

Lincoln County Board of Supervisor  
Meeting: (September 19, 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 6:00pm.
2. Pledge of allegiance followed.
3. County Clerk Marlowe call Roll – Members Present: Allen, Anderson-Malm, Bialecki, Ashbeck, Boyd, DePasse, Detert, Friske, Hafeman, Hartwig, McCrank, Miller, Muenier, Osness, Rush, Simon, Thiel, Wendorf, Wickman, Lemke and Cummings (21) Excused: Callahan (1)
4. Announcements/Appointments/Re-Appointments/Awards/Recognitions
  - A. Announcements - None
  - B. Appointments
    - i. Appointment of Ken Wickham to the Lincoln County Broadband Commission (term ending April 17, 2024) M/S Thiel/Boyd to appoint Ken Wickham to the Lincoln County Broadband Commission. Motion carried by voice.
  - C. Awards- None
  - D. Service Recognitions
    - i. 10 Years: Susan Locke, Social Services
    - ii. 10 Years: Kristine Shorey, Social Services
    - iii. 10 Years: Pat Gierl, Maintenance Director
    - iv. 15 Years: Samuel Steckbauer, Deputy-Sheriff's Department
5. Approval of Journal – August 15, 2023 M/S Osness/Bialecki to approve the August 15, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. Letters and Memorials
  - A. Letters – None
  - B. Memorials – None
7. Reports of Standing & Special Committees:
  - A. Finance & Insurance Committee: 2023 Year-to-Date Budget Report – Finance Director (Samantha Fenske)
  - B. Finance & Insurance Committee: 2024 Budget Updates – Finance Director (Samantha Fenske)
 Director Fenske gave her reports and answered questions. Reports were placed on file.
8. Public Comment. Two members of the public exercised their right to comment on agenda items. Tina Scott, Editor, of the Foto News, announced to the board that the Foto News and Tomahawk Leader are surveying our residents for their opinion on the Pine Crest Issue.
9. Resolutions & Ordinances
  - A. Resolution

1. Resolution 2023-09-52

Resolution to Change the Name of the Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services and Judicial Committee to the Public Safety Committee

**WHEREAS**, Lincoln County has several standing committees including the Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services and Judicial Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee name is cumbersome to speak and type and has resulted in the committee name often being identified incorrectly with the different components of the committee name transposed at times; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services and Judicial Committee is also the designated County Emergency Management Committee pursuant to Wis. Stat. §323.14(1)(a)3, which has resulted in further confusion of the committee name and additional transposition of the committee name; and

**WHEREAS**, changing the committee name to the Public Safety Committee will encapsulate the components of the committee, while providing for a shortened name which will streamline conversations and make reference to the committee much easier.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors declares that the Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services and Judicial Committee name shall be changed to the Public Safety

Committee, and that all references to the committee name within the Lincoln County Ordinances shall be updated and corrected accordingly.

Dated: September 18, 2023

Authored by: Jesse Boyd, Supervisor, District 10

Co-Sponsored by: Dana Miller/James Meunier

Committee: LE/EM/Judicial/EMS

Committee Vote: 5-1                      Date Passed: September 13, 2023

Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Karry A. Johnson, Corporation Counsel

M/S: Osness/Meunier to adopt resolution 2023-09-52. Motion carried by voice.

2. Resolution 2023-09-53

Resolution Approving the Director of Emergency Management Position from Part-Time to Full-Time.

**WHEREAS**, the powers and duties of the Director of Emergency Management are established through Wisconsin State Statutes under Chapter 323; and

**WHEREAS**, those responsibilities include but are not limited to provide Emergency Management services to Lincoln County in a manner that is effective and efficient and serves the needs of the community; to plan, develop, implement and administer Emergency Management, Superfund Amendment Reauthorization Act (SARA), Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) programs, administer Emergency Communications programs for Lincoln County and to provide responsive, courteous and efficient service to County residents and the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, Lincoln County's Director of Emergency Management (EM) is a 24 hour per week salaried position that is on-call 24/7; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this position consists of:

- EMPG is a federal grant that will reimburse up to 50% of the award amount which for Lincoln County is around \$76,000. Thus the available funds reimbursable to the county is approximately \$38,000 annually. However, Lincoln County has held a part time position in the EM role and has not utilized that allocation to its fullest;
- EPCRA grant is a reimbursement amount that can be used to offset our EMPG match requirement. That has remained consistent of \$8,017.
- Tax Levy covers the remaining balance; and

**WHEREAS**, since being placed in a temporary full time assignment, the current Director of EM has been able to identify additional sources of funding to support county operations resulting in potential cost savings; identify gaps in services internally and externally within our county and has been communicating and developing plans with stakeholders to become congruent with the remainder of the state's continuity of services, improving safety to our employees and community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrative Coordinator has identified additional supports that could be included in the job description that address county wide internal and external safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors recognize the importance of the need for Emergency Management Services in Lincoln County and approves the position of the Director of Emergency Management to a full-time position.

Dated: September 19, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, District 9 Supervisor

Co-Sponsored by: Jesse Boyd, District 10 Supervisor

Laurie Thiel, District 8 Supervisor

Committee: Law Enforcement/EM/Judicial/Emergency Management

Committee Vote: 4-0

Committee: Administrative & Legislative

Committee Vote: 6-0

Committee: Finance

Committee Vote: 5-0 Date Passed: August 9, 2023

Date Passed: September 6, 2023

Date Passed: September 8, 2023

Fiscal Impact: For 2024, the impact is \$16,583 to \$44,495 of tax levy based on whether the person in the position takes our health insurance.

M/S: Ashbeck/Detert to adopt resolution 2023-09-53. Motion carried by voice.

3. Resolution 2023-09-54

Approving Conveyance of Real Estate

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 19<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2023 that the following conveyance 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>
<b>Albert Reinke</b>	N7096 Grundy Rd	\$103,000.00

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW ¼ SW ¼), Section One (1), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Seven (7) East, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said section, being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 313 feet to a point; thence East 696 feet to a point; thence North 313 feet to a point; thence West 696 feet to the point of beginning.

Town of Birch, Lincoln County, Wisconsin  
P.I.N. 002-3307-013-9993

**Francis Radtke**

N11470 Tannery Rd	\$27,600.00
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A parcel of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW ¼ SW ¼), of Section Nine (9), in Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Bradley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the referenced West Quarter (W ¼) Corner as established by Timberland Surveyors; thence S 0° 41' E a distance of 280 feet to a point 290 feet South of the centerline of U.S. Hwy 8; thence N 88° 56' E a distance of 33 feet to an iron pipe on the Easterly boundary of Tannery Road and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S 0° 56' E along the East boundary of Tannery Road a distance of 208 feet to an iron pipe; thence N 88° 56' E a distance of 190 feet to an iron pipe; thence N 0° 56' W a distance of 208 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 88° 56' W a distance of 190 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPTING any and all highways, rights-of-way and/or easements.  
P.I.N. 004-3506-093-9989

AND

A parcel of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW ¼ SW ¼), Section Nine (9), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Six(6) East, Town of Bradley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the West Quarter (W ¼) of Section Nine (9), as recorded by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, 9.5 feet North of the intersection of County Highway Y and U.S. Hwy 8; thence Southerly along the West line of Section Nine (9) a distance of 69.5 feet to a point; thence Easterly along the South right of way line of U.S. Hwy 8 a distance of 413 feet to an iron pipe; thence Southerly parallel with the West line of Section Nine (9), a distance of 230 feet to an iron pipe marking the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing same course and bearing a distance of 208 feet; thence Westerly parallel with the South right of way line of U.S. Hwy 8 a distance of 190 feet; thence Northerly parallel with the West line of Section Nine (9) a distance of 208 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the South right of way line of U.S. Hwy 8 a distance of 190 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

P.I.N. 004-3506-093-9987

**Judith Bauman/Maney Farm Trust**

\$55,200.00

The North One-half (N ½ ) of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼ NE ¼), of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Thirty-four (34) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Bradley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Subject to an easement for telephone and electrical power lines EXCEPTING highway  
P.I.N. 004-3406-261-9999

**Christopher & Charissa Goral**

\$30,050.00

The Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE ¼ SW ¼), Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Thirty-four (34) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Bradley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Together with a non-exclusive easement over the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW ¼ SW ¼), Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Thirty-four (34) North, Range Six (6) East, Along and over the East-West existing logging road for ingress, egress and utilities to County Road E, as described in the deed recorded as Document Number 391556 and a continuation of such logging road Easterly to the East line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW ¼ SW ¼)  
P.I.N. 004-3406-273-9996

**Rob Frank**

N2002 Elm Grove Rd

\$17,100.00

Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW ¼ NW ¼) of Section Eight (8), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Five (5) East, Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows;

Commencing at the point of intersection of the North line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW ¼ NW ¼) and the East line of Elm Grove Road; thence South along said East line of Elm Grove Road Two (2) rods to the South line of an easement described in a warranty deed dated October 23, 1990 and recorded in Volume 469 of Records, Page 40, Lincoln County Registry, as Document number 311185, THE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South along the East line of Elm Grove Road 208 feet; thence East 624 feet parallel with the South line of said easement; thence North 208 feet to the South line of said easement; thence West along the South line of said easement to the place of beginning.

ALSO INCLUDING any right, title or interest in said two (2) rod wide easement along the entire North line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW ¼ NW ¼), together with the easements, well and water rights described in a certain warranty deed recorded September 13, 1957, in Volume 199 of Deeds, on Page 513 of Lincoln County Registry as Document number 177221.

P.I.N. 006-3105-082-9995

**Jennifer Schmidt**

N113 Hilly Rd

\$17,010.00

The South Two Hundred Fifty-two (252) feet of the East Six Hundred Ninety-one (691) feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE ¼ SW ¼) of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin; Subject to established roads and easements.

P.I.N. 006-3106-313-9994

**Oskar Otto Werner**

\$32,150.00

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW ¼ NE ¼) Section 16, Township 34 North, Range 8 East, described as follows:

Commencing at the North Quarter (N  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) Corner of said Section 16; thence S  $1^{\circ}59'$  W 801.7'; thence S  $88^{\circ}09'$  E 120'; thence N  $1^{\circ}59'$  E 801.7'; thence N  $88^{\circ}09'$  W 120' to the place of beginning. Town of Harrison, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

(aka Lot 17 of the unrecorded Nottingham Forest Plat)

Also including the land between the meander line and Squire Lake.

Also the right to use the roadway for ingress and egress across said property along with others, to and from Pickeral Lake Road.

P.I.N. 010-3408-162-9982

**Darrell Osypowski**

\$21,500.00

The East Ten (10) acres of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section Thirty-one (31), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Rock Falls, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

P.I.N. 018-3306-314-9995

AND

The East Twenty (20') feet of the West Forty-nine point Four (49.4') feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) Section Thirty-two (32), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Rock Falls, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

P.I.N. 018-3306-322-9990

AND

The West 49.4' of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section Thirty-two (32), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Rock Falls, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. EXCEPT the East 20' thereof.

P.I.N. 018-3306-322-9991

AND

The East 20' of the West 49.4' of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section Thirty-two (32), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Rock Falls, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

P.I.N. 018-3306-322-9992

AND

The West 49.4' of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section Thirty-two (32), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Rock Falls, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. EXCEPT the East 20' thereof.

