

Lincoln County Board of Supervisor
Meeting: January 16, 2024

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the Merrill Enrichment Center at 303 N Sales St., 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: Anderson-Malm, Ashbeck, Bialecki Boyd, Cummings, DePasse, Detert, Friske, Hartwig, McCrank, Meunier, Miller, Osness, Rush, Simon, Thiel, Wendorf, and Wickham. Electronic: Allen and Hafeman (20) Excused: Brixius and Lemke (2)
4. Announcements/Appointments/Awards/Recognitions
 - A. Announcements - None
 - B. Appointments
 - i. Appointment of the Lincoln County 2024 Emergency Fire Wardens - **M/S** Thiel/Wickham to appoint all three Emergency Fire Wardens for 2024. Motion carried by voice.
 1. James Charles – Town of Bradley. Kracker Barrel, PO Box 121 Heafford Junction, WI 54532
 2. Robert Kressell – Town of Russell. Northern States Tool and Cutter, N5333 Hwy. 17, Gleason, 54487
 3. Mike Gruenenwald – Town of Scott. Beacon Bar, N1297 Fairview Road, Merrill, 54452
 - ii. **M/S** Miller/Osness to appoint Kay Kissinger Wolf to the Board of Health as the nurse representative. (Term ending April 15, 2024) Motion carried by voice.
 - C. Awards- None
 - D. Service Recognitions – January
 - 10 Years – Meghan Synder, Social Services
5. Approval of Minutes
 - A. December 19, 2023 - **M/S** Cummings/Rusch to approve the December 19, 2024 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). Fenske gave her report and answered questions.
8. Public Comment – There were no public comments
9. Resolutions & Ordinances
 - A. Resolutions
 1. Resolution 2024-01-01

Resolution accepting \$400.00 from Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) for Veterans Transportation Grant **WHEREAS**, Lincoln County Veterans Service Office has a critical role in advocating for the individual veterans and are often the initial point of contact in the Community for veteran’s services; and, **WHEREAS**, Lincoln County Veterans Office is not fully serviced by Department of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) vans for veteran transportation services; and, **WHEREAS** Lincoln County Veterans Services supports county veterans in need of transportation assistance with fuel cards and taxi service sourced primarily through donations from private citizens and veterans service organizations; and, **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs has approved a Grant of \$400 to augment Lincoln County Veterans Services to provide financial support to veterans who lack resources to drive to and from medical appointments. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts and expresses gratitude for the \$400 Grant from WDVA for the purchase of fuel cards and taxi services for veterans who need transportation assistance.

Dated: 01/03/2024

Authored by: Angela Cummings
 Co-Sponsored by: Jesse Boyd, Julie DePasse, Ken Wickham
 Committee: Administrative & Legislative
 Committee Vote: 6-0 Date Passed: 01/03/2024
 Fiscal Impact: \$400 to Veterans 2024 Budget

Drafted by: John Olson, County Veterans Service Officer

M/S Osness/Thiel to adopt resolution 2024-01-01. Motion carried by voice.

2. Resolution 2024-01-02

Authorizing ARPA Funding in the Amount Not To Exceed \$100,000 for City of Tomahawk 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 through resolution 2023-05-40 approved earmarking \$500,000 for the purpose of supporting municipalities in developing strategies that create economic growth, such as campsites; and
WHEREAS, once specific and detailed plans were developed, the requests would be brought forward for further approval; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tomahawk has presented a plan to develop campsites at the Sara Park; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the City of Tomahawk best understands the needs of their property and can determine how to best use the funding for the purpose of developing this site; and

WHEREAS, the plan includes two phases, phase I to include electric and water supplied to 20 camp sites and phase II to construct a bathroom/shower facility and additional sites; and

WHEREAS, the cost estimates at this time is approximately \$100,000 for site preparation, gravel, landscaping, electric, water, picnic tables and fire rings; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that this amount does not include inflation, unexpected expenses related to purchase of these items, and additional supplies that the City of Tomahawk determines enhances the campsite development and/or attraction not yet realized.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, authorizes the use of up to \$100,000 to be issued to the City of Tomahawk who will provide invoices or receipts of purchase for the purpose of developing the Sara Park Campground.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Tomahawk must initiate all expenditures resulting from the ARPA funding by December 1, 2024

