



## MEETING MINUTES

**Committee:** Langlade County Administrative – Town Unit Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, December 14, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building

**The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:**

As a courtesy to other, please silence cell phones and please notify the Chairman if you intend to record this meeting. Social distancing was observed.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
2. Conduct Roll Call by Unit Chairperson Antoniewicz.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE			
Name	Role	Status	
Ben Pierce	Member	Present	
John Medo	Member	Present	
Todd Mayr	Member	Present	
Bruce McDougal	Member	Absent	
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Member	Present	
Robert Benishek	Member	Present	
Steve Maier	Member	Present	
Others Present			
Name		Name	Interest
Leah Antoniewicz – Langlade County Unit Chair		Al Murray	Forest Administrator
Niel Schueller – Langlade County Unit Vice-Chair		Brad Wyss	District 4 Director WTA
Chairperson Antoniewicz took Roll Call, 10 Towns & Village Represented, 14 Town and County Officials Present			

3. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance and Please silence all cell phones.
4. **Approve/amend the minutes:** Motion by Curler, second by Clark to approve the previous meeting minutes of 9-14-2023. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. **Brief introductions:** Those in attendance did introductions.
6. **Legislator Reports:** None
7. **Update on LC Broadband Commission, update on BEAD Grant Process, update on upcoming Broadband projects in Langlade County:** Forest Administrator Murray updated those in attendance stating the Broadband Commission has approved to move forward with the Town of Neva Project. The Langlade County Board has approved support of this project. Murray discussed the Town of Summit project. The Town of Summit broadband project will coincide with the Simulcast Tower Project in the Town of Summit. The Simulcast Tower Project is to improve the 911 service within that area. The Bead Grant was applied for by the Broadband Commission. The Broadband Commission was awarded \$7,000 from the BEAD Grant. The next Broadband meeting will be held December 19, 2023 at NTC Antigo. The Broadband Commission will discuss getting the town halls connected to fiber. Information only.
8. **Countywide Motorized Recreation Ordinance - Discussion and Update - Al Murray:** Murray presented those in attendance with a copy of a Draft Langlade County Motorized Recreational Vehicle Ordinance. Murray stated the majority of the Langlade County Townships have sent copies of their Town Ordinance on ATV/UTV to the Forestry Department. The goal is to incorporate all of the Town Ordinances into a Countywide Motorized Recreation Ordinance. The purpose is to better inform the public on where they can and cannot ride ATVs/UTVs

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and to make the Ordinance enforceable for violations. Murray explained the statutory authority on any violations. Murray stated if anyone had any questions, to please contact him. Information only.

9. **Update on shared revenue changes, funding sources:** District 4 Director WTA Brad Wyss had no update at this time.
10. **Upcoming 2024 Elections:** Chairperson Antoniewicz reminded those in attendance of the 2024 election dates. Antoniewicz confirmed as of now there will not be a Spring Primary, Spring Election will be April 2, 2024. Primary Election will be held August 13, 2024 with General Election held on November 5, 2024.
11. **DOR Local Government Services – Changes to any local official’s information:** Antoniewicz stated if any town has any new officials, the Department of Revenue will need to be updated. If you have any questions, please contact Langlade County Clerk Judy Nagel. Information only.
12. **WTA Director Reports:** District 4 Director WTA Brad Wyss introduced himself to those in attendance. Wyss updated those in attendance on the 2023 Assembly Bill 661. Wyss stated the Legislative Council reviewed this on 12/14/2023, as this bill makes changes to various town procedures. The bill will allow a town of any size to move from an elected position to an appointed one by vote of the electors at a town meeting. Under the bill, a town may move to an appointed clerk, treasurer, or combined clerk and treasurer position during an elected term when there is a vacancy in the position. The Bill also changed the publication notice requirement for towns with respect to the public hearings regarding the town’s proposed budget. This will also eliminate the travel exception form consideration by a town board in determining whether a highway has ceased to be a public highway.

Wyss stated Wisconsin Towns Association’s LRB 5318 is currently circulating for co-sponsorship. The main goal is to give the towns a voice on county zoning decisions. The hope is to promote a better working relationship with the county.

Wyss discussed Legislative bill AB908 and SB753 Bridge Aid stating it was just introduced. This would clarify the State Law under State Bridge Aid. This bill would confirm that Federal Bridge Aid can be used with State Bridge Aid.

Wyss discussed the Speed Limit Bill. This bill provides that a local highway authority may reduce the speed limit on such a highway under its jurisdiction by not more than 20 miles per hour. The bill also provides that, if a local highway authority previously reduced the speed limit on such a highway by 10 miles per hour or less, the local highway authority may further reduce the speed limit for the highway to no lower than thirty-five miles per hour.

13. **Old Business:** None.
14. **New Business:** County Supervisor Steve Maier on behalf of the Town of Peck would like to request at a future meeting to have a Highway Rep discuss invoices, in addition have a county tax rep discuss the new tax software package, lastly have Antigo School District Director of Business Services Kelly Fassbender attend a future meeting to discuss the school tax levy and have Langlade County Administrator Hilger discuss the Langlade County Strategic Plan 2024-2026 and how this will be implemented. Pierce stated Langlade County would like 5 citizen members to represent the Strategic Plan, or any citizens that are interested in participating to contact County Administrator Hilger.
15. **Verify date of next meeting:** March 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room
16. **Adjourn the meeting:** Motion by Pierce, second by Clark to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes are transcribed by:  
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