

Lincoln County Board of Supervisors
Meeting: October 18, 2022

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 Friske called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of allegiance followed.
3. Clerk Marlowe called Roll - Members Present: Allen, Anderson-Malm, Ashbeck, Bialecki, Boyd, Brixius, Callahan, Cummings, DePasse, Detert, Friske, Hartwig, McCrank, Osness, Rusch, Simon, Thiel, and Wickham. Members attending virtually: Hafeman and Lemke (19). Excused: Loka, Peterson, and Thiel (3). Thiel arrived at 6:31 (20).
Prior to announcements Supervisor Allen asked if Chair Friske would consider moving Item number 8 (Public Comment) to follow Item number 6. With no objections Chair Friske agreed to honor Allen's request.
4. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/Appointments
 - A. None
 - B. Service Recognitions – October:
 - 15 Years: Rhonda Bacher, Sheriff's Department
 - 20 Years: Reed Lazarz, Sheriff's Department
 - C. Appointments & Re-Appointments
 1. Appoint Hope Knuijt to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) (Indefinite Term)
M/S Bialecki/McCrank to appoint Hope Knuijt to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) (Indefinite Term). Motion carried by a voice vote.
 2. Chair Friske announced that he was appointing Brian Hafemen to chair the Solid Waste Department
5. Approval of Journal – September 20, 2022: M/S Cummings/Boyd to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
6. Letters, Petitions and Memorials
 - A. Letters – None
 - B. Memorials: Norman Heckendorf (1992-1999)
8. Public Comment – Chair Friske explained that our county ordinance allows each person 5 minutes to speak. Friske stated that he would allow 1 hour for public comment. 11 people spoke in approximately 40 minutes.
7. Reports of Standing & Special Committees:
 - A. Finance Committee: 2022 Year-to-date Report – Finance Director (Dan Leydet) Leydet gave his report and answered questions. Following Director Leydet's report Chair Friske announced that Leydet would be retiring. Chair Friske went on to thank him for his service to Lincoln County and its residents pointing out that after 24 years, Leydet would be leaving a large void of institutional knowledge.
 - B. Finance Committee: 2023 Preliminary Budget Proposal – Finance Director (Dan Leydet). Prior to discussing the 2023 Preliminary Budget, Chair Friske announced that he had some budget amendments to bring forward.

Preliminary Budget Amendment # 1

Authored and sponsored by Chairman Friske and Cosponsored by Supervisors Callahan and Hartwig. This amendment provides \$45,000 dollars to the University of Wisconsin Extension Lincoln County to fund the 4H coordinator position.

The Finance Director shall move \$45,000 from the forestry revenue and place it in the appropriate budgetary line to fund the 4H administrator position at the Lincoln County UW Extension.

The Administrative Coordinator to negotiate a contract with the University of Wisconsin Extension for approval by the Administrative and Legislative Committee.

M/S Callahan/Hartwig to adopt the amendment into the preliminary budget. Discussion followed with Bialecki and McCrank abstaining. Preliminary Budget Amendment #1 was adopted by a voice vote.

Preliminary Budget Amendment #2

Authored and Sponsored by Supervisor Allen and Cosponsored by Supervisor Hafeman. This amendment provides \$208,525 dollars to the University of Wisconsin Extension Lincoln County to fund the UW Extension Department for 2023.

The Finance Director shall move \$208,525 from the General Fund Unassigned and place it in the appropriate budgetary line to fund the UW Extension Department Lincoln County

M/S Allen/Hafeman to adopt the amendment into the preliminary budget. Discussion followed with Bialecki and McCrank abstaining. Roll was called. (Ayes) Rusch, Hafeman, Lemke, and Allen (4). (Nays) Anderson-Malm, Osness, Ashbeck, Thiel, Friske, Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Callahan, Brixius, Wickham, Cummings, Simon, and Hartwig (14) Motion failed (4-14)

Preliminary Budget Amendment #3

Authored and Sponsored by Supervisor Allen and Cosponsored by Supervisor Hafeman. This amendment provides \$45,000 dollars to the University of Wisconsin Extension Lincoln County to fund a portion of the UW Extension Lincoln County 2023 Budget, and \$163,535 dollars for the remainder of the UW Extension Lincoln County 2023 budget as originally proposed.

The Finance Director shall move \$45,000 from Forestry revenue and place it in the appropriate budgetary line to fund a portion of the Lincoln County UW Extension, and, \$163,535 from the General Fund Unassigned and place it in the appropriate budgetary line to fund the remainder of the UW Extension Lincoln County 2023 budget.

After reading the amendment Chair Friske cited Robert's Rule stating the amendment is not properly before the board because it is substantially similar and does the same thing as the amendment we just voted on.

Preliminary Budget Amendment #4

Authored and Sponsored by Supervisor Allen and Cosponsored by Supervisor Hafeman. This amendment provides \$45,000 dollars to the University of Wisconsin Extension Lincoln County to fund a portion of the UW Extension Lincoln County 2023 Budget, and \$163,535 dollars for the remainder of the UW Extension Lincoln County 2023 budget as originally proposed.

The Finance Director shall move \$45,000 from Forestry revenue and place it in the appropriate budgetary line to fund a portion of the Lincoln County UW Extension, and, \$163,535 from the ARPA Cash Fund and place it in the appropriate budgetary line to fund the remainder of the UW Extension Lincoln County 2023 budget.

Chair Friske cited that Lincoln County has a process for the vetting of ARPA funds and stated he would forward this amendment to the ARPA Project Team for their consideration.

Preliminary Budget Amendment #5

Authored and Sponsored by Supervisor Allen and Cosponsored by Supervisor Hafeman. This amendment provides \$208,525 dollars to the University of Wisconsin Extension Lincoln County to fund the UW Extension Department for 2023.

The Finance Director shall move \$208,525 from the ARPA Cash Fund and place it in the appropriate budgetary line to fund the UW Extension Department Lincoln County.

With the amendment once again requesting ARPA funds Chair Friske stated he would also forward this amendment to the ARPA Project Team for their consideration.

Preliminary Budget Amendment #6

Authored and Sponsored by Supervisor Allen and Cosponsored by Supervisor Hafeman. This amendment provides \$208,525 dollars to the University of Wisconsin Extension Lincoln County to fund the UW Extension Department for 2023.

The Finance Director shall move \$208,525 from the General Fund Unassigned and place it in the appropriate budgetary line to fund the UW Extension Department Lincoln County.

Chair Friske stated this was once again too similar to the previous amendments and that it is not properly

Preliminary Budget Amendment #7

Should the UW Extension receive external funding to continue all services that Lincoln County will honor our original commitment to fund \$45,000 and provide building space and services for 2023.

Additionally we will be open to fully funding our share of 208,000 in 2024 if our current budget constraints are resolved.

M/S Ashbeck/Osness to adopt. Callahan called for point of order citing he did not feel the amendment was properly before the body without a sponsor and cosponsor. Chair Friske ruled because it amends the budget and it does not meet the requirements that were laid out by the chair for such amendments. Chair Friske stated he would like to discuss the amendment. Additional point of order called by Simon stating because it is budget related it should go to the Finance committee.

C. Administrative & Legislative Committee: Corporation Counsel Opioid Litigation Update – Corporation Counsel (Karry Johnson) Johnson gave her report and answered questions.

9. Resolutions and Ordinances

A. 1) Resolution 2022-10-32

Authorizing Signer – Health Department Contracts, Grants, and Memorandum Agreements

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Health Department contracts with several different state and county governmental agencies as well as national, state and local organizations to fulfill program requirements and statutory mandates; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Health reviews these contracts and, based on program requirements, fiscal impact and other factors, recommends approval of contracts with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Wisconsin Department of Safety Professional Services, Merrill Area Public Schools,; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Health reviews grant applications and recommends approval of national, state and local grant applications that fulfill the mission of Health Department and are cost-neutral to Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Health reviews and recommends approval of memoranda of agreements to bill governmental Medicaid and Medicare entities as well as businesses for clinical services (vaccination/TB Skin Testing/well child exams) where costs are fully paid by the employer/entity; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Health Department has numerous memorandum agreements with state and local agencies to coordinate public health resources and referrals in Lincoln County as authorized by the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, a county signature is required to obtain funding from contracts, grants, and memorandum agreements,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Health Department Health Officer/Director is authorized to execute such contracts, grants and memorandum agreements as authorized by Board of Health action.

Dated this October 18, 2022

Authored by: Michael Loka

Co-Sponsored by: Angela Cummings

Committee: Board of Health

Committee Vote: 5-0

Date Passed: 9/21/22

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Detert/Brixius to adopt Resolution 2022-10-32. Discussion followed and the motion carried by a voice vote.