P.I.N. 018-3306-322-9993

**Todd Mattson**

N5359 State Rd 17

\$41,700.00

Lots Two (2), Eight (8), Nine (9) and all that part of Lot Ten (10) which lies Northeasterly of an extension of the Northeasterly line of Lot One (1) extended Northwesterly to the Southerly boundary line of Prairie Avenue, All in Block Two (2) Original Plat of Gleason, and the vacated Alley adjacent to said lots, Town of Russell, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

P.I.N. 020-3308-284-9937

AND

Lots Three (3) and Four (4), Block Two (2) Original Plat of Gleason, and the Southerly Half (S  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the vacated alley lying Northerly and Contiguous to said lots, Town of Russell, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

P.I.N. 020-3308-284-9936

AND

Lots Six (6) and Seven (7), Block Two (2) Original Plat of Gleason, and the Northerly Half (N  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the vacated alley lying Southerly and Contiguous to said lots, Town of Russell, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

P.I.N. 020-3308-284-9934

**John and Amanda Hines**

1340 E King Rd

\$21,000.00

Lot Twenty-two (22) of the Sunset Boulevard Second (2nd) Addition to the City of Tomahawk, City of Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

EXCEPT any and all matters relating to flooding and/or flowage rights.

P.I.N. 286-3506-352-0062

**Patricia Bradamore**

W7760 Anchor Bay Ln

\$69,113.00

All that part of Lot Seventeen (17) of the Subdivision of Billby's Diamond Acres, Town of Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Lot Seventeen (17) at the East edge of the road marked by an iron pipe; thence running East along the South line of Lot Seventeen (17) a distance of 150 feet to a point marked by an iron pipe, the PLACE OF BEGINNING; thence running West along the South line of said Lot Seventeen (17) a distance of 150 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot Seventeen (17) marked by an iron pipe located on the East edge of the road; thence running North along the West line of Lot Seventeen (17) a distance of 60 feet to the Northwest corner of the lot marked by an iron pipe; thence running East along the North line of lot Seventeen (17) a distance of 150 feet to a point marked by an iron pipe; thence running South to the place of beginning.

P.I.N. 030-3405-114-9955

**BSM Hunting Club LLC**

\$10,152.00

The North One-Half (N ½) of the North One-Half (N ½) of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE ¼ SW ¼), Section Seventeen (17), Township Thirty-four (34) North, Range Five (5) East, Town of Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

P.I.N. 030-3405-173-9999

Dated: September 19, 2023

Authored by: William Bialecki

Co-Sponsored by: Kenneth Wickham

Committee: Forestry, Land and Parks

Committee Vote: All Ayes      Date Passed: August 14, 2023

Fiscal Impact: Unknown

Drafted by: Dean Bowe, Forest Administrator

M/S: Osness/Wendorf to adopt resolution 2023-09-54. Motion carried by voice

4. Resolution 2023-09-55

To Approve the 2024 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 2024 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 2024 Lincoln County Forest Annual Work Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2024 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: September 17, 2023

Co-Sponsored by: Greg Hartwig

Committee: Forestry, Land and Parks

Committee Vote: All Ayes

Date Passed: September 11, 2023

Fiscal Impact: Loss of approximately \$60,000.00 of State grant funds if not approved.

Drafted by: Dean Bowe, Forest Administrator

M/S: Bialecki/Detert to adopt resolution 2023-09-55. Motion carried by voice.

5. Resolution 2023-09-56

Resolution Creating An Opioid Settlement Task Force

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors previously authorized the County to enter into an engagement agreement with von Briesen & Roper, s.c., Crueger Dickinson LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC (the “Law Firms”) to pursue litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals (the “Opioid Defendants”) in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants financially responsible for the County’s expenditure of vast money and resources to combat the opioid epidemic;

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2023, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2023-03-14 Authorizing Lincoln County to Enter Into the Settlement Agreements with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Walgreen Co., Walmart, Inc., CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc., Agree to the Terms of the Addendum to the MOU Allocating Settlement Proceeds, and Authorize Entry Into the MOU with the Attorney General resolution the behalf of the County, the Law Firms filed a lawsuit against the Opioid Defendants;

