

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING**

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The Langlade County Board of Supervisors met at the County Board Room in the Clover Room at the Langlade County Fairgrounds. Chairman Pierce called the October 20, 2020 Meeting of the County Board to order at 9:00 a.m.

On call of the roll, 21 Supervisors present.

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

**Approve or amend the Agenda:** Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Buck to approve the October 20, 2020 agenda. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried.

**Approve or amend the minutes of September 16, 2020 and October 2, 2020 meeting as printed:** Motion by Supervisor Bonacci, second by Supervisor Balcerzak to approve the September 16, 2020 and October 2, 2020 meeting minutes as printed. On the call of the roll, all ayes, motion carried.

**Recognition of County Employees:** County Clerk Judy Nagel read the list: County Employee Milestones: Rylee Bricko, Social Services, 5 years; Jennifer Beran, Health and Social Services, 5 years. New Hires and Promotion: Jean Weston, Health Nurse.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence.

**Public comment on agenda items and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas:** Supervisor Curler questions funding to service groups, which will be addressed when discussing Resolution #49-2020.

**Citizens and Delegations, recognize other in Attendance:** Chairman Pierce welcomed all in attendance for today's meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Update on ADRC-CW as the Adult at Risk Agency Serving Langlade County:** Corporation Counsel Stowe advised that the details on the transfer of the Adult at Risk Services from NCHC to ADRC-CW could not be finalized, therefore no action will be taken at this time on the transfer of services.

**Update on the COVID-19 issues in Langlade County:** Health Director Barger addressed the Board on the COVID-19 situation in Langlade County, stating that the numbers continue to increase, including the number of deaths. Barger stated that the Guardsmen will be here in Langlade County for free COVID testing at the Health Care Center. There will also be a drive-thru flu clinic. Discussion on the pandemic.

**Langlade County Placement Costs for CHIPS and Juveniles for 2020:** Finance Director Resch discussed the budget for the out of home placement cost, which budget is estimated to be over budget by \$861,513 for FY2020. Discussion held.

**New Business:**

**Broadband Update: Economic Development Director Angie Close:** Economic Development Director Close presented the Board with a Broadband Update, stating the goal of the Broadband Steering Committee: Develop a Langlade County Broadband Implementation Plan. Close reviewed the project years 2016-2020 and beyond to continue to develop the unserved and underserved areas, both homes and businesses, for connection through broadband.

**Presentation from Social Services regarding Child Placement and Return: Chernetski and Hotchkiss:** Unable to present at this time.

**Discuss the 2020 Budget/2021 Proposed Budget:** Finance Director Resch distributed a proposed copy of the Langlade County 2021 Annual Budget Booklet. Resch discussed the expenses, revenue and grant funding that is affecting the 2021 budget. Resch stated that the net new construction was .709%, allowing for an increase of \$64,078 from the 2020 operating levy. Resch encouraged the Board to review the Budget Booklet prior to the Public Hearing on October 27, 2020.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1.Elections or Appointments: Letter, Petitions and Communications:
- 2.Zoning Ordinances:

**ORD #9-2020Z** Request for Zone Change: Town of Wolf River, Langlade County:

**ORDINANCE #9-2020Z**

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

**SECTION 1:** That the lands described as:

**Being PT SE NE SEC 33 T31N R14E, A 2 acre building site (Parcel #034-0478), Town of Wolf River.**

**Now comprising a part of the FORESTRY W/FARMLAND PRESERVATION District is hereby rezoned into the AFR 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: October 20, 2020 ADOPTED: October 20, 2020 Benjamin Pierce, County Board Chairman

ATTEST: October 20, 2020 Judy Nagel, County Clerk

Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor Curran to approve the Consent Agenda. Voice vote: 21 ayes. The Consent Agenda is adopted.

**Committee Reports:** A summary of information contained in recent committee minutes on file in the County Clerk's Office.

**RESOLUTION #48-2020**

**INTRODUCED BY: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR A RECREATIONAL BRIDGE PROJECT TO PROVIDE A SAFE MEANS FOR SNOWMOBILES TO CROSS THE WOLF RIVER TO CONNECT TRAIL SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, as the "County of Trails" Langlade County previously submitted a grant request to the DNR for the construction of a bridge across the Wolf River as a means to connect publicly-funded recreational trails separated by the river, including grant-funded snowmobile trails; and

**WHEREAS**, in the absence of a bridge that is specifically designed for recreational vehicles, snowmobilers are required to cross the Wolf River using bridges with significant motor vehicle and truck traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Committee and the Sheriff's Office reaffirms support for a recreational bridge project to provide a safe means for snowmobiles to cross the Wolf River when connecting to publicly-funded trail systems.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors hereby reaffirms its support for the State to approve a grant request to construct a bridge to allow snowmobiles to cross the Wolf River in connecting to publicly funded trails in Langlade County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to members of the State Legislature that represent areas of Langlade County and the DOT.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Robert Curran, Chairman  
Arlene Bonacci  
Reinhardt Balcerzak  
Dave Krochalk  
Doug Curler

