

Lincoln County Board of Supervisors

Meeting: May 16, 2023

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 9: a.m.
2. Pledge of allegiance followed.
3. Clerk Marlowe called Roll - Members Present: Allen, Anderson-Malm, Ashbeck, Bialecki, Boyd, Callahan, Cummings, DePasse, Detert, Friske, Hartwig, Lemke, Loka, McCrank, Meunier, Osness, Rusch, Simon, Thiel, Wendorf, and Wickham. (21).
4. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/Appointments
 - A. Announcements - None
 - B. Service Recognitions – May
 - 10 Years: Erica Madden, Social Services
 - 25 Years: Tony Fischer, Highway
Charlie Johnson, Maintenance
 - C. Appointments & Re-Appointments:
 1. Reappointment of Curtis Powell to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (term expires 6/30/2026)
M/S Bialecki/Boyd to appoint Curtis Powell. Motion carried by a voice vote.
5. Approval of Journal – April 18, 2023: M/S Osness/Ashbeck to approve the April 18th minutes as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
6. Letters, Petitions and Memorials
 - A. Letters – None
 - B. Memorials – None
7. Public Comment – The following citizens offered public comment: Dora Gorski, Al Curtis, Jim Korducki, Kelly Heideman, and Kevin Stevenson.
8. Reports of Standing & Special Committees:
 - A. Finance & Insurance Committee: 2023 Year-to-Date Budget Report – Finance Director (Samantha Fenske) Director Fenske gave her report. Director Fenske gave her report and answered questions.
 - B. Broadband Committee: Update – Committee Chair (Ken Wickham) Supervisor Wickham updated the board on the Broadband Committee’s progress and answered questions.
 - C. Administrative & Legislative Committee: WCA Resolution Process and Deadlines – Board Chair (Don Friske) Chair Friske reported on the WCA’s lobbying practices and how they derive their objectives from the resolutions sent to them by the 72 counties. All submitted resolutions are voted on at the annual WCA Conference where the top vote getters are used as a base for their lobbying efforts.
 - D. AD HOC Committee on Pine Crest: Presentation – Committee Chair (Ken Wickham) Wickham reported on additional committee findings while following up on questions from last months’ board meeting. Wickham then answered additional questions. After lengthy discussions, M/S Callahan/Osness to direct the A&L Committee to send out an RFP to start the process to find a broker for the sale of Pine Crest. Wickham asked Callahan to amend the motion to include the sale of the Social Services building. After discussion it was determined that this exploration could be determined at a later date and once the broker was retained. Roll was called on Callahan’s motion. Ayes: Anderson-Malm, Osness, Wendorf, Thiel, Friske Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Callahan, Lemke, Meunier, Wickham, Cummings, and Simon (15). Nays: Bialecki, McCrank, Ashbeck, Rusch, Allen, and Hartwig (6). Motion carried (15-6)
9. Resolutions and Ordinances

A. 1) Resolution 2023-04-24

Resolution for an Advisory Referendum to Determine a Course of Action for the County Board to Pursue
Concerning the Future of the Pine Crest Nursing Home

Whereas, the population of Lincoln County is increasingly older and living longer which may justify prioritizing the needs of that population, and

Whereas, the health care needs of older populations are more complicated, technical and labor and cost intensive than other groups, and

Whereas, the bulk of the senior age population in Lincoln County does not possess the financial resources that allow for them to access private long-term health care, and

Whereas, the bulk of the senior age population has lived in Lincoln County long enough to have contributed a significant amount of tax money to the public operations of the county, to wit: snow removal, road maintenance, child protective services, schools, waste disposal etc. etc. etc.,

And Whereas, the Pine Crest facility requires more proactive maintenance as well as a regular infusion of County financial resources than it has thus far received,

And Whereas, increasing the levy limit alone may be inequitable and insufficient for funding ongoing operations,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does resolve to hold a special referendum no later than August 31st, 2023 for the purpose of determining whether the people of Lincoln County desire to continue operating Pine Crest Nursing Home as a county nursing home or not and directs that the following advisory referendum question will be placed on the ballot: Shall Lincoln County continue to seek solutions that may include ordinance fees, annual levy limit increases by individual referenda and budget re-alignments in order to continue operating Pine Crest as a county nursing home or not?

Dated: April 18, 2023

Authored by: Elizabeth McCrank, District 3

Co-Sponsored by: Julie Allen, District 19

Committee:

Committee Vote: Date Passed:

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S: McCrank/Allen to adopt resolution 2023-045-24. After discussion a Motion by Simon to lay over to next month failed to get a second. Supervisor Hartwig motioned to amend the resolution to make it binding and include a dollar amount also failed to get a second. After further discussion Supervisor Callahan motioned to table resolution 2023-04-24 indefinitely with Osness seconding. Roll was called Ayes: Osness, Wendorf, Friske, Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Callahan, Lemke, Loka, Meunier, Wickham, Cummings, and Hartwig. (13) Nays: Bialecki, Anderson-Malm, Bialecki, Ashbeck, Rusch, Thiel, Allen, and Simon (8). Motion to table carried (13-8).

2) Resolution 2023-05-30

Resolution of Support for Utilization of State Surplus Funding to Offset Supplemental Payment Decreases in Fiscal Year 2022/23 and to Continue Future CPE Award Disbursements to County Owned Nursing Homes

WHEREAS, North Central Community Services Program d/b/a North Central Health Care (“NCHC”), established as a Multicounty Department of Community Programs for the purpose of administering a community mental health, alcoholism and drug abuse services program pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 51.42, 59.52(7) and 66.0301, administers and operates two nursing homes, Mount View Care Center (“MVCC”) and Pine Crest Nursing Home (“PCNH”), on behalf of Marathon and Lincoln Counties, respectively; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2022/23, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (“DHS”) had approximately \$39.1 million dollars in funding at its disposal, which funding must be allocated for disbursement to county owned nursing homes in order for the State of Wisconsin to maintain eligibility for Medicaid funding; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Supplemental Payments to county owned nursing homes as described in the aforementioned paragraph, county run nursing homes traditionally received Certified Public Expenditure (“CPE”) Award funds from DHS; and

WHEREAS, NCHC budgeted revenue necessary for the administration and operation of MVCC and PCNH is based on DHS’ historical Supplemental Payment and Excess CPE Award disbursement amounts; and

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2022/23, and without advance notice, DHS significantly decreased the amount of the Supplemental Payment and Excess CPE Award funding that was traditionally available to NCHC for the administration and operation of county owned nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, the total reduction in Supplemental Payment and Excess CPE Award funding is summarized as follows:

<u>Mount View Care Center</u>	<u>Pine Crest Nursing Home</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
\$1,084,000	\$833,300	\$1,917,300	Supplemental Payment Decrease
<u>892,341</u>	<u>730,590</u>	<u>1,622,931</u>	Excess CPE Award Decrease
\$1,976,341	\$1,563,890	\$3,540,231	Total

WHEREAS, in addition to Marathon and Lincoln counties, twenty-one (21) other Wisconsin counties also experienced significant decreases in supplemental payment funding, leading to budget deficits in those counties, while Dane and Rock counties received a significant increase in supplemental payment funding resulting in budget surpluses; and

WHEREAS, although both MVCC and PCNH will receive a much needed increase in Medicaid rates for standard services provided, any benefit from this Medicaid rate increase is essentially nullified as a result of DHS reduction in Supplemental Payment and CPE funding; and

WHEREAS, despite the Medicaid rate increases, the reduction in Supplemental Payment and CPE funding once more jeopardizes the financial viability and the long-term operational feasibility of county owned nursing homes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to ensure financial viability and operational feasibility of county run nursing homes, the County of Lincoln requests that the Wisconsin State Legislature to do the following:

1. Utilize State of Wisconsin surplus funding to fund additional disbursements of Supplemental Payments to county nursing homes to offset any previous supplemental payment decreases.
2. Utilize State of Wisconsin surplus funding to pay all county nursing homes CPE payments comparable to the CPE payment disbursements in fiscal year 2020/21.
3. Review and revise the Supplemental Payment formula to be more consistent in future years and to match historic disbursement amounts received by the counties in years prior.
4. Budget for the continuance of CPE funding for future years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be forwarded by appropriate County officials to the Wisconsin Legislature.

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Angela Cummings, Supervisor, District 20

Co-Sponsored by: Greg Hartwig, District 22 Supervisor, Don Friske, District 9 Supervisor

Committee: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee Vote: 6-0

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S: Bialecki/Osnes to approve resolution 2023-05-30 as written. Motion carried by a voice vote.

3) Resolution 2023-05-31

Approve Acquisition of Property for Continued Recreational and Forest Management Access to County Forest Property

WHEREAS, The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee has negotiated and approved the acquisition of approximately .6 acres of forested land in the Township of Harrison, Lincoln County, Wisconsin from Tim and Carrie Schwonke for the price of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, The property is further described as follows:

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4-SW1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Eight (8) East, Town of Harrison, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, described as follows:

The West 170 feet, of the North 165 feet, as described in Document Number 546140, Recorded in the Lincoln County Register of Deeds on October 5, 2020.

WHEREAS, The purchase of this property will allow the development of a permanent re-route of an access road crossing other private property used to access County Forest Property; and

WHEREAS, The purchase of this property will eliminate the use of a private driveway for ATV, snowmobile, logging equipment and other private vehicles to gain access to County Forest Property; and

WHEREAS, The purchase of this property will allow the shortest possible re-route of said access road and recreational trails reducing construction and future maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, Funding is available to purchase this property through the Forestry, Land and Parks Department's Land Purchase and Development Account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does authorize and approve:

1. The acquisition of the above-described lands from Tim and Carrie Schwonke in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the accepted Offer to Purchase; and

2. To allow Forestry, Land and Parks Department funds to be applied toward the purchase of this land; and
3. To authorize the proper county officials to execute the documents necessary to complete the transaction.

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: William Bialecki

Co-Sponsored by: Kenneth Wickham

Committee: Forestry, Land and Parks

Committee Vote: All Ayes

Date Passed: May 8, 2023

Fiscal Impact: \$10,000.00

M/S: Wickham/Simon to approve resolution 2023-05-31. Motion carried by a voice vote.

4) Resolution 2023-05-32

Approval of Earmarking ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$1,126,328 for Pine Crest Losses

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors identified Administrative and Legislative committee to review and vet all requests against the criteria that it does not create base building and creates economic growth and/or generates county revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors engaged in a vision and branding activity and developed "Lincoln County: Where the Northwood's Start and Your Adventure begins; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the branding is to market tourism and bringing visitors to the community to visit/stay to increase sales tax; and

WHEREAS, it was recognized by the Administrative and Legislative Committee that Lincoln County is obligated to reimburse North Central HealthCare for the losses of Pine Crest should there be no change in the supplemental funding; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County does not have the money available to cover the projected loss without putting the County in a high risk situation.

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9

Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee: Administrative and Legislative

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds earmarked \$1,126,328

M/S: Detert/Wickham to approve resolution 2023-05-32. Motion carried by a voice vote.

5) Resolution 2023-05-33

Approval of ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$101,000 for Electronic Timekeeping

WHEREAS, Lincoln County currently operates on paper timesheets; and

WHEREAS, the external auditors (CLA) brought to the attention of the Finance Committee the need to implement electronic timesheets; and

WHEREAS, the current scheduled upgrade to MUNIS has the capability to meeting this need and allowed the elimination of a previously approved human resources software, BAMBOO; and

WHEREAS, the upfront purchase is expensive but the annual costs are covered through the removal of BAMBOO. Furthermore, the implementation of the electronic timesheets through MUNIS provides benefits to include elimination/reducing of double entry, employee access to enroll in their own benefits and update personal information, eliminate most manual entry of time for 250 employees, reducing workload and human error of human resources and payroll specialists, increase telecommuting opportunities, and oversight of real time supervision; and

WHEREAS, using the ARPA funding for electronic timekeeping has the potential to reduce expenditures/tax levy obligations, create a more attractive organization for recruitment by modernizing the way we work which could potentially increase revenues through relocations; and

WHEREAS, the electronic time keeping will also help create efficiencies within our organization that reduce the county's liability as well as allow management more effective supervision tools.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, based on the recommendation of the Administrative and Legislative Committee who was charged with vetting all ARPA requests, order the

Director of Finance to allocate \$101,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for the purpose of purchasing software to implement electronic timekeeping.

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9

Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee: Administrative and Legislative

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$101,000

M/S: DePasse/Simon to approve resolution 2023-05-33. Motion carried by a voice vote.

6) Resolution 2023-05-34

Approval of ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$47,000 for Camp New Wood

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors identified Administrative and Legislative committee to review and vet all requests against the criteria that it does not create base building and creates economic growth and/or generates county revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors engaged in a vision and branding activity and developed "Lincoln County: Where the Northwoods Start and Your Adventure Begins"; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the branding is to market tourism and bringing visitors to the community to visit/stay to increase sales tax; and

WHEREAS, in order to market tourism, visitors need quality places to stay; and

WHEREAS, in order to highlight our unique characteristics and resources in our campgrounds, various upgrades are needed to increase attractiveness, usage, and increase fee potential; and

WHEREAS, Camp New Wood Park is located on the Ice Age Trail, which is receiving additional marketing and creating appealing access increases visitors; and

WHEREAS, upgrades will include providing electric service to the pavilions and seven campsites, adding a new well for potable water to the campground bringing it to code; and

WHEREAS, these upgrades will allow for an increase in fees, which at every additional \$5/night based on 2022 usage would increase revenues \$1,050 annually.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, based on the recommendation of the Administrative and Legislative Committee who was charged with vetting all ARPA requests, approve \$47,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for the purpose of upgrading New Wood Park.

Dated: May 16, 2023

Committee: Administrative and Legislative

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$47,000

M/S: Simon/McCrank to approve resolution 2023-05-34. Motion carried by a voice vote.

7) Resolution 2023-05-35

Approval of ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$27,000 for Otter Lake Park

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors identified Administrative and Legislative committee to review and vet all requests against the criteria that it does not create base building and creates economic growth and/or generates county revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors engaged in a vision and branding activity and developed "Lincoln County: Where the Northwoods Start and Your Adventure Begins"; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the branding is to market tourism and bringing visitors to the community to visit/stay to increase sales tax; and

WHEREAS, in order to market tourism, visitors need quality places to stay; and

WHEREAS, in order to highlight our unique characteristics and resources in our campgrounds, various upgrades are needed to increase attractiveness, usage, and increase fee potential; and

WHEREAS, Otter Lake Park and Campground is a well-used county facility that has 22 campground sites and had 802 nights of rental in 2022; and

WHEREAS, upgrades will include providing upgrading the current well and adding a second well to bring into compliance, Nature Trail Improvements, and upgrade and level campsite areas; and

WHEREAS, these upgrades will allow for an increase in fees, which at every additional \$5/night based on 2022 usage would increase revenues \$4010 annually.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, based on the recommendation of the Administrative and Legislative Committee who was charged with vetting all ARPA requests, approve \$27,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for the purpose of upgrading Otter Lake Park

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9

Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee: Administrative and Legislative

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$27,000

M/S: Bialecki/Hartwig to approve resolution 2023-05-35. Motion carried by a voice vote.

