

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Columbia County, Wisconsin

Portage, Wisconsin
November 12, 2008
9:45 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 Wopat and was certified to be in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

All Supervisors were present, except Baebler and Pufahl, absent.

Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Boockmeier, second by Cupery to approve the Journal of October 15, 2008. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the agenda, as printed, was made by O'Neil, second by Stevenson. Motion carried.

Chair Wopat reminded board members that they are expected to attend committee meetings. If they are not able to attend a meeting, they should inform the committee chair person as soon as possible. Committee chairs were also reminded to inform the County Clerk's office if committee meetings are scheduled differently than their regularly scheduled time. Chair Wopat attended a WCA Board meeting on October 31. She announced that Supervisor Ross was asked to participate on a committee to review the WCA Constitution. Supervisor Sanderson commented on the Wisconsin Way and proposed agenda prepared by the members. Supervisor Tramburg announced that the legislative agenda was approved. Tramburg also gave an overview of the proposed budget and commented that adding additional personnel is not an option. Amy Yamriska invited members to attend the Open House at the Columbia Health Care Center on November 13th. Holiday Luncheon invitations were placed in supervisor's mailboxes, please respond with payment by Friday, December 12, 2008, to the County Clerk's office.

Chair Wopat presented an award to Donna Chrzas, Veteran Service Officer, in recognition of the Statement of Support of the Guard and Reserve.

A Public Hearing on the proposed 2009 Budget began at 10:00 am.

Cindy Devine from the Accounting Department read the proposed budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Sarah Lloyd gave a brief update on the Circles of Support activity in 2008 and addressed questions from the board about the program. Lonna Brooks and Bill Haupt spoke in favor of the Circles of Support program.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-08

SECTION I. The County Board of Supervisors of Columbia County, Wisconsin, regularly assembled, does hereby resolve that such funds as may be made available to the county for highway work in the year 2009 under the provisions of Section 20.395 and Chapter 83 of the Statutes, and the additional sums herein appropriated, shall be expended as hereinafter set forth:

SECTION II. COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY ALLOTMENT. WHEREAS the Division of Highways has notified the County Clerk that a sum of money estimated to be \$1,484,606 will become available at the end of the fiscal year under the provisions of Section 83.03 and 20.395 (2)(yb) and (2)(yd) of the Statutes, for the County Trunk Highway System in the county, but the actual amount will not be known until the close of the fiscal year ending next June 30.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the County Highway Committee is authorized and directed to expend the said sum to the extent required to match and supplement Federal Aid for construction, right of way, and other costs on any Federal Projects located on the County Trunk Highway System of said county, which are not recovered from Federal Funds, and to expend any balance for constructing, repairing and maintaining such County Trunk Highway System and the bridges thereon, including snow and ice removal and control, as directed in Section 83.03 (1) of the Statutes, and to reimburse the general fund for any expenditures that may be made therefrom pursuant to Section 83.01 of the Statutes.

SECTION III. WHEREAS, various towns, villages, and cities hereinafter named have filed petitions for County Aid for roads under provisions of Section 83.14 of the Statutes.

(1) BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that such petitions are hereby granted and county appropriations be made as follows:

| <u>TOWNS</u> | <u>NAME OF ROAD</u> | <u>COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Arlington | Smokey Hollow Road | \$ 7,957.25 |
| Caledonia | Koepp & Tritz Roads | 13,221.25 |
| Columbus | Johnson, Herrmann & Manke Roads | 8,776.25 |
| Courtland | Leader & Hoefs Roads | 5,192.25 |
| Dekorra | Tomlinson Road | 10,029.25 |
| Fountain Prairie | Harrison Road | 7,775.25 |
| Hampden | Kranz, Ethun, Link & Otsego Roads | 7,413.00 |
| Leeds | Herschleb Drive | 8,601.25 |
| Lewiston | Muskrat Road | 8,130.50 |
| Lodi | Bayview Drive | 5,754.00 |
| Lowville | Drake Road | 8,113.00 |
| Marcellon | Dolgner Road | 7,787.50 |
| Newport | Gulch Road | 5,115.25 |
| Otsego | Columbus Road | 8,280.00 |
| Pacific | Suburban Heights Road | 4,060.00 |
| Scott | Larson Road | 6,209.00 |
| Springvale | Bender Road | 8,277.50 |
| West Point | West Harmon Road & Juniper Driver | 7,049.00 |
| Wyocena | Neuhauser Road | 8,368.50 |

| <u>VILLAGES</u> | <u>NAME OF ROAD</u> | <u>COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Arlington | Bullen Road | \$ - 0 - |
| Cambria | | - 0 - |
| Doylestown | | - 0 - |
| Fall River | Swarthout Road & South Street | 3,500.00 |
| Friesland | | - 0 - |
| Pardeeville | | - 0 - |
| Poynette | Tomlinson Road | 3,500.00 |
| Randolph | Randolph Street | 3,500.00 |
| Rio | Wells, Cook, Holmes & Lyon Streets | 3,500.00 |
| Wyocena | | - 0 - |

| <u>CITIES</u> | <u>NAME OF ROAD</u> | <u>COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Columbus | South Main Street | \$ - 0 - |
| Lodi | Chestnut Street | 2,000.00 |
| Portage | Coit & Collip Streets | 9,581.25 |
| Wisconsin Dells | Vine Road | <u>2,000.00</u> |
| TOTAL | | \$ 173,691.25 |

SECTION IV. WHEREAS it appears that certain additional highway improvements in the county are necessary and warranted.

Fiscal Note: that the County Board does hereby appropriate the following sums for the purpose hereinafter set forth:

- (1) For Administration (3110, 3191 and 3192) including salaries, office and travel expense of the County Highway Commissioner, his clerks and assistants not paid from the construction and maintenance funds, the sum of \$823,023.00.
- (2) For Highway Office (3275) Operating Expense, the sum of \$39,272.00.
- (3) For Winter Maintenance (3312), the sum of \$1,524,224.00.
- (4) The sum of \$2,909,629.00 for Road and Bridge Construction (3313) on the County Trunk Highway System.
- (5) For General Public Liability (3193), the sum of \$65,091.00.
- (6) For Maintenance of the County Trunk Highway System (3311), the sum of \$1,153,156.00.
- (7) Capital Outlay Pool for the acquisition of capital assets \$597,550.00.
- (8) For Maintenance of the State Trunk Highway System (3321, 3322, 3328), \$4,853,290.00.

- (9) For Maintenance of the Towns, Villages, and Cities System (3331), \$2,240,855.00.
- (10) For Maintenance of Miscellaneous Accounts (3371), \$784,697.00.
- (11) County Parks (3390), the sum of \$24,392.00.

TOTAL AUTHORIZED IN THIS SECTION (\$15,015,179.00)

SECTION V. WHEREAS, appropriations are made herein, in addition to the amounts to be received from the State and available for work in the county under Section 20.395 of the Statutes. BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board does hereby levy a tax on all of the property in the county to meet such appropriations as follows:

- (1) For County Aid (3333) under Section 83.14 as provided by Section III hereof, the sum of \$173,692.00.
- (2) For the various purposes as set forth in Section III and Section IV hereof, the sum of \$15,188,871.00, minus Revenue, Contingency and Equity applied of \$11,122,998.00 equals the net amount of \$4,065,873.00.

Fiscal Impact: that the County Board does hereby levy a tax of \$4,065,873.00 to meet said appropriation on all of the property on the county, which is taxable for such purpose. WARNING: It is directed that provision for this levy shall be made in the County Budget, but that this levy shall not be duplicated.

SECTION VI. WHEREAS, the various highway activities for which provision is made in this resolution are continuous from year to year, and the exact cost of any work cannot be known at the time of making the appropriation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board does hereby direct that any balance remaining in any appropriation for specific highway improvement after the same shall have been completed may be used by the County Highway Committee to make up any deficit that may occur in any other improvement, which is part of the same item in the County Budget, for which provision is herein made, and any balance remaining at the end of the year in any Highway Fund shall remain and be available for the same purpose in the ensuing year.

SECTION VII. WHEREAS, the exact amount of the funds that will become available from the State for highway purposes in the county under Section 20.395 of the Statutes will not be known until on or after next June 30.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make payments for the purposes for which such funds are to be used, as herein before authorized, from any funds in the County Treasury that are not required for the purposes for which appropriated prior to next August 1 and to reimburse such funds in the County Treasury from the sums received under Section 20.395 of the Statutes.

SECTION VIII. WHEREAS, the County Highway Committee and the County Highway Commissioner are charged with the duty and responsibility of carrying out the construction and maintenance of highways for which provision is made, and other related supervisory and administrative duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Highway Commissioner shall have authority to employ, discharge, suspend, layoff, or reinstate such personnel in accordance with Columbia County personnel policy as set forth in Chapter 7 Ordinance, where the ordinance is not in conflict with Wisconsin State Statutes, as he deems necessary for such purposes, provided, however, that the County Highway Committee may by action recorded in its minutes determine the number of persons to be hired, and may also at any time by action so recorded, order the County Highway Commissioner to employ, discharge, suspend, lay off, or reinstate any such person in accordance with Columbia County personnel policy as set forth in Chapter 7 Ordinance, where the ordinance is not in conflict with Wisconsin State Statutes. The term "personnel" or "person" shall include all employees necessary to carry out daily activities within Columbia County Highway and Transportation.

Andy Ross
Susan Martin
Kenneth W. Hutler
John G. Stevenson
Vern E. Gove
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 28-08

WHEREAS, the municipality hereinafter named has filed a petition for County Aid in the construction of a bridge under Section of the Statutes, said petition is hereby granted, and the county's share is appropriated as follows:

| <u>County Municipality</u> | <u>Bridge</u> | <u>Amount Raised by Local Unit</u> | <u>Amount of Aid Granted</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Town of Lodi | Mack Road | \$ 606.00 | \$ 303.00 |
| Town of Fountain Prairie | Harrison Road | \$ 336.00 | \$ 168.00 |
| Town of Lewiston | Muskrat Road 1584' N.of STH 127 | \$ 4,461.00 | \$ 2,230.00 |

Fiscal Note: \$2,701.00 - 3334.551210 County Aid Bridge Refunds

Fiscal Impact: The County Board does hereby levy a tax of \$2,701.00 to meet said appropriation on all of the property on the county, which is taxable for such purpose. It is directed that provision for this levy shall be made in the County Budget, but that this levy shall not be duplicated.

Andy Ross
Susan Martin
Kenneth W. Hutler
John G. Stevenson
Vern E. Gove
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Baumgartner, second by Ross. The Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-08

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors has held a public hearing, pursuant to Section 65.90, Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors does adopt a budget for calendar year 2009 with total expenditures of \$65,782,952 and total revenues and equity applied of \$43,116,485.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a County Tax of \$21,688,040 be levied upon all the taxable property of the County for the current expenses of the County, including the construction of public highways, and

That a County Library System Tax of \$623,720 be levied on the taxable property of the County except that part in the Villages of Cambria, Pardeeville, Poynette, Randolph, Rio, Wyocena, and the Cities of Columbus, Lodi, Portage, and Wisconsin Dells, and

That a Recycling Tax of \$352,702 be levied on the taxable property of the County except in the Townships of Newport and Pacific and the City of Wisconsin Dells, and

That a County Tax of \$2,005 representing State Special Charges for charitable and penal purposes, be levied upon the taxable property of the County, and

That a State Tax for forestry of \$898,109.37 be levied upon all the taxable property of the County as certified by the State Department of Administration.

Fiscal Note: Not Applicable

Fiscal Impact: Not Applicable

Robert R. Westby
Timothy J. O'Neil
Andy Ross
Harlan Baumgartner
John H. Tramburg
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Landers, second by Lane to amend by removing \$20,000 funding from the Circles of Support.

O'Neil asked for a roll call vote.

Motion on the floor to amend budget to remove funding for Circles of Support in the amount of \$20,000 failed for lack of majority vote as follows:

AYES: 9, NOES: 19, ABSENT: 2

AYES: Andler, DeYoung, Gove, Hutler, Landers, Lane, Martin, Stevenson, Wingers.

NOES: Baumgartner, Boockmeier, Cupery, Curtis, Ford, Hamele, Healy, Jenkins, Mielke, Nelson, O'Neil, Richmond, Ross, Salzwedel, Sanderson, Teitgen, Tramburg, Westby, Wopat.

ABSENT: Baebler and Pufahl.

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

The Resolution was adopted, not unanimously.

J. Robert Curtis moved adjournment of this meeting to December 17, 2008, 9:45 a.m. Second was made by DeYoung. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

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 after publication