

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004**

Chairman Joseph Maehl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, Fourth Floor, Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation by Supervisor Rankin.

The following Supervisors were present: Sevenich, Barker, Griesbach, Hotynski, Scoville, Maehl, Koziczowski, Klitzke, Widener, Lauson, Albrecht, Thompson, Madison, Radewan, Sundquist, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Nielsen, Robl, Eichman, Kline, Kramer, Schaidler, Farrey, Sievert, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Rankin, Rengstorf, Steineke, Finch, Tierney and O'Brien. Excused: Hert and Pech.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to approve the agenda. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

A "Notice of Claim" from American Family Insurance for Dawn and Dennis Clark for damage to their vehicle caused by a Winnebago County snowplow was referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee.

A "Notice of Claim" from Gary Malkmus for damages and allegations against the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department was referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee.

Information on a WCA Educational Seminar entitled, "Personnel Management-Issues and Answers" was shared with the Board. It will be held in Madison on Monday, March 29. Supervisors interested in attending should contact the County Clerk's Office by March 24.

Information received from WCA, regarding the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration is holding its 2nd Annual Spring Conference entitled "State & Local Responses and Solutions to the Current Fiscal Crisis" was shared with the Board. It will be held Friday, March 19 at Reeve Union, UW-Oshkosh. Supervisors interested in attending should contact the County Clerk's Office.

Information on a seminar sponsored by University of Wisconsin Green Bay Outreach and Extension in partnership with Wisconsin Government Financial Officers Association to be held Friday, March 26 at Ho Chunk Casino Hotel, Wisconsin Dells was shared with the Board. Supervisors interested in attending should contact the County Clerk's Office.

A letter was received from State Representative Gregg Underheim thanking the Board for sending him a copy of Resolution No. 327-22004 - "Oppose Assembly Bill 606: Authorizing Referendum to Allow Reduction of Size of County Boards"; Resolution No. 338-22004 - "Oppose Assembly Bill 608-(Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Law);" and Resolution No. 339-22004-"Oppose Assembly Bill 527 (Elimination of Shoreland Zoning Requirements in Areas that are Annexed into a City or Village)".

A letter was received from State Senator Michael Ellis thanking the Board for sending him a copy of resolutions on pending legislation, Assembly Bill 527, Assembly Bill 606 and Assembly Bill 608.

The following resolutions were received from various Wisconsin counties and forwarded to the appropriate committees:

- Dunn County – "Request reinstatement of the funds in the Wisconsin State Budget to the level in 2002 to support the educational and regulatory administration of Wisconsin fairs know as State Aid to Wisconsin Fairs" (forwarded to UW Education, Extension & Agriculture Committee)
- Kewaunee County – No. 41-2-04, "Calling for the Governor to require that the Wisconsin Department of Commerce revise milk volume production (MVP) Program to protect water quality" (forwarded to the Legislative Committee)
- Oconto County – Resolution No. 22-2004, "Changes to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant policies and procedures" (forwarded to the Legislative Committee)
- Polk County – "Request reinstatement of premium aid for Wisconsin Fairs" (forwarded to the UW Education, Extension & Agriculture Committee)
- Vernon County - Resolution #2004-3, "Supporting Federal Legislation to strengthen the Buy American Act" (forwarded to the Legislative Committee)

Petition for Zoning Amendment from Dave Voss and Austin C. Wheaton, Town of Wolf River, for zoning change from MG-1, B-1, R-1 and Wetland Zoning district to R-1, MG-1, elimination of Wetland Zoning and eliminating timeframe for previous R-1 zoning to go into effect August 1, 2004 was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Petition for Zoning Amendment from Alan and Robert Pheifer, Town of Menasha, for zoning change from R-1 to B-5 for a 9,000 square foot commercial building and 70-car parking lot was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Petition for Zoning Amendment from Arthur and Marjorie Tellock, Town of Wolf River, for zoning change from A-2 to R-1 for construction of a Town Hall was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Petition for Zoning Amendment from Randy Lee, Town of Winneconne, for zoning change from A-2 to R-1 for a

single family residence was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Petition for Zoning Amendment from the City of Oshkosh, Department of Public Works, Town of Oshkosh, for zoning change from M-1/R-1 to M-1 for light industrial was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Petition for Zoning Amendment from John Peterson, Town of Vinland, for zoning change from A-2 to R-1 and B-3 for single family residences and general business was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Petition for Zoning Amendment from Kelly Burnett, Town of Algoma, for zoning change from A-2 to R-2 for single family homes was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Petition for Zoning Amendment from David D. Zouski, Town of Rushford, for zoning change from A-2/B-3 to A-2 for agricultural purposes was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Petition for Zoning Amendment from Eric Hoffmann, Town of Rushford, for zoning change from 100 year floodplain to out of 100 year floodplain for residential home was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Petition for Zoning Amendment from Michael J. Haase, Town of Clayton, for zoning change from R-1 to A-2 to conform with Winnebago County zoning and Subdivision Ordinance was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Supervisor Griesbach reported Supervisor Albrecht and Sundquist hand delivered a letter from Don Wilmot, Emergency Management Director, to Congressman Petri regarding WEMA funding while in Washington D.C. attending the NACo Conference. Supervisor Albrecht said Mr. Wilmot received a phone call two days after the letter was delivered from Senator Feingold's Office asking if they could use his letter for hearings that will be held on the "Hill" regarding funding.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maehl asked Supervisors to look at the "Winnebago County Senior Directory". 10,000 copies of the directory were printed by the Buyer's Guide with a cost savings of \$12,000.

Chairman Maehl extended "happy birthday" wishes to Supervisors Schaidler, Griesbach and Thompson as well as John Haase, Highway Commissioner, Barry Busby, Coroner, Fred Bau, Human Resources Director and Jane Van De Hey, County Executive. Chairman Maehl also had a birthday this month. Chairman Maehl thanked Supervisor Schaidler for the generous gift of \$164.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Chairman Maehl asked Supervisors to look at the "Maehlgram" that had been placed on each desk. Attached to the "Maehlgram" was an article from the Post Crescent entitled "All junkets are a waste-and other myths". Although this article was dated March 6, 1997, Chairman Maehl said it was pertinent today.

Chairman Maehl spoke of an interview he had while at NACo with a Supervisor from Sarasota Florida. The Supervisor shared with Chairman Maehl he was in his 2nd 4-year term. The Board has five members, four of whom receive an annual salary of \$72,000. The Chairman makes \$100,000 per year. Each Supervisor has a car, full insurance, 401K and a staff of seven.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the Board.

PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED FUTURE OF THE U.S. HIGHWAYS 41, 441 AND 10 PROJECTS

Supervisor Robl introduced Walt Raith, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and William Bertrand, Wisconsin Department of Transportation to give an overview of the future of U.S Highways 41, 441 and 10 projects.

Mr. Raith stated East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission had recently passed a resolution supporting the proposed future highway projects. Mr. Raith said it is very important that strong support be shown at the local level for these projects. He suggested a resolution could be brought forth and forwarded to the DOT.

Mr. Bertrand requested Supervisors look at the hand out on their desk. Mr. Bertrand explained the study limits of the Tri-County expansion will be CB east to Highway 41 interchange across Little Lake Buttes des Morts continuing easterly to Oneida Street.

Mr. Bertrand explained the process involved with determining major projects:

- The Transportation Projects Commission meets in odd numbered years to approve studies for future potential major projects. The Tri-County was approved for study in 2001. At that point two consulting firms were enlisted to assist DOT in bringing the study of this project to a 30% completion.
- A draft environmental document is then submitted to the Federal Highway Administration, which

has been done for this project. This step must be done before the project can be sent back to the Transportation Projects Commission for remuneration of construction funds for some time in the future.

- The Transportation Projects Commission meets in even numbered years to consider studies that have been completed for funding. The Commission may meet in summer, 2004; however, there is not a guarantee they will meet. The study has been completed on the Tri-County Project and will be ready for presentation. The earliest construction could begin if the project is approved in 2004, would be 2011 or 2012.
- With the new process, local support is much more important. When the Transportation Projects Commission hears each presentation, it ranks them. It is not only essential for support in writing, but someone from the County should attend the presentation.

Mr. Bertrand asked each Supervisor to look at the handout he had placed on their desks. The handout showed aerial views of the Project with proposed changes highlighted. He explained the study had extended to another section of US Highway 41 from County II (Winchester Road) Interchange to County BB (Prospect Avenue) Interchange. The total project costs are estimated to be \$180 to \$190 million. Based on the new process for determining costs, there should not be an escalation of costs for this project.

Beginning in the fall of 2002 and continuing through fall of 2003, three local officials' meetings, three public informational meetings and one special business meeting have been held in an effort to involve the public. At all levels, there has been recognition for the need of this project. A copy of the maps can be seen in the County Clerk's Office.

REFINANCING RETIREMENT FUND

Charles Orenstein, Winnebago County Finance Director, made a recommendation that a resolution be brought to the March 16 County Board meeting to refinance the unfunded pension liability. In January, 2003 the Board approved refinancing the past service unfunded pension liability by taking out a state trust fund loan. Interest rates have dropped since then that would save between \$25,000 and \$30,000 per year over the next 16 years, totaling approximately \$453,000 in savings. There was unanimous support for bringing forth this resolution.

STATUS REPORT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Supervisor Schaidler, Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee, introduced Catherine Neiswender, UW-Extension Community Resource Development Educator. Supervisor Schaidler said it was a "treat" to have Ms. Neiswender working on the "team" and felt she was in no small way responsible for moving the plan along to its completion. Supervisor Schaidler also introduced Ray Batley, Town of Vinland Chair, and Chair of the PAG (Planning Advisory Group).

Mr. Batley stated he has been participating in the PAG since February, 2001 and has chaired the group since June, 2001. He stated the meetings initially were attended exclusively by the Towns, but soon they found in order for this to be a "county" plan, others would need to be involved. They sent invitations to towns, village, cities, groups and citizens with good response. At the direction of the County Planning Department, consultants were brought in. Mr. Batley wanted to stress the "spirit of cooperation" among all involved.

Ms. Neiswender began her presentation by referring to a handout regarding the timeline for adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Last week the Policy Rewrite Committee presented their final recommendations to the PAG. The PAG forwarded the entire planning document with changes and comments to the Planning & Zoning Committee. There are several planned steps following tonight's presentation:

- April 1 - The Planning & Zoning Committee and the PAG hold an open house and joint public workshop for the general public. This will also be a presentation of the full plan to all governing bodies at a single meeting. This includes all local and state agencies. The purpose of this meeting is to give information and make comments.
- June 1 - Local governments will have 60 days to review and respond to the Planning & Zoning Committee.
- June 11 and 18 - The Planning & Zoning Committee meet to review and make changes.
- June 30 - The committee will submit changes to the PAG by this date. The Planning & Zoning Committee will forward a copy of the Draft Plan to local governments for a 45-day review. The local governments will need to submit a yes or no vote of support to the Planning & Zoning Committee no later than August 16. This is not an adoption of the plan.
- August 25 - The Planning & Zoning Committee holds a public hearing on the Comprehensive Land Plan.
- September 7 - The Comprehensive Land Plan will be presented at the Special Orders session.

- September 21 - The County Board will vote to adopt the plan.
- October 2004 - This will be used to do reworks of the plan, if necessary.
- November 2004 - This is the deadline for the County to submit the plan to the state to get the rest of their Smart Growth grant dollars.

Ms. Neiswender wanted to bring attention to the planning website -

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/winnebago/wcplanning/index.html>

Ms. Neiswender encouraged all Supervisors to attend the April 1 meeting at the Coughlin Center. The plan will be available for viewing at 5:00 with the presentation beginning at 6:00.

At approximately 7:45 p.m., a motion was made by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until Tuesday, March 16. Motion to adjourn CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Rabe, Deputy
Winnebago County Clerk

State of Wisconsin)
County of Winnebago) ss

I, Patricia Rabe, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Journal of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors for their Special Orders Meeting held on March 9, 2004.

Patricia Rabe, Deputy
Winnebago County Clerk