

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING – AUGUST 19, 2014**

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The Langlade County Board of Supervisors met at the Town of Wolf River Town Hall. Chairman David Solin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

On call of the roll, all Supervisors reported present. Members of the public were also in attendance. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

Approve or amend the minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting as printed and published:

Motion was made by Supervisor Burby, seconded by Supervisor Jansen, to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting as printed and published. All ayes, the motion carried.

Approve or amend the agenda as printed:

Motion was made by Supervisor Cahak, seconded by Supervisor Nonnenmacher, to approve the agenda as printed. All ayes, the motion carried. The agenda is approved.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION # 40-2014

INTRODUCED BY: FORESTRY & RECREATION, PERSONNEL, AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

INTENT: Approve Creating **full-time Recreation Coordinator/Forester Position** for the Forestry and Recreation Department

WHEREAS, the County's recreation program has grown substantially in the last twelve years and there have been more demands by clubs and the public to add more recreational trails and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, tourism and recreation is an important economic asset to Langlade County and the County is marketing its recreation program as the "County of Trails"; and

WHEREAS, the department has added miles to the ATV trail program, cross-country ski trails, horse trails, and continues to develop the snowmobile program, Bow and Gun Range, and are in the process of developing the Wolf River State Trail in the White Lake area and a nature trail in the Mills Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the full-time Recreation Coordinator position in the Forestry and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the County's recreation program, the demands upon the County's timber program have also increased with the addition of the GIS program, forest certification, and with the acquisition of approximately 3,264 acres of land, and therefore, the Department is also in need of additional support to assist with timber sale set up; and

WHEREAS, to replace the vacant Recreation Coordinator position, it is recommended that the County Board approve the creation of a new position entitled Recreation Coordinator/Forester; and

WHEREAS, the duties of this new "hybrid" position would include both acting as the County snowmobile/ATV coordinator and overseeing the cross ski trails, dog sled trails, horseback riding trails, Bow and Gun Range, Summit Lake Park, Post Lake Dam Park, Kettlebowl Ski Hill, and overseeing the wayside casual employee, etc., as well as assisting with timber sale set up and timber marking (job description on file), and

WHEREAS, approximately \$10,000 annually from State snowmobile and ATV maintenance grants will be used to fund this position, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by a three-fourths (3/4th) vote of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to approve the **Full-time Recreation Coordinator/Forester** position and the wages and fringes for the position to be allocated from the Forestry and Recreation Department 2015 budget.

FISCAL NOTE: Cost to create a Recreation Coordinator/Forester position in the Forestry Department will be:

	<u>August to December 2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Salary	\$17,327	\$44,637
Fringe Benefits	<u>7,977</u>	<u>28,604</u>
Total Annualized Cost	\$25,304	\$73,241

This position will cost an additional \$16,056 annually, as compared to the vacant Recreation Coordinator position. In 2015 and beyond, \$10,000 annually will come from the snowmobile and ATV maintenance grants. The remainder of the cost for this position will come from the Forestry budget.

FORESTRY & RECREATION CO.

Ronald M. Nye
Michael P. Klimoski
Samuel Hardin
Don Scupien

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Richard H. Hurlbert
Dale A. Dahms

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ronald M. Nye
Michael P. Klimoski
Holly Matucheski

Motion was made by Supervisor Klimoski, seconded by Supervisor Nye, to adopt.

Corporation Counsel Robin Stowe and Forest Administrator Erik Rantala addressed County Board. Included in the packet were some of the other options that were considered by the Forestry Committee. The Committee is recommending for consideration today, Resolution #40-2014 as it was originally presented last month.

Erik stated when the position of Recreation Coordinator became vacant, it was an opportunity to add forestry duties to that position. It would give flexibility in the department for when they needed help in the woods. On other days they could work on the recreational duties. He feels this would keep a lot of their expertise in house and get done what needed to be on a day to day basis. The purpose of the position would be to assist in the development, enforcement, management and maintenance of the County recreation program under the direction of the Forest Administrator, as well as to assist with forest management activities.

Supervisor Bostwick agreed there is a need to fill the position but questioned the need for a Bachelor's Degree, and spend that much money for a position that could be filled with an Associate's Degree. He made a motion to allow Tony Deininger from Fox Valley Tech to address County Board, seconded by Supervisor Nonnenmacher.

Supervisor Nye stated this should have been addressed at the Forestry Committee meeting when they discussed this new position. They are trying to create a new position so they can do more for the County, for more optimum production of forestry products and more recreation opportunities.

On call of the roll to allow Tony Deininger, Instructor of Natural Resources at Fox Valley Tech, to address County Board, all Supervisors voted aye, except Supervisors Hardin, Dahms, Nye, Schuh, and Klimoski voted no. The motion carried.

Mr. Deininger stated he has a four year degree in Forestry and Forest Management and a Masters Degree in Management and Organizational Behavior. Their program is for Natural Resources Technician positions. Looking at the position description, he feels their graduates could meet the requirements with an Associate's Degree, and could compete for the position. There is experience that has to be learned on any job, which is done through training. There are some advantages to having a four year degree.

Questions and discussion followed.

Supervisor Burby suggested the position be split because of the diverse duties listed in the job description. He would like the monetary and the degree requirements looked at more seriously. He does not feel the Bachelor's Degree is needed for this position.

Supervisor Pennington questioned the financial difference between a Forester's salary that requires a Bachelor's Degree and the salary the Matrix Committee set based more on an Associate's Degree. Gary Olsen responded there would be a difference of \$10,708 for 2015, which would include health insurance benefit for family.

Erik responded that he appreciated what Tony had to offer here. State Law requires a four year degree from an accredited school as a qualification to be a State DNR Forester. This position will require project planning, grant writing, and permit applications in which technical expertise and knowledge would benefit the position. Erik has a four year degree, also the last two Foresters they hired have four year degrees and they were able to step in right away and complete duties assigned to them. It helped them complete projects without a lot of oversight and training. He felt that education would help them in this instance as well. This position is not a new concept, other counties have this position. It could make things more efficient for the department.

Robin Stowe added if you look at the duties of the Recreation Coordinator position, this program has grown over the years. We have marked ourselves as a County of Trails. They are looking to attract someone with a huge skill set to be able to take the recreation program to the next level, with marketing campaign and grant writing.

Comments and discussion followed.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #40-2014 as presented, Supervisors Hardin, Poltrock, Dahms, Nye, Scupien, Klimoski, and Matucheski voted aye, and Supervisors Benishek, Hurlbert, Nonnenmacher, Gottard, Cahak, Schreiber, Bonacci, Novak, Pennington, Schuh, Burby, Bostwick, Jansen, and Solin voted no. Resolution #40-2014 has lost.

Supervisor Benishek made a motion to refer Resolution #40-2014 to the Executive Committee and the Forestry & Recreation Committee to look at this concept and come up with another resolution for next month for the County Board, second by Supervisor Bostwick.

On call of the roll to refer Resolution #40-2014 to Executive and Forestry & Recreation Committees, Supervisors Benishek, Hurlbert, Nonnenmacher, Cahak, Schreiber, Bonacci, Novak, Pennington, Burby, Bostwick, Jansen, and Solin voted aye, and Supervisors Hardin, Gottard, Poltrock, Dahms, Nye, Scupien, Schuh, Klimoski, and Matucheski voted no. The motion passed to refer it back.

The Board took a short break and then returned to open session.

Citizens and Delegations:

Debi McGregor, Prevention Manager with Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin – Community Services Division and Carmen Lehrer, Child and Family Service Specialist in the Antigo Family Corner Resource Center presented information on the work that they do. This includes providing Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services. They offer a variety of services based on the funding available. Because of the local support and funding they have been able to receive a Children’s Trust Fund Grant to provide community response services in Langlade County. They serve Langlade, Oneida and Forest Counties with this regional grant.

Debi then presented information on the Stewards of Children Program which was put together by the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation. Their intent is to bring awareness to the local community of the issues of child sexual abuse. There are things we can all do to reduce the statistics of abuse. They are raising awareness through the Stewards of Children Program, and would like to share the information to organizations. Contact the Northwoods Family Resource Center for more information at 715-627-1414.

Questions and discussion followed. Debi thanked County Board for the opportunity to present this information and the continued funding to support the work that they do.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Supervisor Benishek, seconded by Supervisor Jansen, to approve the Consent Agenda. All ayes, the motion carried. The Consent Agenda is adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Elections or Appointments:
Confirm the appointment of Jerrold L. Burns as the county-appointed representative for the Antigo Public Library Board to complete a term that will expire April 30, 2015.
- 2. Letters, Petitions and Communications:
The Wisconsin Valley Library Service 2013 System Information & Statistics Report is available in the County Clerk’s office.

3. ZONING ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE #8-2014Z

The Langlade County Board of Supervisors do hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1 That the lands described as
Being Pt of NW NE & NE NE Sec 35, T30N, R11E to be defined by Certified Survey Map. Approximately 10.67 acres. Parcel ID #'s 026-0553 and 026-0552.001, Town of Rolling. Now comprising a part of the A-2 District is hereby rezoned into the AFR District.

SECTION 2 This change in zoning shall be designated on the official county zoning map for the Town of Rolling.

SECTION 3 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4 This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of adoption.

APPROVED: David J. Solin
County Board Chairman
ATTEST: Kathryn Jacob
Langlade County Clerk

ADOPTED: August 19, 2014

4. RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION # 41-2014

INTRODUCED BY: Water and Land Use Planning Committee, and Land Conservation Committee
INTENT: Process to adopt a Public Participation Plan to support creation of a Farmland Preservation Plan

WHEREAS, Langlade County’s current Farmland Preservation Plan was written in 1982, and

WHEREAS, Langlade County is required to prepare and adopt a Farmland Preservation Plan as outlined in Wisconsin Statutes (stat. 91.10(3)), and

WHEREAS, public participation is critical for the development of a sound plan, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the County Board of Supervisors to approve a process to involve the public in the planning process; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors hereby does approve and authorize the Public Participation Plan as presented.

Water and Land Use Planning Committee
Michael P. Klimoski, Chairman
David J. Solin
Ronald Nye
Don Scupien
Richard Schuh

Land Conservation Committee
David J. Solin, Chairman
William Bostwick
Samuel Hardin
Joseph Novak
Angie Schreiber

FISCAL NOTE: Total cost of the project is estimated at \$41,666 with funding coming from a grant of \$20,000; \$20,000 is remaining in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to cover costs associated with writing the Farmland Preservation Plan, and the remainder of \$1,666 will come from the Land Conservation budget.

RESOLUTION #42-2014

INTRODUCED BY: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

INTENT: SUPPORT OF STATE FUNDING FOR COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCH (“911”) SERVICES/ONE DESIGNATED PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT PER COUNTY

WHEREAS, County-wide emergency (“911”) dispatch services are among the most vital services that counties provide. Wisconsin residents and visitors alike expect the same level of excellent service throughout the state, regardless of where their emergency occurs; and

WHEREAS, In 2003 the State of Wisconsin established a fee on all wireless phones to fund grants to counties to pay for enhanced 911 services, such as wireless call-locating software and equipment; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the enhanced 911 grant program expired and, in its place, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the state’s telecommunications providers advocated establishing a permanent grant program to fund equipment purchases and training for employees of county-designated Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), each county to designate one PSAP per county by resolution, to be funded with a monthly fee of up to 75-cents on all devices capable of dialing 911; and

WHEREAS, Instead of funding grants to county Public Safety Answering Points, in 2009 the Wisconsin Legislature and the Governor re-designated the funding as a 75-cent monthly Police and Fire Protection Fee for all such devices and directed the revenue from the fee to fund the county and municipal aid (shared revenue) account to meet other state financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, Without the intended state funding counties must rely almost entirely on property taxes to pay for equipment training and consolidation of municipal and county 911 services with many counties unable to upgrade needed equipment to receive texts, video, and still photographs, to provide needed training to 911 system operators, and to foster further consolidation of services; and

WHEREAS, Eliminating the Police and Fire Protection Fee and restoring the funding for 911 without replacing the lost revenue would result in a roughly \$50 million annual reduction in shared revenue payments to municipalities and counties; and

WHEREAS, Under current law each county must individually contract with a telecommunications provider for telephone lines running into each county 911 center and counties must depend on a maximum 40-cent monthly fee on only landline telephones to pay telecommunications providers for the cost of this service; and

WHEREAS, Revenues from the 40-cent landline fee are declining due to the increased use of cellular telephones and the fee is often insufficient to cover the cost of these services, thereby requiring any difference to be paid for with property taxes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor to support legislation and state budget action that accomplishes all of the following goals:

- Fully funds the County and Municipal Aid Program (shared revenue) with state General Purpose Revenue, rather than the Police and Fire Protection Fee; and
- Establishes a technology-neutral fee on all cell phones, landline phones, and other devices capable of dialing 911; and
- Uses the revenue from this fee to fund a grant program to pay for equipment purchases and training for one Public Safety Answering Point (“911” center) per county, as designated by the county board of each county, and to develop financial incentives to encourage consolidation of “911” services; and
- Provides a sustainable source of funding for costs associated with providing all telephone lines (landline and cellular) into county Public Safety Answering Points.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Langlade County’s elected Representatives, and to the Wisconsin Counties Association, urging their support for this resolution and restoration of state funding for this vital public safety service.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Arlene C. Bonacci, Chairman
Vernon Cahak
Dale A. Dahms
Pete Pennington
Larry Poltrock

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact.

Committee Reports: A summary of information contained in recent committee minutes on file in the County Clerk’s Office.

Supervisor Bostwick stated the Highway Committee will be discussing the Stop sign installed recently near the Bent Cemetery with the Dept. of Transportation.

Supervisor Gottard reported Angie Close has been appointed Executive Director of the Langlade County Economic Development Corporation, since Chris Berry resigned. They will be advertising for an Administrative Assistant.

Administrative Coordinator’s Report:

Corporation Counsel Robin Stowe reported the Wisconsin Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the Budget Repair Bill which had been enacted into law three years ago.

Robin also reported on the impact of the Tax Levy Limits. The reduction in shared revenue to support mandated programs and services has resulted in shifting more of the funding burden to local taxpayers.

THE NEXT COUNTY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2014, IN THE COUNTY BOARD ROOM OF THE SAFETY BUILDING.

Motion was made by Supervisor Hurlbert to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Jansen. All ayes, the motion carried.

I, Kathryn Jacob, Langlade County Clerk, Antigo, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting of August 19, 2014.

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2014.

Kathryn Jacob
Langlade County Clerk