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2023-03-14 resolved proceeds from the Settlement Agreements not otherwise directed to the Attorney Fees Account shall be deposited in the County’s Opioid Abatement Account. The Opioid Abatement Account shall be administered consistent with the terms of this Resolution, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4), and the Settlement Agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, a Grant Funded Limited Term position of Community Health Planner – Opioid Grant Coordinator was authorized to complete a community assessment and develop a recommendation to the Board for utilization of the funds in response to the Opioid Epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the position was posted since June 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors resolves that a task force of be created to provide a recommendation to the Board for further approval to use of the funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force consist of the Lincoln County Health Department Director, Lincoln County Social Services Director, Lincoln County Sheriff (or designee), a County Board Representative as appointed by the Board Chair, North Central Health Care representative, a health care representative, an education representative, and a Lincoln County Probation and Parole representative.

Dated: September 19, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9 Board Chair

Co-Sponsored by: Jesse Boyd, Supervisor, District 10; Juie DePasse, Supervisor District 12

Committee: A&L Committee

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: September 6, 2023

Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Administrative Coordinator

M/S: Osness/Boyd to adopt resolution 2023-09-56. Motion carried by voice.

6. Resolution 2023-09-57

Approve the Appointment of the Director of Social Services

**WHEREAS**, the Social Services Committee according to Lincoln County Ordinance 2.08 (2)(c)2 is charged with Appointing the Director for the Social Services Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Social Services Committee recommends the appointment of Jessi Rumsey as the Director of Social Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of Jessi Rumsey as the Lincoln County Director of Social Services effective September 19, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this appointee will be placed at Step 2 (\$85,915) of the 2023 pay scale, Grade P, on the salary plan.

Dated: September 19, 2023

Authored by: Laurie Thiel, Supervisor, District 8

Co-Sponsored by: Greta Rusch, District 7 Supervisor; Marty Lemke, District 15 Supervisor; James Meunier, District 17 Supervisor; Elizabeth McCrank, District 3 Supervisor

Committee: Administrative & Legislative

Committee Vote: 6-1 Date Passed: September 6, 2023

Fiscal Impact: \$85,915(wage) & \$15,892(Fringe)

Drafted by: Renee Krueger

M/S: Meunier/McCrank to adopt Resolution 2023-09-57. Motion carried by voice.

#### 7. Resolution 2023-09-58

##### Resolution in Opposition To COVID-19 Mandates

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors supports the healthcare rights and freedoms of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 pandemic, public health emergency orders issued statewide and nationwide included masking mandates applicable to businesses, schools, and public buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors is aware of studies that have shown that face masking may not have had a demonstrable effect on the transmission of airborne viruses such as COVID-19. Additionally, face coverings may impact the intake of carbon dioxide which may increase blood pressure, reduce cognitive ability, cause respiratory distress, and cause reproductive concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statute Section 252.041 permits individuals, for reasons of religion or conscience, to refuse vaccination during a public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors finds that forced masking, vaccine, and isolation mandates may have caused harm to adults and children by contributing to isolation and increasing mental health crises and social anxieties. These mandates may also have affected verbal, motor, and overall development of children born during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, as of August, 2023, masking mandates have been renewed in areas of the country where COVID- 19 transmission increases have been identified; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors finds it is essential that the Board express its position that, ~~unless required by law~~, Lincoln County residents should not have their civil liberties jeopardized by mandates pertaining to face coverings or masking, vaccine requirements, or forced isolation, and should be free to make their own choices regarding whether to, and where to, utilize face coverings, vaccinate, or isolate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its position that, ~~unless required by law~~, Lincoln County residents should not have their civil liberties jeopardized by mandates pertaining to face coverings or masking, vaccine requirements, or forced isolation, and should be free to make their own choices regarding whether to, and where to, utilize face coverings, vaccinate, or isolate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be directed to the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, ~~and the appropriate members of the Wisconsin Legislature, and our Federal Representatives.~~

Dated: September 19, 2023

Authored by: Steven L. Osness, Jr., Supervisor, District 4

Co-Sponsored by: Supervisors Callahan (Dist. 13), Thiel (Dist. 8), Cummings (Dist. 20), Miller (Dist. 16), Detert (Dist. 11)

Committee: N/A

Committee Vote: N/A Date Passed: N/A



Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Steven L. Osness, Jr., Supervisor, District 4

Prior to the resolutions introduction Supervisor Allen motioned to table the resolution indefinitely. McCrank seconded the motion to table. Discussion followed and roll was called on the motion to table. Ayes in favor of tabling were: McCrank, Rusch, Hafemen, and Allen (4) Nays: : Anderson-Malm, Bialecki, Ashbeck, Boyd, DePasse, Detert, Friske, Hartwig, Miller, Muenier, Osness, Simon, Thiel, Wendorf, Wickman, Lemke and Cummings (17) Motion to table failed. M/S: Osness/Depasse to adopt resolution. Discussion again followed. M/S Cummings/Hartwig to amend resolution 2023-09-58 to include our Federal Government Representatives on the mailing of this resolution if passed. Motion carried by voice. Further discussion occurred with a M/S Wickham/DePasse to again amend resolution 2023-09-58 by striking the words “unless required by law” from paragraphs seven and eight. Motion to amend carried by voice. Supervisor Simon then called the question and roll was taken on the original motion to adopt. Ayes: Anderson-Malm, Bialecki, Ashbeck, Boyd, DePasse, Detert, Friske, Hartwig, Miller, Muenier, Osness, Simon, Thiel, Wendorf, Wickman, Lemke and Cummings (17) Naves: Allen, Hafeman, McCrank, and Rusch (4). Motion to adopt resolution 2023-09-58 carried by a roll call vote.

8. Resolution 2023-09-59

Proclamation in Recognition of Chamber of Commerce Month

**WHEREAS;** the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce serve to benefit Lincoln County; and

**WHEREAS;** both Chambers of Commerce exist to support members and community through networking, tourism, advocacy and promotion of new and existing businesses; and

**WHEREAS;** both Chambers of Commerce have partnered with Lincoln County to support marketing the branding of *Lincoln County- Where the Northwoods Start & Your Adventure Begins*; and

**WHEREAS;** both Chamber of Commerces have engaged in various Lincoln County groups, such as Dream Up! Childcare to promote awareness to critical community needs that also support growth and sustainability of businesses; and

**WHEREAS;** September is recognized annually as Chamber of Commerce Month and has been recognized by the Governor of Wisconsin in hopes of encouraging statewide recognition of their work.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;** the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors joins in the recognition and celebration of our local Chamber of Commerces for their continued dedication and efforts to promote greater community connections.

Dated: September 19, 2023

Authored by: Chairman Friske, Supervisor, District 9

Co-Sponsored by: Vice Chair Boyd, Supervisor, District 11

Committee: N/A

Committee Vote: N/A Date Passed: N/A

Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Renee Krueger and Chris Marlowe

M/S: Bialecki/Hartwig to adopt resolution 2023-09-59. Motion carried by voice. Representatives of the Merrill and Tomahawk Chambers were present to accept framed copies of Chair Friske’s Proclamation in recognition of September being Chamber of Commerce Month.

B. Ordinance

1. Ordinance 2023-09-743

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 Eriik Johnson(Petitioner) and Jacob & Buddy Graebert (Property Owners) for Property in the Town of Bradley

**WHEREAS,** The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain: Chapter 17.2.03, Lincoln County Code, is amended to rezone tax parcel pins# 00434061229996 and 00434061229995 from Forestry (F) to Rural Lands – 2 (RL2)). The property is located in Section 12, T34N-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 posting.

Dated: 9/19/23

Authored by: Marty Lemke

Co-Sponsored by: William Bialecki

Committee: Land Services Committee

Committee Vote: 7-0 Date Passed: 8/10/23

Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Mike Huth (Land Service Administrator- Zoning Program Manager)

M/S: McCrank/Rusch to adopt Ordinance 2023-09-743. Motion carried by voice.

