

Lincoln County Board of Supervisors
Meeting: May 18, 2021

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, Friske, Gilk, Gorski, Heller, Koth, Loka, McCrank, Panfil, Peterson, Rusch, Simon, Voermans, Weaver, Woller. Attending via teleconference: Hafeman, Wendt. (20) Absent: Callahan
4. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/Appointments
 - A. Announcements: Chair Koth announced that there will be Table Top Exercise on May 27th starting at 1 p.m. at the Service Center Board Room. All board members are welcomed to attend. Clerk Marlowe added that there is a handout, included with the meeting details on the county website, listed as "Additional Packet" with information on this exercise.
 - B. Service Recognitions for May 2021:
20 Years: Amber Gorell, Social Services
5. Approval of the Journal: M/S Heller/Hafeman to approve the April 20, 2021 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: 2021 Year-to-date Report – Finance Director (Dan Leydet) Leydet reviewed his report and answered questions.
 - B. Finance Committee: Department Reports: Administration, Corporation Counsel, and Finance (Cate Wylie, Karry Johnson, and Dan Leydet) Leydet explained that the Finance Committee asked him to review departments at county board to help board members understand how each department impacts the Tax Levy.
 - C. Finance Committee: 2022 Preliminary Budget Discussion – Finance Director (Dan Leydet) Leydet mentioned that leading up to the approval of the 2022 budget there will be discussion at their monthly meetings. Leydet concluded by answering questions on the budget approval process.
 - D. Administrative & Legislative Committee: Administrative Coordinator/HR Director's Written Report – Administrative Coordinator/HR Director (Cate Wylie) Wylie reviewed her report and answered questions.
8. Resolutions and Ordinances

A. 1) Resolution 2021-05-20

Granting Permission to Purchase a Coroner Van and Trade Specific Stretcher

WHEREAS, the Coroner Van used for transporting corpses is a hand me down vehicle, with 177,000 miles, from the sheriff office not designed for coroner use; and

WHEREAS, the stretcher used by the coroner is outdated, bulky, and extremely heavy; and

WHEREAS, the coroner has made the recommendation to replace the van with a new van in order to avoid costly repairs and down time; and

WHEREAS, The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 2020-12-47 in December of 2020 which prohibits non-essential purchases "unless permission is granted from oversight committee, Finance Committee and County Board through May 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Committee on March 10, 2021 unanimously approved the purchase of a new van and stretcher; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Insurance Committee on April 9, 2021 voted to approve the purchase of a truck using the CIP fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves the purchase of Van using the CIP fund.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2021

Introduced by: Law Enforcement Committee

Passed 4-0 by Law Enforcement Committee on March 10, 2022 and passed 5-0 by Finance on April 9, 2021.

Fiscal impact: Cost of a Van and Stretcher not to exceed \$35,000

M/S Heller/Loka to adopt Resolution 2021-05-20. Coroner Proulx explained that the current vehicle he is using has very high mileage and that the repairs outweigh its worth. The van is a liability in its current condition. He added that his current stretcher is also a hand me down that is extremely heavy and not trade specific. Discussion followed. Coroner cannot bill for removal or transportation. Motion carried by a voice vote.

2) Resolution 2021-05-21

Resolution Accepting \$2,000 from Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital

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 Kinship of Tomahawk, Tomahawk Public Library, and University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Lincoln County to provide youth-family activity bags for youth in the Tomahawk area along with the virtual project/maker programs during June, July and August. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts and expresses gratitude for the \$2,000 from Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital on behalf of the Healthy Minds for Lincoln County who is responsible for implementing these projects.

Dated: May 18, 2021

Introduced by: Administrative and Legislative Committee Endorsed by: Don Friske

Date Passed: May 5, 2021 Committee Vote: 7-0

Fiscal Impact: Receiving \$2,000 towards implementation of project identified above.

M/S Heller/Ashbeck to adopt Resolution 2021-05-21. Motion carried by a voice vote.

3) Resolution 2021-05-22

Approving Conveyance of Delinquent Real Estate to the City of Tomahawk

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 18th day of May, 2021 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	7 E Spirit Ave. Tomahawk Lot Seventeen (17), in Block Twenty-four (24) of the Original Plat of Tomahawk, Except the West Five (5) feet thereof, in the City of Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PIN: 286-3506-343-0251	\$ 3,152.80
	429 E Somo Ave. Tomahawk Lot Seven (7) in Block Fifty-three (53) of Assessor's Plat of Tomahawk, in the City of Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PIN: 286-3506-344-0148	\$ 5,215.47
	3 W Wisconsin Ave. Tomahawk Lot Twelve (12) Block Seventeen (17), Original Pat of Tomahawk, in the City of Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PIN: 286-3506-343-0173	\$ 6,343.03

Dated: May 18, 2021

Introduced by: Forestry, Land and Parks Committee Date Passed: May 10, 2021

Committee Vote: All Ayes Fiscal impact: \$ 14,711.30

M/S Heller/Panfil to adopt Resolution 2021-05-22. Clerk Marlowe spoke on these properties and explained that municipalities have first right of refusal on delinquent properties within their municipality. He reiterated when asked that Tomahawk and Merrill receive the same considerations when formulating the sale prices on these properties. Motion carried by a voice vote.

4) Resolution 2021-05-23

Title: Authorizing Budget Modification in Lincoln County Solid Waste Fund to Reflect an Increase in Expenses

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2019 the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 2019-11- 48 approving the 2020 budget and providing an appropriation amount of \$2,078,924 in the Lincoln County Solid Waste Fund; and

WHEREAS in 2020 the landfill incurred \$1,075,248 more expenses than budgeted due to receiving seventy-six percent more waste volume than the ten year average; and

WHEREAS, the total increase in budgeted revenues and expenditures is \$1,075,241 which is over ten percent of the original appropriation of \$2,078,924;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does approve and authorize the increase of \$1,075,241 in the 2020 Lincoln County Solid Waste budget appropriation.

Dated this 18th day of May 2021

Introduced by: Finance & Insurance Committee and Solid Waste Committee

Committee Action: Finance & Insurance Committee; Passed on 4/9/21 unanimously (5-0)

Solid Waste Committee: Passed on 4/27/21 unanimously (5-0)

Fiscal Impact: Increase appropriation of \$1,075,241 funded by Solid Waste revenues and funds applied.

M/S Heller/Voermans to adopt Resolution 2021-05-23. Leydet spoke on this resolution and answered questions. Motion carried by a voice vote.

5) Resolution 2021-05-24

Title: Committing \$438,000 in the Social Services Fund to be Used for Out-of-Home Placements

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Department of Social Services places children in out of home care when cases involve an unsafe child where impending danger is controlled through an out-of-home placement, and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Department of Social Services places children in out of home care in cases where a child may be safe, but it is determined that a child requires either specific services or placement setting to manage the community safety, and

WHEREAS, the level of care is determined based on a Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths(CANS) assessment tool, which also sets the level of care required, and

WHEREAS, the daily rate approved by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families for a residential setting typically used by Lincoln County ranges between \$345 and \$600 per day, and

WHEREAS, a placement in an average residential placement at \$400 per day for 365 days costs the county \$146,000. Thus, the Lincoln County Social Services budget is significantly impacted by any single higher level of care placement and multiple placements in the same year is not predictable nor absorbable in the routine budgeting process, and

WHEREAS, the cost of three placements would cost the County \$438,000 annually, and

WHEREAS, the Social Services Fund has a total fund balance of \$744,462:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does approve and authorize Committing \$438,000 in the Social Services Fund to be used for out-of-home placements.

Dated this 18th day of May 2021

Introduced by: Social Services Committee and Finance & Insurance Committee

Committee Action: Social Services Committee; Finance & Insurance Committee; Passed (5-0)

Fiscal Impact: Limiting the use of \$438,000 for out-of-home placements.

M/S Heller/Rusch to adopt Resolution 2021-05-24. Before discussion, Dan Leydet , on behalf of Renee Krueger and the Social Services Committee, stated that this resolution is being pulled back to committee for further review.

6) Resolution 2021-05-25

Granting Permission to Replace the Panel/Door Alarm at Pine Crest Nursing Home Using \$50,000 from the CIP Fund

WHEREAS, the current panel/door alarm system is outdated; and

WHEREAS, the current outdated system frequently trips the alarm causing overtime to reset on nights and weekends, and

WHEREAS, when the current system is down and being attended to, a safety concern arises for the residents of Pine Crest nursing home, and

WHEREAS, The Lincoln County CIP Fund currently has a balance of \$798,889.03.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves the purchase of a new panel/door alarm system at Pine Crest Nursing Home not to exceed \$50,000 using CIP funds.

Dated this 18th day of May 2021

Introduced by: Public Property and Finance and Insurance Committees

Finance and Insurance Committee passed (5-0) on May 7, 2021

Public Property Committee ()

Fiscal Impact: An amount not to exceed \$50,000 from the CIP Fund

M/S Heller/Simon to adopt Resolution 2021-05-25. Discussion followed on whether Lincoln County IT would be able to fix the issues. IT Director Spoehr said that they would not be able to fix the issues. It was mentioned that it is a special board that needs to be replaced by a certified contractor for liability compliance. Motion carried by a voice vote.

7) Resolution 2021-05-26

Ratification, Alteration, Modification or Repeal of Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing an expanding COVID-19 pandemic; and
 WHEREAS, according to WI-DHS, as of 04/26/21 Wisconsin had 4,224 new cases of COVID-19; and
 WHEREAS, as of 04/26/21, only 28.3% (7,808) of Lincoln County residents have completed the COVID-19 vaccine series. This means a majority of Lincoln County residents (71.7%) have not completed the COVID-19 vaccine series; and

WHEREAS, in recent weeks there has been a decrease in the number of weekly vaccine doses administered, demonstrating a decrease in vaccine demand; and

WHEREAS, unless this trend changes, it will be difficult to achieve herd immunity levels needed to protect unvaccinated individuals from COVID-19 infection, including those who are too young to receive the vaccine; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County desires to be as strategic as possible to ensure the health and safety of Lincoln County staff, residents and those traveling throughout Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County desires to maintain the highest level of services to the general public including but not limited to Public Health, Public Safety, Social Services, Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County requires flexibility to manage through this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County is providing administrative flexibility to allow the County Administrative Coordinator, in consultation with the County Board Chair, the ability to, and not limited to: Close Lincoln County government facilities as necessary; implement strategic staffing changes to ensure enough healthy staff are in place to carry out necessary and critical services; modify or waive administrative policies regarding health insurance premium splits and assist in personnel expenses as a result of implementing staffing changes; and

WHEREAS, the County Human Resources Director/Administrative Coordinator and County Board Chair shall, upon a reasonable time, but no later than 48 hours after implementing necessary decisions, inform the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors by email and/or phone; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director/Administrative Coordinator and County Board Chair shall report on this resolution and any actions taken hereunder at the Administrative & Legislative Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors shall discuss such decision(s) as a County Board monthly so long as this resolution is in effect; and

WHEREAS, earlier proclamations of emergency were ratified by the Lincoln County Board on 4/3/20, 6/16/20, 7/21/20 and 10/20/20; and

WHEREAS, on 05/05/21, the Administrative & Legislative Committee indicated its support for extending the Declaration of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on 05/10/21, Lincoln County Board Chairman Kevin Koth by proclamation declared that a state of emergency continues to exist in Lincoln County because of the COVID-19 pandemic consistent with sec.

323.14(4)(a), *Wis. Stats*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *sec. 323.14(4)(a), Wis. Stats* the proclamation is "...subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the County Board as soon thereafter as the Board can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the governing body shall not affect the prior validity of the proclamation...".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies the 05/10/21 Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Lincoln County (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference) by Lincoln County Board Chairman Kevin Koth effective through or until modified by further proclamation or an action of the Lincoln County Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will remain in effect until rescinded by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors.

Introduced by: Kevin Koth, Chair (with support of Administrative & Legislative Committee on 05/05/21)

Dated: May 18, 2021

Introduced by: Kevin Koth, Chair (with support of A&L Comm) Endorsed by: Kevin Koth, Chair

Date Passed by Committee: 05/05/21 Committee Vote: Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Allen/Voermans to adopt Resolution 2021-05-26. Discussion followed. Chair Koth spoke on behalf of his order explaining the intent as an effort to keep our employees and public safe while in county buildings. Shelley Hersil reported on the county's COVID situational indicators and stated that 36% of our residents were vaccinated. She indicated her support for the resolution as our Health Director. Discussion followed where the length of the order was questioned. M/S Simon/Koth to amend the resolution to extend the emergency order for 60 days to July 21, 2021. (Final Be It Further Resolved: the period of emergency shall continue until July 21, 2021). Roll was called on the amendment. Ayes: Allen, Bialecki, Breitenmoser, Gilk, Gorski, Hafeman, Koth, Loka, McCrank, Panfil, Rusch, Simon, Voermans, Weaver, Wendt, and Woller (16); Nays: Ashbeck, Friske, Heller, and Peterson (4) Motion carried 16-4. Further discussion followed. Supervisor Gilk called the question and roll was called on the original motion as amended. Ayes: Allen, Bialecki, Breitenmoser, Gilk, Gorski, Hafeman, Koth, Loka, McCrank, Panfil, Rusch, Simon, Voermans, Weaver, Wendt and Woller (16); Nays: Ashbeck, Friske, Heller, and Peterson (4). Motion carried 16-4. (A copy the Proclamation can be viewed in Lincoln County Corporation Counsel's Office, Lincoln County Clerk's Office and on the Lincoln County Website.)

B. 1) Ordinance 2021-05-700

Chapter 2 – The Governing Body

An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln Chapter 2 – The Governing Body.

The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain that Chapter 2 be amended as indicated in the attachment.

Chapter 2.05 Proposed The Governing Bod Ordinance Text Amendment

- Plain text is existing text in our ordinance and no changes proposed.
- ~~Lined out text~~ is existing ordinance text that will be eliminated
- Underlined text is proposed revisions and updated language

2.05(2)(a) All County Board resolutions and ordinances or titles thereof must be in the County Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the week of County Board meetings and shall bear the name of the person or persons endorsing it. The chair ~~may~~ shall refer a resolution or ordinance not ~~sponsored~~ endorsed by a committee to a committee for consideration before putting it on the Board agenda. If the committee does not entertain the resolution or ordinance, the chair ~~shall~~ may present the resolution or ordinance to the full board.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and publication.

Dated: May 18, 2021

Introduced by: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Endorsed by: Hans Breitenmoser, Don Friske, Paul Gilk, Kevin Koth, Greta Rusch and Bob Weaver.

Date Passed: May 5, 2021 Committee Vote: 6-1 Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Heller/Friske to adopt Ordinance 2021-05-700. Motion carried by a voice vote.

9. Reports of Claims: None.

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

11. Next County Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452

12. M/S Heller/Bialecki to adjourn. Motion carried by a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

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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, May 18, 2021

Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk