

FEBRUARY 12, 2008
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chair Russell at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Walworth County Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

All Supervisors were present except Supervisors Ketchpaw and Stacey.

Alan Kupsik, County Board Supervisor, District # 23, delivered the invocation.

Amendments, Withdrawals, and Approval of Agenda

A motion was offered by Supervisor Grant, seconded by Supervisor Morrison, to approve the agenda. On motion by Supervisor Burwell, seconded by Supervisor Van Dreser, the agenda was amended by moving Children with Disabilities Education Board, item 1, Resolution No. 80-02/08, and Executive Committee item 1, Resolution No. 77-02/08, to immediately after approval of the minutes. The evening's agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of the Minutes

On motion by Supervisor Wagie-Troemel, seconded by Supervisor Grant, the minutes of the January 8, 2008 Committee of the Whole and January 8, 2008 Walworth County Board Meeting were approved by voice vote.

On motion by Supervisor Hawkins, seconded by Supervisor Hilbelink, **Resolution No. 80-02/08** – Recognizing Kate and Meg Six for Their Efforts to Help Lakeland School, was approved by voice vote.

On motion by Supervisor Kuhnke, seconded by Supervisor Parker, **Resolution No. 77-02/08** – Recognizing the UW-Whitewater Warhawks Football Team on the Occasion of their NCAA Division III National Championship, was approved by voice vote.

Supervisor Burwell came forward to read and present Resolution No. 80-02/08 to Kate and Meg Six. Supervisor Burwell said that the twin sisters are seniors at Badger High School in Lake Geneva and for their senior project the sisters chose to hold a book drive to help support the Lakeland School library with a goal of raising \$1,000 and collecting 500 books. Kate and Meg collected more than 1,100 children's books, videos and DVDs and more than \$1,000, thereby exceeding their original goal. Supervisor Burwell said that their efforts have motivated others to help support the Lakeland School library project. She commended the Six sisters for their efforts to help Lakeland School.

The recognition of the UW-Whitewater Warhawks Football team was postponed until later in the meeting because the representatives of the team were delayed due to the bad weather.

Comment Period by Members of the Public Concerning Items on the Agenda

There were none.

Communications and Matters to Be Referred

Chair Russell announced that unless there was a request for an individual communication to be discussed, the Clerk would dispense with the reading of each title and the Chair would direct that all communications be referred or placed on file as indicated on the agenda.

1. Claims Received After Agenda Mailing: See item 10 below.
2. Claims: There were none.
3. Communication from Larry Steen Law Office-Proposed Amendment of County Zoning Ordinance to allow the Fontana/Walworth Water Pollution Control Commission to place certain enclosure within road right-of-ways was referred to the County Zoning Agency
4. Vilas County Resolution 2008-9 – Supporting 2007 Assembly Bill 543 – Determination of Ordinary High-Water Mark was referred to the County Zoning Agency
5. Vilas County Resolution 2008-12 – Support for 2007 Assembly Bill 187 – One Day Fishing License was referred to the Executive Committee
6. Correspondence from Sheila Reiff, Clerk of Circuit Court, regarding Possible Resolution Concerning Salary for the Commissioners of Condemnation was referred to the Executive Committee
7. Town of Linn Resolution – To curtail any future downsizing of the number of long-term beds at the Lakeland Health Care Center was referred to the Lakeland Health Care Center Board
8. Communication from Thomas H. Buestrin of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission with SEWRPC Planning Report No. 53, *A Regional Broadband Telecommunications Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin* (A complete copy of the Report is on file in the County Clerk's Office)
9. Report of the County Clerk Concerning Communications Received by the Board and Recommended to be Placed on File. This was in the agenda packet.
10. Report of County Clerk Concerning Communications Received by the Board After the Agenda Mailing. The following items were placed on Supervisors' desks:
 - Claim Received After the Agenda Mailing – Francisco Vara #81576 was referred to the Executive Committee
 - Communication from Supervisor Larry Hilbelink regarding the formation of a committee to explore ways to reduce health insurance costs was referred to the Human Resources Committee
 - Communication from Wisconsin Counties Association regarding Great Lakes Compact was placed on file
 - Thank you card from the family of Lawrence Scharine was placed on file
 - *Wisconsin Counties Association Washington Briefs-Fourth Quarter 2007* was placed on file
 - *Walworth County Senior Review*, February 2008 was placed on file
11. Report of County Clerk Concerning Zoning Petitions was referred to the County Zoning Agency.
 - Duane Newman, Town of Lafayette, A-1 to A-5 & C-1

- Roger S. and Patti J. Pagel, Town of Troy, A-1 to A-4
- Ken Kessler, Town of Bloomfield, R-1, C-4 & C-1 to R-1, C-4, & C-1

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Reports of Standing Committees

County Zoning Agency Report of Proposed Zoning Amendments

1. **Ordinance No. 479-02/08** – Amending Sections 58-3.2 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to Subdivision Compliance-*Vote required: Majority* (Recommended by the County Zoning Agency 5-0) Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 58, Walworth County Code of Ordinances, Walworth County, Wisconsin, Section 58-3.2(7) – Approved 5-0 (12-20-07 public hearing)
2. Mann Bros., Inc., Town of Sugar Creek, Rezone 13.79 acres from M-3 & A-2 to M-1 & C-1 – approved 6 – 0 (1-17-08 public hearing)
3. David M. and Jill M. DeGrave, Town of East Troy, Rezone 8 acres of A-5 & A-3 to A-3 & A-5 – approved 6 – 0 (1-17-08 public hearing)
4. Michael P. Spencer (Atty. Robert C. Leibsle, App.), Town of Geneva, Rezone 1.88 acres of A-1 to P-1 – approved 6 – 0 (1-17-08 public hearing)
5. Thomas S. Olechowski, Town of Sugar Creek, Rezone ½ acre of B-2 to R-1 – approved 6 – 0 (1-17-08 public hearing)

On motion by Supervisor Kupsik, seconded by Supervisor Downing, the Report of the County Zoning Agency was approved as recommended by the County Zoning Agency.

Children with Disabilities Education Board

1. Resolution No. 80-02/08 – Recognizing Kate and Meg Six for Their Efforts to Help Lakeland School-*Vote required: Majority* (CDEB will consider at a special meeting on February 12, 2008 prior to the County Board meeting)

This resolution was approved earlier in the meeting.

Executive Committee

1. Resolution No. 77-02/08 – Recognizing the UW-Whitewater Warhawks Football Team on the Occasion of their NCAA Division III National Championship-*Vote Required: Majority* (The Executive Committee will consider at a special meeting on February 12, 2008 prior to the County Board meeting)

This resolution was approved earlier in the meeting.

Finance Committee

1. Ordinance No. 477-02/08 – Creating Section 30-166 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to Interfund Advances and Amending Section 30-262(c) Relating to Surplus Property-*Vote required: Majority* (Recommended by the Finance Committee 7-0) The Children with Disabilities Education Board considered this ordinance at a special meeting February 12, 2008 prior to the County Board meeting. There was a unanimous vote to approve.
2. Ordinance No. 478-02/08 – Amending Sections 30-69 and 30-70 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relative to Contracts-*Vote required: Majority* (Recommended by the Finance Committee 7-0 as amended) The Children with Disabilities Education Board considered this ordinance at a special meeting February 12, 2008 prior to the County Board meeting. There was a unanimous vote to approve.
3. Resolution No. 79-02/08 – Authorizing the Closure of the County Complex Demolition Projects and Lapse Funds to the Undesignated General Fund Reserve-*Vote required: 2/3* The Finance and Public Works committees considered this resolution at a special joint meeting prior to the County Board meeting. There was a unanimous vote to approve.

On motion by Supervisor Polyock, seconded by Supervisor Weber, item 1, **Ordinance No. 477-02/08** and item 2, **Ordinance No. 478-02/08**, were approved by voice vote. Supervisor Kuhnke offered a motion, seconded by Supervisor Ingersoll, to approve item 3, Resolution No. 79-02/08. On motion by Supervisor Van Dreser, seconded by Supervisor Morrison, **Resolution No. 79-02/08** was approved by unanimous consent.

