

**WAUPACA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD SESSION
JANUARY 9, 2017**

Chair Koeppen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with 24 members present.

Present: Suprs. Boyer, Craig, Ellis, Federwitz, Flease, Gabert, Handrich, Johnson, Jonely, Kietzmann, Koeppen, Kussmann, McClone, Much, G. Murphy, T. Murphy, Neumann, Nygaard, Penney, Poehlman, Rohan, Sorensen, Whitman, Wilfuer. Suprs. Spierings, Zaug and Barrington were excused.

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.

Supr. G. Murphy moved and Supr. Whitman seconded the motion approving the agenda. Motion carried 24-0. Passed the 9th day of January, 2017.

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

Waupaca County Corporation Counsel Diane Meulemans acted as spokesperson for the Lakeview Manor Committee and presented Resolution No. 28 (2016-2017).

**RESOLUTION NO. 28 (2016-2017)
APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF LAKEVIEW MANOR**

Subject: Termination of Operations at Lakeview Manor

WHEREAS, Lakeview Manor has been a publicly operated health care facility for over one-hundred (100) years; and

WHEREAS, Lakeview Manor has a distinguished history of providing quality long-term and recuperative health care services to the citizens of Waupaca County; and

WHEREAS, over the past years, the costs of operating Lakeview Manor have exceeded, and continue to exceed, the revenues generated by the facility, placing a financial burden on the taxpayers of Waupaca County with a levy impact in recent years approaching one million dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, Waupaca County has faced repeated staffing shortages at the facility, including in the critical positions of Nursing Home Administrator, Director of Nursing and Registered Nurses; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Waupaca County Board, at the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, approved an incentive package for employees at

Lakeview Manor for a six-month period with the goal of increasing current employee stability and in attracting new, qualified employees; the total cost of incentives was \$250,000 with limited success; and

WHEREAS, Lakeview Manor risks citations from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for insufficient staffing which may include monetary penalties; and

WHEREAS, Waupaca County is competing for private pay and Medicare residents with other facilities, and the State of Wisconsin reimbursement for Medicaid residents does not cover the cost of providing care; and

WHEREAS, there are an adequate number of nursing home beds available in Waupaca County to provide care for the residents of Lakeview Manor and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WAUPACA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Notice of Intent to Relocate residents be filed with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the nursing home close within the statutory time frames.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Lakeview Manor Committee continue negotiations for the best use of the buildings and land immediately surrounding Lakeview Manor, including sale or lease of the property with final sale approved upon passage of the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors.

RECOMMENDED FOR INTRODUCTION BY WAUPACA COUNTY LAKEVIEW MANOR COMMITTEE: /s/ Gary Barrington, Gene Sorensen, David Johnson, Darrell Handrich, John F. Penney

ATTEST:
/s/ Jill Lodewegen
Waupaca County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Diane L. Meulemans
Corporation Counsel

Supr. Boyer moved and Supr. Nygaard seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 28 (2016-2017). Motion carried 23-1 with Supr. Craig voting no. Passed the 9th day of January, 2017.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Supr. Jonely moved and Supr. McClone seconded the motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction to wit: Resolution No. 29 (2016-2017) – Lakeview Manor Severance Pay. Motion carried 24-0 on a roll call vote.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. Supr. Craig and Supr. Johnson seconded the motion to go back into open session. Motion carried 24-0 on a roll call vote.

County Board Chair Koeppen announced that Resolution No. 29 (2016-2017) – Lakeview Manor Severance Pay was approved in closed session 24-0.

Supr. Sorensen moved and Supr. Whitman seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried 24-0. Chair Koeppen declared the meeting adjourned.

Jill Lodewegen
Waupaca County Clerk