

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday April 18, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Location: Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452
Via Teleconference and In-Person Attendance

Electronic Attendance: Persons wishing to attend the meeting electronically may enter the meeting beginning approximately ten minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number or address:

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Access Code (PIN): 492 467 134#

Meeting ID: <https://meet.google.com/vqr-xbnr-ijj>

Attendance Policy: The teleconference cannot start until the host (county clerk) dials in and enters the host password. In the event there is an unforeseen technical difficulty that prevents all or a part of the meeting from being available electronically, the meeting will continue in person and those wishing to attend can appear in person at the location indicated on this agenda. All public participants' phones, microphones and chat dialog boxes must be muted or disabled during the meeting.

All Public Comment is Limited to Current Agenda Items: citizens attending by teleconference may have floor privileges to speak on agenda items without signing-in at the meeting location. Before the meeting is called to order, the Clerk will ask teleconference attendees whether any public comment is being offered. When called upon by the Board Chair, any persons offering public comment should state his/her name and express in good order his/her comments upon the topic under consideration for no more than 5 minutes.

AMENDED AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/Appointments
 - A. Announcements – None
 - B. Service Recognitions – None
 - C. Appointments & Re-Appointments:
 - 1) Appointment of 2023 Emergency Fire Wardens
 - a. Town of Bradley – James Charles, Kracker Barrel, PO Box 121, Heafford Jct, WI 54532
 - b. Town of Russell – Robert Kressell, Northern States Tool and Cutter, N5333 Hwy 17, Gleason WI, 54435
 - c. Town of Scott – Mike Gruenenwald, Beacon Bar, N1297 Fairview Road, Merrill WI 54452
5. Approval of the Journal – March 21, 2023
6. Letters, Petitions 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. Ad Hoc Committee on Pine Crest: Continued Discussion on Report of Nursing Home Review and Possible Alternatives – County Board Chair (Don Friske)
8. Public Comment
9. Resolutions and Ordinances

<ol style="list-style-type: none">A. Res 1) Resolution 2023-04-192) Resolution 2023-04-203) Resolution 2023-04-214) Resolution 2023-04-225) Resolution 2023-04-236) Resolution 2023-04-24	<p>Resolution Accepting Donation from Aspirus Health</p> <p>Approve the Appointment of the Director of Emergency Management</p> <p>Acceptance and designation of Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) funding</p> <p>Sheriff's Office Corrections Division Wage Adjustment</p> <p>Resolution to Fully Fund UW-Extension</p> <p>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</p>
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- * 7) Resolution 2023-04-25 Resolution accepting \$300.00 from American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin, District 11*
- *8) Resolution 2023-04-26 Resolution accepting \$15,878 from Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs for the County Veterans Service Office Supplemental Grant*
- *9) Resolution 2023-04-27 Resolution Requesting the State Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula*
- *10) Resolution 2023-04-28 Reinstating the Human Resource Specialist*
- *11) Resolution 2023-04-29 Accepting Lincoln County Vision Statement and Branding*

B. Ord 1) Ordinance - None

10. Report of Claims – None

11. Approval for Mileage and Per Diem for Board Meeting

12. Next County Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 6:00 P.M. Meeting Location: Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452

13. Adjourn

Posted: Date _____ Time _____ by _____

Request for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of this meeting. You may contact the County Clerk at 715.539.1019. Please do so as early as possible so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be held in a location which is reasonably accessible to the public.
2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.
2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspaper and to any members of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

MANNER OF NOTICE:

Date, time, place, and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to give notice to the public.

TIME FOR NOTICE:

1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is a good cause that such notice is impossible or impractical.

EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES AND SUB-UNITS:

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful meeting to act or deliberate upon a subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place, and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:

1. Motion must be made, seconded, and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.
2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in the closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED SEESIONS ARE PERMITTED:

1. Deliberation of judicial or quasi-judicial matters. Sec. 19.85(1)(a)
2. Considering dismissal, demotion, or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b).
3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee. Sec. 19.85(1)(c).
4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d).
5. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85(1)(e).
6. Considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public would likely have an adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(f).
7. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g).
8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h).

CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:

1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.
2. May not convene in open session, then convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session with twelve (12) hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.
3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.

BALLOTS, VOTES, AND RECORDS:

1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.
2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.
2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

PENALTY:

Upon conviction, nay member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the said law shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each violation.

Lincoln County Board of Supervisors

Meeting: March 21, 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 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of allegiance followed.
3. Clerk Marlowe called Roll - Members Present: Allen, Anderson-Malm, Ashbeck, Bialecki, Boyd, Cummings, DePasse, Detert, Friske, Hafeman, Lemke, Loka, McCrank, Meunier, Osness, Rusch, Simon, Thiel, Wendorf, and Wickham. Hartwig attended virtually (21). Excused: Callahan (1).
4. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/Appointments
 - A. Announcements - None
 - B. Service Recognitions – March

