

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday May 16, 2023 - 6:00 p.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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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.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/Appointments
 - A. Announcements – None
 - B. Service Recognitions: May
 - 10 Years: Erica Madden, Social Services
 - 25 Years: Tony Fischer, Highway
Charlie Johnson, Maintenance
 - C. Appointments & Re-Appointments:
 1. Reappointment of Curtis Powell to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (term expires 6/30/2026)
5. Approval of the Journal – April 18, 2023
6. Letters, Petitions and Memorials
 - A. Letters - None
 - B. Memorials - None
7. Public Comment
8. Reports of Standing & Special Committees
 - A. Finance & Insurance Committee: 2023 Year-to-Date Budget Report – Finance Director (Samantha Fenske)
 - B. Broadband Committee: Update – Committee Chair (Ken Wickham)
 - C. Administrative & Legislative Committee: WCA Resolution Process and Deadlines – Board Chair (Don Friske)
 - D. AD HOC Committee on Pine Crest: Presentation – Committee Chair (Ken Wickham)
9. Resolutions and Ordinances
 - A. Res 1) Resolution 2023-05-30 Resolution of Support for Utilization of State Surplus Funding to Offset Supplemental Payment Decreases in Fiscal Year 2022/23 and to Continue Future CPE Award Disbursements to County Owned Nursing Homes
 - 2) Resolution 2023-05-31 Approve Acquisition of Property for Continued Recreational and Forest Management Access to County Forest Property
 - 3) Resolution 2023-05-32 Approval of Earmarking ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$1,126,328 for Pine Crest Losses

- 4) Resolution 2023-05-33 Approval of ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$101,000 for Electronic Timekeeping
- 5) Resolution 2023-05-34 Approval of ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$47,000 for Camp New Wood
- 6) Resolution 2023-05-35 Approval of ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$27,000 for Otter Lake Park
- 7) Resolution 2023-05-36 Approval of ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$232,175 for Prairie Dells and Hay Meadow Park
- 8) Resolution 2023-05-37 Approval of ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$92,145 for Hiawatha Trail Resurfacing
- 9) Resolution 2023-05-38 Approval of ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$50,000 for Crushing a Stockpile of Gravel
- 10) Resolution 2023-05-39 Approval of Earmarking ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$500,000 for Marketing
- 11) Resolution 2023-05-40 Approval of Earmarking ARPA Funding in the Amount of \$500,000 for City of Merrill, City of Tomahawk, Townships Campsite Development
- B. Ord 1) Ordinance 2023-05-739 An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln Chapter 3 (Sec. 3.02(4) – County Board of Canvass Members Mileage and Per Diem

10. Report of Claims – None

11. Approval for Mileage and Per Diem for Board Meeting

12. Next County Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 20, 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 SESSIONS 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, any 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: April 18, 2023

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI in session assembled pursuant to law.

1. Chair Friske called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Pledge of allegiance followed.
3. Clerk Marlowe called Roll - Members Present: Allen, Anderson-Malm, Ashbeck, Bialecki, Boyd, Cummings, Friske, Hartwig, Lemke, Loka, Meunier, Rusch, Simon (9:35), Thiel, Wendorf, and Wickham. (16). Virtual: Callahan, Hafeman, Osness (3). Total in attendance (19). Excused: McCrank, DePasse, Detert (3).
4. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/Appointments
 - A. Announcements - None
 - B. Service Recognitions – April-None
 - C. Appointments & Re-Appointments:
 - a) 2023 Emergency Fire Warden - 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 Gruenenwald, Beacon Bar, N1297 Fairview Road, Merrill WI 54452. M/S Lemke/Rusch
5. Approval of Journal – March 21, 2023: M/S Hartwig/Cummings to approve the March 21stth 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. No concerns at this time.
 - B. AD HOC Committee on Pine Crest: Report of Nursing Home Review and Possible Alternatives – Committee Board (Don Friske) gave an overview of alternatives, options and measures for addressing Pine Crest Facility and Nursing Home and opened the floor for discussion and questions. Below is a list of options as found in the Ad Hoc committee’s report. This report is available on the county website, in the clerk’s office, and at the T.B. Scott Library. Each option was discussed in detail. No formal action took place.
 1. Lincoln County continues to operate Pine Crest as a county-owned nursing home.
 - a. Generate additional revenues to support Pine Crest operations.
 - b. Decrease expenses for operating and/or maintaining Pine Crest
 - c. Pursue a new management arrangement for operating Pine Crest.
 - d. Demolish existing Pine Crest facility and build new facility of appropriate size.
 2. Lincoln County ceases operating Pine Crest as a county-owned nursing home.
 - a. Find alternative uses for Pine Crest facility
 - b. Sell the Pine Crest facility.
 3. Hold referenda to allow the voters of Lincoln County to decide whether Lincoln County should continue to operate, fund and/or maintain Pine Crest Nursing Home.
 - a. To continue or not to continue Pine Crest as county-owned nursing home.
 - b. Funding for Pine Crest Nursing Home.
 - c. Funding for Pine Crest facility maintenance.
 - d. Replace existing Pine Crest facility.
8. Public Comment –
 - A. John Greenwood, 305 E. Riverside Avenue commented on item number 7(B).
 - B. Mike Ravn, W4397 Eagle Ridge Lane, Merrill. Kevin commented on item 7(B).
 - C. Kevin Stevenson, 600 Hollywood Drive commented on item number 7(B).
9. Resolutions and Ordinances

