

**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 Safety Building. Vice-Chairman Medo called the November 17, 2020 Meeting of the County Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

On call of the roll, 21 Supervisors present, 17 in person and 4 via Zoom: Supervisors Hurlbert, Novak, Curran and Pierce.

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

Approve or amend the Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Curler, second by Supervisor Nye to move Resolution #57-2020 to the Finance Committee. Voice vote: 9 ayes, 12 nays. Motion failed. Discussion held. Voice vote on the agenda: All ayes, motion carried.

Approve or amend the minutes of October 20, 2020 and October 27, 2020 meeting as printed: Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor Bonacci to approve the October 20, 2020 and October 27, 2020 meeting minutes as printed. On the call of the roll, all ayes, except Supervisor Curran abstained. Minutes are approved.

Recognition of County Employees: County Clerk Judy Nagel read the list: Retirements and Resignations: Matthew Frisch, Highway Department 4 years. New Hires and Promotion: Karalee Brock, Forestry/Maintenance Administrative Assistant.

Correspondence: Acknowledgement of a Letter received from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, congratulating Langlade County Health Department for demonstrating the infrastructure and program capacity to be certified as a Level II Health Department. Health and Social Services Director Barger addressed the Board.

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

Citizens and Delegations, recognize other in Attendance: Vice-Chairman Medo welcomed all in attendance for today's meeting.

Old Business:

Updated from the Ad Hoc Committee: Planning for a Second Branch of Court: Committee Chairman Nye addressed the Board, thanking the staff, the Committee, Court Administrator Susan Byrnes on the cooperation and the sharing of knowledge regarding preparing the Courthouse for a Second Branch. Next meeting will be December 1, 2020. Committee Member Wagner discussed the possible location for a Second Branch, using the services of a structural engineer regarding possible locations for second branch.

Health and Social Services Director Barger: Discuss: Resolution #28-2020 Create Four (4) Casual (LTE) Contact Tracer Positions in the Langlade County Health Department per Board of Health Recommendation, Adopted June 19, 2020: Health and Social Services Director Barger explained the additional funding for Casual Contact Tracers, allowing the extension of services through 2021, as Resolution #28-2020 is set to sunset on 12-31-2020. Motion by Supervisor Cahak, second by Supervisor Fischer to extend Resolution #28-2020 through 12-31-2021, or until the funding has been expended. On the call of the roll, all Supervisors voted aye. Motion carried. Resolution #28-2020 will now sunset 12-31-2021.

New Business:

Public Health Officer: Health Director Barger: Recognition of the appointment from the Board of Health and recognize and approval of the appointment by County Board: Health and Social Services Director Barger discussed the appointment and introduced Jean Weston as Langlade County Public Health Officer. Weston addressed the Board and explained her position. Motion by Supervisor Hurlbert, second by Supervisor Wagner to recognize and approve Jean Weston as Langlade County Public Health Officer. Voice Vote: all ayes. Weston will now be seeking approval for this position from the State of Wisconsin.

ADRC-CW Jonette Arms, via Zoom: Updates regarding the 2019 Annual Report of the ADRC-CW: Arms addressed the Board, thanking Chairman Pierce, Clerk Nagel and local representatives Supervisors Hurlbert and Balcerzak. Arms reviewed the Mission Statement of ADRC-CW, noting partnerships with such organizations as NTC, establishing community office hours, distributing a Caregiver Newsletter to those requesting such. Arms also discussed the funding sources, expenses, nutrition program, donors and volunteers. Arms will attempt to attend a subsequent Board meeting to discuss return on investment for Langlade County.

Forest Administrator Rantala: Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan: Rantala was not able to attend the meeting to address the Board.

Presentation from Social Services regarding Child Placement and Return: Chernetski and Hotchkiss: Youth Justice Worker Hotchkiss and Social Work Supervisor Chernetski presented a handout and pamphlets to the Board, which handout gave an overview of the responsibilities, case management, placement options and costs, screening of CPS referrals, initial assessment and on-going case management. Hotchkiss and Chernetski, both long term employees of Langlade County, discussed their knowledge of the court system, knowledge of the law and coordination of services provided by the Social Services Department. Both Hotchkiss and Chernetski discussed their staff, current case numbers, and the costs associated with the supervision and placement of the youth of Langlade County. Handouts are available from Hotchkiss and/or Chernetski.

Motion by Supervisor Nye, second by Supervisor Bonacci to excuse Supervisor Curler at 6:55 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Elections or Appointments: Appoint John Marmes for a 3-year term to the Veterans Service Commissioners, per Wisconsin Statutes 45.81(1)
Re-appoint Robin Stowe, Corporation Counsel, to the North Central Health Care Board for term beginning 2021.
2. Letter, Petitions and Communications:
3. Zoning Ordinances:

ORDINANCE#10-2020Z

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

SECTION 1: That the lands described as:

being Pt SW NE SEC 19 T34N R9E being 10.84 acre PCL LYG N OF Prairie River as Desc in Doc #449945. Being a building site of up to 2 acres (Parcel #018-0291.002), Town of Parrish. Now comprising a part of the A-2 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: November 17, 2020 ADOPTED: November 17, 2020 Benjamin Pierce, County Board Chairman

ATTEST: November 17, 2020 Judy Nagel, County Clerk

ORDINANCE #11-2020Z

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

SECTION 1: That the lands described as:

being Pt of Govt Lot 5 Sec 11 T34N R11E, AKA Lot 1 CSM V18 P75, being a part of the parcel for rental cabins and campground as shown on map (Parcel #008-0878.014), Town of Elcho.

Now comprising a part of the COMMERCIAL District is hereby rezoned into the PARK & REC 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: November 17, 2020 ADOPTED: November 17, 2020 Benjamin Pierce, County Board Chairman

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Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor Balcerzak to approve the Consent Agenda. Voice vote: 20 ayes, 1 absent. 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 #53-2020

INTRODUCED BY: FINANCE AND LAND SALES COMMITTEE

INTENT: TAKE TAX TITLE TO DELINQUENT TAX LANDS FOR 2017 TAX YEAR

WHEREAS, Tax Deed notices are being sent out to property owners with 2017 delinquent taxes, allowing them three months to pay in full, including interest;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors approve that the County Clerk take Tax Title to delinquent tax properties that remain unpaid from the year 2017.

FINANCE AND LAND SALES COMMITTEE:

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

FISCAL NOTE: When the County takes tax deed to the properties, there will be costs associated due to the delinquent taxes. The County will bear these costs until such time as the properties are sold.

Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Scupien to adopt. Voice vote: 20 ayes, 1 absent. Resolution #43-2020 is adopted.

RESOLUTION #57-2020

INTRODUCED BY: COUNTY BOARD

INTENT: REVISE BOARD RULES REGARDING PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES

WHEREAS, Counties with populations of less than 250,000 are not required to designate an official newspaper for publication of legal notices; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 985.05, Wis. Stats., the governing body of every municipality not required to have an official newspaper may designate a newspaper published or having general circulation in the municipality and eligible as its official newspaper or utilize the same for specific notices. The governing body of such municipality may, in lieu of newspaper publication, direct other form of publication or posting under Section 985.02; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 985.02*, Wis. Stats, the in lieu of newspaper publication, the County shall post in the following manner:

(a) The notice must be posted in at least 3 public places likely to give notice to persons affected or must be posted in at least one public place likely to give notice to persons affected and placed electronically on an Internet site maintained by the municipality.

(b) The notice posted before the act or event requiring notice shall be posted and, if applicable, placed electronically, no later than the time specified for the first newspaper publication.

(c) The notice posted after the act or event requiring notice shall be posted and, if applicable, placed electronically, within one week after the act or event. Actions of governing bodies posted after the act or event shall be effective upon posting.

(d) The affidavit of the officer or person posting the legal notice containing the time, place and manner of the posting is presumptive evidence of the facts stated therein.; and

**This section does not apply to a legal notice required to be published by a municipality by order of a court or to a legal notice related to court proceedings required to be published by a municipality.*

WHEREAS, other publication or posting, however, shall not be substituted for newspaper publication in proceedings including but not limited to: tax redemptions or sales of land acquired by the county or city authorized to act under s. [74.87](#) for delinquent taxes, charges or assessments; civil annexations, detachments, consolidations or

incorporations under chs. [59](#) to [66](#); or legal notices directed to specific individuals; or publications required court order; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends that the Board clarify that the Langlade County government is not designating an official newspaper for legal notices to pursue option of “posting” legal notices when authorized to do so by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by a majority vote of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to declare its intention not to designate an official newspaper for publication of legal notices and to provide notices by “posting” consistent with Section 985.02, Wis. Stats.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that references to publication of certain notices in a local newspaper be removed the County Board Rules (Rules 6.7 & 13.8) to provide the alternative for “posting” of these same notices.

