradley, along County Highway U, tax pin# 004-3506-094-9831, from Rural Lands to Rural Single Family Residential use.

AND

Chapter 17.2.03, Lincoln County Code, is amended such that the approximately 29 acres in Govt Lot 9 of Section 9, T35N-R6E, in the Town of Bradley, along County Highway U, tax pin# 004-3506-094-9831, will be rezoned from a Rural Lands (RL4) zoning district to a Rural Residential (RR2) 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: (12/15/20)

Introduced by: (Land Services Committee) Date Passed: (11/12/20) Committee Vote: 6-0

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Heller/McCrank to adopt Ordinance 2020-12-696. Land Service Administrator Huth answered questions about the rezoning. Motion carried on a voice vote.

3) Ordinance 2020-12-697

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL CODE OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN – CHAPTER 17, 17.2.03, ZONING ORDINANCE AS A RESULT OF A REZONING PETITION BY JOANNE AND MARK POWELL FOR PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF BRADLEY

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

Chapter 17.2.03, Lincoln County Code, is amended to rezone a portion of tax parcel pin# 004-3506-081-9974 from Planned Business (PB) to Crossroads Mixed Use (CMU) and a portion of the same tax parcel pin# 004-3506-081-9974 rezoned from Planned Business (PB) to Rural Residential (RR3). The parcel size of the property is approximately 12.92 acres and is located in the SE/NE quarter of Section 8, T35N-R6E, in the Town of Bradley.

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: (12/15/20)

Introduced by: (Land Services Committee) Date Passed: (11/12/20) Committee Vote: 6-0

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Heller/Rusch to adopt Ordinance 2020-12-697. Land Service Administrator Huth answered questions about the rezoning. Motion carried on a voice vote.

9. Reports of Claims: None. Chair Koth thanked Nancy Bergstrom for her 33 years of excellent service as corporation counsel to Lincoln County and welcomed Cate Wylie. Additionally, he wished the board members Merry Christmas and thanked them for all that they do.

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

11. Next County Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452

12. M/S Heller/Allen to adjourn. Motion carried by a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 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, December 15, 2020.

Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk