

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING – JUNE 21, 2011**

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The Langlade County Board of Supervisors met in the Langlade 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 Supervisor Bornemann, who had asked to be excused. Motion was made by Supervisor Kamps, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, to excuse him. All ayes, the motion carried.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

Motion was made by Supervisor Klimoski, seconded by Supervisor Cahak, to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011 meeting as printed and published. All ayes, the motion carried.

Approve or amend the agenda as printed:

Motion was made by Supervisor Kamps, seconded by Supervisor Morse, to approve the agenda as printed. All ayes, the motion carried.

Citizens and Delegations:

Chris Berry updated County Board on the activities of the Community Development office. It will soon be renamed Langlade County Economic Development Corporation. Their office is now located at the Wood Technology Center. She has now completed a certification process on Economic Development Finance. She reviewed projects they have recently been working on with local businesses.

Kari Lazars, Wis. Nutrition Program Coordinator, introduced the new 4-H Agent, Holly Luerssen, she will be full time for the summer months. Holly has stepped into this leadership position after being a volunteer for the 4-H program. She will be the research person connecting leaders with the State programs. Introductions were then made by Jennifer Clark, the Family Living Educator, Karalee DuFour, the 4-H Support Staff, and Sally Hull, the Office Coordinator.

Deb Gallenberg, Family Corner Resource Center Coordinator, updated County Board with the activities and services they have provided to families. She shared information contained in their 2010 Year End Report. She thanked County Board for the funding they have received in the past.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Letters:

Letters were received from Senator Jim Holperin in response to Resolutions #15, #16, #24 and #41-2011. He thanks the County Board for sharing their views and looks forward to hearing our views on other issues of concern.

A letter was received from Governor Scott Walker thanking us for contacting his office with our resolution. He will keep our thoughts and ideas in mind. The letters are placed on file.

2. RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION #50-2011**

**INTRODUCED BY: BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: RECOGNITION OF JOAN POSTLER FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE LANGLADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND LANGLADE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, Joan Postler is officially retiring from her position as a Public Health Nurse for the Langlade County Health Department and as the Jail Nurse for the Langlade County Sheriff's Department, as of June 23rd, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Joan Postler has been a conscientious, dedicated and valuable County employee providing skilled services for the Langlade County Health Department and the Langlade County Sheriff's Department for 14 years; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that Joan Postler be recognized for her years of service to County government;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors, that the Board as a whole wishes to commend Joan Postler for her many years of dedicated service in the Langlade County Health Department and the Langlade County Sheriff's Department and wishes her the best during her retirement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to her at her home address.

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

David J. Solin  
Michael P. Klimoski  
Judy Karpf  
Jerold L. Burns  
Richard H. Hurlbert  
Jeffrey J. Zalewski  
Pat McKinney-Rice

Thomas A. Schultz  
Eugene Kamps  
Arlene C. Bonacci  
Ronald Nye  
Richard Olsen  
Robert Benishek

Douglas Nonnenmacher  
Rick Bina  
James R. Jansen  
Vernon Cahak  
David J. Morse  
William Bostwick

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Holly Matucheski and Bill Greening presented a plaque to Joan Postler in recognition of her years of service to Langlade County, and thanked her for an outstanding job.

**RESOLUTION # 48-2011**

**INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: DENY FUNDING REQUESTS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS FOR 2012**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee is responsible to develop a strategic budget plan which includes recommendations to the County Board in setting priorities for the programs and services provided by County government and the funding levels for programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee recognizes that the County Board has established a process whereby community service organizations can request funding from the County for 2012 by submitting an application prior to June 30th; and

**WHEREAS**, given the funding limitations imposed upon the County by the State Biennial Budget, including reductions in shared revenue, and loss of revenue from the housing of State prisoners, the Committee recommends that any funding requests submitted by community service organizations for 2012 regretfully be denied at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, this decision is required at this time in order for the Committee to submit a budget plan for 2012 to the County Board which addresses the County's financial resources and recommended funding priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, ultimately as part of the budget plan, the Committee is responsible to present recommendations for reducing or eliminating employment positions, and the Committee recommends that the Board first decide upon funding requests for community service organizations before eliminating employment positions.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to deny all funding requests for community service organizations for 2012.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

**FISCAL NOTE:** \$37,500 was budgeted in 2011 for the service groups. Each group received \$12,500. The groups included Avail, Family Corner Resource Center, and The Boys and Girls Club.

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

Corporation Counsel Robin Stowe and Finance Director Gary Olsen explained reasons for this resolution, asking County Board to establish priorities to assist in preparing the budget for 2012. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion was made by Supervisor Morse to amend the resolution and remove the Family Corner Resource Center and Avail from this resolution, seconded by Supervisor Hurlbert. All ayes, the motion to amend has carried.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #48-2011 as amended, all Supervisors present voted aye. Resolution #48-2011 is adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION # 52-2011**

**INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: ESTABLISH HIRING FREEZE FROM JULY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND REVISE RULES 12.1, 12.2 AND 12.3 OF THE RULES OF THE LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, as part of the strategic budget plan for 2012, the Committee recommends the establishment of a hiring freeze for all employment positions from July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee recommends that the Rules of the Langlade County Board be amended as follows:

**Revise Rules 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3 as follows:**

- 12.1 All Department Heads shall first obtain approval from their oversight committee before requesting the creation of any new positions in their department, including Limited Term Employees (LTEs), seasonal employees, casual employees, independently contracted positions, grant funded positions, part-time or full-time employees. The oversight committee shall then present its recommendation to the Personnel and Executive Committees. The Personnel and Executive Committees must **approve** all new employee positions, including Limited Term Employee (LTE) and casual employee positions, prior to submission of a resolution to the County Board. **A supervisor or committee may not introduce a resolution as set forth in Rule 6.1 to create or refill a position without first complying with this Rule. Vacancies in the position of Corrections Officer/Dispatcher or Law Enforcement Officer (Lieutenant, Sergeant/911/Investigator, Corporal, Deputy) are not subject to this Rule and shall be refilled with the approval of the Public Safety Committee.**
- 12.2 The creation of any employment position (or the refilling of any position) requires a **three-fourths (3/4)** vote of the County Board. The approval of the Oversight Committee Chairman and the County Board Chairman are required to refill a vacancy that occurs during the probationary period for a position previously approved by the County Board.

12.3 Resolutions subject to the **three-fourths (3/4)** vote as set forth in Rule 12.2 may be reconsidered upon the motion of a member who voted on the prevailing side and that motion may be seconded by any other member.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to amend Rules 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3 of the Rules of the County Board as outlined above.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

**FISCAL NOTE:** Any savings from not refilling positions or keeping positions vacant will go back to the General Fund. These savings will help replenish any amounts used for offsetting the budget deficit for fiscal year 2012.

Motion was made by Supervisor Morse, seconded by Supervisor Nonnenmacher, to adopt.

Robin Stowe explained this resolution is to assist with the projected budget deficit for 2012.

Motion was made by Supervisor Schultz to exempt from this resolution two casual employees, a secretary position in the Health Department and a 4-H assistant position at the U.W. Extension, seconded by Supervisor Karpf. After discussion, this additional information was included “All existing Casual Employees that are in the 2011 budget right now could be funded at the same level for 2012, for that one year, without going through all these steps.” All ayes on the motion to amend. The amendment has passed.

Motion was made by Supervisor Schultz to amend the resolution to remove Corrections Officer, seconded by Supervisor Morse. All ayes on the motion to amend. The amendment has passed.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #52-2011 as amended, all Supervisors present voted aye, except Supervisor Dahms voted no. Resolution #52-2011 is adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION # 53-2011**

**INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: TO UTILIZE \$200,000 OF EXCESS JAIL REVENUE FOR 2012 JAIL DEBT PAYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee is responsible to develop a strategic budget plan which includes recommendations to the County Board in setting priorities for the programs and services provided by County government and the funding levels for programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, given the funding limitations imposed upon the County by the State Biennial Budget, including reductions in shared revenue, and loss of revenue from the housing of State prisoners, the Committee recommends that \$200,000 of the excess Jail revenue from the housing of prisoners be utilized towards the jail debt payment for 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution #14-2004 these funds were designated for repayment of jail debt which is not callable until 2018 and therefore these funds could be replenished before the debt is callable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee recommends using a portion of the jail debt fund to offset the budget deficit in 2012 since Langlade County will not benefit from all the provisions in the Budget Repair Bill (Act 10) which are designed to offset losses in shared revenue until January 1, 2013.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to utilize \$200,000 of the excess jail revenue to offset the jail debt payment for 2012.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this allocation from the jail debt will be replenished from any future revenue of housing State inmates and any excess funds remaining in the Jail budget at the end of fiscal year 2012.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is currently \$406,761 available in the Debt Service Fund that has been designated for repayment of jail debt. By utilizing \$200,000 of these funds, there will still be \$206,761 available for future repayments.

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

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #53-2011, all Supervisors present voted aye. Resolution #53-2011 is adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION # 49-2011**

**INTRODUCED BY: HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: ELECT TIMOTHY J. RUSCH AS THE LANGLADE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM**

**WHEREAS**, the former Highway Commissioner, Eugene Rogatzki, retired from his position on March 31, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee has completed the recruitment and selection process for the vacant Highway Commissioner position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee recommends electing Timothy J. Rusch of Deerbrook, Wisconsin as the new Langlade County Highway Commissioner for a four year term.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to elect Timothy J. Rusch as the new Langlade County Highway Commissioner for a four year term; and that said term shall commence on June 21, 2011.

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

Eugene Kamps  
James R. Jansen  
Richard H. Hurlbert  
Jeffrey J. Zalewski

**FISCAL NOTE:** Cost to refill the Highway Commissioner position:

	<u>July to Dec. 2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Salary	\$31,862	\$ 67,598
Fringe Benefits	<u>17,048</u>	<u>34,593</u>
Total Annualized Cost	\$48,910	\$102,191

Total cost to refill the position will come from the Highway Department 2011 budget.

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

Robin Stowe explained they interviewed a number of candidates for this Highway Commissioner position. The Committee decided what duties are now expected of this elected Highway Commissioner. He then introduced Tim Rusch.

Tim Rusch then addressed County Board with background information. After graduating from Antigo High School, he received his engineering degree from University of Wisconsin, Platteville. He has worked a variety of engineering and surveying jobs, and has supervisory experience in union and non-union environment. For the past nine years he has owned his own engineering and surveying company in this area.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #49-2011, all Supervisors present voted aye. Resolution #49-2011 is adopted. Timothy J. Rusch has been elected Langlade County Highway Commissioner for a four year term.

**RESOLUTION # 51-2011**

**INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: OPPOSE THE FAMILY CARE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AND EXPANSION CAP IN THE GOVERNOR’S BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, effective January 1, 2011, Langlade County transitioned to a system of delivering long term care services designed by the State of Wisconsin, known as "Family Care"; and

**WHEREAS**, although Family Care was designed to alleviate waiting lists for long term care services, Governor Walker has included in the 2011-2013 Biennial Budget a cap on the enrollment of eligible individuals into Family Care; and

**WHEREAS**, if enrollment into Family Care is capped, then residents of Langlade County who are eligible to receive long term care services will be unable to receive such care as long as current enrollment exceeds the cap.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to go on the record to oppose the Family Care enrollment and expansion cap and encourage our local legislators to vote against this provision of the Governor’s proposed Biennial Budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County's legislators.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

**FISCAL NOTE:** Langlade County did not have a waiting list for its Long Term Care clients prior to Family Care, and no tax levy dollars were allocated to this program. Now there is a concern that tax levy dollars would be needed if clients are denied services for a long amount of time.

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

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #51-2011, all Supervisors present voted aye. Resolution #51-2011 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION # 54-2011**

**INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: EXEMPTING AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FROM THE TAX LEVY LIMIT**

**WHEREAS**, in preparing the 2011-2013 State Biennial Budget, the Committee recommends that the Wisconsin Legislature consider exempting any amounts budgeted for economic development from the County tax levy limit; and

**WHEREAS**, given that County funding for economic development promotes the local economy (i.e., job creation, business development and retention), these funds should not be subject to tax levy limit; and

**WHEREAS**, by exempting any amounts budgeted for economic development from the County tax levy limit, this action will not only preserve the funding for local economic development, but will likely create an incentive for Counties to continue to undertake activities that stimulate their local economies.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to call upon the Wisconsin Legislature to exempt any amounts budgeted for economic development from the County tax levy limit as set forth in the 2011-2013 State Biennial Budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County's legislators.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

**FISCAL NOTE:** The County currently budgets \$75,000 annually for community development.

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

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #54-2011, all Supervisors present voted aye, except Supervisor Olsen voted no. Resolution #54-2011 is adopted.

**Committee Reports:**

Supervisor Klimoski questioned items in the Public Property minutes, such as using County vehicles not in accordance with the County Use Policy, contractors for the furnace and air conditioner at the Resource Center, and the lighting audit for County buildings.

Nate Heuss, Maintenance Department Head, responded with answers to the items. He solicited proposals from three different firms for the air conditioning and heating project at the Resource Center. They went with the low proposal. The Public Property Committee set a goal to reduce energy expenses, and with that in mind they approved a lighting audit of the Safety Building and Health Care Center. The Lighting Audit will give them a plan for making improvements, a cost estimate of materials, and a strategy for getting the projects done. Goals include increasing the efficiency of the lighting and of the heating and cooling systems.

Supervisor Cahak requested to be excused at 10:50 a.m. Motion was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Hurlbert to excuse him. All ayes, the motion carried.

Supervisor Hurlbert reported Social Services will begin holding evening hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in September. Some will start at noon and work until 8 p.m.

Supervisor Zalewski stated the Ad Hoc Committee is requesting an extension of time until October 3<sup>rd</sup> to review the Fairgrounds Use Policy, and make the proper recommendations to Public Property regarding the fees. They are making a packet for the interested users of the fairgrounds. Motion was made by Supervisor Benishek, seconded by Supervisor Nonnenmacher to allow them more time for their review. All ayes, the motion carried.

Supervisor Karpf stated with Community Care of Central Wisconsin – Family Care, there are issues that will arise because of the cap. It is a big concern for all of us.

Motion was made by Supervisor Burns to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Hurlbert. 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 June 21, 2011.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2011.

Kathryn Jacob  
Langlade County Clerk

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