**FISCAL NOTE:** No Fiscal Note.

Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Curler to adopt. Voice vote: 21. Resolution #48-2020 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION #49-2020**

**INTRODUCED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR 2021 TO SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, the County has received funding requests for the 2021 Budget to support services provided by community-based organizations, as well as the Economic Development Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee recommends allocating funding in the 2021 Budget for the following community organizations:

Avail Inc. of Antigo ..... \$17,000  
Langlade County Boys & Girls Club ..... \$12,000  
Langlade County Humane Society ..... \$ 3,000  
Langlade County Economic Development Corporation ..... \$75,000\*

\*contingent on Contract for Services and matching funds from City of Antigo.

**WHEREAS**, the Committee recommends that the County Board continue to support the services provided by these community-based organizations by allocating funding as set forth above in the 2021 Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to allocate funding in the 2021 Budget to support services to the community-based organizations identified in this resolution in the amounts set forth in this resolution.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

John Medo, Chairman  
Ben Pierce  
George Shinnors  
Bob Benishek  
Don Scupien

**FISCAL NOTE:**

Funding for AVAIL, Langlade County Boys and Girls Club and the Langlade County Humane Society and Economic Development is included in the 2021 tax levy.

AVAIL: \$17,000 tax levy,

Langlade County Boys and Girls Club: \$12,000 tax levy,

Langlade County Humane Society: \$3,000 tax levy,

The Economic Development Corporation: \$10,000 tax levy and \$65,000 applied from Fund 255 Community Development fund balance.

Motion by Supervisor Shinnors, second by Supervisor Benishek to adopt. Discussion on funding for a senior center, developing a plan and a vision for a community center. Voice vote: 21 ayes. Resolution #49-2020 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION#50-2020**

**INTRODUCED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300,000**

**WHEREAS**, in order to fund priority capital improvement projects while maintaining the tax rate ("mill rate"), the Committee recommends short term borrowing not to exceed \$1,300,000 with an anticipated receipt and repayment schedule as follows:

Tuesday, 12/1/2020 close (funds wired to County),

Monday, 2/1/2021 first eligible call date (loan could be paid-off on or after this date),

Monday, 3/1/2021 due date (if loan is not called and paid off early, this is the payment date); and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by a three-fourth's (3/4) the County Board of Supervisors of Langlade County, Wisconsin, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation promissory notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 at an interest rate per annum of approximately 1.55% for the public purpose of financing Fiscal Year 2021 capital improvement projects.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

The County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the officers of the County to take all actions necessary to provide for the sale of the Notes. At a subsequent meeting, the County Board of Supervisors shall take further action to approve the details of the Notes and authorize the sale of the Notes.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

John Medo, Chairman  
Bob Benishek  
Ben Pierce  
Don Scupien  
George Shinnors

Ben Pierce  
Langlade County Board Chairman

**FISCAL NOTE:**

The "mill rate" to fund priority capital improvement projects through short term borrowing not to exceed \$1,300,000 is .7276.

Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Curran to adopt. Finance Director Resch explained the Capital Improvement Program 2021-2025 and noted the 2021 Capital Improvement Projects that are included in the Short-Term Borrowing. Voice vote: 21 ayes. Resolution #50-2020 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION #51-2020**

**INTRODUCED BY: COUNTY BOARD**

**INTENT: CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP PLAN FOR A SECOND BRANCH OF THE LANGLADE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**

**WHEREAS**, on August 21, 2018, the County Board adopted a resolution to support the establishment of a Second Branch of the Circuit Court (Res. #25-2018); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020 the Governor signed 2019 Act 184 into law, which gives the Director of State Courts the authority to create twelve new circuit court branches over the next three years; and

**WHEREAS**, the law requires demonstrated judicial need, a county board resolution, and the necessary infrastructure to support an additional circuit court branch, or that such infrastructure will be established by May 31 of the year in which the new judge is seated; and

**WHEREAS**, Act 184 requires the naming of the next four counties after November 14, 2020 and before selecting any additional counties, the Director of State Courts' Office will assess the continued partnership in regard to court commissioners, work with local officials, judges, and the district court administrators, to ensure the county meets the statutory requirements for a new circuit court branch; and

**WHEREAS**, Langlade County is currently under consideration by the Director of State Courts for a Second Judge effective August 1, 2022, as Langlade County has demonstrated judicial need, a county board resolution of support, and a expressed a commitment to have facilities ready before the statutory deadline of May 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of State Courts may require any county, as a condition for receiving a new Judge, to have established or to apply for a grant to establish a drug treatment court; and

**WHEREAS**, if Langlade County is unable to meet the statutory requirements in a timely manner (i.e., commitment to have facilities ready before the statutory deadline), then the County may be removed from consideration by the Director of State Courts; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 2, 2020, the County Board requested the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a plan for the County to meet all the statutory requirements for consideration of a second branch, and issue a report to the County Board containing its findings and recommendations no later than April 20, 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to create a five-member Ad Hoc Committee to develop a plan to meet all the statutory requirements for consideration of a second branch (2019 Act 184), and to assess any other factors that may impact this consideration by the Director of State Courts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Ad Hoc Committee will report its findings and recommendations back to the County Board by April 20, 2021.

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Ben Pierce, Chr.	John Medo	Richard Wiegert
Ronald M. Nye	Sandy Fischer	Richard Hurlbert
Thomas Bauknecht	John Breske	Don Scupien
Reinhardt Balcerzak	George Shinnors	Bob Curran
Robert Benishek	Carol Feller Gottard	Warren Wagner
Joseph Novak III	Vernon Cahak	Roger Buck
Arlene Bonacci	Dave Krochalk	Doug Curler

**FISCAL NOTE:** Payment of per diems and mileage based upon the number of meetings held.

Motion by Supervisor Curran, second by Supervisor Curler to adopt. Voice vote: 21 ayes. Resolution #51-2020 is adopted.

**RESOLUTION #52-2020**

**INTRODUCED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDING IN THE UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE FOR OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT COSTS FOR CHILDREN**

**WHEREAS**, Langlade County is mandated by the State of Wisconsin to provide services to children and families, including the financial responsibility associated with placing children out-of-home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Aids and other forms of revenue shared by the State of Wisconsin to fund out-of-home placements is grossly insufficient to cover the costs incurred by Langlade County to provide these State mandated services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee recommends transferring funds for the County's unassigned fund balance to cover the anticipated shortfall in the funds budgeted for these expenses in the 2020 Budget.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by a two-thirds vote of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to transfer \$711,000 from the unassigned General Fund balance to the Juvenile Risk Reserve account to be utilized for the anticipated FY2020 expenditure overages in the Juvenile Out-of- Home Placement budget in 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the approval of the Finance and Social Services Committee will be needed to utilize funds from the Juvenile Risk Reserve account.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- John Medo, Chairman
- Don Scupien
- Ben Pierce
- George Shinnors
- Robert Benishek

**FISCAL NOTE:** Up to \$711,000 will be transferred from the Unassigned General Fund to the Assigned for Juvenile Risk Reserve Account to cover the over budget amount for the Department of Social Services.

Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor Hurlbert to adopt. Voice vote: 21 ayes. Resolution #52-2020 is adopted.

**Committee Referrals:** No committee referrals at this time.

**Update from Corporation Counsel and/or Interim County Manager:** The Board thanked Corporation Counsel Stowe and Interim Manager Nagel for working on the day to day personnel matters  
The Board took a ten-minute recess.

**Closed Session – At approximately 10:30 a.m., consider moving into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons required a closed session, to discuss private lands for sale within County Forest Boundary.** Motion by Supervisor Novak, second by Supervisor Scupien to move into closed session at 10:31 a.m. Voice vote by Supervisor: Benishek, aye; Fischer, aye; Hurlbert, aye; Bauknecht, aye; Feller-Gottard, aye; Breske, aye; Cahak, aye; Balcerzak, aye; Shinnors, aye; Bonacci, aye; Nye, aye; Novak, aye; Curran, aye; Scupien, aye; Wagner, aye; Buck, aye; Pierce, aye; Krochalk, aye; Medo, aye; Curler, aye; and Wiegert, aye. Those remaining in closed session: Rantala, Rank, Stowe and Nagel.

**At approximately 10:45 a.m., return to open session with possible action taken on any matters discussed in closed session.** Motion by Supervisor Nye, second by Supervisor Hurlbert to return to open session at 10:59 a.m. All ayes, motion carried. Action from Closed Session: Motion by Supervisor Curran, second by Supervisor Novak to move forward with what was discussed in closed session and report back to the Board. Voice vote: 17 ayes, 4 nays: Supervisors: Pierce, Shinnors, Benishek and Feller-Gottard. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Nye, second by Supervisor Novak to adjourn the October 20, 2020 meeting at 11:04 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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 October 20, 2020. Note: These minutes are not official until they are approved by the County Board at their next meeting. A complete copy of the minutes is available in the County Clerk's Office.

Judy Nagel  
Langlade County Clerk

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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