

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING – JANUARY 21, 2014**

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The Langlade County Board of Supervisors met in the County Board Room. Chairman David Solin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

On call of the roll, all Supervisors reported present, except Supervisors Jansen and Klimoski, who had asked to be excused. Also Supervisor Bonacci stated she might be late. Motion was made by Supervisor Kamps, seconded by Supervisor Hurlbert to excuse them. All ayes, on the motion to excuse them. The motion carried. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

Approve or amend the minutes of the December 17, 2013 meeting as printed and published:
Motion was made by Supervisor Cahak, seconded by Supervisor Nye, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2013 meeting as printed and published. All ayes, the motion carried.

Approve or amend the agenda as printed:
Motion was made by Supervisor Burns, seconded by Supervisor Hardin, to approve the agenda as printed. All ayes, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Supervisor Benishek, seconded by Supervisor Nye, 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 Warren Wagner to the Langlade County Economic Development Board for a three year term which will then expire December 31, 2016.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #1-2014

INTRODUCED BY: FORESTRY & RECREATION COMMITTEE

**INTENT: APPROVE PURCHASE OF FOREST LAND LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF LANGLADE
FROM THE PLUM CREEK LAND COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the Forestry Committee recommends purchasing the following described lands consisting of approximately 2352.39 acres within Langlade County more particularly described in the attached Parcel Listing; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose of establishing County Forest land pursuant to § 28.10, Wis. Stats; and

WHEREAS, this land acquisition is consistent with the acquisition policy and boundaries as set forth in the Langlade County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, and improve the administration and management of the County Forest; and

WHEREAS, the County applied for and was awarded a grant from the State "Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition" in the approximate amount of One Million Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,920,000.00), to fund up to 50% of the costs to acquire this property (Res. #52-2013); and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a purchase price for this property, consisting of approximately 2352.39 acres, for the sum of Three Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,888,500.00); and

WHEREAS, the negotiated purchase price is less than the appraised or market value of this property estimated at \$1680 per acre for a total of \$3,952,015.20; and

WHEREAS, the County's share of the acquisition costs of approximately One Million Nine Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,968,500.00) will be funded from the undesignated General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has authorized that the amount to be allocated from the General Fund for this acquisition shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the total allocation from the General Fund to cover the costs of this acquisition will be recovered over a period of time by depositing a portion of future excess timber sale revenues directly into the General Fund on an annual basis and, if necessary, from the sale of County forest property (as identified in Res. #61-2013).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to purchase land as described in this Resolution from the Plum Creek Land Company, with the County's share of the acquisition costs of approximately One Million Nine Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,968,500.00) funded from the undesignated General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based upon the authorization of the Finance Committee, the amount to be allocated from the General Fund for this acquisition shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to authorize the Forest Administrator, County Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign documents and to take the necessary actions to complete this land acquisition for the Langlade County Forest.

FORESTRY & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Ronald M. Nye
David J. Solin
Rick Bina
Samuel Hardin

FISCAL NOTE: Funding for the purchase of this property will come from the General Fund totaling approximately \$1,968,500, and the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant totaling approximately \$1,920,000, for a grand total of \$3,888,500. Please note that these figures are estimates, as the final numbers will not be available until just prior to the closing of this real estate transaction. Finance Committee did approve an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to be taken from the General Fund for this purchase.

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

Supervisor Bonacci arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Corporation Counsel Robin Stowe explained the State has awarded us the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition grant. That funds up to one half of the acquisition cost. Through future forest sales the County's General Fund will be repaid. This is an excellent investment, for future timber sales and recreational opportunities.

Forest Administrator Erik Rantala explained they will be withdrawing this land from MFL and enrolling it in County Forest Land. There is very nice timber on this property and they can set it up for timber sales this spring. It is a good long term investment for the citizens of Langlade County.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #1-2014, all Supervisors present voted aye. Resolution #1-2014 is adopted.

Supervisor Nye thanked Erik and all those who worked with him to make this purchase possible.

RESOLUTION # 2-2014

INTRODUCED BY: PERSONNEL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

INTENT: APPROVE 2014 TOTAL BASE WAGE AGREEMENTS AND COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS

WHEREAS, the Committees recommend entering into a Total Base Wage Agreement with the Courthouse, Professional, Highway and Corrections and Dispatch Unions (copies attached hereto), pursuant to Section 111.70(4)(mb)(1), Wis. Stats., and approve a cost-of-living adjustment for non-union employees in the amount of one-half of one percent (0.5%) for 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee recommends that the cost-of-living adjustment not apply to elected officials as the County Board has previously approved specific compensation amounts over a four year term for these offices; and

WHEREAS, the Committees recommend that the percentage increase be applied retroactively to January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS; the funds to cover the estimated total cost of the one year Agreements and the Cost of Living Adjustments in the amount of \$31,404.00 must be transferred from the General Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to approve a cost-of-living adjustment for non-union employees in the amount of one-half of one percent (0.5%) for 2014 and enter into Total Base Wage Agreements with the Courthouse, Professional, Highway and Corrections and Dispatch Unions for the same wage increase of 0.5% for 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Board, the Chairman of the Personnel Committee and the Langlade County Clerk be authorized to sign the Total Base Wage Agreements for calendar year 2014.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Douglas Nonnenmacher
Richard H. Hurlbert
Dale A. Dahms
Arlene C. Bonacci
Gary D. Johnson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

David J. Solin
Ronald M. Nye
Douglas Nonnenmacher
Patricia McKinney-Rice

FISCAL NOTE: The estimated total annual cost for the Agreements and the Cost of Living Adjustments will be \$31,404.00.

Motion was made by Supervisor Hurlbert, seconded by Supervisor Kamps, to adopt.

Chairman Solin stated the Executive Committee feels the Elected Officials deserve the wage increase, the same as everyone else. Robin Stowe explained the background of this resolution.

Motion was made by Supervisor Nye to amend this resolution to include that the County Elected Officials also receive the pay increase, seconded by Supervisor Dahms. All ayes, on the motion to include the Elected Officials, except one no. The amendment passed.

Supervisor Dahms did not sign the original resolution because he wanted the elected officials to also get the same increase. Now he is satisfied, and he would sign the resolution.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #2-2014 as amended, all Supervisors present voted aye, except Supervisor Johnson voted no. Resolution #2-2014 is adopted as amended.

RESOLUTION #3-2014

INTRODUCED BY: SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

INTENT: DESIGNATION OF AGENCY TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER THE COORDINATED SERVICE TEAM STATEWIDE EXPANSION FUNDS FOR 2014

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has appropriated additional funding for 2014-2015 to expand Coordinated Services Team (CST) Initiatives in Wisconsin and the Department of Health Services, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Service (DHS/DMHSAS), is seeking applications from counties that do not currently receive funding from the Division for Coordinated Services Team Initiatives; and

WHEREAS, CST initiatives refer to programs that are designed to use a "wraparound" process to respond to the needs of children and families; and

WHEREAS, Langlade County is eligible to apply for funding not to exceed \$63,000 in 2014 to establish a Coordinated Service Team (CST); and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute Section 46.56 requires that any county that applies for CST funding must meet the following key requirements:

1. The county board must designate an administering agency for the Coordinated Services Team program in the service area;
2. The county must identify matching funds of 20%, which may be cash or in-kind;
3. The county must agree to establish a Coordinating Committee that meets the requirements in § 46.56;
4. Funds allocated for CST may not be used to replace any other state and federal funds or any county funds that are being used to fund services for children who are involved in two or more systems of care; and

WHEREAS, in order to expand CST in Langlade County, DHS/DMHSAS recognizes that programs will not initially meet all the requirements and has expressed its commitment to providing technical assistance and working with new CST Initiatives to meet the statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, since a number of agencies that provide care to children and families could apply for this CST grant funding on behalf of Langlade County, DHS/DMHSAS has requested that the County Board designate a specific agency who is authorized to apply for and administer the CST funds; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends that the Langlade County Department of Social Services be designated as the agency authorized to apply for and administer the CST funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors hereby designates the Langlade County Department of Social Services as the agency authorized to apply for and administer the Coordinated Service Team Statewide Expansion Funds.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Richard H. Hurlbert
Robert Benishek
Vernon Cahak
Holly Matucheski
Patricia McKinney-Rice

FISCAL NOTE: Counties may request an amount not to exceed \$62,123, of which 20% will need to be matching funds. The matching funds can be in-kind expenditures.

Motion was made by Supervisor Benishek, seconded by Supervisor Cahak, to adopt.

Robin Stowe explained this grant funding is used for children and families struggling with issues that are within the jurisdiction of Social Services and also community programs offered by North Central Health Care. The state is looking at coordinating those services, so both systems are working together. This resolution is to determine who is in the best position to apply for and administer the grant. The state wants every county to designate which agency should apply for and administer the grant. Robin now learned that North Central Health Care will be designated by Lincoln and Marathon Counties to apply for and administer their Coordinated

Service Team grant. Langlade County does not have the system available to bill medical assistance for various programs and services, and North Central Health Care does.

Motion was made by Supervisor Hurlbert to amend this resolution and go with North Central Health Care applying for the grant funds and administering the grant, rather than Langlade County doing it alone, seconded by Supervisor Kamps.

Kim Van Hoof, Social Services Director, stated by State Statute, Social Services and the department of community programs, North Central Health Care, need to be involved collaboratively in this effort. North Central Health Care has appointed someone to work on the grant application, and Kim would be working closely with them on this. They will continue to work on collaborative efforts so there is representation for mental health, AODA, and child welfare services that are much needed here. There needs to be a coordinating committee set up to oversee the grant. It would be administered through North Central Health Care. Questions and discussion followed.

On call of the roll to amend Resolution #3-2014 to designate North Central Health Care as the agency authorized to apply for and administer the Coordinated Service Team Statewide Expansion Funds, all Supervisors present voted aye, except Supervisors Benishek, Bonacci, and Bina voted no. The amendment passed.

Supervisor Benishek made an amendment that when the grant money runs out then the program runs out, and it would have to come back to County Board for future consideration, seconded by Supervisor Hurlbert. All ayes, except two noes. This amendment has passed.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #3-2014 as amended, with North Central Health Care as the authorized agency, and when the grant money runs out then the program runs out, all Supervisors present voted aye. Resolution #3-2014 is adopted as amended.

RESOLUTION # 4-2014

INTRODUCED BY: Highway Committee

INTENT : The Langlade County Highway Committee requests the commitment of County bridge/culvert aid to the Township of Upham.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 82.08(1) provides that any Town may file a petition for County bridge or culvert aid for spans greater than 36 inches, on a 50% County, 50% local matching funds basis, and

WHEREAS, in the interest of safety, convenience and general welfare, it is necessary to replace the culverts carrying Forest Road over Black Oak Creek, Mill Road over the East Branch Eau Claire River, and Forest Road over East Branch Eau Claire River, (three project locations) in the Township of Upham, and

WHEREAS, Section 82.08 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that the County and Township share the construction costs of bridge or culvert replacement (but not design or other costs); with the City of Antigo and the Village of White Lake being exempt from taxation for this purpose,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors, that funds allocated for County bridge and culvert aid be used to construct the above- mentioned three culverts in 2015. Also, that Langlade County bridge aid be used to fund Langlade County's share of the matching funds. The total estimated costs for Langlade County's share for 2015 to be \$45,833.00 (\$17,432.00 for Forest Rd/Black Oak Creek, \$9,965.00 for Mill Rd/E Branch Eau Claire, and \$18,436.00 for Forest Rd/E Branch Eau Claire; 50% of construction costs for each project).

FISCAL NOTE: \$45,833.00 will be available in 2015 in the Accounts Payable – Bridge Aid account, with the City of Antigo and Village of White Lake already exempted from the tax.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Jeffrey J. Zalewski
Richard H. Hurlbert
Arlene C. Bonacci
Rick Bina
William Bostwick

Motion was made by Supervisor Bina, seconded by Supervisor Hurlbert, to adopt.

Highway Commissioner Tim Rusch explained the County matches construction costs only; not the cost of engineering or right-of-way and does not fund road work beyond the immediate area of the bridge. The Highway Committee and the Town must agree on the cost and the scope of the project. The Town of Upham petitioned for these three culverts, following State Statute requirements.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #4-2014, all Supervisors present voted aye. Resolution #4-2014 is adopted.

Motion was made by Supervisor Hurlbert, seconded by Supervisor Hardin, to allow Pete Resch to address County Board. All ayes, the motion carried.

Pete Resch is the Chairman of the Town of Upham. He thanked County Board for passing this resolution, and thanked the Highway Committee and Tim Rusch for helping them with the paper work to complete this.

RESOLUTION # 5-2014

INTRODUCED BY: Highway Committee

INTENT : The Langlade County Highway Committee requests the commitment of County bridge/culvert aid to the Township of Wolf River.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 82.08(1) provides that any Town may file a petition for County bridge or culvert aid for spans greater than 36 inches, on a 50% County, 50% local matching funds basis, and

WHEREAS, in the interest of safety, convenience and general welfare, it is necessary to replace the bridge carrying East Hollister Road over Nine Mile Creek, in the Township of Wolf River, and

WHEREAS, Section 82.08 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that the County and Township share the construction costs of bridge or culvert replacement (but not design or other costs); with the City of Antigo and the Village of White Lake being exempt from taxation for this purpose,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors, that funds allocated for County bridge and culvert aid be used to construct the above mentioned bridge in 2015. Also, that Langlade County bridge aid be used to fund Langlade County's share of the matching funds. The estimated cost for Langlade County's share for 2015 to be \$45,707.00 (50% of construction costs).

FISCAL NOTE: \$45,707.00 will be available in 2015 in the Accounts Payable – Bridge Aid account, with the City of Antigo and Village of White Lake already exempted from the tax.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

- Jeffrey J. Zalewski
- Richard H. Hurlbert
- Arlene C. Bonacci
- Rick Bina
- William Bostwick

Motion was made by Supervisor Bostwick, seconded by Supervisor Zalewski, to adopt.

Tim Rusch stated this resolution is for a small bridge over Nine Mile Creek which needs to be replaced.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #5-2014, all Supervisors present voted aye. Resolution #5-2014 is adopted.

Supervisor Benishek mentioned the article in the Antigo Journal with some history of the Highway Department, it was very informative.

Administrative Coordinator's Report:

Corporation Counsel Robin Stowe stated that all his Administrative Coordinator's Reports are on file and available for review in the County Clerk's office.

Robin gave updates on the Safety Building Joint Operations Agreement, a proposed Senior Center, a Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Program, and an Evidence Storage Facility. He then reflected on some of the County challenges and accomplishments.

He announced that Supervisor Ron Nye is now Chairman of the Board of North Central Health Care. Also, Langlade County Public Health Department is being recognized for their collaborative and cooperative work in public health services.

Motion was made by Supervisor Dahms to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Bonacci. 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 January 21, 2014.

Kathryn Jacob
Langlade County Clerk

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2014.