2. Ordinance 2023-09-744

Chapter 7-Traffic and Vehicle Code

An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln Chapter 7-Traffic and Vehicle Code The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain that Chapter 7, Section 7.04, be amended as indicated in the attachment.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

Dated: September 18, 2023

Authored by: Kenneth Wickham, Supervisor, District 18

Co-Sponsored by:

Committee: Highway Committee

Committee Vote: Date Passed:

Fiscal Impact:

Drafted by: Kenneth Wickham, Supervisor, District 18

M/S: Osness/Bialecki to adopt Ordinance 2023-09-744. Motion carried by voice.

3. Ordinance 2023-09-745

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, Sections 2.03 and 2.09, be amended as indicated in the attachment.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

Dated: September 18, 2023

Authored by: Jesse Boyd, Supervisor, District 10

Co-Sponsored by: Steve Osness/Laurie Thiel

Committee: LE/EM/Judicial/EMS

Committee Vote: 5-0 Date Passed: September 13, 2023

Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Karry A. Johnson, Corporation Counsel

Chair Friske explained that the next four ordinances were drafted to address the changes needed as a result of adopting Resolution 2023-09-52 which changed the name of the Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, and Judicial Committee to the Public Safety Committee. Chair Friske asked for a motion and a second for the adoption of the next four ordinances all at once. M/S: Thiel/Hartwig to adopt Ordinances 2023-09-745 through 748. Motion to adopt the four ordinances carried by voice.

4. Ordinance 2023-09-746

Chapter 3-Finance and Taxation

An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln Chapter 3-Finance and Taxation The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain that Chapter 3, Section 3.42, be amended as indicated in the attachment.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

Dated: September 18, 2023

Authored by: Jesse Boyd, Supervisor, District 10

Co-Sponsored by: Laurie Thiel/Steve Osness

Committee: LE/EM/Judicial/EMS

Committee Vote: 5-0 Date Passed: September 13, 2023

Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Karry A. Johnson, Corporation Counsel

M/S: Thiel/Hartwig to adopt Ordinance 2023-09-746. Motion carried by voice.

5. Ordinance 2023-09-747

Chapter 5-Law Enforcement

An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln Chapter 5-Law Enforcement

The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain that Chapter 5, Section 5.02, be amended as indicated in the attachment.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

Dated: September 18, 2023

Authored by: Jesse Boyd, Supervisor, District 10

Co-Sponsored by: Steve Osness/James Meunier

Committee: LE/EM/Judicial/EMS

Committee Vote: 5-0 Date Passed: September 13, 2023

Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Karry A. Johnson, Corporation Counsel

M/S: Thiel/Hartwig to adopt Ordinance 2023-09-747. Motion carried by voice.

6. Ordinance 2023-09-748

Chapter 6-Emergency Management

An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln Chapter 6-Emergency Management

The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain that Chapter 6, Section 6.02, be amended as indicated in the attachment.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

Dated: September 18, 2023

Authored by: Jesse Boyd, Supervisor, District 10

Co-Sponsored by: Dana Miller/Laurie Thiel

Committee: LE/EM/Judicial/EMS

Committee Vote: 5-0 Date Passed: September 13, 2023

Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Karry A. Johnson, Corporation Counsel

M/S: Thiel/Hartwig to adopt Ordinance 2023-09-748. Motion carried by voice.

10. Report of Claims - None

11. M/S: Meunier/DePasse to approve the mileage and per diem for this meeting. Motion carried by voice.

12. Next County Board Meeting: October 17, 2023 at 6:00p.m. at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 North Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452.

13. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I, Christopher Marlowe, County Clerk in and for Lincoln County, Wisconsin to hereby certify the within and foregoing is true and accurate recital of all proceedings by and before the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting, (Enter date of Meeting)

Christopher Marlowe, County Clerk