Dated: January 16, 2024

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9
 Co-Sponsored by: Greg Hartwig, Supervisor, District 22 and
 Jesse Boyd, Supervisor, District 10

Committee: Administrative & Legislative

Committee Vote: 6-0 Date Passed: 01-03-2024

Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$100,000

Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Administrative Coordinator

M/S Wendorf/Bialecki to adopt resolution 2024-01-02. Motion carried by voice.

3. Resolution 2024-01-03

Increasing public health support for advancing Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards
Whereas, Lincoln County Health Department has the role and responsibility to advance program standards in an effort to reduce the occurrence of foodborne illness risk factors and implement and attain conformance with the Retail Program Standards.

Whereas, the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have partnered to offer local health departments ample financial support to advance conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (VNRFRPS or Retail Program Standards) through mentorship and training.

Whereas, grant funds goals are as follows 1. Support strategies that reduce the occurrence of foodborne illness risk factors; 2. Promote uniformity and a national Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS) by enabling jurisdictions to move

toward full compliance with the Retail Program Standards; and 3. Fully leverage the expertise and capacity of retail food protection at Lincoln County Health Department.

Whereas, the activities funded by the grant would not exceed the funding or terms of the grant and be limited to the grant timeline of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Board approves the acceptance of the NEHA-FDA Retail Flexible Funding Model (RFFM) Grant of \$30,977

Dated: (County Board date)

Authored by: Dana Miller

Co-Sponsored by: Angela Cummings

Committee: Board of Health

Committee Vote: 5-0 Date Passed: 10/18/23

Fiscal Impact: \$30,977

Drafted by: Shelley Hersil

M/S Miller/Meunier to adopt resolution 2024-01-03. Motion carried by voice.

4. Resolution 2024-01-04

Authorizing Earmarked ARPA Funding to Support Townships of Russell and King in Creating Economic Growth

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 through resolution 2023-05-40 approved earmarking \$500,000 for the purpose of supporting municipalities in developing strategies that create economic growth, such as campsites; and

WHEREAS, once specific and detailed plans were developed, the requests would be brought forward for further approval; and

WHEREAS, the Townships of Russell and King submitted proposals fitting the criteria of the request; and

WHEREAS, additional townships requests may be reviewed at a later date; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative and Legislative Committee reviewed the requests and recommended the approval of ARPA funding to the townships to be used as proposed to not exceed as follows:

- Town of Russell in the amount of \$75,000
- Town of King in the amount of ~~\$67,718 with the option of submitting an additional proposal for an all-accessible Kayak/Canoe dock.~~ \$117,218.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, authorizes designated amounts to be issued to the above townships who will provide invoices or receipts of purchase for the purpose of developing their submitted plans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Townships must initiate all expenditures resulting from the ARPA funding by December 1, 2024.

Dated: January 16, 2024

Authored by: Angela Cummings, Supervisor, District 20

Co-Sponsored by: Ken Wickham, Supervisor, District 18

Committee: Administrative and Legislative

Committee Vote: 7-0 Date Passed: 01.03.24

Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$143,718 from the earmarked ARPA funds(\$300,000)

Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Administrative Coordinator

M/S DePasse/McCrank to adopt resolution 2024-01-04. **M/S** Wickham/Hartwig to amend the resolution by striking ~~\$67,718 with the option of submitting an additional proposal for an all-accessible Kayak/Canoe dock.~~ and by adding the amount of \$117,218 to accommodate the adjusted request from the Town of King. Sixth **WHEREAS** second bullet point. Motion to amend carried by voice. Original motion to approve also carried by voice.

B. Ordinances - None

10. Report of Claims - None

11. **M/S** Boyd/Bialecki to approve the mileage and per diem for this meeting. Motion carried by voice.

12. Next County Board Meeting: February 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 North Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452.

13. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 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, (December 19, 2023)

Christopher Marlowe, County Clerk

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