8) Resolution 2023-05-36

Approval of ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$232,175 for Prairie Dells and Hay Meadow Park

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors identified Administrative and Legislative committee to review and vet all requests against the criteria that it does not create base building and creates economic growth and/or generates county revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors engaged in a vision and branding activity and developed "Lincoln County: Where the Northwoods Start and Your Adventure Begins"; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the branding is to market tourism and bringing visitors to the community to increase sales tax; and

WHEREAS, silent sports are a growing trend and Lincoln County has resources to attract visitors for those sports; and

WHEREAS, in order to highlight our unique characteristics and resources to attract silent sport activists we need to develop those resources and creating more recreational opportunities will encourage people to spend more time here and

WHEREAS, Prairie Dells and Hay Meadow Park could provide a desirable destination for trout fishing, biking, and hiking due to lack of parking, picnicking, and trail bridge connecting the Merrill Memorial Forest trail system; and

WHEREAS, upgrades will include replacing toilet, developing a picnic area, create biking/hiking trail, and putting in a bridge across the Prairie River.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, based on the recommendation of the Administrative and Legislative Committee who was charged with vetting all ARPA requests, approve \$232,175 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for the purpose of developing Prairie Dells and Hay Meadow Park.

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9

Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee: Administrative and Legislative

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$232,175

M/S: Boyd/Hartwig to approve resolution 2023-05-36. Motion carried by a voice vote.

9) Resolution 2023-05-37

Approval of ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$92,145 for Hiawatha Trail Resurfacing

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors identified Administrative and Legislative committee to review and vet all requests against the criteria that it does not create base building and creates economic growth and/or generates county revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors engaged in a vision and branding activity and developed "Lincoln County: Where the Northwoods Start and Your Adventure Begins"; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the branding is to market tourism and bringing visitors to the community to increase sales tax; and

WHEREAS, silent sports are a growing trend and Lincoln County has resources to attract visitors for those sports; and

WHEREAS, in order to highlight our unique characteristics and resources to attract silent sport activists we need to develop those resources and creating more recreational opportunities will encourage people to spend more time here and

WHEREAS, the Hiawatha Trail is a heavily used trail connecting Sara Park in Tomahawk to the start of the Bearskin Trail in Oneida County; and

WHEREAS, the trail is a segment of a trail proposed in the North Central Wisconsin Regional Bicycle Facilities Network Plan and State Trails Network Plan to connect the Bearskin Train south to Wausau and eventually Wisconsin Dells.

FURTHERMORE, the Northwood's Passage snowmobile club and Recreational Trail Aid grants have been used to replace the decking and railings on the trails railroad trestle crossing, but non-motorized trail grant funding has become increasingly more difficult to obtain for these types of projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, based on the recommendation of the Administrative and Legislative Committee who was charged with vetting all ARPA requests, approve \$92,145 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for the purpose of resurfacing the Hiawatha Trail.

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9

Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee: Administrative and Legislative

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$92,145

M/S: Cummings/DePasse to approve resolution 2023-05-37. Motion carried by a voice vote.

10) Resolution 2023-05-38

Approval of ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$50,000 for Crushing a Stockpile of Gravel

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors identified Administrative and Legislative committee to review and vet all requests against the criteria that it does not create base building and creates economic growth and/or generates county revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors engaged in a vision and branding activity and developed "Lincoln County: Where the Northwoods Start and Your Adventure Begins"; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the branding is to market tourism and bringing visitors to the community to increase sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry Department maintains 13.14 miles of "gas tax roads" in the area of Armstrong Creek Pit; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry Department receives \$351/mile of road aids funding from the state for maintenance and the funding has been used primarily to build up and maintain roads with sparing amounts of crushed gravel; and

WHEREAS, the project would reduce the haul distance (8 miles) to these roads from an existing pit on Four Mile Road allowing several inches of crushed gravel to create a maintainable surface; and

WHEREAS, the project would improve the roads for logging access to the County Forest, potentially increasing stumpage rates.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, based on the recommendation of the Administrative and Legislative Committee who was charged with vetting all ARPA requests, approve \$50,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for the purpose of stockpiling crushed granite to improve access to logging roads.

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9

Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee: Administrative and Legislative

Committee Vote: 4-2

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$50,000

M/S: Osness/Wendorf to approve resolution 2023-05-38. Motion carried by a voice vote.