A. 1) Resolution 2023-04-19

Resolution Accepting Donation from Aspirus Health

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.

Dated: April 18, 2023

Authored by: Michael Loka

Co-Sponsored by: Brenda Mueller

Committee: Board of Health

Committee Vote: 7-0

Date Passed: 3/15/2023

Fiscal Impact: \$13,382 funds to implement Live Well Lincoln Community Health Improvement Plan

M/S: Loka/Simon to approve Resolution 2023-04-19. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

2) Resolution 2023-04-20

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.

Dated: April 18, 2023

Authored by: Supervisor Friske, District 9

Co-Sponsored by: Supervisor DePasse, District 12; Supervisor Cummings, District 20

Committee: Administrative & Legislative

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: April 5, 2023

Committee: Law Enforcement

Committee

Date Passed: April 12, 2023

Committee Vote: 5-0

Fiscal Impact: None (No additional tax levy)

M/S: Friske/Simon to approve Resolution 2023-01-20. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

3) Resolution 2023-04-21

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.

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

M/S: Cummings/Hartwig to approve Resolution 2023-04-21. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

4) Resolution 2023-04-22

Sheriff's Office Corrections Division Wage Adjustment

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.

M/S: Bialecki/Simon to approve Resolution 2023-04-22. Discussion took place with the Sheriff sharing some concerns. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

5) Resolution 2023-04-23

RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND UW-EXTENSION

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).

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:

Date Passed:

Chair Friske ruled the resolution to be improperly brought before the board citing that it is substantially similar to resolutions already discussed, debated and deliberated. M/S Allen/Hafeman to appeal the ruling of the chair. Roll was called on whether the ruling of the Chair should stand? Ayes: Wendorf, Ashbeck, Friske, Boyd, Lemke, Meunier, Wickham, Cummings, Simon, Hartwig, Bialecki, and Osness (12). Nays: Rusch, Hafeman, Loka, and Allen (4). Anderson-Malm was excused at 10:45 and Callahan had briefly left the meeting. Ruling of the chair stands (12-4) and the motion failed. Resolution 2023-04-23 was not discussed.

6) Resolution 2023-04-24

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does resolve to hold a special referendum no later than August 31st, 2023 for the purpose of determining whether the people of Lincoln County desire to continue operating Pine Crest Nursing Home as a county nursing home or not and directs that the following advisory referendum question will be placed on the ballot:

Shall Lincoln County continue to seek solutions that may include ordinance fees, annual levy limit increases by individual referenda and budget re-alignments in order to continue operating Pine Crest as a county nursing home or not?

Dated: April 18, 2023

Authored by: Elizabeth McCrank, District 3

Co-Sponsored by: Julie Allen, District 19

Committee:

M/S: Loka/Simon to lay over Resolution 2023-04-24 to the next month. All Ayes.

7) Resolution 2023-04-25

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 services;, 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.

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

M/S: Bialecki/Hartwig to approve Resolution 2023-04-25. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

8) Resolution 2023-04-26

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 distinct 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 marketing activities that increase awareness of benefits and services provided by the Lincoln County Veterans 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 expresses gratitude for the \$15,878.00 CVSO Supplemental Grant from WDVA, funded through ARPA funds for Lincoln County and the Lincoln County CVSO who is responsible to administer the funds.

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

M/S: Cumings/Boyd to approve Resolution 2023-04-26. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

9) Resolution 2023-04-27

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

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.

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

Date Passed: 04.05.2023

Fiscal Impact: \$300,000+ in Annual Revenue to Lincoln County

Boyd motioned to amend paragraph 5, Line 1 to read: Lincoln County real estate transfer fee collections over the past five years..... Chair Friske called for unanimous consent on the motion with no objection.

M/S: Cummings/Boyd to approve Resolution 2023-04-27. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

10) Resolution 2023-04-28

Reinstating the Human Resource Specialist

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.

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

Date Passed: 04.05.2023

M/S: Simon/Boyd to approve Resolution 2023-04-28. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

11) Resolution 2023-04-29

Accepting Lincoln County Vision Statement and Branding

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

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

M/S: Boyd/Wickham to approve Resolution 2023-04-29. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

10. Report of Claims - None.

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

12. Next County Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452.

13. The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.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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	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
<hr/> 0010 GENERAL FUND <hr/>							
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,331,514	1,331,514	568,630.32	-5,537.75	.00	762,883.68	42.7%
10 COUNTY BOARD	2,424,559	2,424,559	1,108,205.54	53,791.87	.00	1,316,353.46	45.7%
20 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL	234,585	234,585	48,068.62	15,572.43	.00	186,516.38	20.5%
21 CORPORATION COUNSEL	203,595	203,595	54,591.47	11,149.38	.00	149,003.53	26.8%
22 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	535,111	535,111	170,872.48	33,930.45	.00	364,238.52	31.9%
23 COUNTY CLERK	208,795	208,795	88,728.12	32,421.87	.00	120,066.88	42.5%
24 TREASURERS DEPARTMENT	178,580	178,580	50,318.66	12,850.77	.00	128,261.34	28.2%
25 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	874,001	874,001	371,729.70	96,352.36	.00	502,271.30	42.5%
26 MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT	1,800,683	1,800,683	510,763.92	92,864.60	.00	1,289,919.08	28.4%
27 VETERANS DEPARTMENT	172,946	172,946	53,024.34	17,795.14	.00	119,921.66	30.7%
30 CLERK OF COURTS	563,697	563,697	151,915.83	29,102.65	.00	411,781.17	26.9%
31 CIRCUIT COURT (PROBATE)	354,806	354,806	103,206.30	23,808.95	.00	251,599.70	29.1%
32 FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER	47,050	47,050	10,277.67	150.00	.00	36,772.33	21.8%
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE	334,702	334,702	100,396.81	25,146.04	.00	234,305.19	30.0%
41 LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT	1,221,575	1,221,575	317,917.14	70,110.65	.00	903,657.86	26.0%
43 REGISTER OF DEEDS	257,301	257,301	70,563.81	17,895.48	.00	186,737.19	27.4%
44 UW EXTENSION	45,000	45,000	17,003.83	19,194.23	.00	27,996.17	37.8%
50 SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	8,217,413	8,217,413	2,471,414.47	510,681.49	.00	5,745,998.53	30.1%
51 CORONERS DEPARTMENT	135,390	135,390	32,060.40	3,037.53	.00	103,329.60	23.7%
52 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	67,807	67,807	9,429.77	45.93	.00	58,377.23	13.9%
60 CHILD SUPPORT	300,391	300,391	85,139.48	19,119.47	.00	215,251.52	28.3%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	19,509,501	19,509,501	6,394,258.68	1,079,483.54	.00	13,115,242.32	32.8%
<hr/> 0020 COUNTY ROADS FUND <hr/>							
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	4,233,331	4,262,549	866,617.30	7,675.88	.00	3,395,931.70	20.3%
TOTAL COUNTY ROADS FUND	4,233,331	4,262,549	866,617.30	7,675.88	.00	3,395,931.70	20.3%
<hr/> 0021 JAIL ASSESSMENT FUND <hr/>							
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%
<hr/> 0022 EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND <hr/>							

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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	473,185.31	11,929.01	.00	1,768,733.69	21.1%
	TOTAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND	2,241,919	2,241,919	473,185.31	11,929.01	.00	1,768,733.69	21.1%
0023 HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,203,177	1,203,177	302,817.55	77,153.13	.00	900,359.45	25.2%
	TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND	1,203,177	1,203,177	302,817.55	77,153.13	.00	900,359.45	25.2%
0024 SOCIAL SERVICES FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	3,513,236	3,513,236	950,035.80	157,587.87	.00	2,563,200.20	27.0%
	TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	3,513,236	3,513,236	950,035.80	157,587.87	.00	2,563,200.20	27.0%
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	954,900.00	.00	.00	682,960.00	58.3%
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	1,637,860	1,637,860	954,900.00	.00	.00	682,960.00	58.3%
0050 DOG LICENSE FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	29,500	29,500	150.04	150.00	.00	29,349.96	.5%
	TOTAL DOG LICENSE FUND	29,500	29,500	150.04	150.00	.00	29,349.96	.5%
0051 SEC 125 BENEFIT FUND								

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0051	SEC 125 BENEFIT FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	242.55	.00	.00	-242.55	100.0%
	TOTAL SEC 125 BENEFIT FUND	0	0	242.55	.00	.00	-242.55	100.0%
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0060	SOLID WASTE FUND							
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	2,086,955	2,086,955	246,287.48	108,493.12	.00	1,840,667.52	11.8%
	TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUND	2,086,955	2,086,955	246,287.48	108,493.12	.00	1,840,667.52	11.8%
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0062	FORESTRY							
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,510,601	1,510,601	330,234.30	90,057.18	.00	1,180,366.70	21.9%
	TOTAL FORESTRY	1,510,601	1,510,601	330,234.30	90,057.18	.00	1,180,366.70	21.9%
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0070	HIGHWAY FUND							
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	9,709,275	9,709,275	2,110,833.69	527,636.20	.00	7,598,441.31	21.7%
	TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	9,709,275	9,709,275	2,110,833.69	527,636.20	.00	7,598,441.31	21.7%
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0071	SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE							
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	719,414.29	4,153.42	.00	-719,414.29	100.0%
	TOTAL SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANC	0	0	719,414.29	4,153.42	.00	-719,414.29	100.0%
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	GRAND TOTAL	45,710,355	45,739,573	13,393,976.99	2,064,319.35	.00	32,345,596.01	29.3%

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Resolution 2023-05-30

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

Motion By:
Second By:

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Anderson-Malm			
3	McCrack			
4	Osness			
5	Wendorf			
6	Ashbeck			
7	Rusch			
8	Thiel			
9	Friske			
10	Boyd			
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12	DePasse			
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19	Allen			
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21	Simon			
22	Hartwig			
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Voice vote				
Roll call				

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Angela Cummings, Supervisor, District 20

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

Committee: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: 05.03.2023

Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Angela Cummings, Supervisor, District 20

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

Motion By:	
Second By:	

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			
13	Callahan			
14	Hafeman			
15	Lemke			
16	Loka			
17	Meunier			
18	Wickham			
19	Allen			
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21	Simon			
22	Hartwig			
Totals				
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Amended				
Voice vote				
Roll call				

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

WHEREAS, The property is further described as follows:
*That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4-SW1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Eight (8) East, Town of Harrison, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, described as follows:
The West 170 feet, of the North 165 feet, as described in Document Number 546140, Recorded in the Lincoln County Register of Deeds on October 5, 2020.*

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

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

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

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

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

1. The acquisition of the above-described lands from Tim and Carrie Schwonke in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the accepted Offer to Purchase; and
2. To allow Forestry, Land and Parks Department funds to be applied toward the purchase of this land; and
3. To authorize the proper county officials to execute the documents necessary to complete the transaction.

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Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: William Bialecki
Co-Sponsored by: Kenneth Wickham
Committee: Forestry, Land and Parks
Committee Vote: All Ayes
Fiscal Impact: \$10,000.00

Date Passed: May 8, 2023

Drafted by: Dean Bowe

Motion By:
Second By:

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

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			
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Totals				
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Amended				
Voice vote				
Roll call				

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, based on the recommendation of the Administrative and Legislative Committee who was charged with vetting all ARPA requests, approve \$1,126,328 to be “earmarked” from the County’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for the purpose of covering the Pine Crest Loss due to changes in the anticipated funding and if not used, to be dedicated to another project by the end of calendar year 2024.

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Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9
Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee
Committee: Administrative and Legislative
Committee Vote: 6-0 Date Passed: May 3, 2023
Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds earmarked \$1,126,328

Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Administrative Coordinator

Motion By:
Second By:

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

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

WHEREAS, Lincoln County currently operates on paper timesheets; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the upfront purchase is expensive but the annual costs are covered through the removal of BAMBOO.

Furthermore, the implementation of the electronic timesheets through MUNIS provides benefits to include elimination/reducing of double entry, employee access to enroll in their own benefits and update personal information, eliminate most manual entry of time for 250 employees, reducing workload and human error of human resources and payroll specialists, increase telecommuting opportunities, and oversight of real time supervision; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, based on the recommendation of the Administrative and Legislative Committee who was charged with vetting all ARPA requests, order the Director of Finance to allocate \$101,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for the purpose of purchasing software to implement electronic timekeeping.

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Dated: May 16, 2023
 Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9
 Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee
 Committee: Administrative and Legislative
 Committee Vote: 6-0
 Date Passed: May 3, 2023
 Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$101,000

Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Administrative Coordinator

Motion By:
Second By:

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

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			
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Totals				
Carried				
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Amended				
Voice vote				
Roll call				

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9
 Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee: Administrative and Legislative
 Committee Vote: 6-0
 Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$47,000
 Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Administrative Coordinator

Motion By:
Second By:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, these upgrades will allow for an increase in fees, which at every additional \$5/night based on 2022 usage would increase revenues \$4,010 annually.

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

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Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9
Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee
Committee: Administrative and Legislative
Committee Vote: 6-0
Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$27,000

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Administrative Coordinator

Motion By:
Second By:

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

Table with 5 columns: Dist., Supervisor, Y, N, Abs. It lists 22 districts with supervisor names and a totals section for Carried, Defeated, Amended, Voice vote, and Roll call.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9
Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee
Committee: Administrative and Legislative
Committee Vote: 6-0
Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$232,175

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Administrative Coordinator

Motion By:
Second By:

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

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			
13	Callahan			
14	Hafeman			
15	Lemke			
16	Loka			
17	Meunier			
18	Wickham			
19	Allen			
20	Cummings			
21	Simon			
22	Hartwig			
Totals				
Carried				
Defeated				
Amended				
Voice vote				
Roll call				

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Christopher J. Marlowe
Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9
Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee
Committee: Administrative and Legislative
Committee Vote: 6-0
Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$92,145

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Administrative Coordinator

Resolution 2023-05-38

Motion By:
Second By:

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

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			
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19	Allen			
20	Cummings			
21	Simon			
22	Hartwig			
Totals				
Carried				
Defeated				
Amended				
Voice vote				
Roll call				

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

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Christopher J. Marlowe
Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9
Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee
Committee: Administrative and Legislative
Committee Vote: 4-2
Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$50,000

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Administrative Coordinator

Motion By:
Second By:

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

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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Totals				
Carried				
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Amended				
Voice vote				
Roll call				

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

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Christopher J. Marlowe
Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9
Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee
Committee: Administrative and Legislative
Committee Vote: 6-0
Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$500,000

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Administrative Coordinator

Motion By:
Second By:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

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 Christopher J. Marlowe
 Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: May 16, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9
 Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee
 Committee: Administrative and Legislative
 Committee Vote: 6-0
 Fiscal Impact: ARPA funds \$500,000

Date Passed: May 3, 2023

Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Administrative Coordinator

Motion By:
Second By:

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

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

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

3.02 - MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

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

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

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Christopher J. Marlowe
Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: May 16, 2023
Authored by: Don Friske
Co-Sponsored by: Jesse Boyd
Committee: A&L Committee
Committee Vote: A&L: 6-0
Fiscal Impact: Minimal
Date Passed: A&L: 5/3/2023

Drafted by: Chris Marlowe (County Clerk)