

JANUARY 13, 2009
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Grant at 6:02 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Walworth County Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Vice-Chair Grant conducted the meeting due to Chair Russell's surgery/absence.

Roll call was conducted and all Supervisors were present except Chair Russell.

Claudia Holst, County Board Supervisor, District # 5, delivered the invocation.

Amendments, Withdrawals, and Approval of Agenda

A motion was offered by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Schaefer, to approve the agenda.

The agenda was approved as amended by voice vote.

Approval of the Minutes

On motion by Supervisor Stacey, seconded by Supervisor Weber, the minutes of the December 15, 2008 Walworth County Board of Supervisors meeting were approved by voice vote.

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

There were none.

Appointments

1. 911 Governing Board
 - Bruce Vander Veen, Walworth County Fire Chiefs Association – Two-year term to begin upon appointment
 - John Kramer, Emergency Medical Service – Two-year term to begin upon appointment
 - Jerry Grant, County Board Vice-Chair, Walworth County Board – Two-year term to begin upon appointment
(Recommended by the Executive Committee 5-0)
2. Walworth County Housing Authority Board
 - John Ramstad – Term to begin upon reappointment
(Recommended by the Executive Committee 5-0)
3. Workforce Development Board
 - Grace Kragness, Provost, Gateway Technical College
(Recommended by the Executive Committee 5-0)

Vice-Chair Jerry Grant requested that his appointment be voted on separately so that he could abstain from the vote. On motion by Supervisor Bromley, seconded by Supervisor Schaefer, Bruce Vander Veen and John Kramer were appointed to the 911 Governing Board. On motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Van Dreser, Jerry Grant was appointed to the 911 Governing Board. Supervisor Grant abstained.

On motion by Supervisor Bromley, seconded by Supervisor Weber, John Ramstad was appointed to the Walworth County Housing Authority Board, and Grace Kragness was appointed to the Workforce Development Board.

Communications and Matters to Be Referred

Vice-Chair Grant 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 Vice-Chair would direct that all communications be referred or placed on file as indicated on the agenda.

1. Claims Received After Agenda Mailing – See Report of County Clerk Regarding Communications Received After the Agenda Mailing.
2. Claims: a) Summons and Complaint for Writ of Certiorari-State ex rel. Paul Demchenko vs Walworth County Board of Adjustment; b) Summons and Complaint-Robert G. Britt & Peggy L. Britt vs Walworth County Treasurer & American Ag, Tec International, Ltd.; c) Summons & Complaint-Maybelle Brethauer & Abrazo Advantage Health Plan vs Walworth County Health & Human Services, VIP Services, Inc., Delavan Rescue Squad, Inc., and DRS Medical Transport were referred to the Executive Committee.
3. Communication from the Wisconsin State Department of Corrections/Office of Detention Facilities 2008 Annual Inspection Report of the Walworth County Jail was referred to the Executive Committee.
4. Communication from the State of Wisconsin/Department of Military Affairs FY 2008 Second Half Progress Report of Emergency Management Operations was referred to the Executive Committee.
5. Communication from Ehlers & Associates regarding the proposed creation of a Tax Incremental District and Proposed Project Plan for Tax Incremental District No. 4 in the Village of East Troy was referred to the Finance Committee.
6. Communication from the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission with Orders of Appointment for Thomas Yaeger, William Petrie, Christopher Honeyman and Amedeo Greco and the public notices pertaining to each appointment was referred to the Human Resources Committee.
7. Correspondence from U.S. Senator Herb Kohl concerning federal funding to assist states in developing long-term care infrastructure was referred to the Health & Human Services Board.
8. Email communication from John F. Sonderegger, Town of East Troy, regarding property tax bill was placed on file.
9. Communication from District Attorney Phil Koss – Approving Bonds for Walworth County Elected Officials pursuant to Sec. 19.01(4)(m), Wis. Stats. was placed on file.
10. Report of the County Clerk Concerning Communications Received by the Board and Recommended to be Placed on File

11. Report of County Clerk Concerning Communications Received by the Board After the Agenda Mailing. The following items were placed on Supervisors' desks and referred or placed on file as indicated:

- Communication from Ehlers & Associates, Inc. regarding the Proposed Project Plan Amendment to Tax Incremental District No. 2 in the Village of Genoa City – To be referred to the Finance Committee
- Communication from Ehlers & Associates, Inc. regarding the Proposed Creation of Tax Incremental District and Proposed Project Plan for Tax Incremental District No. 4 – To be referred to the Finance Committee
- Correspondence from Gerald Petersen, President, Kettle Moraine Land Trust, Ltd. regarding a Conservation Subdivision Workshop – To be referred to the Land Conservation Committee
- *Walworth County Senior Review*, January 2009 – To be placed on file

12. Report of County Clerk Concerning Zoning Petitions was referred to the County Zoning Agency.

- Fritz Kreiss & Catherine McQueen (Steven L. Wagner, App.), Town of Delavan, A-1, M-2 & C-2 to B-4
- Etheleen Haak, Town of Geneva, A-1 & A-2 to A-5
- John Pounder, Town of Darien, 34.78 acres of A-1 to C-2 & C-1 and 8.93 acres of A-2 to C-2 & C-4
- Lawrence A. Mitten, Town of East Troy, A-1 to C-2

