

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING – July 17, 2018**

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The Langlade County Board of Supervisors met at the County Board Room in the Safety Building. Chairman Solin called the July 17, 2018 Meeting of the County Board to order at 9:04 a.m.

On call of the roll, all Supervisors reported present, except Supervisors Wiegert, Pierce and Matucheski. Motion by Supervisor Bonacci, second by Supervisor Fischer to excuse Supervisors Wiegert, Pierce and Matucheski. All ayes, motion carried. 18 Supervisors present, 3 absent.

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

Approve or amend the minutes of June 19, 2018 meeting as printed and published: Motion by Supervisor Cahak, second by Supervisor Oberneder to approve the June 19, 2018 meeting minutes as printed and published. All Supervisors present voted aye. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Citizens and Delegations, Recognize other in Attendance: Chairman Solin welcomed all that are in attendance. Supervisor Hurlbert introduced Jonette Arms, ADRC Director for Langlade County. Arms will be reviewing the population, location of customers and needs/services of the community, with ADRC-CW being a community partner. Arms will be returning to speak at the September County Board.

Recognition of County Employees: Interim Human Resources Director Tina Ver Hagen reviewed County Employee Milestones (July 2018): Denise Onesti, 26 years; Robbin Daily, 22 years; Kevin Ison, 10 years; Deborah Mattmiller, 10 years; Chet Haatvedt, 10 years. New Hires: Pam Resch, Finance Director; Tanya Imig, Corrections Officer.

Public comment on agenda items and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas: No public comment.

Old Business:

Review deed transferring Wood Technology Center to North Central Technical College: Corporation Counsel Stowe stated prior to construction of the Wood Technology Center, the County and NTC entered into an agreement to transfer the building once the County's debt issue was paid off, with mutual promises continuing (such as space in the building and representation on the NTC Advisory Board). The transfer Deed has been signed and filed.

Review referral from April 17, 2018 County Board regarding Administrative Coordinator Position/Administrative Coordination Team: Chairman Solin reported that the Personnel Committee and the Executive Committee will be meeting again next week to address these issues.

New Business:

Tracy Chernetski, representing Child Protective Services (CPS) or Children and Family Services (CFS) and Craig Hotchkiss, representing Juvenile Justice: Chernetski reviewed the processes that her staff takes by receiving, responding, conducting assessments, developing safety and case plans, and providing services and case management to the children of Langlade County. A handout was provided and the staff that was present was introduced to the Board. Hotchkiss, Juvenile Justice Department, distributed and reviewed a handout containing an explanation of current out of home placements. Hotchkiss's department deals with delinquent youth 10 years or older. Discussion on foster homes in Langlade County and a possible mentorship program for youth.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor Pennington to approve the Consent Agenda. All Supervisors present voted aye, motion carried. The Consent Agenda is adopted.

Elections or Appointments: Appoint Mike Klimoski as Alternative #2 to the Board of Adjustment for a three year term, ending 6/30/2021. Appoint Dave Arendt to the Board of Adjustment for a three year term, ending 6/30/2021. Appoint June Tomany to the Board of Adjustment for a three year term, ending 6/30/2021

Letter, Petitions and Communications:

Zoning Ordinances:

ORDINANCE #6-2018Z

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

SECTION 1: That the lands described as:

Being Pt NE SW SEC 24, T31N R14E, being Lot 1 CSM V15 P49 (Parcel #034-0339.005), Town of Wolf River.

Now comprising a part of the PARK AND RECREATION District is hereby rezoned into the RESIDENTIAL District.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of adoption.

APPROVED:

ADOPTED: July 17, 2018

David J. Solin

County Board Chairman

APPROVED: July 17, 2018

ATTEST:

Judy Nagel

County Clerk

Ordinances: Summary, complete copy in the County Clerk's Office:

ORDINANCE #1-2018:

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Langlade, pursuant to Section 59.03 and Chapter 173 of Wisconsin Statutes, does hereby ordain to revise Section 9.07(2) of the Langlade County Code of Ordinances:

9.07(2) Provision of care, treatment or disposal services for animals taken into custody by Langlade County Law Enforcement. This ordinance is designed to allow the county to petition the Court for civil relief to recover the costs incurred to provide care and treatment to an animal taken into custody by law enforcement; and upon failure of the owner to pay for such care, to declare the animal unclaimed and to allow for the sale or disposal of the animal.

Motion by Benishek, second by Hurlbert to adopt.

