



October 9, 2012 – 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

- Communication received from Supervisor Carl Redenius in regard to numerous complaints by citizens regarding the enforcement of county zoning ordinances – To be referred to the County Zoning Agency
- Ozaukee County Resolution No. 12-39 – Supporting Request for Stay of Proceedings in *MTI v. Walker* – To be referred to the Executive Committee
- Communication received from Supervisor Carl Redenius in regard to allowing the removal of invasive species when they grow in the shoreyard – To be referred to the Land Conservation Committee
- *Walworth County Aging & Disability Resource Center News*, October 2012 – To be placed on file

*These items were received after the agenda mailing before the meeting. Other items that were placed on the Supervisors' desks at the meeting are not included on this report. Please contact the County Clerk's office for information regarding those items.*



October 8, 2012

County Board of Supervisors

Re: Zoning Enforcement

Dear Supervisors:

Numerous complaints have been made by residents at the Richmond Town Board meetings regarding the enforcement of county zoning ordinances. One of the complaints that I hear frequently is that some property owners receive numerous warnings while others are simply mailed citations. I realize that all cases are different. I think it would help the public if we could discuss this process at a public meeting. When it is possible, I think the county should be consistent.

I request that this item be referred to the County Zoning Agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl Redenius". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Carl Redenius  
District 5 Supervisor

RESOLUTION NO. 12-39

SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS IN *MTI V. WALKER*

WHEREAS, Ozaukee County is a municipal employer, as that term is defined in Wis. Stat. § 111.70; and

WHEREAS, for the past year, the County has taken significant steps in implementing the changes to the collective bargaining system required under 2011 Wisconsin Acts 10 and 32; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in Acts 10 and 32 allowed the County to sustain employment at the highest pragmatic levels, which is necessary and critical in meeting the County's service mandates; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the changes to collective bargaining contemplated in Acts 10 and 32, the legislation contained significant cuts to the amount of state aid revenue accruing to the County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to cuts to state aid, Acts 10 and 32 limited the amount of revenue the County is able to raise by virtue of levy limits; and

WHEREAS, in order to balance the County's budget, the County has modified the County's health insurance plan, required employees to pay the employee share of WRS contributions and otherwise modified the terms and conditions associated with its workforce's employment; and

WHEREAS, all of the measures the County has implemented in relation to creating efficiency and economy would have been impossible to implement had the County been required to bargain the changes with its employees; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, September 14, 2012, the Dane County Circuit Court issued a decision that declared a significant number of the provisions of Acts 10 and 32 relating to collective bargaining unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the Court's decision did not restore any of the cuts to state aid to the County nor did the decision provide the County with relief to the strict levy limits; and

WHEREAS, the County is very concerned with its ability to meet its obligations in the event the court determines that all of the measures the County has implemented since the effective dates of Act 10 and 32 must be reversed; and

WHEREAS, reversing the County's course at this juncture and restoring the status quo that existed prior to Act 10 would have a devastating financial impact on the County; and

WHEREAS, without additional state aid, the County may be unable to afford its obligations if required to bargain all of the matters surrounding wages, hours and conditions of employment with its represented employees; and

WHEREAS, if forced to return to the status quo of collective bargaining agreements pre-Acts 10 and 32, the County may be forced to consider mass layoffs simply to meet its financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, the County Board believes it to be in the County's best interests, and the best interests of all local governments throughout the state, for the Dane County Circuit Court to stay implementation of its decision pending appeal; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution signifies the County's support for the State of Wisconsin's effort to secure a stay of implementation of the decision to avoid dire financial consequences for the County and its workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that the Dane County Circuit Court stay implementation of its decision in *MTI v. Walker* pending appeal; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Ozaukee County's Legislative Representatives, to the Wisconsin Counties Association and to all Wisconsin Counties.

Dated at Port Washington, Wisconsin, this 3rd day of October, 2012.

FINANCE COMMITTEE				
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lee Schlenvogt				X
Richard C. Nelson	X			
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.	X			
Thomas H. Richart	X			
Paul Melotik	X			

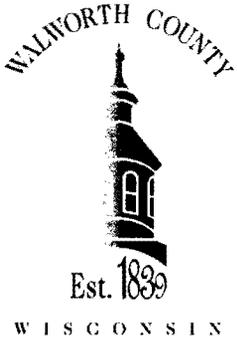
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Julianne B. Winkelhorst, County Clerk for Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 12-39, adopted by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors on October 3, 2012.

(S E A L) \_\_\_\_\_ s/Julianne B. Winkelhorst

Julianne B. Winkelhorst  
Ozaukee County Clerk

Adopted Vote:      Ayes – 24  
                             Nays – 0  
                             Absent - 2



October 8, 2012

Walworth County Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisors,

A constituent of mine was recently issued citations for removing buckthorn from her property. The buckthorn was apparently in the shoreyard. Since buckthorn is an invasive species, I wonder whether our ordinance can be reviewed and changed to allow residents to remove invasive species when they grow in the shoreyard.

I request that this matter be referred by the County Board to the Land Conservation Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl Redenius".

Carl Redenius  
District 5 Supervisor