Unfinished Business

New Business

Reports of Standing Committees

County Zoning Agency Report of Proposed Zoning Amendments

1. Daniel Hurzeler, Town of Sugar Creek, Rezone 2.73 acres of A-1 to A-4 – approved 7 – 0 (12-18-08 public hearing)
2. S. Terry Woods, Ltd., Inc. dba Highfield Farm, Town of Linn, Rezone .66 acres of A-5 & A-2 to A-5 & A-4 – approved 7 – 0 (12-18-08 public hearing)
3. Alik and Donna Dremo and Joyce Robers, Town of Lyons, Rezone 1 acre of A-5 and 4 acres of A-2 to C-2 – approved 7 – 0 (12-18-08 public hearing)
4. Interlaken, LLC, Town of Sugar Creek, Rezone .74 acres of R-1 to B-2 – approved 7 – 0 (12-18-08 public hearing)

On motion by Supervisor Schaefer, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, the Report of Proposed Zoning Amendments were approved as recommended by the County Zoning Agency.

Executive Committee

1. Resolution No. 65-01/09 – Establishing the Topic for the April 21, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting-*Vote required: Majority* (Recommended by the Executive Committee 5-0)

2. Resolution No. 66-01/09 – Denying the Claim of Robert Stevenson, Debra Gordon & American Family Ins.-*Vote required: Majority* (Recommended by the Executive Committee 5-0)

On motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Bromley, item 1, **Resolution No. 65-01/09** and item 2, **Resolution No. 66-01/09** were approved by voice vote.

Finance Committee

1. Ordinance No. 526-01/09 – Amending Section 2-133(A)(2) of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to the Finance Committee-*Vote Required: Majority* (Recommended by the Finance Committee 5-0)

2. Resolution No. 67-01/09 – Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the County’s Contingency Fund to the Appropriate Public Works Department Account for the Purpose of Designing/Engineering Certain Public Works Projects in Anticipation of a Federal Stimulus Program-*Vote required: Two-thirds* (To be considered at a special joint meeting of the Finance and Public Works Committees on January 13, 2009 prior to the County Board meeting.)

On motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, item 1, **Ordinance No. 526-01/09**, was approved by voice vote.

Clerk Bushey stated that Resolution No. 67-01/09 was considered at the Joint Finance and Public Works Committee meeting prior to the County Board meeting and was recommended unanimously by both committees.

A motion was offered by Supervisor Schaefer, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, to approve Resolution No. 67-01/09.

County Administrator Bretl distributed the resolution to the Supervisors. He said that this resolution would authorize a transfer of \$130,000 from the Contingency Fund to provide engineering for two projects that were identified by the joint committee of public works and finance in the event that the economic stimulus package is put together as is anticipated which would provide Federal funding for a number of projects that you might otherwise use local tax dollars for. He suggested an amendment to the resolution to specify the projects as follows: “specifically, a thermal curtain, abatement and renovation of the West Wing of the Government Center.”

Supervisor Van Dreser said he wanted to point out that both of these projects are valid projects and this work would have to be done sometime in the future regardless of whether or not we receive money from the stimulus plan. Supervisor Van Dreser said that this project is looking at improving the cost to heat and cool this building, most importantly the windows. Shane Crawford said that a thermal curtain is an actual window replacement but the work would also include the panels outside and to abate some hazardous material during the process. On motion by Supervisor Van Dreser, seconded by Supervisor Bromley, the amendment was approved.

On motion by Supervisor Van Dreser, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, **Resolution No. 67-01/09** was approved **as amended** by unanimous consent.

Reports of Special Committees

There were none.

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

Corey Geiger, W1938 County Road J, Mukwonago, Township of East Troy, addressed the Board regarding taxes. He said he serves as President of Wisconsin Holstein Breeders. He said he is a new resident to this County and it was a big surprise to open his tax bill as he had not budgeted for the increase. Mr. Geiger said he thinks that the Board should be paying attention to the headlines in the paper when preparing the budget for the following year. He read headlines from different papers to the Supervisors regarding the bailout plans, expected tax cuts, and expected job loss. Mr. Geiger said his property taxes went up 9.9 % and his assessed valuation went up \$30,000 on his house in one year, with no improvements on the property. He said that Walworth County has been very blessed with high-income properties. Mr. Geiger said we have become accustomed to high value increases in the recent years but those days are gone now. He urged the Board to readjust their spending habits to adjust for the bad economy. He urged other concerned citizens to attend the February 10 County Board meeting to speak about their concerns. He thanked the Board for their service to the County.

Chairman's Report

Vice-Chair Grant read a thank you card from Chair Russell for the flowers sent to her while she was in the hospital.

Vice-Chair Grant thanked the Board for their cooperation when filling in for Chair Russell.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Bromley, seconded by Supervisor Hawkins, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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COUNTY OF WALWORTH)

I, Kimberly S. Bushey, County Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors for the January 13, 2009 meeting.