Corporation Counsel Stowe stated that staff has been trained in the Health Department and the Sheriff's Department that can answer calls for animal welfare. This ordinance, when law enforcement gets involved, an animal is seized, taken into custody, an agreement with a care provider, the county can seek costs for the care of the animal, charged to the owner, with possible termination of the owner and adopt out. Discussion held.

On the call of the roll to adopt Ordinance #1-2018, all Supervisors present voted aye. 16 ayes, 5 absent. Ordinance #1-2018 is adopted

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #22-2018

INTRODUCED BY: FORESTRY & RECREATION COMMITTEE

INTENT: PURCHASE 21.8 ACRES OF LAND FOR THE COUNTY FOREST FROM WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS, Langlade County manages its county forests for timber production as well as other multiple use programs for the use and enjoyment of the public; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2013-2015 state biennial budget bill, Wisconsin Act 20 required the Natural Resources Board to make available 10,000 acres of DNR owned land outside of project boundaries available for sale; and

WHEREAS, four parcels of DNR owned lands were identified and made available for acquisition by Langlade County with the provision that these lands must remain open to the public for hunting, fishing, trapping and skiing in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire property for the purpose of establishing County Forest land pursuant to 28.10 Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the Langlade County Forestry and Recreation Committee would like to purchase approximately 21.8 acres in the NWSW of Section 3; T33N-R11E in the Township of Upham; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, and improve property administration on the County Forest; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources determined a minimum transaction value of \$18,500; and

WHEREAS, monies sufficient for the purchase are in the Forestry Land Purchase Account #100.92.569345.0000; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors that Langlade County purchase the land in Section 3; T33N-R11E, Township of Upham, consisting of approximately 21.8 acres from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the sum of \$18,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk, Forest Administrator, and County Board Chairman are authorized to sign the necessary documents on behalf of Langlade County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after closing, the land be enrolled in the County Forest Law.

LANGLADE COUNTY FORESTRY & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Ronald M. Nye, Chairman

Donald Scupien

David J. Solin

Joseph Novak III

Bill Livingston

FISCAL NOTE: \$18,500 plus associated closing costs not to exceed \$19,000 in total to be taken from the Forestry Land Purchase Account, #100.92.569345.0000.

Motion by Supervisor Nye, second by Supervisor Scupien to adopt.

Forest Administrator Rantala distributed a copy of a map of the 21.8 acre parcel that Langlade County is considering purchasing from the DNR, with sufficient funds in the Forestry Land Purchase Account. Discussion held on the county forests and the revenues from county forests and the opportunities to the public.

On the call of the roll to adopt Resolution #22-2018, all Supervisors present voted aye. 16 ayes, 5 absent. Resolution #22-2018 is adopted.

RESOLUTION #23-2018

INTRODUCED BY: COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR RON NYE

INTENT: ADOPT MORATORIUM ON CREATING NEW EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS OR REFILLING VACANT POSITION WITHOUT A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SOURCE

WHEREAS, Ron Nye introduces this resolution in his individual capacity as a member of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Nye recommends establishing a moratorium on the creation of any new employment positions or refilling any existing vacant positions not currently budgeted, for a period of one year (until July 16, 2019); and

WHEREAS, the process to create a new employment position or to refill a vacant position for which no funding exists in the current budget does not currently require the identification of a sustainable funding source to cover the compensation and benefits for these positions; and

WHEREAS, County Board Rule 12.1, states in relevant part: *All Department Heads shall first obtain approval from their Oversight Committee before requesting the creation of any new positions, or the refilling of any vacant position not budgeted in their department, except existing casual employment positions. 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 new casual employment 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 a position without first complying with this Rule; and

WHEREAS, County Board Rules 7.1 & 7.2 require that: All resolutions or ordinances requesting an appropriation or expenditure of funds shall indicate the funding source(s) and should be reviewed by the Finance Director, consistent with Rule 6.2 (submitted to Corporation Counsel prior to introduction). And: All resolutions or ordinances transferring funds from the Contingent, General or other Special Fund shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee for its recommendation prior to submission to the County Board. When a resolution calls for a transfer of funds that has not been recommended or approved by the Finance Committee then a three fourths (3/4) vote shall be required for adoption.

WHEREAS, it is imperative that before approving any new employment position or refilling an vacant position, that a sustainable funding source is identified in the enabling resolution and not a funding source that may be available for only a short period of time (i.e., one budgetary cycle); and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the County Board adopt a moratorium on the process to create new employment positions or to refill vacant positions that requires the following information before a new position can be created or before a vacant position can be refilled:

1) identification of a sustainable funding source (beyond one budgetary cycle);

2) the rationale for creating or refilling the position (how this position relates to the priorities and mission of Langlade County government);

3) an explanation of alternatives that were considered prior to requesting the position;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by a majority vote of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to adopt a moratorium on the process to create new employment positions or to refill vacant positions as set forth in this resolution for a period of one year (July 16, 2019).

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Nye

Co-sponsors:

Pete Pennington

Robert Benishek

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact. This action is intended to ensure that employment positions are not approved by the County Board under existing rules unless a sustainable funding source is identified in the enabling resolution.

Motion by Supervisor Nye, second by Supervisor Pennington to adopt.

Discussion held. Corporation Counsel Stowe reviewed the actions that the County Board has taken to create a new position or to refill vacant positions. Resolution #23-2018, by a majority vote, outlines a moratorium on the process to create new employment positions or to refill vacant positions without a sustainable funding source. Discussion continued.

On the call of the roll to adopt Resolution #23-2018, 5 ayes, 11 nays, 5 absent. Resolution #23-2018 failed.

Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Oberneder to excuse Supervisors Pennington and Cahak at 10:30 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #24-2018

INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

INTENT: ADVISORY REFERENDUM FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA

WHEREAS, the American Medical Association supports additional research and education on the medical use of marijuana or pharmacologically active cannabinoids and, although clinical responses to cannabinoids vary, potential positive outcomes include reduction in pain sensation, antispasticity, increased appetite, and reduction in nausea; and

WHEREAS, statistically significant evidence exists supporting cannabis use in patients with neuropathic pain and chronic pain with additional data and professional opinion endorsing its use in multiple sclerosis associated spasticity (*Medical Marijuana for Treatment of Chronic Pain and Other Medical and Psychiatric Problems: A Clinical Review. JAMA 2015 Jun*); and

WHEREAS, for many individuals who suffer from debilitating conditions such as chronic pain, PTSD, anxiety, insomnia, glaucoma, etc., medical marijuana represents a therapeutic alternative to more addictive medications, such as opioids, and other types of prescription medications that have more significant, negative and long-lasting side effects; and

WHEREAS, the Committee understands that: marijuana is classified as a schedule 1 substance under the Federal Controlled Substances Act; its manufacture, possession and use in Wisconsin is illegal even for medicinal purposes; and that the AMA opposes legalization of marijuana and endorses warnings emphasizing its dangers for abuse and misuse; and

WHEREAS, the Committee supports an advisory referendum to assist the County Board in developing plans and policies for the well-being of the community, specifically for residents of Langlade County who may suffer from conditions for which medical marijuana may have a therapeutic value; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors hereby places the following advisory referendum on the ballot for the November 2018 election:

“Should the State of Wisconsin allow individuals with debilitating medical conditions to use and safely access marijuana for medical purposes, if those individuals have a written recommendation from a licensed Wisconsin physician?”

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

David J. Solin, Chairman

Ronald M. Nye

Don Scupien

William Livingston

Ben Pierce

FISCAL NOTE: no fiscal impact

Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Scupien to adopt.

Chairman Solin recommends that this Resolution be referred to the Board of Health Committee and the Public Safety

Committee. Motion by Supervisor Burby, second by Supervisor Schuh to refer Resolution #24-2018 to the Board of Health and Public Safety Committees. Discussion held. All Supervisors present voted aye, motion carried. Committee Chairpersons Benishek and Bonacci agreed August 1, 2018 @10:00 in the County Board Room for a Joint Meeting regarding advisory referendum for medical marijuana.

Committee Reports: A summary of information contained in recent committee minutes on file in the County Clerk's Office. Supervisor Benishek continued with County Board history. 1907, County Board traveled by horse and buggy and would stay in town for three day meetings. A Highway Commissioner was hired for \$4 per day; appointed a County Doctor for \$250 per year and \$100 per year for the Jail; the City built the Library and the County paid the City \$500 each year for county residents to use; a grandstand was built not to exceed \$1500. In 1910, County Board decided to fund the Langlade County Memorial Hospital for \$120,000.

Administrative Coordinator's Report:

Corporation Counsel Stowe discussed Open Meetings Law with the Board: Stowe reviewed Board authority, determining authority to act, as it relates to administration. Stowe listed the procedure for Open Meetings: number of members together; notice of meeting; agenda, agenda posting, record of proceeding and closed session exemptions. Discussion held.

Motion was made by Supervisor Burby, second by Supervisor Bonacci to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 AM. All Supervisors present voted aye. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

I, Judy Nagel, 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 17, 2018.

Judy Nagel
Langlade County Clerk

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2018.