Land Conservation

1. Resolution No. 78-02/08 – Support Strengthening the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact for a Healthy Wisconsin-*Vote required: Majority* (Recommended by the Land Conservation Committee 7-0)

On motion by Supervisor Muzatko, seconded by Supervisor Burwell, **Resolution No. 78-02/08** was approved by voice vote.

Chair Russell asked that Supervisor Lein come forward to the podium at this time with the representatives of the UW-Whitewater Football team. Chair Russell read Resolution No. 77-02/08 – Recognizing the UW-Whitewater Warhawks Football Team on the Occasion of their NCAA Division III National Championship. She said that the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks football team competed in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (“NCAA”) Division III Series championship game on December 16, 2007, earning their first national football title with a 31-21 win over the opponent, Mount Union of Ohio. The Warhawks team was led by Coach Lance Leipold and twenty-four seniors, among them senior running back Justin Beaver, who was awarded the Gagliardi Trophy, an award given to the top football player in Division III. She said that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors wished to recognize and congratulate the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks football team for their efforts throughout the 2007 football season culminating in their national championship title. Supervisor Lein also congratulated the representatives and said that this had been a very good year for UW-Whitewater sports overall. Supervisor Lein said that Coach Leipold was also voted

National Coach of the Year in Division III football. He said that the Warhawks football team had won the conference title the last three years and this year beat Mount Union of Ohio at the championship.

Supervisor Lein introduced Interim Chancellor Richard Telfer, Athletics Director Paul Plinski, Bob Berezowitz, Special Assistant to the Director and former football coach, and Director of Football Operations Andy Harris. He praised Justin Beaver for setting a national record two years ago for yards in rushing and he said that the record has not been broken since. Coach Leipold thanked the Board on behalf of the players and he thanked the Board for the recognition they are giving the athletic programs. He said that pride is shown by alumni in this area in Walworth County. He also praised Justin Beaver for being named conference player of the year and said he has overcome tough odds in his personal life. Chancellor Telfer thanked the Board and said the University is very proud of all the scholar athletes. He said that although they were at the meeting to recognize the success of the football team, of the seven fall sports at UW-Whitewater, four had conference scholar athletes. Paul Plinski thanked the Board for taking time out of their schedule to recognize the UW-Whitewater football team. He said he is excited about the outstanding athletic programs at UW-Whitewater. He complimented Coach Leipold and former coach Bob Bresiwitz.

Reports of Special Committees

There were none.

Comment Period by Members of the Public Concerning Items Not on the Agenda

Vicki Blakesly, W5646 Lake Shore Drive, addressed the Board regarding the Special Education Contract. She said she is Lakeland Education Association (LEA) President, a teacher, a member of the negotiating team, and a taxpayer in Walworth County. She said that in the past, some of Board members would attend the negotiations but that does not happen now. Issues are tabled because the decision-making people are not at the table. She said that in previous negotiations, the LEA has brought proposals to the table that would have shown a savings to the County taxpayers if the teachers were allowed to leave the County insurance plan and seek insurance elsewhere. She said the LEA has again asked permission to explore that concept with a possibility of showing a savings to the County. She said she hopes the contract can be settled without going to mediation/arbitration and hopes that it is a settlement that is fair to the teachers and to all taxpayers of Walworth County.

Joanne Suchy, 308 N. Broad Street, Elkhorn, also spoke regarding negotiations at Lakeland School. Ms. Suchy said she has been a teacher at Lakeland School for 30 years. She said she is frustrated because the teachers don't deal with the Board one to one. She said that the teachers and the County are all trying to settle the contract and the teachers do have another option to save money. She said that the Board should be open to negotiation. She thanked the Board for all they have done which included the new school. She said that the teachers try to save money wherever they can, even taking chairs other departments are throwing out. School Fest raises a lot of money for the school and that money has replaced budget items so that money is not coming out of the County budget. Ms. Suchy said her budget hasn't changed in 30 years.

