

**WAUPACA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ANNUAL MEETING
November 13, 2007
REVISED MINUTES**

Chair Koeppen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 26 members present.

Present: Suprs. Aasen, Allen, Barrington, Boyer, Brown, Craig, Flease, Flink, Gabert, Hillskotter, Hurlbut, Johnson, Jonely, Koeppen, Kussmann, Loughrin, Mares, G. Murphy, T. Murphy, Penney, Peterson, Sasse, Sorensen, Sperl, Trambauer, Whitman. Supervisory District 4 position is vacant.

Chair Koeppen made the open meeting statement that this meeting and all other meetings of this board are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the press, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes so the citizenry may be aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting.

A moment of silent meditation was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supr. Mares moved and Supr. G. Murphy seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 26-0.

Supr. Flink moved and Supr. Sperl seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried 26-0.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER
Jon LiDonne**

Jon LiDonne announced that Commissioner Sigurd Krostue requested not to be reappointed to the Veterans Service Commission. Sigurd Krostue was unable to attend the meeting today for family reasons. The Waupaca County Veterans Service Commission will present him with a plaque in grateful recognition of 29 years of faithful and dedicated service to the veterans of Waupaca County.

**WAUPACA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Revolving Loan Fund
Custom Fiberglass Molding & Impact Publications**

Dave Thiel has received requests for revolving loan funds from Custom Fiberglass Molding and Impact Publications. Since these loans are under \$50,000, no County Board action is required. Dave Thiel introduced Rick Discher of Custom Fiberglass Molding who gave a short history of the business. A representative from Impact Publication will appear before the Board when financing is approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2008 BUDGET
AND
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROGRAM 85.21**

Supr. Craig moved and Supr. Johnson seconded the motion to open the public hearing for the 2008 Budget and Transportation Services Program 85.21. Motion carried 26-0. Chair Koeppen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak on the budget.

Public input for the budget from: Mary Kautz, E9391 CTY I, Clintonville, Ruth Deegan, N11761 Graetz Rd., Clintonville, and Trinitie Wilke, W12499 Hilltop Rd., Marion.

Chair Koeppen called 3 times for any further public input. Being no further input, Supr. Hurlbut moved and Supr. Kussmann seconded the motion to close the public hearing and reconvene into regular session. Motion carried 26-0.

Finance & Personnel Committee Chair Jim Loughrin thanked the Finance Committee, Jim Bernhagen, Mary Robbins and Department Heads for their hard work on the budget. It continues to be more difficult each year providing services to county residents as budget restraints get tighter.

Chair Koeppen addressed the Board. All the tax mandate freezes are hard to understand for those not connected with city, village or town government. We are in the third year of a four year tax mandated levy freeze by the state legislature. They tend to think that the County is the big spender so they limit the amount we can raise our tax levy. County government is no different than running a business or running a farm. Expenses go up, fuel goes up for the Sheriff's Department and the Highway Department. Asphalt has taken a big chunk, being a petroleum product, for the Highway Department. Negotiated union wages and cost of living wages. As Vice Chairman Loughrin mentioned, health insurance is a big issue, it went up 18% for a total of \$800,000 just for health insurance. The original 2% that the legislature was going to give us allows us to raise our tax levy a mere \$350,000 to \$360,000, but when you see that health insurance went up \$800,000, it really makes it difficult to continue with services in Waupaca County and that's a shame because all you people deserve all the services you get for your tax money. It's going to get worse because this 3.86% that the Governor actually let us use for next year is going to be cut back to 2%. We have to find places to raise more revenues, cut expenses, and unfortunately some programs are going to be in jeopardy in years to come. That's a shame. It just breaks our heart when we have to talk about the program that you people were here today to support, a very valuable program run by a very good person and a very professional person. Luckily we got past this issue but I'm going to tell you that your state legislators are the ones you need to talk about this. They're sick and tired of hearing me, the County Board Chair, I email them about the troubles that we are providing services, programs, to the county residents that deserve them. I don't even get an answer anymore. You know we had three department heads take a total of 40 days of voluntary layoff. They're not going to get paid for 40 days just to meet the state mandated budget. Where else do you see that in private industry. You

have county department heads that are doing that. They care that much about you people keeping the services. It almost breaks my heart. Just so you citizens know that aren't a part of the everyday government or your township government, I'm sure that those of you who are in your township government are real aware. Townships are no different than Waupaca County or your cities. Again, we're doing the best we can and it's just gratifying to see you all here today but please find out who your legislator is, give him a call, write him a letter, and let them know the tough job that we have to continue these programs that are so much needed in the County and for you.

Chair Koeppen called for a short recess. Chair Koeppen called the meeting to order.

Waupaca County Public Property Chairman Lloyd Mares reported that the Public Property Committee advertised for bids 40 acres of land in the Town of Fremont and 69 acres in the Town of Royalton. The committee received one bid for \$55,103 for the 40 acres in the Town of Fremont, which the committee accepted. There were no bids for the property in the Town of Royalton.

RESOLUTION NO. 28 (2007-2008)

SUBJECT: *Year 2008 Budget*

BE IT RESOLVED that there is hereby levied against the taxable property of Waupaca County as equalized for the year of 2007 the sum of \$645,422.87 as a state tax for forestry purposes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby levied against the taxable property of Waupaca County as equalized for the year 2007 the following sums:

\$4,060.00	as veteran's relief
\$14,959,101.00	as general tax
\$4,731,466.00	as debt service tax

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby levied against the taxable property of Waupaca County as equalized for the year 2007 excepting Cities of Clintonville, New London and Waupaca, the sum of \$53,000 for bridges under Sec. 81.38, Wisconsin Statutes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby levied against the taxable property of Waupaca County as equalized for the year 2007 excepting the Cities of Clintonville, Manawa, Marion, New London, Waupaca, Weyauwega, Village of Fremont, Village of Scandinavia and the Village of Iola, the sum of \$686,265.00 for Public Libraries under Section 43.64 Wisconsin Statutes, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Year 2008 Budget be adopted at the summary level as printed in the Proceedings of the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors. Department heads shall operate their programs as presented in their proposed line item budgets.

