

MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Langlade County Administrative – Town Unit Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024

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 others, 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.** Chairperson Antoniewicz announced that this meeting was recorded.

| ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE | | | |
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| Name | Role | Status | |
| Ben Pierce | Member | Present | |
| John Medo | Member | Absent | |
| Todd Mayr | Member | Present | |
| Bruce McDougal | Member | Absent | |
| Reinhardt Balcerzak | Member | Present | |
| Robert Benishek | Member | Present | |
| Steve Maier | Member | Present | |
| Carol Bardo | County Board Supervisor | Appointed to the Committee | |
| Others Present | | | |
| Name | | Name | Interest |
| Leah Antoniewicz – Langlade County Unit Chair | | Jason Hilger | County Administrator |
| Niel Schueller – Langlade County Unit Vice-Chair | | | |
| Chairperson Antoniewicz took Roll Call, 12 Towns & Village Represented, 20 Town and County Officials Present | | Several members of the public on the sign-up sheet | |

- 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 December 14, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 5. Brief introductions:** Those in attendance did introductions.
- 6. Legislator Reports:** Maggie Cronin, Representative Tiffany's Office: Discussed the Congressional Art Competition details; Academy Day in Merrill; Fire Department FEMA Grant due April 12, 2024; refugee resettlement bill; and small business loans due to the lack of snow.
- 7. County Highway Department Rep to discuss Town Billing, County Highway Commissioner Brian Braun:** Highway Commissioner Braun and Deputy Highway Commissioner David Allen, along with Highway Office Staff Jody Steger explained the billing process that the Highway Department uses when creating the bills for work done within a Town. Discussion held.
- 8. Antigo High School District Rep to explain Tax Levy Increases and a review of the planned 2024 Budget Uses – AHS District Director of Business Services or School Superintendent:** Director of Business Services Kelly Fassbender, AHS School Board President Danny Pyeatt and AHS School Board VP Dr. Bardo explained the mill rate and how it relates to your taxes. Fassbender presented a PowerPoint showing numbers from 2019 to current. Discussion held.
- 9. Review the status of the Langlade County Strategic Plan Implementation, possible 5-person citizen volunteer group announcement – County Administrator Jason Hilger:** County Board Chairman Ben Pierce stated that

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volunteers from the Community are wanted to participate in the Langlade County Strategic Plan Implementation, Contact County Administrator Hilger if you are interested.

- 10. WTA Director Reports:** No WTA Directors were present. Highway Commissioner Braun gave a brief update: Legislative session has concluded, with the Governor having until April 14th to act on any bills passed by the Legislature; LRIP Discretionary and Supplemental Funding announcement coming; ARIP applications, a program designed to rebuild weight-limited roads that are used by agriculture, are due April 5th; the over 6 to 20-foot culvert inventory is due April 15th to the County Highway Commissioner and WTA, noting on the form who will be doing the inventory, with a reimbursement of \$100 per qualifying structure. Another item discussed was the Inaugural Town Road School registration is due April 5, 2024.
- 11. Old Business:** No old business was discussed.
- 12. New Business:** Economic Development Director Angie Close updated on the Broadband, Town of Summit/Langlade County Tower, and approved Fiber application in the Town of Neva, next step is fixed wireless within the County and pop-up Towers. Close stated the Regional Broadband Workshop is May 22, 2024, at NTC Antigo. Langlade County has now been designated as a Hub Zone for Federal Contracts, with an upcoming onsite presentation with Lincoln County. There will be a Navigating Child Care meeting on April 11, 2024, at NTC at 6:00 p.m.
Forest Administrator Murray discussed Town Halls that are close to fiber that are not services. Murray also handed out maps and drafted Chapter 8 of the County Code of Ordinances, discussing the URL code that can be used.
Chairman Antoniewicz reminded the public of the WTA Rural Mutual Scholarship that is available, due May 24, 2024.
- 13. Verify the date of the next meeting:** June 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room
- 14. Adjourn the meeting:** Motion by Tilkens, second by Buettner to adjourn the March 14, 2024 meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes are transcribed by:
Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk