

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING – JULY 16, 2013**

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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 McKinney-Rice, and Bina who had asked to be excused. Motion was made by Supervisor Hurlbert, seconded by Supervisor Burns, to excuse them. All ayes, the motion carried. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

Approve or amend the minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting as printed and published:

Motion was made by Supervisor Jansen, seconded by Supervisor Kamps, to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting as printed and published. All ayes, the motion carried.

Approve or amend the agenda as printed:

Supervisor Klimoski stated he abstained from voting on Ordinance #9-2013Z, the minutes should reflect that, and in the Water and Land Use Planning Committee minutes, by roll call vote it was not all voting aye, as he abstained from voting. He will have it changed at their next meeting.

Motion was made by Supervisor Jansen, seconded by Supervisor Burns, to approve the change. All ayes, the motion carried. Motion was made by Supervisor Kamps to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Nonnenmacher. All ayes, the motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Elections or Appointments:
  - a. Confirm the re-appointment of Paul Schuman to an additional 3 year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which will then expire June 30, 2016.

2. ZONING ORDINANCES:

**ORDINANCE #8-2013Z**

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

SECTION 1 That the lands described as  
Being Pt of the S ½ of NW SW, Pt of the SW SW, & SE SW of Sec 28, T31N, R12E; and E ½ of NW, SE NE, Pt of NE NE, Pt of NW NW & Pt of SW NW of Sec 33, T31N, R122E (Parcel #'s 022-0440.001, 0411, 0441, 0442, 0518, 0514, 0515, 0511.003, 0516, 0517), Town of Polar. Land as being Pt of NW SE and Pt of SW SE Sec 10, T30N, R12E (Parcel #'s 016-0158 & 0159.002) Town of Norwood.

Now comprising a part of the A-2 District is hereby rezoned into the A-1 District.

SECTION 2 This change in zoning shall be designated on the official county zoning map for the Towns of Polar and Norwood.

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

ADOPTED: July 16, 2013  
APPROVED: July 16, 2013

ATTEST: Kathryn Jacob  
County Clerk

**ORDINANCE #9-2013Z**

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

SECTION 1 That the lands described as  
Being Part of the W ½ of SW SE Sec 8, T31N, R14E lying Southerly & Easterly of Hwy 64, being Lot 2 CSM V7 P134 (Parcel #034-0127.004) Town of Wolf River.

Now comprising a part of the AFR District is hereby rezoned into the Commercial District.

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

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.

ADOPTED: July 16, 2013  
APPROVED: July 16, 2013

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION #42-2013**

**INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: SUPPORT NATIONAL FOREST HEALTH MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee supports the initiatives proposed by the Forest County Board of Supervisors AD Hoc research committee to improve forest health and benefit local economies;

**WHEREAS**, the initiatives recognize the tremendous importance of the lands contained within the 1.6 million acres of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) as an exceptional natural resource capable of producing a sustainable supply of timber products on an annual basis to provide forest health, economic, social, and biological benefits to Langlade County, the State of Wisconsin, as well as the Nation;

**WHEREAS**, the health of the forest across the landscape has a direct effect on the sustainability of the communities in our County and across the Nation. The declining harvest on our National forest lands has led to an array of forest health concerns. Forest health issues on national forests often spread to adjacent lands including tribal forests, state forests, county forests and privately owned forestlands. Fire, forest pests and diseases do not adhere to ownership boundaries so reduced management on our National forests increases forest health issues on adjacent forestland and endangers people who may live there; and

**WHEREAS**, declining forest health has resulted in huge costs associated with wildfire response as well as loss of value from degradation of timber quality and mortality of timber assets across our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the science of silviculture, through proven studies, has developed management strategies which provides for maintenance of forest health, forest value and forest quality through active forest health management (including timber programs); and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service has forest data available to utilize the science of silviculture to determine the amount of timber that can be harvested from a forest on an annual and sustainable basis. This amount is known as the annual allowable harvest; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service currently utilizes the term Annual Sale Quantity(ASQ) which defines harvesting levels as determined by funding and staffing availability rather than utilization of scientific forest data; and

**WHEREAS**, the CNNF has significantly reduced forest health treatments (including timber harvesting) over the past 10 years. Last year the CNNF harvested less than one half of the timber required to maintain forest health. Harvesting levels on the Nation Forest Lands in both Softwood and Hardwood stands has been reduced significantly nationwide. For example, on the CNNF in Wisconsin with an ASQ of 131 million board feet per year, they have only averaged harvesting 58% of the ASQ. This translates to a long term impact on forest health and wildlife, reduced revenue to local communities from direct Forest Service payments and a significant reduction in raw materials needed to sustain our forest industry and local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, every 20,000 board feet of timber harvested provides enough raw material to sustain 1 job in our forest industry. Last year the CNNF failed to harvest 88 million board feet of timber available for harvest which could sustain 4,400 Wisconsin jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Federal appropriations is a funding source that is utilized to meet forest health goals as well as other forest plan goals, and

**WHEREAS**, the percent of Federal appropriations utilized for active forest health management (including timer program) utilized on the CNNF is less than 30% of the total appropriations budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Stewardship contracting authority, as authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill is an additional funding source that can be utilized to meet forest health goals as well as other forest plan goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Stewardship contracting authority is due to expire in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee supports the solutions prepared by the Forest County Board of Supervisors AD Hoc research committee to improve forest health and benefit local economies which are hereby supported by this resolution, as follows:

1. Change USFS policy to maximize the health of forest at the landscape level by requiring USFS harvesting levels at the annual allowable harvest as determined through silvicultural prescriptions that can be supported by scientific means; and
2. Require forest health management (including timber programs) to be the highest priority in all management areas and change USFS policy to require forest units to provide detailed plans on how forest health management (including timber programs) will be funded through appropriations and the use of Stewardship Contracting receipts. This funding plan shall prioritize spending; and
3. Change USFS appropriation percentages earmarked for forest health management (including timber programs) to be at least 60% of the budget by 2018 with the requirement to harvest at least 80% of the annual allowable harvest in each forest; and
4. Take actions to extend or make permanent Stewardship Contracting Authority; and
5. Change USFS policy to shift funding for non-forest health management programs (recreation, fire, wildlife, etc.) to Stewardship Contracting receipts or user fees by 2018; and
6. Require Forest Plan revisions to meet the directive listed above.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to support the initiatives to promote the health and sustainability of National Forests as set forth herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors hereby directs that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to President Barack Obama, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture Thomas Vilsack, Chief of the Forest Service Thomas Tidwell, U.S. Regional Forester Kathleen Atkinson, Wisconsin Federal Representative Senator Ron Johnson and Senator Tammy Baldwin, Congressman Sean Duffy, Congressman Reid Ribble, Governor Scott Walker, each legislator in the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly who represent constituents from Langlade County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

David J. Solin, Chairman  
Ronald M. Nye  
Douglas Nonnenmacher  
Michael P. Klimoski

FISCAL NOTE: No Fiscal Impact.

**RESOLUTION #44 -2013**

**INTRODUCED BY:** FINANCE AND LAND SALES COMMITTEE

**INTENT:** SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY - Parcel #030-1768

**WHEREAS**, Robert Tomczak has submitted a bid of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.) to purchase a parcel of land in the Town of Upham, known as Parcel #030-1768, pursuant to the Land Sales Ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors that this offer of \$3000. be accepted and that the County Clerk issue a Quit Claim Deed to Robert Tomczak, upon receipt of the balance due of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400).

**FINANCE AND LAND SALES COMMITTEE**

Jerrold L. Burns  
William Bostwick  
Vernon Cahak  
Ronald Nye  
Douglas Nonnenmacher

FISCAL NOTE: Total amount of the sale is \$3,000.

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New Business:

Committee Reports:

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

**RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION # 43-2013**

**INTRODUCED BY: PUBLIC SAFETY, PERSONNEL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**

**INTENT: REFILL ONE (1) FULL-TIME VACANT CORRECTION OFFICER POSITION  
IN THE LANGLADE COUNTY JAIL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014**

**WHEREAS**, since May 27, 2011, there has been one (1) vacant full-time Correction Officer position in the Langlade County Jail; and

**WHEREAS**, effective January 1, 2013, the full-time position was refilled on a part-time basis (up to 24 hours per week) (Resolution #56-2012) and with additional casual employment positions (Resolution #40-2012); and

**WHEREAS**, the staffing plan for the Jail calls for four (4) Correction Officers per shift (12 hour work days), for a total staffing level of sixteen (16) Correction Officer positions; and

**WHEREAS**, currently there are fifteen (15) full-time Correction Officer positions in the Jail, one (1) part-time Correction Officer position and casual employment positions; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to "double bunk" inmates in the Jail, then the staffing agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections requires a staff of sixteen (16) Correction Officer positions, with a minimum of four Officers per shift (including one female Officer); and

**WHEREAS**, the need to "double bunk" is increasing as the average daily inmate population in the Jail increases; and workload and work safety concerns for Correction Officers are increasing as the number of inmates who present mental health and drug dependency issues increases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff is requesting to refill the vacant full-time Correction Officer position in the Jail effective January 1, 2014 (copy of job description is on file); and

**WHEREAS**, the Committees recommend refilling the vacant full-time Correction Officer Position in the Langlade County Jail effective January 1, 2014.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to refill the vacant full-time Correction Officer position in the Langlade County Jail effective January 1, 2014.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Vernon Cahak  
Arlene C. Bonacci  
Dale A. Dahms  
Richard Olsen  
Larry Poltrock

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Douglas Nonnenmacher  
Richard H. Hurlbert  
Dale A. Dahms  
Richard Olsen  
Arlene C. Bonacci

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

David J. Solin  
Ronald M. Nye  
Douglas Nonnenmacher  
Michael P. Klimoski

**FISCAL NOTE: Additional cost to make the Correction Officer position full-time will be approximately \$16,500.00. Funding for this position would need to come from either reducing funding from other lower priority programs and services or by increasing revenues.**

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

Corporation Counsel Robin Stowe explained this request to return to a staff of 16 full time Correction Officer positions. The staffing agreement with the State of Wisconsin requires a staff of 16 full time Correction Officers if they “double bunk” inmates in the Jail, with a minimum of four Officers per shift.

Sheriff Greening stated there is a need for 16 full time Correction Officers to monitor the inmates, and for the protection of jail staff and inmates. There is an increase in inmates with mental health issues and drug dependency issues. His concerns include the liability faced by Langlade County, protection of Correction Officers and protection of other jail inmates.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #43-2013, all Supervisors present voted aye. Resolution #43-2013 is adopted.

**Committee Referrals:**

Supervisor Olsen received a request for an individual who is renting where there are holes in the ceiling. Who at the County level can help with this type of problem?  
Supervisor Matucheski responded to call the Health Department for the phone number for the Renters Help Line.

**Administrative Coordinator’s Report:**

Robin Stowe reported Langlade County has been notified of an arbitrator’s decision on one grievance that was filed. The arbitrator has issued a decision that denied the grievance. There is one pending grievance still waiting for a decision.

He also explained concerns on how the “Obama Care” will affect our self-funded health plan. They are phasing in different requirements for the employers.

The report on the study for Social Worker staffing level will be presented to County Board in August.

Wisconsin Counties Magazine has information on the Lean Government principles, which create efficiencies and improvements to services provided to the public, reducing government spending.

Motion was made by Supervisor Klimoski to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 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 July 16, 2013.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

Kathryn Jacob  
Langlade County Clerk  
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