

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING – MAY 21, 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 Supervisor Bina, who had asked to be excused. Motion was made by Supervisor Zalewski, seconded by Supervisor Jansen, to excuse him. All ayes, the motion carried. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence in respect for the victims of the recent tornado tragedies.

Approve or amend the minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting as printed and published:

Motion was made by Supervisor Jansen, seconded by Supervisor Burns, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013 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 Nonnenmacher, to approve the agenda as printed. All ayes, the motion carried.

Citizens and Delegations:

Angie Close presented information on the Northcentral Wisconsin International Trade, Business and Economic Development Council. This regional partnership brings together leaders of tourism, business, local government and economic development to coordinate the creation and implementation of economic development initiatives. Discussion followed.

Duane Haakenson presented his report of Land Records and Regulations and Land Conservation Department and explained their personnel changes. He presented their updated Langlade County Rural Address Atlas which they sell for \$25.00 and presented the map of the Agricultural Enterprise Area expansion which brings in over \$300,000 in tax credits for the landowners.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Supervisor Jansen, seconded by Supervisor Nonnenmacher, 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 Carol Feller Gottard to the Antigo Public Library Board for a three year term.
2. Letters, Petitions and Communications:
3. Zoning Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE #7-2013Z**

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

**SECTION 1** That the lands described as Being the Original Plat Village of Elcho Lots 1-2-3-4 & 5 Block 8 & Including vacated portion of Dorr St lying E of Block 8. (Parcel #008-1332.002), Town of Elcho. Now comprising a part of the Residential 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 Elcho.

**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: May 21, 2013	APPROVED: David J. Solin
APPROVED: May 21, 2013	County Board Chairman
	ATTEST: Kathryn Jacob
	County Clerk

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION #32-2013**

**INTRODUCED BY: WATER & LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: Approve St. Peter Lutheran Church Cemetery Plat 2013 Addition.**

**St. Peter Lutheran Church, owner, in Part of NW-NW, Sec. 33, T31N, R12E, Langlade County.**

**WHEREAS**, St. Peter Lutheran Church Cemetery, running out of burial sites, has contracted with Daniel Higginbotham, Registered Land Surveyor to survey an addition to the Cemetery and prepare a plat map, and

**WHEREAS**, WI Statutes 157.07 requires “the plat or map may not be recorded unless laid out and platted to the satisfaction of the County Board of the County, and the Town Board of the Town in which the land is situated .....”, and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of Langlade County, Wisconsin, that the plat known as St. Peter Lutheran Church Cemetery Plat 2013 Addition, St. Peter Lutheran Church, owner, being located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, T31N, R12E, Town of Polar, Langlade County, Wisconsin, is hereby approved.

**WATER & LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Michael P. Klimoski  
Eugene Kamps  
David J. Solin  
Ronald Nye  
Jerrold L. Burns

**RESOLUTION # 34 -2013**

**INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: OPPOSITION TO INCREASING ACREAGE OF ALIEN OWNERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin law (Chapter 710) has regulated the amount of land that aliens can own for 126 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1887 law bars foreigners from owning more than 640 acres in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker is being asked by special interest groups to let foreigners own large amounts of land for the first time in 126 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Walker spokesman Cullen Werwie said the change is intended solely to clarify language that was confusing to potential foreign investors, specifically that the state’s 126-year-old law conflicts with the International treaty known as GATS, or the General Agreement on Trade in Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Scott Walker’s budget proposal would lift a longtime ban on foreign ownership of large tracts of land in Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, no International treaty signed by the government of the United States, its agents, or representatives shall dissolve those rights delegated to the individual states under the 10<sup>th</sup> amendment of The Constitution of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Scott Walker’s budget proposal would lift a longtime ban on foreign ownership of large tracts of land in Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Farmers Union challenges the assertion that the change is needed to comply with International law. “Without more evidence of a credible legal challenge to Wisconsin’s current statute, the state rationale of needing the law change in order to comply with federal treaty does not withstand scrutiny.”; and

**WHEREAS**, John Peck, executive Director of Madison based Family Farm Defenders also states he does not believe that GATS applies and says Governor Walker and the Wisconsin lawmakers are poised to make the state part of a “global land-grabbing casino”; and

**WHEREAS**, “The most valuable asset we have is our land, forests, and water,” Peck says “It is shocking to me that we are willing to put everything on the auction block”; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing unrestricted ownership of our land, forest, and water by non-resident aliens and corporations would erode our independence and rights granted to us under the United States and Wisconsin Constitutions; and

**WHEREAS**, adding more foreign competition for land ownership in the state, and in particular, tax-preferred agricultural land-even if the land isn’t used for farming-would drive up land prices and edge some resident landowners out of the market; and

**WHEREAS**, if enacted Wisconsin would be moving toward an investor-owned rather than a farmer owned land base; and

**WHEREAS**, the current law should be kept in place and the issue of foreign ownership of land should be debated on its own merits, rather than buried in the state budget; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors in session, that Langlade County shall be strongly opposed to the lifting of the state ban on foreign ownership; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such legislative action be taken on its own merits and not as part of the budget process.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be sent to the Governor, Local and State Legislators, the Leadership of the Senate and Assembly and all Wisconsin Counties.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

David J. Solin  
Michael P. Klimoski  
Douglas Nonnenmacher  
Patricia McKinney-Rice

**FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact.

**RESOLUTION # 35 -2013**

**INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: SUPPORT MODIFICATION OF ELECTION RECOUNT PROCEDURES TO ALLOW EITHER HAND COUNT OR THE USE OF AUTOMATED TABULATING EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, proposed legislation modifies the current election recount procedure, allowing the board of canvassers to have the option to hand count ballots; and

**WHEREAS**, when utilizing automated tabulating equipment, some of the tasks required to be performed prior to a recount consist of retesting and burning cartridges to include creating back up memory packs to meet current law, which are costly; and

**WHEREAS**, current law prohibits the Board of Canvassers from hand counting ballots where automatic tabulating equipment is used, unless petitioning the Circuit Court; and

**WHEREAS**, clear and convincing evidence must exist in order to obtain authorization to hand count ballots; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing the Board of Canvassers in lesser populated areas to have the option to count ballots by hand is more fiscally responsible.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Langlade County Board of Supervisors hereby supports election recount procedures to allow either hand count or the use of automated tabulating equipment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Langlade County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, the State Legislators representing Langlade County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

David J. Solin  
Michael P. Klimoski  
Douglas Nonnenmacher  
Ronald Nye  
Patricia McKinney-Rice

**FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact.

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New Business:

Committee Reports:

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION # 33-2013**

**INTRODUCED BY: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: APPROVE 2013 TOTAL BASE WAGE AGREEMENTS WITH THE LANGLADE COUNTY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNIONS (LOCAL 36-A: COURTHOUSE AND PROFESSIONAL AND LOCAL 36 HIGHWAY)**

**WHEREAS**, the Personnel Committee and the Langlade County Public Employees Unions (Local 36-A: Courthouse and Professional; and Local 36: Highway) have reached an agreement with respect to total base wages, pursuant to Section 111.70(4)(mb)(1), Wis. Stats.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Personnel Committee recommends entering into a Total Base Wage Agreement with each Union for one year (2013), which also satisfies the intent of Resolution 7-2012, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of each Total Base Wage Agreement is attached hereto (on file in Finance Office) and each Agreement provides in relevant part: The County and Unions have agreed to a total base wage increase equaling seven-tenths of one percent (0.7%) to the hourly base wage to each County employee actively employed in a position represented by the Union; said increase to be effective the first pay period after the Agreement is ratified and shall be in effect for the remainder of the calendar year; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds to cover the estimated total cost of each one year Agreement must be transferred from the Contingent Fund.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to approve each 2013 Total Base Wage Agreement with the Langlade County Public Employees Unions (Local 36-A: Courthouse and Professional; and Local 36: Highway).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, on behalf of Langlade County, the Chairman of the County Board, the Chairman of the Personnel Committee and the Langlade County Clerk shall be authorized to sign the Total Base Wage Agreements for calendar year 2013.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that action taken under this Resolution also satisfies the intent of Resolution 7-2012, as amended.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

**FISCAL NOTE:** The estimated total annual cost for the Agreements will be \$23,368.  
Courtthouse: \$10,212; Professional: \$4,194; Highway: \$8,962.

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

Corporation Counsel Robin Stowe explained the process they followed to reach this agreement.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #33-2013, all Supervisors present voted aye. Resolution #33-2013 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION # 36-2013**

**INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: SUPPORT CONSOLIDATION OF LANGLADE COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND INTO A “NORTHWOODS REGIONAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND”**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Langelo and the City of Antigo currently contract with the Langelo County Economic Development Corporation to provide various economic development services, including the administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund and the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Small Cities Program funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation’s (WEDC) 2013 Operational Plan calls for the consolidation and regionalization of the HUD Community Development Small Cities Program Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) capital; and

**WHEREAS**, if it is necessary for Counties to regionalize in order to remain eligible to receive and administer CDBG economic development funding, then the Committee recommends that Langelo County partner with Counties that have similar economic development needs and interests as are representative of the small rural communities that comprise the "Northwoods"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwoods Counties of Langelo, Oneida, Forest, Vilas, Florence, Marinette and Oconto are considering the formation of a regional Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to be known as the “Northwoods Regional Revolving Loan Fund”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee recognizes and appreciates that different regions of Wisconsin have different economic development needs, interests and resources based on their regional economies, and therefore the Northwoods Regional RLF would be entirely independent of the Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund (CWED) consisting of Marathon, Lincoln, Wood, Portage, Adams and Juneau counties.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Langelo County Board of Supervisors supports the consolidation of the Langelo County Revolving Loan Fund into a “Northwoods Regional Revolving Loan Fund” to include the counties of Oneida, Forest, Vilas, Florence, Marinette and Oconto; and the Northwoods Regional RLF shall be entirely independent of the Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund (CWED) consisting of Marathon, Lincoln, Wood, Portage, Adams and Juneau Counties.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any changes required to the Langelo County Revolving Loan Fund in order to accommodate this consolidation would be submitted to the County Board for its consideration and approval.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Clerks for the Counties that comprise the Northwoods Regional RLF and to Langelo County's elected representatives.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

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

**FISCAL NOTE:** The Economic Development Revolving Loan Funds are administered by the Economic Development Corporation. The County currently has \$414,552 in the Revolving Loan Fund.

Motion was made by Supervisor Klimoski, seconded by Supervisor McKinney-Rice, to adopt.

Chris Berry, Director of Economic Development, explained the reasons for this request for support of consolidation into a “Northwoods Regional Revolving Loan Fund.” This resolution will show our support.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #36-2013, all Supervisors present voted aye. Resolution #36-2013 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION # 37-2013**

**INTRODUCED BY: FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**

**INTENT: ALLOCATE COUNTY’S SHARE OF FUNDING FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE ANTIGO PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING**

**WHEREAS**, for many years the County and the City have agreed to jointly fund the Antigo Public Library in recognition that the Library extends services to all residents of Langelo County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolutions 67-2011 and 42-2012, the County and the City amended its agreement to jointly fund library services in order to recognize that the Library Board does not have sufficient funding to undertake "major" repairs of the Library to the extent that the annual appropriation for the Library does not account for the costs of "major" repairs but only routine maintenance and minor repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Joint Library Agreement, the County and the City are considered joint owners of the Library building and, as such, have an interest in assuring that major repairs to the structure and the building's mechanical systems take place as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, City and Library Board have identified "major" repairs that would be funded under a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), with the library roof listed as the first priority major repair; and

**WHEREAS**, for the roof repair project, it is proposed that the cost of this capital improvement be shared equally by the parties (County, City and Library Board);

**WHEREAS**, the Committee recommends that the County allocate its share of the funding for this project (not to exceed \$35,000.00), which includes the replacement of the existing single roof with a metal roof, with snow stops, gutters and downspouts.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to allocate the County's one-third (1/3) share (from the General Fund - not to exceed \$35,000) of the costs of replacing the roof on the Antigo Public Library building; with said funding contingent upon obtaining commitments from the City of Antigo and the Library Board to fund the remaining two-thirds (2/3) cost of this capital improvement project.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

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

**FISCAL NOTE:** The County's one-third share, not to exceed \$35,000.00, shall be allocated from the General Fund.

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

Robin Stowe explained the agreement between Langlade County, the City of Antigo, and the Library Board for major repairs to the Public Library building. Langlade County will oversee this roof project.

On call of the roll to adopt Resolution #37-2013, all Supervisors present voted aye. Resolution #37-2013 is adopted.

**Administrative Coordinator's Report:**

Robin Stowe updated the County Board with recent County Government activities. The report is on file in the County Clerk's office.

**Policy Report:**

Robin Stowe explained revised Employment Policies which have been approved by the Personnel Committee. These policies are on file in the County Clerk's office.

Motion was made by Supervisor Klimoski to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 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 May 21, 2013.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2013.

Kathryn Jacob  
Langlade County Clerk

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