



June 8, 2010 – Walworth County Board Meeting

**Report of the County Clerk Regarding
Communications Received After the Agenda Mailing**

County Clerk

The following items were placed on Supervisors' desks and are attached to this cover sheet:

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

- Ord. No. 617-06/10 – Amending Section 62-104 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances Relating to Tax Incremental Financing Districts Annual Reports-*Vote Required: Majority* (The Finance Committee will consider at a special meeting prior to the June 8, 2010 County Board meeting.)
- Douglas County Resolution #38-10 – Repeal of Section 70.07 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which restores the authority of local elected officials to set spending priorities for their city, village, town or county – To be referred to the Executive Committee
- Douglas County Resolution #43-10 – Request for Elimination of Potential of Asian Carp Spread throughout Great Lakes and Surrounding Watersheds – Previously referred and will be placed on file
- *Walworth County Senior Review*, June, 2010 – To be placed on file

RESOLUTION #38-10
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Repeal of Section 79.07 of the Wisconsin Statutes Supported

WHEREAS, under current law, beginning in 2010 state law requires counties and municipalities to obtain approval from the Department of Revenue (DOR) to reduce spending on emergency services below 2009 baseline levels, and

WHEREAS, the newly-enacted statute allows such reductions only if the DOR agrees that the reduction is the result of an operating efficiency, and

WHEREAS, if a county or municipality cuts its emergency services budget without DOR approval, DOR may reduce the shared revenue payment to that county or municipality as a penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and support proposed language repealing Section 79.07 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which restores the authority of local elected officials to set spending priorities for their city, village, town or county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the upon passage, copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Wisconsin counties and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2010.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Undetermined)

ACTION: Motion by McKenzie, second Hendrickson, to adopt. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 617 – 06/10

**AMENDING SECTION 62-104 OF THE WALWORTH COUNTY CODE OF
ORDINANCES RELATING TO TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCING DISTRICTS
ANNUAL REPORTS**

1 **THE WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOL-**
2 **LOWS:**

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4 **PART I: That Section 62-104 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances is hereby**
5 **amended to read as follows:**

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7 **“Sec. 62-104. Considerations in approving TIDs or amendment thereto.**

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9 The county representative shall consider the following criteria before voting to create or amend
10 any TID or to approve project costs for any area that is outside of a TID's boundaries.

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12 (1) Does the TID effectuate the purposes set forth in state law, to wit:
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 - 14 (a) Whether the development expected in the TID would occur without the
 - 15 use of tax incremental financing.
 - 16 (b) Whether the economic benefits of the TID, as measured by increased em-
 - 17 ployment, business and personal income and property value, are insuffi-
 - 18 cient to compensate for the cost of the improvements.
 - 19 (c) Whether the benefits of the proposal outweigh the anticipated tax incre-
 - 20 ments to be paid by the owners of the property in the overlying taxing dis-
 - 21 tricts.
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- 23 (2) Has the entity creating or amending the TID kept the county apprised of activities
- 24 of the proposed TID or other TIDs by timely filing relevant reports and state-
- 25 ments? The following data should be contained in the annual TID report:
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 - 27 (a) Income statement by individual revenue and expenditure categories for the
 - 28 year ended and from date of creation, including a comparison to project
 - 29 plan estimate;
 - 30 (b) Increment/revenue over/under collected for the year ended and from date
 - 31 of creation;
 - 32 (c) Historical income statement comparison by year since inception;
 - 33 (d) Detailed expenditures by individual project line item for the year ended
 - 34 and from date of creation, including a comparison to project plan estimate;
 - 35 (e) Balance sheet;
 - 36 (f) Repayment plan of any borrowings, advances, or loans;
 - 37 (g) Creation date, last date to incur project costs, and last year to collect in-
 - 38 crements;

- 1 (h) Explanation of amounts involved related to variances from standard mu-
 2 nicipal fees, special assessments owed or anticipated, or other provisions
 3 that may result in financial assistance to developers;
 4 (i) Additional information that clarifies specific line items or agreements.”
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6 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors that all previous ordi-
 7 **nances and resolutions pertaining to Section 62-104 are hereby superceded.**

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 9 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors that this
 10 **Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.**

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 12 **PASSED and ADOPTED** by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors this 8th day of June,
 13 2010.

 Nancy Russell
 County Board Chair

 Kimberly S. Bushey
 Attest: County Clerk

County Board Meeting Date: June 8, 2010

Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote _____ Other _____

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.			
Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:			
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_____ David A. Bretl County Administrator/Corporation Counsel	Date	_____ Nicole Andersen Deputy County Administrator - Finance	Date
If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.			

RESOLUTION #43-10
RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: Request for Elimination of Potential of Asian Carp Spread throughout Great Lakes
and Surrounding Watersheds

WHEREAS, Douglas County recognizes water-based tourism, recreational boating and sport and commercial fishing as important industries on the Great Lakes, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County has a thriving tourism economy based on fishing, boating, recreation and the aesthetic beauty of Lake Superior which brings in millions of dollars in revenue per year to the local economy, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County residents and tourists have a strong connection to Lake Superior and cherish the natural resources the Lake has to offer to its residents, and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois constructed the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal over 100 years ago, connecting the Great Lakes Basin to the Mississippi River Basin in order to move Chicago's sewage away from Lake Michigan, and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, in addition to diverting billions of gallons of water from Lake Michigan each day, also opens up a channel between Lake Michigan and the Lower Mississippi River Basin, and

WHEREAS, the well documented threat of invading Asian carp has been known to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and state officials in Illinois for years, and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has constructed an inadequate and ineffective electric barrier to prevent Asian carp from migrating through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship canal, and

WHEREAS, the Chicago area navigational locks on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal are the final barrier from which Asian carp can gain access to the Great Lakes Basin, and

WHEREAS, Asian carp and other aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes threaten the ecological integrity, biological diversity, and economic health of the Great Lakes region and neighboring watersheds, and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes act as a point-source of aquatic invasive species, such as Asian carp, to inland lakes, waterbodies, and neighboring watersheds, and

WHEREAS, if the species of Asian carp present in the Mississippi River basin enters and establishes a breeding population within the Great Lakes, their presence will severely negatively affect the entire Great Lakes ecosystem, including inland lakes and tributary river systems with an estimated negative effect of a \$7 billion loss to the commercial and sport fishing industry of the Great Lakes, and

WHEREAS, Asian carp are long-lived, fast growing fish that can reach up to 20 years of age and nearly 100 pounds in weight consuming up to 40 percent of their body weight per day in organisms occupying the lowest trophic levels undermining the entire food web causing devastating crashes to the native fish populations, and

WHEREAS, environmental DNA evidence now exists demonstrating that Asian carp have breached the electrical barriers in the Chicago Sanitary and Shipping Canal and have entered Lake Michigan threatening to invade all of the Great Lakes by developing breeding populations, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that aggressive action be taken to safeguard the ecological and economic integrity of the Great Lakes, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court denied the States of Michigan and Wisconsin's request for emergency relief aimed at preventing the invasion of Asian carp species into Lake Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors does support the Wisconsin Attorney General as he continues to pursue legal remedies to stop Asian carp species from entering Lake Michigan and to protect Douglas County's interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors urges the Governor of Wisconsin to convince the President of the United States and the United States Congress to provide emergency relief by ordering closure of the navigational locks in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, and to support a study of ways of biologically separating the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal from Lake Michigan.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to **President Obama, U.S. Senators Kohl and Feingold, U.S. Representative Obey, Governor Doyle, the Wisconsin Attorney General, Douglas County state legislative representatives, Wisconsin Counties Association, and all Wisconsin coastal counties, urging adoption of a similar resolution.**

Dated this 20th day of May, 2010.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Quam, second Prettie, to adopt. Motion by McKenzie, second Corbin, to amend resolution to sponsor by County Board. Motion carried. Motion by Conley, second Liebaert, to amend resolution to forward copies to President Obama, Senator Feingold, Representative Obey, and Senator Kohl. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.