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 Shinnars	Bob Curran
Robert Benishek	Carol Feller Gottard	Warren Wagner
Joseph Novak III	Vernon Cahak	Roger Buck
Arlene Bonacci	Dave Krochalk	Doug Curler

FISCAL NOTE: The FY2019 total general fund expenditures for local newspaper publications was \$10,726. The approximate FY2020 year-to-date expenditures for local newspaper publications is \$10,180.

Resolution #57-2020 is for first reading per County Board Rules. Discussion held regarding the resolution, the costs for printing, the departments that publish notices, delays of publication, print options. Vice-Chairman requests that Resolution #57-2020 be forwarded to the Administrative Group, meeting with the Antigo Daily Journal Publisher to discuss the business aspect of this partnership, timing of the publications and the costs.

RESOLUTION: #58-2020

INTRODUCED BY: SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

INTENT: Support Legislation to Amend Hearing Timelines for Juveniles Taken into Custody (Chapter 938, Wis. Stats.)

TO THE LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, in Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) proceedings pursuant to Chapter 48, Wis. Stats. (The Children’s Code), when a child is taken into custody and not immediately released to a parent, guardian, or legal custodian, the judge or circuit court commissioner in the county where the child is being held must hold a detention hearing within 48 hours of the time in which the decision to hold the child was made (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays); and

WHEREAS, in similar actions involving Juvenile Justice proceedings pursuant to Chapter 938, Wis. Stats. (The Juvenile Justice Code), when a juvenile is taken into custody and held by a county, the circuit court must hold a detention hearing within 24 hours after the end of the day on which the decision to hold the juvenile was made (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays); and

WHEREAS, as a result of the discrepancy in the timelines between the Chapter 48 and Chapter 938 proceedings, in Chapter 938 cases county circuit court judges, commissioners, juvenile intake workers, and other courthouse staff need to be prepared to conduct hearings in circumstances in which the county courthouse may otherwise be closed, such as the Friday after Thanksgiving, extreme weather days, etc. Failing to meet the statutory deadlines places the county at risk of losing jurisdiction over the pending matter. Additionally, concerns may arise regarding transportation of juveniles and children on non-work days in order to accommodate hearings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors that it hereby supports legislation that would align the statutes that compute the detention hearing timelines for Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) proceedings under Chapter 48 and juvenile delinquency proceedings under Chapter 938 by specifying that a day in which County offices are closed (i.e., County holiday or closing operations due to inclement weather conditions) does not count toward the computation of the detention hearing timeline under Chapter 938. This will ensure county governments are in a better position to save limited resources and protect the safety of their employees and the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the Langlade County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the State Legislators representing Langlade County constituents.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Ron Nye, Chairman
Vern Cahak
Bob Curran
Ben Pierce
Warren Wagner

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact at this time.

Motion by Supervisor Nye, second by Supervisor Cahak to adopt. Social Worker Supervisor Chernetski discussed the alignment of timelines when a child is taken into custody and working with the Court schedule. On the call of the role: 20 ayes, 1 absent. Resolution #58-2020 is adopted.

Committee Referrals: No committee referrals at this time.

Update from Corporation Counsel and/or Interim County Manager: Corporation Counsel Stowe spoke on behalf of the County Manager, the HR Team and Corporation Counsel. Stowe distributed a summary of the Accountability and Complaint Resolution Policy, explaining to the Board the process for handling the confidentiality of complaints given to Board members. Regarding the HR Team: meeting on a regular basis, attempting to cover the voids due to the lack of an HR. Stowe also discussed the policy updates that will be going to the next Personnel Committee.

Acting Chairman Medo requests the closed session scheduled for November 17, 2020, be moved to the December meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Pierce, second by Supervisor Wiegert to adjourn the November 17, 2020 meeting at 8:10 p.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 November 17, 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 24th day of November, 2020.