2) Resolution 2022-10-33

APPROVING CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 18th day of October, 2022 that the following conveyances of real estate be made by the County Clerk on behalf of Lincoln County, be and same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved:

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Everett E. Herdt and Amanda J. Herdt		\$ 1,255.50

That portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼ NW¼), of Section 15, in Township Thirty-One (31) North, of Range Seven (7) East, Town of Pine River, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at a point on the North line of Section 15, 18 rods East of the Northwest corner thereof, and running thence East on the North line a distance of 10 rods, thence South at right angles 9 ½ rods, thence West parallel with the North line 10 rods, and thence North at right angles 9 ½ rods to the place of beginning. P.I.N.

016-3107-152-9997

Dated: October 18, 2022

Authored by: Norbert Ashbeck

Co-Sponsored by: Greg Hartwig

Committee: Forestry, Land and Parks

Committee Vote: All Ayes

Date Passed: September 12, 2022

Fiscal Impact: \$1,255.50

M/S Brixius/Osness to adopt Resolution 2022-10-33. Discussion followed and the motion carried by a voice vote.

3) Resolution 2022-10-34

LINCOLN COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS, the residents of Lincoln County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces, and recognize the contributions and sacrifices of those services as vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually with an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life, and Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Lincoln County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Lincoln County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Dated: October 18, 2022

Authored by: Chairman Don Friske

Co-Sponsored by: Jesse Boyd, Angela Cummings, Greg Hartwig, Calvin Callahan, Lori Anderson-Malm, Julie DePasse

Committee: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee Vote: Unanimous

Date Passed: October 11, 2022

Fiscal Impact: Minimal – TBC

M/S Cummings/Bialecki to adopt Resolution 2022-10-34. Motion carried on a voice vote.

4) Resolution 2022-10-35

TO APPROVE THE 2023 LINCOLN COUNTY FOREST ANNUAL WORK PLAN

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has lands enrolled in the Wisconsin County Forest Land Program commonly referred to as the Lincoln County Forest; and

WHEREAS, Wis. State Statute 28.11(5) (b) and Wisconsin Administrative Code 47.70 (4) (f) requires an annual work plan to be approved by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors to be eligible for the County Forest Administration Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee reviewed and approved the 2023 County Forest Annual Work Plan to supplement the Fifteen-Year Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan as a way to help prioritize projects and emphasis the current needs of the County Forest and Recreational System.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain and resolve to approve and adopt the 2023 Lincoln County Forest Annual Work Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2023 Lincoln County Forest Annual Work Plan will be included as an amendment to the Fifteen-Year Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approved Annual Work Plan be forwarded to the Department of Natural Resources for their acceptance.

Dated: This 18th day of October, 2022

Authored by: William Bialecki

Co-Sponsored by: Kenneth Wickham

Committee: Forestry, Land and Parks

Committee Vote: All Ayes

Date Passed: October 10, 2022

Fiscal Impact: Loss of approximately \$57,000.00 of State Grant Funds if not approved.

M/S Cummings/DePasse to adopt Resolution 2022-10-35. Motion carried by a voice vote.

5) Resolution 2022-10-36

Resolution Directing the Administrative and Legislative Committee to Review the Structure of the County Board and Look for Cost Saving Measures

WHEREAS, Lincoln County is experiencing a significant budget shortfall of \$1.2 million; and WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board has required multiple departments, agencies and programs to reduce their budget; and

WHEREAS members of the County Board along with members of the public have discussed the expense of the County Board with the County Board Chair.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The County Board directs the Administrative and Legislative Committee to review the structure of the County Board to look for cost saving efficiencies. The review will be an agenda item on the Administrative and Legislative Committee’s regular meeting, and absorbed in the normal meetings budget. The Administrative and Legislative Committee will conclude the review no later than its April 2023 meeting and report to the County Board periodically as the process progresses.

Dated: 10/18/2022

Authored by: (Sponsoring Supervisor) Don Friske

Co-Sponsored by: Jesse Boyd Julie DePasse, Greg Hartwig, Lori Anderson-Malm

Committee: A&L

Committee Vote: Unanimous

Date Passed: 10/11/2022

Fiscal Impact:

M/S Callahan/Osness to adopt Resolution 2022-10-36. Chair Friske further explained his resolution and discussion followed. Motion carried by a voice vote.

B. Ordinance - None

10. Report of Claims - None.

11. M/S Ashbeck/Hafeman to approve the mileage and per diem for this meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

12. Next County Board Meeting: Discussion occurred involving the conflicts that have been created by our original November 8th meeting date. November 8th is the election where quite a few of our board members are scheduled to work as election inspectors. Considering this, Chair Friske agreed to change the meeting and public hearing to Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452

13. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 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, October 18, 2022

Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk