

LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2009

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

On call of the roll, all Supervisors reported present, except Supervisor David Morse, who had asked to be excused. Motion was made by Supervisor Sus, seconded by Supervisor Karpf, to excuse him. All ayes, the motion carried. The Department Heads and several members of the public were also in attendance.

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

Motion was made by Supervisor Kamps, seconded by Supervisor Jansen, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2008 meeting as printed. All ayes, the motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Resolution #92-2008 Refill Vacant Union Range 3 Deputy Position in the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office

Motion was made by Supervisor Bornemann to reconsider Resolution #92-2008, seconded by Supervisor Bonacci. On call of the roll, all Supervisors voted aye, except Supervisors Hurlbert, McKinney-Rice, Dahms, Kamps, Barnett and Jansen voted no. Supervisor Nye abstained from voting. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #92-2008

INTRODUCED BY: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

INTENT: REFILL VACANT UNION RANGE 3 DEPUTY POSITION IN THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, one Deputy in the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office has transferred to the Treasurer's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Circuit Court is requesting to refill the vacant Union Range 3 Deputy position (copy of job description is on file); and

WHEREAS, this Deputy position serves as an assistant to the Clerk of Circuit Court, assisting in the overall operations of the department, and carries out the duties as required; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Circuit Court is the official custodian and record manager of all criminal, civil, traffic, small claims and family cases within the Circuit Court system; and

WHEREAS, the staff in the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office handles an extremely high volume of case management and customer service; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee recommends refilling the vacant Union Range 3 Deputy position in the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to refill the vacant Union Range 3 Deputy position in the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

James R. Jansen
Richard H. Hurlbert
David Jay Morse
Steve Koss
Richard Olsen

FISCAL NOTE: Cost to refill the Deputy position in the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office:

	<u>2009</u>
Salary	\$28,415
Fringe Benefits	<u>22,163</u>
Total Annualized Cost	\$50,579

Funding for this position will come from the Clerk of Circuit Court's budget.

Corporation Counsel Robin Stowe and John Prentice, the County's Labor Relations Attorney, addressed County Board. This resolution was adopted in December. The person that was selected for this position is Vicky Adamski's daughter-in-law, and she was appointed the Chief Deputy. The County does have a nepotism policy which prohibits an employee from supervising a relative. Elected Officials have the right to appoint their Chief Deputy. Attorney Prentice also stated the "Constitutional and Statutory Officers have the right to appoint their own Chief Deputy. The person must be qualified for the position. County Board does have the right to address the number of staff in that office and does have the right to transfer duties out of certain offices as long as those duties are not duties that are enumerated by Statute, and as long as those duties do not implicate the power of a free judiciary in Langlade County." Questions and discussion followed.

Robin stated the one benefit of a Chief Deputy designation is that person cannot be bumped out of the position by other union personnel, regardless of seniority. Also, when a new elected official enters the office, and there is already a Chief Deputy present, they keep that Chief Deputy position, they can only be removed from the position öfor just cause.ö Robin added his goal here is öto convince the public, our constituents, that the County will try to be as open and fair with these job opportunities as possible.ö The Elected Officials have that one pick for Chief Deputy. With all other positions, the expectations remain that they will not have an employee supervising a related person. County Board members then spoke their opinions on this issue.

Motion was made by Supervisor McKinney-Rice, seconded by Supervisor Dahms, to allow Attorney John Rhode to speak. On call of the roll all Supervisors voted no, except Supervisors Hurlbert, McKinney-Rice, Dahms, Nye, Kamps, and Jansen voted aye. The motion failed.

Judge Fred Kawalski requested to address County Board, and explained the original plan and the unique issues to the Clerk of Circuit Court's office. He is involved in this because he has to make sure the court system works well.

Clerk of Circuit Court Vicky Adamski then addressed County Board and explained the recruitment process she followed to choose the person she felt most qualified for the position.

Chairman Klimoski stated his intent when he put this back on the agenda was to not fill the position the way it was filled.

On call of the roll to approve Resolution #92-2008, Supervisors Hurlbert, Cahak, McKinney-Rice, Dahms, Olsen, Barnett, and Jansen voted aye, Supervisor Nye abstained from voting, and Supervisors Benishek, Karpf, Nonnenmacher, Bornemann, Bonacci, Kamps, Koss, Sus, Burns, Schultz, Solin, and Klimoski voted no. Resolution #92-2008 lost.

The Board took a short break and then returned to open session. Supervisor Benishek requested to be excused at 11:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bornemann to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Hurlbert. All ayes, the motion carried. The Consent Agenda is adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Elections or Appointments:
 - a. Confirm the appointment of James Hahn to the Transportation Coordinating Committee
 - b. Confirm the appointment of Lynn Arrowood to the Community Development Board
2. Letters, Petitions and Communications:
3. Zoning Ordinances:

REPORT OF: WATER & LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE
INTENT: AMEND THE LANGLADE COUNTY ZONING MAPS PETITION FOR ZONING AMENDMENT # 866 (Report is on file in the County Clerk's Office)

ORDINANCE # 1-2009Z

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

- SECTION 1** That the lands described as being part of the SW NW of Section 35, T32N, R10E Being A 2 acre parcel to be surveyed.
Now comprising a part of the A-1, Exclusive Agriculture District is hereby rezoned into the AFR, Agriculture/Forestry/ Residential District.
- SECTION 2** This change in zoning shall be designated on the official county zoning map for the Town of Peck.
- 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: January 20, 2009
APPROVED: January 20, 2009

APPROVED: Michael P. Klimoski
County Board Chairman
ATTEST: Kathryn Jacob
Langlade County Clerk

RESOLUTION # 1 -2009

INTRODUCED BY: HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

INTENT : RECOGNITION OF GARY KAMPS FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO LANGLADE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Gary Kamps retired from his position as Partsman at the Highway Department, as of January 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Gary Kamps has been a faithful, conscientious and dedicated County employee providing skilled services for Langlade County for over 34 years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that Gary Kamps be recognized for his 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 Gary Kamps for his many years of dedicated service at the Langlade County Highway Department, and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to him at his home address.

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Ronald Nye	Pat McKinney-Rice	

RESOLUTION # 2-2009

INTRODUCED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

INTENT: RECOGNITION OF JANICE BURKHART FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO LANGLADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Janice Burkhardt retired from her position as Langlade County Treasurer as of January 4, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Janice Burkhardt has been a faithful, conscientious and dedicated County employee providing skilled services for Langlade County for over 26 years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that Janice Burkhardt 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 Janice Burkhardt for her many years of dedicated service in the Langlade County Treasurer's Department, and a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to her at her home address.

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RESOLUTION # 3-2009

INTRODUCED BY: BOARD OF HEALTH

INTENT: RECOGNITION OF LAURA HOFFMEISTER FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO LANGLADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Laura Hoffmeister has resigned from her position as a Public Health Nurse/School Nurse at the Langlade County Health Department as of January 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Laura Hoffmeister has been a faithful, conscientious and dedicated County employee providing skilled services for Langlade County and the Unified School District of Antigo for over 21 years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that Laura Hoffmeister be recognized for her years of service to Langlade County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors, that the Board as a whole wishes to commend Laura Hoffmeister for her many years of dedicated service at the Langlade County Health Department, and a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to her at her home address.

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Chairman Klimoski then presented plaques to Gary Kamps and Janice Burkhardt, who were in attendance, in recognition of their years of service.

Citizens and Delegations:

Kari Lazars, Family Living Agent, then introduced Kate Lawton, from the UW Extension Local Government Center, and Tom Schmitz, the District Director and State oversight of the Extension Office.

Kate Lawton presented information regarding state and local finance, property tax use, and changes to tax base. She explained the property tax rate calculation and the county levy rate limit. Realities facing County Government include the state and federal deficits, legislation, housing markets and foreclosures, increased healthcare costs, population

changes, available employees, and increased living expenses. There will be reorganization and refocusing at the local level. In Wisconsin we have a diversified economy with agriculture and industry along with a strong commercial base. We have a strong health care, and a great education system. With the right focus our state is poised better than some to move ahead.

Administrative Coordinator's Report:

Chairman Klimoski reported the Wood Technology building will go out for bids in March, open the bids in April, and start the project in May. The meeting at the Credit Union last week brought a great turnout. It was very interesting with representatives of the wood manufacturing business, and very impressive.

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Karpf reported the Social Services Committee met the 17th and discussed the bills and current status of their budget. Medicaid has raised the amount they reimburse counties for home care for the elderly and disabled, because of this, the department will be giving a 1.5% raise to the caregivers. Energy Assistance is very busy, with 696 applications processed at that time. Their Shop With a Cop turned out well with 13 kids involved.

Supervisor Cahak reported for the Transportation Committee, the only grant they have left is from the DOT. The Antigo City Council voted to contribute \$5,000 toward the \$11,600 needed to include Friday bus runs. The Transportation Committee has decided to hold quarterly meetings instead of monthly.

Supervisor Schultz reported for Forestry Committee. The department has done a great job bringing in the revenue, a complete report is in their meeting minutes. The loggers have a good rapport with the mills, and are getting nice contracts with them.

Supervisor Bornemann reported the Finance Committee approved \$2,500 each for Dona Retzak and Tom Madsen for supervising the Aging Department in the absence of a director. There will not be an employee recognition dinner held this year, in view of the tight economy.

Chairman Klimoski stated there might be a summer picnic where everyone can bring a dish to pass, and to show appreciation to the employees, because everyone works really hard to make the County work.

Supervisor Barnett reported for the Veterans Service Office, the remodeling project should be started soon. NEWCAP is still handing out commodities to assist people.

Supervisor McKinney-Rice stated the Humane Society is doing a wonderful job. They would like some help in the office doing computer work.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bornemann to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Solin. 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 20, 2009.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2009.

Kathryn Jacob
Langlade County Clerk
