

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Columbia County, Wisconsin

Portage, Wisconsin  
March 19, 2008  
9:50 A.M.

The Board of Supervisors of Columbia County convened in annual session at the Carl C. Frederick Administration Building in Portage pursuant to law. The meeting was called to order by Chair Baumgartner and was certified to be in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

All Supervisors were present, except DeYoung, Jenkins and Landers, absent.

Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by O'Neil, second by Baebler to approve the Journal of January 16, 2008. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the agenda, as printed, was made by Boockmeier, second by Wingers. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the Columbia County Crime Stoppers, Inc. thanking the Board of Supervisors for their generous contribution and support.

The following appointments were announced:

- (1) 2008 Emergency Fire Wardens for Columbia County. Motion by Andler, second by Pufahl, the appointments were approved.
- (2) Portage TIF District #6: Richard Boockmeier. Motion by Gove, second by Sanderson, the appointment was approved.

Susan Martin gave a Building Space Needs Ad Hoc Report. A copy will be available in the County Clerk's office for viewing.

**REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

The Planning and Zoning committee having held a public hearing thereon pursuant to Section 59.69 Wisconsin Statutes, notice thereof have been given as provided by law and being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the areas affected hereby recommend as follows:

1. A petition by Aaron & Rachel Larson, Columbus, WI, Petitioner and Owner to rezone from Agricultural to Rural Residential, Parcel 611.1 & 611.A, Section 30, T11N, R12E in the Town of Fountain Prairie and Parcel 440.1, Section 25, T11N, R11E in the Town of Otsego, Town of Fountain Prairie on the 18th<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007 be approved as follows: To change from Agricultural to Rural Residential, Parcel 611.1 & 611.A, Section 30, T11N, R12E in the Town of Fountain Prairie and Parcel 440.1, Section 25, T11N, R11E in the Town of Otsego.
2. A petition by John & Jan Simonson, Portage, WI, Petitioner and Owner, to rezone from Commercial to Industrial, Parcel 901.03, Section 35, T13N, R8E, Town of Lewiston on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007 be approved as follows: To change from Commercial to Industrial, Parcel 901.03, Section 35, T13N, R8E, Town of Lewiston.

Douglas Richmond  
John H. Healy  
Philip Baebler  
Fred C. Teitgen  
Timothy J. O'Neil  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Upon hearing no objection, Chair Baumgartner directed the report be accepted and placed on file.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-08**

WHEREAS, Federal monies administered by the Wisconsin Economic Development Program were made available to establish a revolving loan fund for economic development in Columbia County administered by Columbia County, and

WHEREAS, Columbia County currently has \$749,793 of funds available in its revolving loan fund, and

WHEREAS, David and Angela Pierce, who own Pierce’s Supermarket, are in need of funds to construct and equip a central bakery in their Portage store, and

WHEREAS, additional funds in the amount of \$402,000 are being committed by Amcore Bank, and

WHEREAS, this expansion will create twenty (20) new positions at the Portage Store, and

WHEREAS, after due consideration by the Columbia County Revolving Loan Fund/ Housing Committee, it is recommended that the Pierce’s application in the amount of \$400,000 be approved by the Columbia County Board, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Columbia County Economic Development Revolving Loan Program Policies and Procedures Manual, it is necessary for the Columbia County Board to approve County loans from the County’s Revolving Loan Fund before an applicant can receive funds from the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors does approve and authorize the release of funds from the Columbia County Revolving Loan Fund to David and Angela Pierce (via their bakery corporation, WSBC, Inc.) in the amount of \$400,000 provided that the applicant is in full compliance with the Columbia County Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Policies and Procedures Manual, and the terms of the loan agreement, as set forth by the Revolving Loan Fund/Housing Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board Chairman and County Clerk are hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents, including the loan agreement between the Applicant and the County on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Note: None

Fiscal Impact: Using \$400,000 of designated RLF Funds.

Debra L. H. Wopat  
~~Mark A. Witt~~  
Robert L. Hamele  
Harlan Baumgartner  
John H. Tramburg  
REVOLVING LOAN FUND/HOUSING COMMITTEE

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Tramburg, second by Wopat.

Jeff Maurer, President of Pierce’s Supermarket gave a brief overview of the business and thanked the Board.

The Resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-08**

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2008, the following accounts be designated as continuing appropriation accounts:

Copy Machine Clerk’s Office	1412	Veterans Relief	4720
Central Postage	1413	Library	6110
Unemployment Control	1432	Comprehensive Planning Grant	6312
Employee Retirement Payout Pool	1433	U.W. Extension Seminars	6712
Wellness Funds	1434	U.W. Grant Accounts	various
PC Maintenance Reserve	1455	U.W. Extension - Farm Books	6713
Printer Maintenance Reserve	1456	Pesticide Program	6714
GASB Implementation Plan	1511	Conservation Fund	7410
Revolving Loan Fund Program	1513	LWCD Tree Sale Program	7424
Environmental Assessments	1564	Conservation Practices Fund	7435
Land Records Trust	1721	Parks Timber Fund	7440
County Owned Lands Inventory	1725	Nonpoint Watersheds	7445
Sheriff Donations	2222	Tree Planter – Rental Program	7449

Circles of Support	2235	Clean-up Underground Tank	7450
Sheriff Federal Drug Seizures Trust	2241	Capital Outlay Pool	8000
Sheriff State Seizures Trust	2242	Accounting/HR Computer System	9910
CEASE Program	2243	Human Services - Aging Programs	
Project Lifesaver	2246	Health & Human Services Donation Funds	
Sheriff's Inmate Trust	2252	Health Care Center - All Accounts	
9-1-1	2911	Highway - All Accounts	
Solid Waste Container Rental	3632		

Fiscal Note: None  
Fiscal Impact: None

Susan Martin  
Debra L. H. Wopat  
Robert R. Westby  
Robert L. Hamele  
John H. Tramburg  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Wopat, second by Tramburg. The Resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4-08**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, all public-sector employers are required to retain actuary services for the purpose of valuing Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB), and

WHEREAS, Columbia County has approximately 518 employees who qualify for OPEB benefits, and

WHEREAS, the actuary firm of Milliman has the expertise and experience to determine Columbia County's OPEB obligations.

WHEREAS, staff in the Human Resources and Accounting Departments will provide Milliman with all requested information and also monitor this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair is authorized to sign a contract with Milliman for calculation of Columbia County's OPEB obligation for a total cost of \$8,000.

Fiscal Note: Funding is included in the 2008 budget.  
Fiscal Impact: Total cost not to exceed \$8,000.

Neil M. Ford  
J. Robert Curtis  
Douglas S. Richmond  
Barry Pufahl  
Debra L. H. Wopat  
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Debra L. H. Wopat  
Susan Martin  
Robert R. Westby  
Robert L. Hamele  
John H. Tramburg  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Tramburg, second by O'Neil. The Resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5-08**

WHEREAS, the 2007 Employee Retirement Pool is overdrawn in the amount of \$80,968.07, and

WHEREAS, this budgetary shortage is due to the number of 2007 retirements and the escalating cost of benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made from the pre-closing Contingency Fund to:

Employee Retirement Pool	\$80,968.07
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Fiscal Note: Transfer \$80,968.07 from the pre-closing Contingency Fund account #100.350000 to the Employee Retirement Pool account #1433.

Fiscal Impact: Cost to County is \$80,968.07.

Neil Ford  
Doug Richmond  
J. Robert Curtis  
Barry Pufahl, Vice Chair  
Debra Wopat, Chair  
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Pufahl, second by Richmond. The Resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6-08**

WHEREAS, Columbia County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation action before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, an adopted All Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County participated jointly in the planning process with the other units of government within the County to prepare an All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County All Hazard Mitigation Plan ~~attached hereto~~ is hereby adopted as the official plan of the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Emergency Management Office will submit the adopted Columbia County All Hazard Mitigation Plan to Wisconsin Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency officials for final review and approval.

Fiscal Note: None  
Fiscal Impact: None

~~Tom L. Jenkins~~  
Robert L. Hamele  
Andy Ross  
Barry Pufahl  
Richard C. Boockmeier  
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Boockmeier, second by Ross.

Pat Beghin, Emergency Management Director, gave a brief summary of the process for the Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2008-2012. He indicated a copy of the plan is available on the county web site [www.co.columbia.wi.us](http://www.co.columbia.wi.us) and will also be available in Emergency Management office, County Clerk's office and local libraries.

Motion by O'Neil, second by Martin, to amend by striking "attached hereto" in the fifth paragraph. Motion to amend carried.

The Resolution was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. Z358-08**

The Columbia County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows: That Title 16 – Chapter 1, entitled "Zoning", of the County Code, as passed by the Board of Supervisors on February 16, 1972 is hereby amended and added thereto as follows:

- (1) "To change from Agricultural to Rural Residential" property (Aaron & Rachel Larson) parcel of land located in Section 30, T11N, R12E, Town of Fountain Prairie and Section 25, T11N, R11E, Town of Otsego more particularly described as follows: Property to be rezoned from Agricultural to Rural Residential PARCEL 611.1 and PARCEL 611.A -Town of Fountain Prairie PARCEL 440.1 -Town of Otsego Lot 1 Certified Survey Map No. 4846.
- (2) "To change from Commercial to Industrial" property (John & Jan Simonson) parcel of land located in Section 35, T13N, R8E, Town of Lewiston more particularly described as follows: Property to be rezoned from Commercial to Industrial - Being part of the Lot 2, Certified Survey Map No. 3635 as recorded in Volume 25, page 3 as Document No. 640684 located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, Town of Lewiston, Columbia County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the west quarter corner of Section 35; thence South 00°33'17" East along the west line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 35, 81.06 feet to a point on the southerly right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway 16; thence North 89°24'53" East along said southerly right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway 16, 1,836.64 feet to the northwest corner of said

Lot 2, Certified Survey Map, No. 3635; thence South 00°35'06" East along the west line of said Lot 2, 304.66 feet to the point of beginning; thence East, 284.29 feet to the east line of said Lot 2; thence South 00°34'48" East along the east line of said Lot 2, 42.68 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 2; thence South 60°54'16" West along the south line of said Lot 2, 323.50 feet to the southwest corner of said Lot 2; thence North 00°35'06' West along the west line of said Lot 2, 200.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 34,494 square feet, (0.79 acres), more or less.

This rezoning shall become effective upon recording of the Certified Survey Map and a Deed Restriction that prevents the two lots from being conveyed separately.

Harlan Baumgartner, Chair  
COLUMBIA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Susan M. Moll  
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK

DATE PASSED: March 19, 2008  
DATE PUBLISHED: March 27, 2008

First reading of Ordinance.

Motion by O'Neil, second by Richmond, to suspend the rules and have the second reading of the Ordinance by title only.

Motion carried, not unanimously.

Second reading of Ordinance.

Motion by Richmond, second by Baebler, to suspend the rules and have the third reading of the Ordinance by title only.

The motion carried, not unanimously.

Third reading of Ordinance.

Motion made by Healy, second by Salzwedel, to adopt. Motion carried, not unanimously. The Ordinance was declared passed and is to be known as Ordinance Z358-08.

**REPORT OF THE LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

For the Farmland Preservation Program

We, the Land and Water Conservation Committee, having received a copy of an application for a Farmland Preservation Agreement pursuant to Section 91.13 (2) Wisconsin Statutes have approved the following:

NAME	TOWN
Larry & Barbara Schultz	Randolph

Robert Hamele  
John Healy  
Robert Stoltenberg  
Don Nelson  
John G. Stevenson  
LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**REPORT OF THE LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

For the Farmland Preservation Program

We, the Land and Water Conservation Committee, having received a copy of an application for a Farmland Preservation Agreement pursuant to Section 91.13 (2) Wisconsin Statutes have approved the following:

NAME	TOWN
Tim & Sara Brandsma	Scott

Robert Hamele  
John Healy  
Robert Stoltenberg  
Don Nelson  
John G. Stevenson  
LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

On motion by Stoltenberg, second by Hamele, the Reports were accepted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-08**

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its appreciation to those who have worked on behalf of the citizens of Columbia County by serving on the County Board, and

WHEREAS, service on the Columbia County Board of Supervisors requires dedication, perseverance, and personal sacrifices on the part of its members, and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Stoltenberg has served as County Board Supervisor representing District 11 from April 18, 1978, to April 19, 1982, and District 13 from April 20, 1982, to April 20, 1992, and District 22 from April 21, 1992, to April 14, 2008, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stoltenberg served as Chair of the Land Conservation Committee from April, 1990, to April, 2000, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stoltenberg served on the following committees: Agriculture and Land and Water Conservation, Land Information and Records and Park Lake Management District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its appreciation and commends Robert J. Stoltenberg for his faithful and dedicated years of service to the people of Columbia County and wishes him continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors is directed to present an appropriate certificate of commendation to Mr. Stoltenberg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is permanently entered in the record of the Proceedings of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors and that a copy is forwarded to Mr. Stoltenberg as a token of appreciation on behalf of the County Board.

Robert J. Andler  
Richard C. Boockmeier  
Don DeYoung  
Robert L. Hamele  
Tom L. Jenkins  
Susan Martin  
Barry Pufahl  
Gerald L. Salzwedel  
Fred C. Teitgen  
JoAnn Wingers

Philip Baebler  
Mary Cupery  
Neil M. Ford  
John H. Healy  
Brian L. Landers  
Donald P. Nelson  
Douglas S. Richmond  
Jack Sanderson  
John H. Tramburg  
Debra L.H. Wopat

Harlan Baumgartner  
J. Robert Curtis  
Vern E. Gove  
Kenneth W. Hutler  
Robert J. Lane  
Timothy J. O'Neil  
Andy Ross  
John G. Stevenson  
Robert R. Westby

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Hamele, second by O'Neil. The Resolution was adopted.

Chair Baumgartner presented Robert Stoltenberg with Certificate of Appreciation and Resolution for service to Columbia County. Robert Hamele also offered words of recognition.

On motion by Boockmeier, second by Lane, minutes of the March 19, 2008, meeting were approved. The motion carried.

On motion by J. Robert Curtis, second by Stoltenberg, the meeting adjourned sine die at 11:20 a.m. The motion carried.

**Minutes of Columbia County Board of Supervisor meeting are considered Draft until approved at a subsequent County Board Meeting. Complete minutes are on file in the County Clerk's Office or can be viewed on the County Website at [www.co.columbia.wi.us](http://www.co.columbia.wi.us) after publication**