RECOMMENDEED FOR INTRODUCTION BY WAUPACA COUNTY FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: /s/ John F. Penney, Duane R. Brown, G. Robert Flease, James Loughrin, Gary Barrington, Patricia Craig, Dick Koeppen

ATTEST:
/s/ Mary A. Robbins, Waupaca County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Jeffrey Siewert, Corporation Counsel

Supr. Brown moved and Supr. Flink seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 28 (2007-2008). Supr. G. Murphy moved and Supr. Boyer seconded the motion to remove from the 2008 county budget the \$320,000 in the highway portion earmarked for land purchase. The purpose of this motion is to reaffirm the principle of direct legislative oversight over any large and far reaching capital expenditure. Finance Director Jim Bernhagen explained the land purchase. Motion failed 19-7 with Sasse, Koeppen, Flink, Mares, T. Murphy, Aasen, Sorensen, Whitman, Sperl, Hurlbut, Hillskotter, Jonely, Trambauer, Flease, Gabert, Allen, Brown, Loughrin and Barrington voting no. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 28 (2007-2008) carried 25-1 with Supr. Boyer voting no. Passed the 13th day of November, 2007.

**DENIAL OF ZONING AMENDMENT
TOWN OF HELVETIA
ZA-2-07**

The Waupaca County Zoning Committee, having considered the petition No. ZA-2-07 on the 25th day of October, 2007 by Scott Siegel from an A-G (General Agriculture) zone to an M-I (Intensive Manufacturing) zone with a Conditional Use Permit application for a salvage yard.

The following described lands: Located in part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Sec. 4, Town of Helvetia, lying off of County Highway "G", Waupaca County, Wisconsin. Approximately 6 acres.

Having held public hearings thereon, pursuant to Section 59.97(5)(e) Wisconsin Statutes, notice thereof having been given as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

Based on the facts and evidence presented, the Committee's decision was to **DENY** the Petition for Zoning Map Amendment and the Conditional Use Permit due to the following:

- The Town Board of Helvetia was in opposition to the application and this type of operation was not included in their Comprehensive Plan for that area.
- There was a lot of opposition presented at the public hearing.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2007.
Waupaca County Zoning Committee
By: /s/ John F. Penney, Chairman

Supr. Aasen moved and Supr. Sorensen seconded the motion to approve the Denial to Zoning Amendment ZA-2-07. Motion carried 26-0. Passed the 13th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION NO. 26 (2007-2008)

SUBJECT: Department of Health and Human Services staffing change.

WHEREAS, due to budgetary demands and need to reduce expenses; and

WHEREAS, eliminating a full-time Early Intervention Specialist II position and creating a part-time 80% or 29 hour per week Early Intervention Specialist II position will reduce expenses in the Early Intervention Program; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Finance and Personnel Committee to recommend this resolution for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve eliminating one full-time Early Intervention Specialist II position and creating a part-time 80% or 29 hour per week Early Intervention Specialist II position effective January 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED FOR INTRODUCTION BY WAUPACA COUNTY FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: /s/ John F. Penney, Duane R. Brown, G. Robert Fleese, James Loughrin, Gary Barrington, Patricia Craig, Dick Koeppen

ATTEST:
/s/ Mary A. Robbins, Waupaca County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Jeffrey Siewert, Corporation Counsel

Supr. Trambauer moved and Supr. Barrington seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26 (2007-2008). Motion carried 26-0. Passed the 13th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION NO. 29 (2007-2008)

Subject: *Donald Steenbock, County Board Supervisor*

WHEREAS, Supr. Steenbock served with distinction, efficiency and honor on the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors from April, 1992 until October 30, 2007 and

WHEREAS, Supr. Steenbock's valuable input serving on Agriculture, Extension & Education Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee will be missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors hereby commend Supr. Steenbock for his years of faithful service to Waupaca County and wish him well in the years to come.

RECOMMENDED FOR INTRODUCTION BY WAUPACA COUNTY BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS: /s/ Rose Mary Sasse, Dennis Kussmann, Dick Koeppen, James Flink, Lloyd Mares, Terry Murphy, Donald Aasen, Donald Peterson, Gene Peterson, James Boyer, Robert Whitman, Monica Sperl, Gerald Murphy, Ken Hurlbut, John F. Penney, David Johnson, Patricia Craig, Kay Hillskotter, William Jonely, John Trambauer, G. Robert Fleese, Dona Gabert, Donn L. Allen, Duane R. Brown, James Loughrin, Gary Barrington

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary A. Robbins, Waupaca County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Jeffrey Siewert, Corporation Counsel

Supr. Kussmann moved and Supr. Sasse seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 29 (2007-2008). Motion carried 26-0. Passed the 13th day of November, 2007.

APPOINTMENTS

Supr. Mares moved and Supr. Jonely seconded the motion to appoint Brandy Lee Miller to the Veterans Service Commission for a 3-year term. Motion carried 26-0. Passed the 13th day of November, 2007.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Koeppen placed the following correspondence for November on file in the County Clerk's Office: Waupaca County Economic Development Corp. monthly report and Revolving Loan Fund report and letter from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Supr. Aasen moved and Supr. Flink seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried 26-0. Chair Koeppen declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Mary A. Robbins
Waupaca County Clerk