10 Years:	Joseph Strassman – Highway Worker
15 Years:	Katie Kroening – Court Clerk
25 Years:	Jerry Schoepke – Highway Worker
30 Years:	Grant Peterson – Lieutenant Sheriff
 - C. Appointments & Re-Appointments:
 1. Social Services Committee Election to fill the unexpired term of Lori Anderson-Malm (term ending 4/2024) Angela Cummings nominated Elizabeth McCrank. There were no other nominations. M/S Bialecki/Loka to close nominations and cast a unanimous consent ballot for McCrank. Without objection, McCrank will fill Anderson-Malm’s vacated seat on the Social Services Committee.
 2. Appointment of Julie DePasse to Broadband Ad Hoc Committee to fill the unexpired term of Calvin Callahan (term ending 4/2024). M/S Thiel/Wickham to appoint Julie DePasse to the Broadband Ad Hoc Committee (Term ending 4/15/24). Motion carried by voice.
 3. Appointment of County Board Supervisor to Broadband Committee to fill the unexpired term of Angela Cummings (Term ends 4/2024). Chair Friske asked for members of the county who are interested in filling this seat on the committee to let Broadband Chair Wickham or himself know of their intention. Cummings will remain on the committee until her seat is filled.
 4. Appointment of Maria Pregler to Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin Board Member. M/S McCrank/Ashbeck to appoint Maria Pregler to the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin Advisory Committee (Term ending 12/31/25). Motion carried by voice.
 5. Appointment of Don Wendorf to Forestry, Land & Parks Committee to fill the unexpired term of Calvin Callahan (term ends 4/2024). M/S Bialecki/Ashbeck to appoint Wendorf to fill the unexpired term of Callahan on the Forestry Committee. Motion carried by voice.
5. Approval of Journal – February 20, 2023: M/S Cummings/DePasse to approve the February 20th minutes as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
6. Letters, Petitions 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) Director Fenske gave her report and offered to answer questions.
 - B. Finance & Insurance Committee: 2024 Budget Strategy and Goals – Committee Chair (Julie DePasse) Finance Chair DePasse updated the board on the Finance Committees 2024 Budget Strategies and answered questions.
 - C. AD HOC Committee on Pine Crest: Report of Nursing Home Review and Possible Alternatives – Committee Chair (Ken Wickham) Wickham gave his extensive committee report on the committee’s findings. Finance Director Fenske participated in the discussion as well with both answering questions from the floor.
8. Public Comment –
 - A. Diana Smith Commented on item number 7(C). Diana Smith is a county resident and commented virtually.
 - B. Kevin Stevenson, 600 Hollywood Dr., Merrill. Kevin also commented on item 7(C).
9. Resolutions and Ordinances

A. 1) Resolution 2023-03-14

Resolution 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

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 behalf of the County, the Law Firms filed a lawsuit against the Opioid Defendants;

WHEREAS, the Law Firms filed similar lawsuits on behalf of 66 other Wisconsin counties and all Wisconsin cases were coordinated with thousands of other lawsuits filed against the same or substantially similar parties as the Opioid Defendants in the Northern District of Ohio, captioned *In re: Opioid Litigation*, MDL 2804 (the “Litigation”);

WHEREAS, four (4) additional Wisconsin counties (Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth) hired separate counsel and joined the Litigation;

WHEREAS, since the inception of the Litigation, the Law Firms have coordinated with counsel from around the country (including counsel for Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth Counties) to prepare the County’s case for trial and engage in extensive settlement discussions with the Opioid Defendants;

WHEREAS, the settlement discussions with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Walgreen Co., Walmart, Inc., CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc.. (the “Settling Defendants”) resulted in a tentative agreement as to settlement terms pending agreement from the County and other plaintiffs involved in the Litigation;

WHEREAS, copies of the various settlement agreements relating to the Settling Defendants (collectively “Settlement Agreements”) representing the terms of the tentative settlement agreements with the Settling Defendants have been provided with this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreements provide, among other things, for the payment of certain sums to Participating Subdivisions (as defined in the Settlement Agreements) upon the occurrence of certain events detailed in the Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, the County is a Participating Subdivision in the Settlement Agreements and has the opportunity to participate in the benefits associated with the Settlement Agreement provided the County (a) approves the Settlement Agreements; (b) approves the Memorandum of Understanding allocating proceeds from the Settlement Agreements among the various Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution (the “Allocation MOU”); (c) approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin Attorney General regarding allocation of settlement proceeds, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution (the “AG MOU”); and (d) the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Finance approves the terms of the Settlement Agreements and the AG MOU;

WHEREAS, 2021 Wisconsin Act 57 created Section 165.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes relating to the settlement of all or part of the Litigation;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.12(2), the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Finance is required to approve the Settlement Agreements and the AG MOU;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.12(2), the proceeds from any settlement of all or part of the Litigation are distributed 70% to local governments in Wisconsin that are parties to the Litigation and 30% to the State;

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4)(b)2. provides the proceeds from the Settlement Agreement must be deposited in a segregated account (the “Opioid Abatement Account”) and may be expended only for approved uses for opioid abatement as provided in the Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(7) bars claims from any Wisconsin local government against the Opioid Defendants filed after June 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, the definition of Participating Subdivisions in the Settlement Agreements recognizes a statutory bar on claims such as that set forth in Wis. Stat. § 165.12(7) and, as a result, the only Participating Subdivisions in Wisconsin are those counties and municipalities that were parties to the Litigation (or otherwise actively litigating a claim against one, some, or all of the Opioid Defendants) as of June 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Finance is not statutorily authorized or required to approve the allocation of proceeds of the Settlement Agreements among Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions;

WHEREAS, the Law Firms have engaged in extensive discussions with counsel for all other Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions resulting in the proposed Allocation MOU, which is an agreement between all of the entities identified in the Allocation MOU as to how the proceeds payable to those entities under the Settlement Agreements will be allocated;

WHEREAS, the proposed Addendum to the MOU (“Addendum”) provided with this Resolution provides for allocation of settlement proceeds among the Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions according to the same percentages as that provided in the previously-approved MOU allocating the settlement proceeds of the settlements involving McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc.;

WHEREAS, there is provided with this Resolution a summary of the essential terms of the Settlement Agreements, the deadlines related to the effective dates of the Settlement Agreements, the ramifications associated with the County’s refusal to enter into the Settlement Agreements, the form of the Addendum, the form of the AG MOU, and an overview of the process for finalizing the Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, shall deposit the proceeds of the Settlement Agreements consistent with the terms of this Resolution and Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4)(b);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the County’s engagement agreement with the Law Firms, the County shall pay up to an amount equal to 25% of the proceeds from successful resolution of all or part of the Litigation, whether through settlement or otherwise, plus the Law Firms’ costs and disbursements, to the Law Firms as compensation for the Law Firms’ efforts in the Litigation and any settlement;

WHEREAS, the Law Firms anticipate making application to the national fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements seeking payment, in whole or part, of the fees, costs, and disbursements owed the Law Firms pursuant to the engagement agreement with the County;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated the amount of any award from the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements will be insufficient to satisfy the County’s obligations under the engagement agreement with the Law Firms;

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, and pursuant to the authority granted the County in the applicable Order emanating from the Litigation in relation to the Settlement Agreements and payment of attorney fees, shall authorize and direct the escrow agent responsible for the receipt and distribution of the proceeds from the Settlement Agreements to establish an account for the purpose of segregating funds to pay the fees, costs, and disbursements of the Law Firms owed by the County (the “Attorney Fees Account”) in order to fund a local “backstop” for payment of the fees, costs, and disbursements of the Law Firms;

WHEREAS, in no event shall payments to the Law Firms out of the Attorney Fees Account and the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements exceed an amount equal to 25% of the amounts allocated to the County in the Addendum;

WHEREAS, the intent of this Resolution is to authorize the County to enter into the Settlement Agreements, the Addendum, and the AG MOU, establish the County’s Opioid Abatement Account, and establish the Attorney Fees Account; and

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, shall authorize the County’s corporation counsel to finalize and execute any escrow agreement and other document or agreement necessary to effectuate the Settlement Agreements and the other agreements referenced herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the County Board of Supervisors hereby approves:

1. The execution of the Settlement Agreements and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair or designee to execute same.
2. The final negotiation and execution of the Addendum in form substantially similar to that presented with this Resolution and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair or designee to execute same upon finalization provided the percentage share identified as allocated to the County is substantially similar to that identified in the Addendum provided to the Board with this Resolution.
3. The final negotiation and execution of the AG MOU in form substantially similar to that presented with this Resolution and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair or designee to execute same.
4. The execution by the Board Chair or designee of any additional documents or agreements for the receipt and disbursement of the proceeds of the Settlement Agreements as referenced in the Addendum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: all 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the County hereby authorizes the establishment of an account separate and distinct from any account containing funds allocated or allocable to the County which shall be referred to by the County as the "Attorney Fees Account." An escrow agent shall deposit a sum equal to up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the County's proceeds from the Settlement Agreements into the Attorney Fees Account. If the payments to the County are not enough to fully fund the Attorney Fees Account as provided herein because such payments are made over time, the Attorney Fees Account shall be funded by placing up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the proceeds from the Settlement Agreements attributable to Local Governments (as that term is defined in the Allocation MOU) into the Attorney Fees Account for each payment. Funds in the Attorney Fees Account shall be utilized to pay the fees, costs, and disbursements owed to the Law Firms pursuant to the engagement agreement between the County and the Law Firms provided, however, the Law Firms shall receive no more than that to which they are entitled under their fee contract when considering the amounts paid the Law Firms from the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements and allocable to the County. The Law Firms may make application for payment from the Attorney Fees Account at any time and the County shall cooperate with the Law Firms in executing any documents necessary for the escrow agent to make payments out of the Attorney Fees Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions heretofore taken by the Board of Supervisors and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Dated: March 21, 2023

Authored by: Angela Cummings, Supervisor, District 20

Co-Sponsored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9, Board Chair

Committee: A&L Committee

Committee Vote: 5-0

Date Passed: 03.01.23

Fiscal Impact: contingent upon settlement

M/S Simon/Loka to adopt Resolution 2023-03-14. Motion carried by a voice vote.

2) Resolution 2023-03-15

Resolution to Provide Funding to the Merrill and Tomahawk Chambers of Commerce, and membership in the North Central Wisconsin Tourism Council formerly known as (ITBEC)

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin County Associations county-by-county sales tax projections show Lincoln County as one of four counties with zero growth or a reduction in sales tax revenue for 2023; and

WHEREAS, if Lincoln County is to continue to provide services at a level meeting the expectations of the citizens of the County, one area the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors must focus on is revenue growth without raising taxes; and

WHEREAS, Tourism is a critical factor in growing the sales tax for Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, The Merrill and Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce functions are to promote tourism and assist in growth to Lincoln County business; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has been a member of both the Merrill and Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce for at least the last twenty years; and

WHEREAS, both the Merrill and Tomahawk Chambers of Commerce are members of the North Central Wisconsin Tourism Council, formerly named (ITBEC), which is a twelve county association promoting tourism for our county.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors orders the Director of Finance to provide funding in the amount of \$1,500.00 for membership in the Merrill Chamber of Commerce, \$300.00 for membership in the Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce, and \$1,001.00 for membership in the North Central WI Tourism Council (ITBEC) for the year 2023, and the same amount for the year 2024 using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Dated: March 21, 2023

Authored by: Greg Hartwig, Supervisor, District 22

Co-Sponsored by: Jesse Boyd, Supervisor, District 10

Committee: A&L Committee

Committee Vote: 5-0

Date Passed: 3/1/23

Fiscal Impact: \$2,801.00 in 2023 and \$2,801.00 in 2024 (total \$5,602.00).

M/S Bialecki/Boyd to adopt Resolution 2023-03-15. Motion carried by a voice vote.

3) Resolution 2023-03-16

Highway Department CDL Wage Reorganization

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Highway Department pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 83 County Highways (entirety), Stat. 59.52(29) and (30) Public Works, Stat. 84.07 State Highway Maintenance, Stat. 86.31(2)(b) and (6)(h) WisDOT LRIP is responsible for maintenance and construction of town roads, county roads and state highways and

WHEREAS, under Wisconsin Statute 83.01(1)(4) Lincoln County needs to supply office and personnel to perform Commissioner's and Highway Departments duties of maintenance, construction and safety needs of Lincoln County's traveling public.

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Highway Committee has directed Highway Department to formulate a wage structure to encourage new applicants to apply for open positions and retain our experienced employees. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, at recommendation of the Lincoln County Highway Committee and Highway Department it is requested that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors adopt the following reorganization of Highway Department:

- 1.) Increase wages per hour for all Highway Department CDL employees.
- 2.) Fiscal cost will be covered by billings to other entities and excess revenues from WisDOT PbMs. All fiscal impacts will be covered internally.

Dated: March 21, 2023

Authored by: Gene Simon, Supervisor District 21

Co-Sponsored by: Randy Detert Dist. 11, Ken Wickham Dist. 18, Jesse Boyd Dist. 10

Committee: Highway

Committee Vote: 4-0

Date Passed: March 2, 2023

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Cummings/Osness to adopt Resolution 2023-03-16. M/S Friske/Simon to amend Item 1), Line 14 to read: 1.) Increase wages by creating an add on of \$2 per hour for all Highway Department CDL employees required in the normal course of their work duties to possess a valid Wisconsin Commercial Driver's License as determined by the position job description of the Highway Commissioner and approved by the Highway Committee. The employee must have and maintain a valid commercial driver's license to be eligible. Motion to amend carried on a voice vote. M/S Loka/Bialecki to adopt as amended carried by voice vote.

4) Resolution 2023-03-17

Authorizing Contingency Fund Request for \$29,627 Administrative Personnel Department in 2022

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021 the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 2021-11-47 approving the 2022 budget and providing an appropriation amount of \$211,792 and tax levy of \$211,792 in the Administrative Personnel Department; and

WHEREAS in 2022 Administrative Personnel expenditures exceeded \$29,627 of the budgeted amount of \$211,792 due to increased wage, fringe, and legal service expenditures; and

WHEREAS, \$29,627 is in excess of ten percent of the 2022 budget appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does approve and authorize contingency funds in the amount of \$29,627 to be transferred to the Administrative Personnel Department.

Dated: March 21, 2023

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

Co-Sponsored by: Julie DePasse, Supervisor, District 12

Committee: Finance & Insurance

Date: 03.03.23

Vote: 5-0

Administrative & Legislative Committee

Date: 03.01.23

Vote: 4-0

Fiscal Impact: \$29,627 from contingency funds

M/S Boyd/Loka to adopt Resolution 2023-03-17. Motion carried by a voice vote.

5) Resolution 2023-03-18

Adopting the Reorganization of the Health Department

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Services, in accordance to §250.03(1) Wis. Stats., shall maintain a public health system in cooperation with local health departments; community organization; and medical clinics that are operated by the governing bodies, or agencies of the governing bodies, of federally recognized American Indian tribes or bands located in this state. The Department of Health Services shall further support local public health service capacity building through grants, consultation and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Health Department routinely receives temporary funding through grants and allocations that are to meet changing public health needs in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Health Department continuously recruits limited term employees, resulting in on-going turnover and training, to access these grant funds and meet the health needs of the county; and

WHEREAS, limited term employees are restricted to the number of hours they can work during a calendar year and have restricted to eligibility for benefits; and

WHEREAS, the funding structure could allow for the retention of individual employees that can transition responsibilities to be responsive to the changing landscape of funds available; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Health Department currently has three funding sources to use for the recovery of health department operations and recovery of the community, continuing access and awareness of vaccines, workforce development and support, and recovery and surveillance totaling \$611,458, which can be used to cover salary and fringe; and

WHEREAS, the current organizational chart does not reflect the accurate job descriptions and is not responsive to the changing allocations of job responsibilities based on community health needs; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Health approved the transition of grant positions from LTE to full time grant positions until grant funding and/or allocations are exhausted; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Personnel Policy further sets forth the process to be followed by the County before a new position can be added; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Lincoln County Board of Health, it is requested that the County Board of Supervisors adopt the following reorganization of the Health Department to address recruitment and retention, maximize reimbursable costs by the State, and have appropriate and adequately trained staff assigned to appropriate job descriptions, as follows:

1. Transition two current LTE positions (current employees) to grant funded full-time positions:
Community Health Planner on Grade H, step 2 and Public Health Technician on Grade F, step 2.
2. Add an additional grant funded position (currently vacant), part-time Community Health Planner on Grade H.

Dated: March 21, 2023

Authored by: Supervisor Angela Cummings, District 20

Co-Sponsored by: Supervisor Laurie Thiel, District 8

Board of Health Committee Vote: 5-0 Date Passed: February 15, 2023

Administrative & Legislative Committee Vote: 4-0 Date Passed: March 1, 2023

Fiscal Impact: Total Grant/Allocations through 12.31.21: \$611,458

Total Wage and Fringe for 3 positions through 12.31.24: \$386,175.92

M/S Ashbeck/Allen to adopt Resolution 2023-03-18. Motion carried by a voice vote.

B. 1) Ordinance 2023-03-736

An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln Chapter 12 (creating §12.06 – Utility Accommodation Policy)

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

Section 12.06 is created to read as follows:

12.06 UTILITY ACCOMMODATION POLICY.

- (1) Purpose. Lincoln County does not currently have a policy regulating utility companies installing facilities in county highway right-of-way, and the State of Wisconsin recently adopted a Utility Accommodation Policy that sets forth requirements for utility companies to follow in State right-of-way. There is a desire for consistency in policies between the State and the counties, and adoption of the attached policy would create that consistency.
- (2) Lincoln County hereby adopts in full, as attached hereto and as if fully set forth herein, the Wisconsin County Highway Association Utility Accommodation Policy as amended and dated January 1, 2022

together with the Appendices. The policy, appendices and any amendments thereto shall be promptly made available to utility companies, their contractors and the public.

This Ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

Dated: March 21, 2023

Authored by: Gene Simon, Supervisor, District 21

Co-Sponsored by: Supervisors Deter (Dist. 11), Boyd (Dist. 10), Wickham (Dist. 18)

Committee: A&L Committee and Highway Committee

Committee Vote: A&L: 5-0; Hwy: 4-0

Date Passed: A&L: 3/1/23; Hwy: 3/2/23

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Wickham/Simon to adopt Ordinance 2023-03-736. Motion carried by a voice vote.

2) Ordinance 2023-03-737

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL CODE OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN – CHAPTER 17, 17.1.12 AND 17.2.03, ZONING ORDINANCE AS A RESULT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND REZONING PETITION BY JEFFREY DAURER FOR PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF WILSON.

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

Chapter 17.1.12, Lincoln County Code and the Planned Land Use Map of the Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan shall be amended to change the planned land use category for property located in Section 8, T35N-R5E, in the Town of Wilson, tax pin# 03235050819965, from Rural/Environmental (Rural Lands) to Residential (Rural Single Family Residential).

AND

Chapter 17.2.03, Lincoln County Code, is amended such that property located in Section 8, T35N-R5E, in the Town of Wilson, tax pin# 03235050819965, will be rezoned from Rural Lands-4 (RR4) to Rural Residential-3 (RR3) zoning district.

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: 3/21/23

Authored by: Marty Lemke

Co-Sponsored by: William Bialecki

Committee: Land Services Committee

Committee Vote: 7-0

Date Passed: 3/9/23

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S McCrank/Rusch to adopt Ordinance 2023-03-737. Motion carried by a voice vote.

3) Ordinance 2023-03-738

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL CODE OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN CHAPTER 17 –17.2.100 RELATING TO PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL LAND USES BY ZONING DISTRICT.

The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain that portions of Chapter 17 be amended as indicated in the attachment.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

Dated: 3/20/23

Authored by: Marty Lemke

Co-Sponsored by: Julie DePasse, Randy Detert, Greg Hartwig, Elizabeth McCrank, Greta

Rusch, William Bialecki

Committee: Land Services Committee

Committee Vote: 7-0

Date Passed: 3/9/23

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Detert/McCrank to adopt Ordinance 2023-03-738. Motion carried by a voice vote. (The attachments can be view in the Land Services Department, County Clerk's Office, and on the Lincoln County Website.)

10. Report of Claims - None.

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

12. Next County Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452.

13. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 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, March 21, 2023

Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk

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**Emergency Fire Wardens
Lincoln County
2023**

Town of Bradley

James Charles

Kracker Barrel, PO Box 121 Heafford Jct, WI 54532

Town of Russell

Robert Kressell

Northern States Tool and Cutter, N5333 Hwy 17, Gleason, WI 54435

Town of Scott

Mike Grunenwald

Beacon Bar, N1297 Fairview Road, Merrill, WI 54452

BY:



Joe Schwantes, Area Forestry Leader

Date:

12/12/2022

BY:

Chairperson, Lincoln County Board

Date:

FOR 2023 03

JOURNAL DETAIL 2023 3 TO 2023 3

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
<u>0010 GENERAL FUND</u>							
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,331,514	1,331,514	567,999.55	-22,244.88	.00	763,514.45	42.7%
10 COUNTY BOARD	2,424,559	2,424,559	1,025,991.67	651,575.57	.00	1,398,567.33	42.3%
20 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL	234,585	234,585	32,032.16	16,268.89	.00	202,552.84	13.7%
21 CORPORATION COUNSEL	203,595	203,595	43,335.04	23,373.97	.00	160,259.96	21.3%
22 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	535,111	535,111	136,810.73	34,593.91	.00	398,300.27	25.6%
23 COUNTY CLERK	208,795	208,795	55,836.44	31,064.52	.00	152,958.56	26.7%
24 TREASURERS DEPARTMENT	178,580	178,580	37,246.48	13,508.78	.00	141,333.52	20.9%
25 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	874,001	874,001	273,402.68	172,004.33	.00	600,598.32	31.3%
26 MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT	1,800,683	1,800,683	349,501.03	99,951.93	.00	1,451,181.97	19.4%
27 VETERANS DEPARTMENT	172,946	172,946	34,873.67	11,903.70	.00	138,072.33	20.2%
30 CLERK OF COURTS	563,697	563,697	109,044.20	35,124.01	.00	454,652.80	19.3%
31 CIRCUIT COURT (PROBATE)	354,806	354,806	77,444.56	24,236.71	.00	277,361.44	21.8%
32 FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER	47,050	47,050	6,015.26	60.00	.00	41,034.74	12.8%
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE	334,702	334,702	74,830.07	26,341.73	.00	259,871.93	22.4%
41 LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT	1,221,575	1,221,575	244,705.62	68,831.21	.00	976,869.38	20.0%
43 REGISTER OF DEEDS	257,301	257,301	49,562.04	18,164.22	.00	207,738.96	19.3%
44 UW EXTENSION	45,000	45,000	-2,265.32	-2,976.50	.00	47,265.32	-5.0%
50 SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	8,217,413	8,217,413	1,873,210.29	795,006.69	.00	6,344,202.71	22.8%
51 CORONERS DEPARTMENT	135,390	135,390	12,667.18	3,522.25	.00	122,722.82	9.4%
52 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	67,807	67,807	9,373.09	5,517.95	.00	58,433.91	13.8%
60 CHILD SUPPORT	300,391	300,391	64,692.41	23,755.45	.00	235,698.59	21.5%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	19,509,501	19,509,501	5,076,308.85	2,029,584.44	.00	14,433,192.15	26.0%
<u>0020 COUNTY ROADS FUND</u>							
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	4,233,331	4,262,549	435,852.70	.00	.00	3,826,696.30	10.2%
TOTAL COUNTY ROADS FUND	4,233,331	4,262,549	435,852.70	.00	.00	3,826,696.30	10.2%
<u>0021 JAIL ASSESSMENT FUND</u>							
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	35,000	35,000	.00	.00	.00	35,000.00	.0%
TOTAL JAIL ASSESSMENT FUND	35,000	35,000	.00	.00	.00	35,000.00	.0%
<u>0022 EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND</u>							

FOR 2023 03

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0022	EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	2,241,919	2,241,919	263,018.37	-3,565.08	.00	1,978,900.63	11.7%
	TOTAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND	2,241,919	2,241,919	263,018.37	-3,565.08	.00	1,978,900.63	11.7%
0023 HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,203,177	1,203,177	215,979.13	74,143.32	.00	987,197.87	18.0%
	TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND	1,203,177	1,203,177	215,979.13	74,143.32	.00	987,197.87	18.0%
0024 SOCIAL SERVICES FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	3,513,236	3,513,236	718,611.23	156,986.75	.00	2,794,624.77	20.5%
	TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	3,513,236	3,513,236	718,611.23	156,986.75	.00	2,794,624.77	20.5%
0029 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	45,000.00	.00	.00	-45,000.00	100.0%
	TOTAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND	0	0	45,000.00	.00	.00	-45,000.00	100.0%
0030 DEBT SERVICE FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,637,860	1,637,860	.00	.00	.00	1,637,860.00	.0%
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	1,637,860	1,637,860	.00	.00	.00	1,637,860.00	.0%
0050 DOG LICENSE FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	29,500	29,500	.04	.00	.00	29,499.96	.0%
	TOTAL DOG LICENSE FUND	29,500	29,500	.04	.00	.00	29,499.96	.0%
0051 SEC 125 BENEFIT FUND								

FOR 2023 03

JOURNAL DETAIL 2023 3 TO 2023 3

0051	SEC 125 BENEFIT FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	161.70	.00	.00	-161.70	100.0%
	TOTAL SEC 125 BENEFIT FUND	0	0	161.70	.00	.00	-161.70	100.0%
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0060	SOLID WASTE FUND							
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	2,086,955	2,086,955	125,648.02	53,823.11	.00	1,961,306.98	6.0%
	TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUND	2,086,955	2,086,955	125,648.02	53,823.11	.00	1,961,306.98	6.0%
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0062	FORESTRY							
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,510,601	1,510,601	228,705.15	62,926.60	.00	1,281,895.85	15.1%
	TOTAL FORESTRY	1,510,601	1,510,601	228,705.15	62,926.60	.00	1,281,895.85	15.1%
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0070	HIGHWAY FUND							
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	9,709,275	9,709,275	1,378,722.75	345,853.81	.00	8,330,552.25	14.2%
	TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	9,709,275	9,709,275	1,378,722.75	345,853.81	.00	8,330,552.25	14.2%
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0071	SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE							
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	484,944.78	3,203.41	.00	-484,944.78	100.0%
	TOTAL SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANC	0	0	484,944.78	3,203.41	.00	-484,944.78	100.0%
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	GRAND TOTAL	45,710,355	45,739,573	8,972,952.72	2,722,956.36	.00	36,766,620.28	19.6%

** END OF REPORT - Generated by Samantha Fenske **

Resolution 2023-04-19

Motion By:
Second By:

Resolution Accepting Donation from Aspirus Health

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Anderson-Malm			
3	McCrank			
4	Osness			
5	Wendorf			
6	Ashbeck			
7	Rusch			
8	Thiel			
9	Friske			
10	Boyd			
11	Detert			
12	DePasse			
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14	Hafeman			
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17	Meunier			
18	Wickham			
19	Allen			
20	Cummings			
21	Simon			
22	Hartwig			
Totals				
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Amended				
Voice vote				
Roll call				

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Health Department, promotes partnerships within the community to improve health through advocacy, prevention and implementation of best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Live Well Lincoln is spearheaded by Lincoln County Health Department with leadership from the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin, Aspirus Health, and Lincoln County Social Services.

WHEREAS, the current health priorities identified in the Lincoln County Community Health Improvement Plan, are Oral Health, Nutrition and Mental Health.

WHEREAS, the following donations have been received to offset the costs to implement the following projects:

- \$1,381.54 for supplies for the Seal a Smile Program (school-based dental sealants)
- \$2,000 to support the Community Health Improvement Process (hosting listening sessions, forums, focus groups, and plan development)
- \$5,000 to support the printing and promotion of the Mental Health and Substance Use Resource Guide
- \$5,000 to support a mental health billboard campaign targeting Lincoln County Residents

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accept the \$13,382 from Aspirus Health, Inc. on behalf of the Lincoln County Health Department who is responsible to implement these projects.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

Dated: April 18, 2023

Authored by: Michael Loka
 Co-Sponsored by: Brenda Mueller
 Committee: Board of Health
 Committee Vote: 7-0
 Fiscal Impact: \$13,382 funds to implement Live Well Lincoln Community Health Improvement Plan

Date Passed: 3/15/2023

 Christopher J. Marlowe
 Lincoln County Clerk

Drafted by: Shelley Hersil

Motion By:
Second By:

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Administrative & Legislative Committee and Law Enforcement Committee recommends the appointment of Tyler Verhasselt as the Director of Emergency Management.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 18th day of April, 2023, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of Tyler Varhasselt as the Lincoln County Director of Emergency Management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointee will be a part-time exempt employee placed at Step 5 (\$29.33 per hour) of the 2023 pay scale, Grade I, on the salary plan.

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Anderson-Malm			
3	McCrank			
4	Osness			
5	Wendorf			
6	Ashbeck			
7	Rusch			
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Voice vote				
Roll call				

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

Christopher J. Marlowe
 Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: April 18, 2023

Authorized by: Supervisor Friske, District 9
 Co-Sponsored by: Supervisor DePasse, District 12; Supervisor Cummings, District 20
 Committee: Administrative & Legislative
 Committee Vote: 6-0
 Committee: Law Enforcement Committee
 Committee Vote: 5-0

Date Passed: April 5, 2023

Date Passed: April 12, 2023

Fiscal Impact: None (No additional tax levy)

Drafted by: Renee Krueger

Motion By:
Second By:

Acceptance and designation of Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) funding

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan appropriated \$2 billion to the U.S Department of Treasury across fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide payments to eligible revenue sharing counties and eligible Tribal governments for use on any governmental purpose except for a lobbying activity; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lincoln, WI qualifies for \$100,000 (\$50,000 in 2022 and \$50,000 in 2023); and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Finance Director to report on the use of funds to U.S Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the funds should be used to offset current expenditures within the general fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts \$100,000 from the LATCF to be used to offset current expenditures within the general fund and authorizes the Finance Director to report use funds to the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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1	Bialecki			
2	Anderson-Malm			
3	McCrank			
4	Osness			
5	Wendorf			
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Voice vote				
Roll call				

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

 Christopher J. Marlowe
 Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: April 6, 2023
 Sponsored by: Julie DePasse
 Committee: Finance & Insurance
 Committee Vote: 5-0
 Date Passed: 4/6/2023
 Fiscal Impact: \$100,000 of revenue to offset \$100,000 of current expenditures
 Drafted by: Samantha Fenske, Finance Director

Motion By:
Second By:

Sheriff’s Office Corrections Division Wage Adjustment

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Anderson-Malm			
3	McCrank			
4	Osness			
5	Wendorf			
6	Ashbeck			
7	Rusch			
8	Thiel			
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Roll call				

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office is in a staffing crisis and is currently experiencing difficulty in recruitment and retention of personnel within the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Division, having lost 25% of their experienced personnel within the last year, citing low wage and fringe compared to other municipalities and private sector employers as their primary reason for leaving; and

WHEREAS, in contrast to the other positions grouped with the Correctional Officers and Correctional Sergeants on the Lincoln County Wage Scale, these personnel are frequently subjected to being intentionally exposed to bodily fluids by inmates, physical assaults, and other job related hazards; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Budget approved by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors has directed the Sheriff’s Office to earn \$775,000 in outside housing dollars in order to balance Lincoln County’s overall budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 59.54(14)(a) and § 59.54(14)(f), Lincoln County is required to provide the Sheriff a jail and the funding for the Sheriff to adequately staff the jail, to ensure the safety of the general public and the inmates under the care of the Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, in order to help fund a wage adjustment in an effort to ensure that the Lincoln County Sheriff has the requisite staffing to ensure the safety of the general public and inmates, and to achieve the revenue requirement required of the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office has identified an opportunity to provide a modest wage raise for Corrections Division personnel, allowing for a reduction in the overall number of authorized personnel, in an effort to recruit and retain Corrections personnel, without a reduction in services to the citizens of Lincoln County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Sheriff of Lincoln County and the Law Enforcement, EMS / Judicial, Emergency Management Committee, it is requested that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors adopt the following pay incentive request of the Sheriff’s Office to address recruitment and retention within the Corrections Division.

1. Reduce the total number of Correctional Officers and Corrections Sergeants from the current authorized and budgeted 21 to 20.
2. Use the dollars saved from the elimination of one correctional officer position to Move Correctional Officers and Corrections Sergeants two steps on the current pay scale effective the first pay period after County Board approval. Increases will not exceed the maximum step on the grade. All fiscal impacts will be covered internally.

Dated: 4/3/23

Authored by: Jesse Boyd

Co-Sponsored by: Laurie Thiel, Steve Osness Jr.

Committee: Law Enforcement / EMS / EM Date Passed 4/3/23 Committee Vote: 3-0

Administrative & Legislative Date Passed: 4/5/23 Committee Vote: 4-2

Finance and Insurance Date Passed 4/6/23 Committee Vote: 5-0

Fiscal Impact: The \$79,247.88 fiscal impact is expected to be covered by the elimination of one correctional officer position.

Drafted by: Tyler Iverson

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

Christopher J. Marlowe
Lincoln County Clerk

Motion By:
Second By:

RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND UW-EXTENSION

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Anderson-Malm			
3	McCrank			
4	Osness			
5	Wendorf			
6	Ashbeck			
7	Rusch			
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Amended				
Voice vote				
Roll call				

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Finance Committee voted to eliminate all County funding for UW-EXTENSION in the 2023 County Budget;

AND WHEREAS, the community had the opportunity to speak about these budget cuts;

AND WHEREAS, the community has overwhelmingly disagreed with the proposed budget cuts when they were allowed to speak at County committee meetings, at a Town Hall listening session, and at the County Board meeting as well as through e-mails to their Supervisors;

AND WHEREAS, the Lincoln County constituents talked about the positive impact of these programs and services for the community and further described the negative impact the elimination of these programs and services would have on the community;

AND WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors funded the 4H program in the 2023 budget;

AND WHEREAS, the community is overwhelmingly in support of keeping all of the programs and services offered by the UW-Extension.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors orders the Director of Finance to provide funding in the amount of \$113,334 to fully restore the UW-Extension for the year remaining of 2023, and \$170,000 for the year of 2024 using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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 COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

 Christopher J. Marlowe
 Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: April 18, 2023

Authored by: Julie L. Allen, Supervisor, District 19
 Co-Sponsored by: Mike Loka, District 16; Greta Rusch, District 7, Brian Hafeman, District 14

Committee:
 Committee Vote:
 Fiscal Impact: \$283,334

Date Passed:

Drafted by: Julie L. Allen, Supervisor, District 19

Motion By:
Second By:

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Anderson-Malm			
3	McCrank			
4	Osness			
5	Wendorf			
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	Amended			
	Voice vote			
	Roll call			

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

Drafted by: Elizabeth McCrank

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Christopher J. Marlowe
Lincoln County Clerk

Motion By:
Second By:

Resolution accepting \$300.00 from American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin, District 11

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 service and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Veterans Office has a Veterans Relief fund to support and assist Needy veterans with basic essentials like fuel cards and grocery cards; and,

WHEREAS, a donation of \$300 from American Legion Riders of Wisconsin, Post 11 to assist and support Lincoln County veterans who demonstrate financial need.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts and expresses gratitude for the 300 donation from American Legion Riders of Wisconsin, Post 11 for purchase of fuel and grocery cards for local veterans with need.

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Dated: April 18, 2023

Authored by: Greg Hartwig, District 22 Supervisor
Co-Sponsored by: Julie DePasse, District 12 Supervisor; Don Friske, District 9 Supervisor
Committee: Administrative and Legislative
Committee Vote: 6-0
Date Passed: 04.05.2023
Fiscal Impact: Receiving \$300 to benefit Lincoln County veterans.

Drafted by: John Olson, Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer

Motion By:
Second By:

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Resolution accepting \$15,878 from Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs for the County Veterans Service Office Supplemental Grant

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Veterans Service Office play 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, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs is providing funds to accomplish four disti Initiatives consistent with its mission to work on behalf of Wisconsin’s veterans; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Veterans Service Office is committed to providing outreach and marke activities that increase awareness of benefits and services provided by the Lincoln County Veteral Service Office; and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Veterans Service Office has been awarded with \$15,878.00 County Veterans Service Officer Supplemental Grant, funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and,

WHEREAS the Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer is eligible for this one-time payment pursuant to the WDVA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding the Use of ARPA State Recovery Funds; and,

WHEREAS the Period of Performance for this MOU will run from February 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS the Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer is committed to using these funds to conduct outreach and marketing activities to increase awareness and education for benefits and services provided by Veterans Affairs, WDVA, and Lincoln County Veterans Service Office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts and exp gratitude for the \$15,878.00 CVSO Supplemental Grant from WDVA, funded through ARPA funds Lincoln County and the Lincoln County CVSO who is responsible to administer the funds.

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Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: April 18, 2023

Authored by: Julie DePasse, District 12 Supervisor
Co-Sponsored by:; Angela Cummings, District 20 Supervisor; Jesse Boyd, District 10 Supervisor; Lori Anderson-Malm, District 2 Supervisor
Committee: Administrative and Legislative
Committee Vote: 6-0 Date Passed: 04.05.2023
Fiscal Impact: Receiving \$15,878 to benefit Lincoln County veterans.

Drafted by: John Olson, Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer
Dated: April 18, 2023

Motion By:
Second By:

Resolution 2023-04-27

Resolution Requesting the State Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
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Whereas, the collection by counties of a real estate transfer fee was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969 and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

Whereas, in 1981 the State arbitrarily changed the transfer fee formula to now require counties to remit to the State 80% of all transfer fees collected; and

Whereas, the County through the Register of Deeds office assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in Lincoln County, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

Whereas, in 2021 Lincoln County collected \$524,357 in real estate transfer fees and retained only 20%, \$104,871, remitting 80%, \$419,486, to the State; and

Whereas, Lincoln County real transfer fee collections over the past five years totaled \$2,050,941, of which the County retained \$410,188 and remitted \$1,640,753 to the State; and

Whereas, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin had a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 Billion, while many Wisconsin counties struggle financially due to the ever-increasing cost of providing State-mandated and other county governmental services; and

Whereas, in an effort to financially assist all Wisconsin counties, Lincoln County requests that the State of Wisconsin amend the real estate transfer fee share formula to allow Wisconsin counties to retain 80% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 20% to be remitted to the State.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution is sent to Governor Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Lincoln County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin counties.

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I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

Christopher J. Marlowe
Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: April 5, 2022

Introduced by: Julie DePasse, District 12 Supervisor
Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee
Committee: Administrative and Legislative Committee
Committee Vote: 6-0
Fiscal Impact: \$300,000+ in Annual Revenue to Lincoln County

Date Passed: 04.05.2023

Drafted by: Julie DePasse, District 12 Supervisor

Motion By:
Second By:

Reinstating the Human Resource Specialist

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WHEREAS, the Administrative and Legislative Committee met on 12.01.2021 and approved to change the Human Resource Specialist Position at Grade H to Human Resource Generalist at Grade G at that same time.

WHEREAS, the new Administrative Coordinator in learning the roles and responsibility of the Administration/Human Resources department reviewed the positions, and

WHEREAS, the only variance in the positions is an additional essential duties and responsibilities to include "Creates wage schedules for Administration and Payroll use. Updates as changes occur." and the minimum training and experience language which states "...with three years..." to "...with three to five years...."

ADDITIONALLY, the Human Resource Generalist has assumed additional duties to create efficiencies between payroll and benefits. These duties include: bi-weekly payroll audits, process and reconcile benefit invoices, and act as a benefit liaison between employees and benefit providers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors recognizes and approves the reinstatement of the Human Resources Specialist position at Grade H.

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 Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: April 18, 2023
 Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9
 Co-Sponsored by: Angela Cummings, District 20 Supervisor; Julie DePasse, District 12 Supervisor
 Committee: Administrative and Legislative
 Committee Vote:6-0
 Fiscal Impact: \$4,987 (wage & Fringe)
 Date Passed: 04.05.2023
 Drafted by: Renee Krueger & Samantha Fenske

Motion By:
Second By:

Accepting Lincoln County Vision Statement and Branding

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WHEREAS, On January 31, 2023, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors along with various community members participated in a facilitated process to develop a future desired state; and

WHEREAS, having a future desired state helps guide the decision making process to best allocate resources in a manner that aligns with operations of the county with that vision; and

WHEREAS, the participants created a vision statement for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative and Legislative committee met on March 21, 2023 and discussed the recommended statement and with some minor changes created an agreed upon Vision Statement and a Branding Statement for future strategic planning and marketing of Lincoln County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors adopts the proposed statements:

Vision Statement

Lincoln County will preserve the unique characteristics and resources that make it an exceptional place to live, work and play; we will work together, holding ourselves and each other accountable, to weave the fabric of community and provide opportunity to our citizens.

Branding

Lincoln County – Where the Northwoods Start and the Adventure Begins

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Dated: April 18, 2023
 Authored by: Jesse Boyd, District 10 Supervisor
 Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee
 Committee: Administrative and Legislative Committee
 Committee Vote: 6-0 Date Passed: 04.05.2023
 Fiscal Impact: none
 Drafted by: Renee Krueger