11) Resolution 2023-05-39

Approval of Earmarking ARPA Funding in the amount of \$500,000 for Marketing

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors identified Administrative and Legislative committee to review and vet all requests against the criteria that it does not create base building and creates economic growth and/or generates county revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors engaged in a vision and branding activity and developed "Lincoln County: Where the Northwoods Start and Your Adventure Begins"; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the branding is to market tourism and bringing visitors to the community to visit/stay to increase sales tax; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of marketing strategies that will be pursued; and

WHEREAS, specific plans on these strategies will take some time and collaboration but was recognized as an opportunity to support the APRA use objectives in a meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, once a specific and detailed plan is developed, the request will be brought forward for further approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, based on the recommendation of the Administrative and Legislative Committee who was charged with vetting all ARPA requests, approve "earmarking" \$500,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for the purpose of further developing the marketing plan.

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9

Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee: Administrative and Legislative

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$500,000

M/S: Bialecki/Osness to adopt resolution 2023-05-39. After some discussion M/S Simon/Loka to lay over to June and request more details. Roll was called. Ayes: Thiel, Lemke, Loka, Wickham, Allen, and Simon (6). Nays: Bialecki, Anderson-Malm, McCrank, Osness, Wendorf, Ashbeck, Rusch, Friske, Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Callahan, Meunier, Cummings, and Hartwig (15). Motion to table failed (6-15). Roll was called on the original motion to adopt. Ayes: Bialecki, Anderson-Malm, McCrank, Osness, Wendorf, Ashbeck, Rusch, Thiel, Friske, Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Callahan, Lemke, Meunier, Cummings, and Hartwig (17). Nays: Loka, Wickham, Allen, and Simon (4). Motion to adopt carried.

12) Resolution 2023-05-40

Approval of Earmarking ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$500,000 for City of Merrill, City of Tomahawk, Townships Campsite Development

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors identified Administrative and Legislative committee to review and vet all requests against the criteria that it does not create base building and creates economic growth and/or generates county revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors engaged in a vision and branding activity and developed "Lincoln County: Where the Northwoods Start and Your Adventure Begins"; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the branding is to market tourism and bringing visitors to the community to visit/stay to increase sales tax; and

WHEREAS, in order to market tourism, visitors need quality places to stay; and

WHEREAS, in order to highlight our unique characteristics and resources in our campgrounds, various upgrades are needed to increase attractiveness, usage, and increase fee potential; and

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill and the City of Tomahawk have existing campsites that have development capacity to be marketed; and

WHEREAS, there may be some townships interested in developing additional campsites.

WHEREAS, specific planning on these projects will take some time and collaboration but was recognized as an opportunity to support the APRA use objectives in a meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, once specific and detailed plans are developed, the requests will be brought forward for further approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, based on the recommendation of the Administrative and Legislative Committee who was charged with vetting all ARPA requests, approve "earmarking" \$500,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for the purpose of further developing the Campsite plans.

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9

Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee: Administrative and Legislative

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$500,000

M/S: Bialecki/DePasse to approve resolution 2023-05-40. Motion carried by a voice vote.

1) Ordinance 2023-05-739

An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln Chapter 3 (Sec. 3.02(4) – County Board of Canvass Members Mileage and Per Diem)

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

3.02 - MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

(4)COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASS. In addition to mileage reimbursement, County Board of Canvass members shall receive ~~\$25~~ \$35 for each day up to 4 hours; ~~\$50~~ \$70 for each day up to 8 hours; or ~~\$75~~ \$105 for each day over 8 hours, for conducting the Board of Canvass and/or the Recount process.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske

Co-Sponsored by: Jesse Boyd

Committee: A&L Committee

Committee Vote: A&L: 6-0

Date Passed: A&L: 5/3/2023

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

M/S: Osness/Loka to approve ordinance 2023-05-739. Motion carried by a voice vote.

10. Report of Claims - None.

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

12. Next County Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 20 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 9:11 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, May 16, 2023

Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk