

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Columbia County, Wisconsin

Portage, Wisconsin  
October 21, 2009  
7:05 P.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 Hutler and Lane, absent.

Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Boockmeier, second by Stevenson to approve the Journal of August 19, 2009. Motion carried.

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

Supervisors were reminded that because of the early November County Board meeting that October expense vouchers need to be turned in to the County Clerk's office by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Wopat thanked Barry Pufahl for representing Columbia County at the recent Statewide Conference for County Veterans Service Officers held in Wisconsin Dells on her behalf.

Chair Wopat received a DVD of the first video annual report for the Wisconsin Counties Association. The video was shown at the WCA Annual Conference held in September. Anyone interested in viewing the DVD should contact the County Clerk's office.

Kurt Calkins, Land and Water Conservation Director, received a request from the family of Bob Chapman to donate a bench in his memory and have it placed at Governor's Bend Park.

Columbia County received a thank you letter and check in the amount of \$2,500 from the Bridging Generations Foundation, Inc. for their first payment towards the \$20,000 borrowed to construct a carport/driveway at the Columbia County Health Care Center.

Chair Wopat indicated that the first session for the F.L.A.G. (Future Leaders Active in Government) was held today. The 2009-2010 F.L.A.G. Program Outline was placed on supervisor's desks. She welcomed and encouraged involvement from supervisors. Supervisor Richmond gave a review of activities and exercises performed at today's F.L.A.G. session.

Joseph Ruf, Corporation Counsel/Human Resources Director, addressed the County Board Supervisors regarding employee's health insurance and the process needed to make changes.

Representative Fred Clark (42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District) addressed the Board regarding current legislature and state budget. He entertained questions of the Board.

Mike Arndt, county highway employee (and president of Local 995 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees), spoke in opposition of the proposed furlough days for the highway department in the 2010 budget.

Supervisors Baumgartner, Landers, O'Neil, Westby and Wopat gave brief reports on sessions they attended at the Wisconsin Counties Association Conference.

**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 Lester & Darlene Martinson, Rio, WI, Petitioner and Owner, to rezone from Agricultural to Rural Residential, Parcel 599, Section 31, T10N, R11E in the Town of Hampden on the 21st day of July, 2009 be approved as follows: To change from Agricultural to Rural Residential, Parcel 599, Section 31, T10N, R11E, Town of Hampden.
2. A petition by Eric Scott, Lodi, WI, Petitioner and ETC Enterprises LLC, Lodi, WI, Owner, to rezone from Agricultural to Single Family Residence, Parcel 25.B, Section 2, T10N, R8E, Town of Lodi on the 28th day of October, 2008 be approved as follows: To change from Agricultural to Single Family Residence, Parcel 25.B, Section 2, T10N, R8E, Town of Lodi.

3. A petition by Kenneth & Ann Schroeder, DeForest, WI, Petitioners and Owners, to rezone from Agricultural to Rural Residential, Parcel 664, Section 35, T10N, R10E in the Town of Leeds on the 20th day of July, 2009 be approved as follows: To change from Agricultural to Rural Residential, Parcel 664, Section 35, T10N, R10E, Town of Leeds.
4. A petition by Town of Dekorra, Poynette, WI, Petitioner and Larry E. & Lois Ann Gates, Pardeeville, WI, Owners, to rezone from Agricultural to Recreational, Parcel 6, Section 1, T11N, R9E in the Town of Dekorra on the 9th day of September, 2008 be approved as follows: To change from Agricultural to Rural Recreational, Parcel 6, Section 1, T11N, R9E, Town of Dekorra.

Douglas Richmond  
 John H. Healy  
 Philip Baebler  
 Fred C. Teitgen  
 Harlan Baumgartner  
 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-09, 2009-2010**

WHEREAS, breast cancer is a devastating disease that affects one out of every eight women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is one of the most common cancers among women in Wisconsin and is responsible for the highest number of cancer deaths among women of all racial and ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, early detection of breast cancer can and does save lives; and

WHEREAS, the decline in breast cancer mortality has been attributed to mammography screenings, monthly self-exams, improvements in treatments, and annual checkups with health care providers; and

WHEREAS, through early detection and treatment we give our mothers, sisters, and daughters the best possible chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, everyone needs to be aggressive and informed about their health and health care and to be diligent in the fight against breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 21st day of October, 2009, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2009, as

**"PAINT THE COUNTY PINK" Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

In Columbia County, and call upon all citizens to support breast cancer research and education.

Fiscal Note: NONE  
 Fiscal Impact: NONE

Timothy J. O'Neil  
 Harlan Baumgartner  
 Richard C. Boockmeier, Secretary  
 Robert R. Westby, Vice Chair  
 Debra L.H. Wopat, Chair  
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Representatives of The Pink Ribbon Angels, Inc. explained that the organization is non-profit and provides financial assistance to Columbia County residents with breast cancer to help cover uninsured expenses incurred during diagnosis and treatment. They thanked the Board for their support in promoting breast cancer awareness. Pamphlets and ribbons were placed on supervisor's desks. You can also visit their website located at [www.pinkribbonangels.org](http://www.pinkribbonangels.org).

**RESOLUTION NO. 29-09**

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 \$412,998 of funds available in its revolving loan fund, and

WHEREAS, FSI, Inc., (dba Culver’s Restaurants) plans to construct the company headquarters and leasable office space in the City of Portage’s industrial park, and is in need of funding for equipment, and

WHEREAS, additional funds in the amount of \$685,000 are being committed by the Bank of Wisconsin Dells and also by FSI, Inc., and

WHEREAS, this expansion will create six (6) new positions, and

WHEREAS, after due consideration by the Columbia County Revolving Loan Fund/ Housing Committee, it is recommended that the FSI’s application in the amount of \$100,000 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 FSI, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 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 \$100,000 of designated RLF Funds.

Debra L. H. Wopat

~~Mark A. Witt~~

~~Robert L. Hamele~~

Robert R. Westby

John H. Tramburg

REVOLVING LOAN FUND/HOUSING COMMITTEE

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

Jeff Liegel and Chad Stevenson, owners of FSI, Inc. gave a brief overview of the business and thanked the Board.

Hamele excused himself from room due to conflict of interest.

It was clarified that Mark Witt and Robert Hamele abstained for voting on resolution at committee due to conflict of interest.

The Resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 30-09**

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Assessment has presented the following equalized values and the equalized values reduced by TID Value Increments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following be used as the county equalized values for 2009 (TID is included for State taxes, and TID is out for County taxes).

	<u>ALL PROPERTY</u> (TID Included)	<u>RATIO</u>	<u>ALL PROPERTY</u> (TID Out)	<u>RATIO</u>
<u>TOWNS:</u>				
Arlington	\$ 94,882,000	.01782	\$ 94,882,000	.01808
Caledonia	245,244,100	.04605	245,244,100	.04674
Columbus	67,212,400	.01262	67,212,400	.01281
Courtland	55,204,600	.01037	55,204,600	.01052
Dekorra	385,720,200	.07243	385,720,200	.07351
Fort Winnebago	80,347,700	.01509	80,347,700	.01531
Fountain Prairie	84,696,900	.01590	84,696,900	.01614
Hampden	59,963,400	.01126	59,963,400	.01143
Leeds	82,364,700	.01547	82,364,700	.01570
Lewiston	141,929,000	.02665	141,929,000	.02705
Lodi	475,464,900	.08928	475,464,900	.09061
Lowville	94,853,600	.01781	94,853,600	.01808
Marcellon	96,254,000	.01807	96,254,000	.01834
Newport	71,432,700	.01341	71,432,700	.01361
Otsego	69,039,600	.01296	69,039,600	.01316
Pacific	250,762,600	.04709	250,762,600	.04779
Randolph	86,983,100	.01633	86,983,100	.01658
Scott	60,048,600	.01128	60,048,600	.01144
Springvale	60,313,200	.01133	60,313,200	.01149
West Point	344,234,500	.06464	344,234,500	.06560
Wyocena	<u>186,309,800</u>	<u>.03499</u>	<u>186,309,800</u>	<u>.03551</u>
TOWN TOTALS	3,093,261,600	.58085	3,093,261,600	.58950
<u>VILLAGES:</u>				
Arlington	69,160,100	.01299	59,538,700	.01135
Cambria	48,058,400	.00902	48,058,400	.00916
Doylestown	14,488,600	.00272	14,488,600	.00276
Fall River	118,735,700	.02230	107,428,000	.02047
Friesland	21,487,500	.00403	16,887,700	.00322
Pardeeville	142,953,000	.02684	128,082,900	.02441
Poyette	172,761,100	.03244	172,761,100	.03292
Randolph	26,826,100	.00504	24,569,900	.00468
Rio	67,486,100	.01267	59,612,400	.01136
Wyocena	<u>39,189,800</u>	<u>.00736</u>	<u>39,189,800</u>	<u>.00747</u>
VILLAGE TOTALS	721,146,400	.13541	670,617,500	.12780
<u>CITIES:</u>				
Columbus	372,833,500	.07001	359,056,200	.06843
Lodi	238,848,800	.04485	238,832,400	.04552
Portage	639,716,300	.12013	631,189,500	.12028
Wisconsin Dells	<u>259,604,400</u>	<u>.04875</u>	<u>254,342,100</u>	<u>.04847</u>
CITY TOTALS	1,511,003,000	.28374	1,483,420,200	.28270
<u>COUNTY TOTALS:</u>				
Columbia County	5,325,411,000	1.00000	5,247,299,300	1.00000

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

History of Columbia County Equalized Values was placed on supervisor's desks.  
Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Baumgartner, second by Tramburg. The Resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 31-09**

WHEREAS, Chapters 34 and 66 of the Wisconsin Statutes require the naming of public depositories, and

WHEREAS, Columbia County must establish banking institutions that qualify as public depositories under Chapter 34, of the Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Associated Bank of Columbus, Columbus, Wisconsin
- 1st National Bank of Berlin, Berlin, Wisconsin;
- Amcore Bank, Portage, Wisconsin;
- Anchor Bank, Columbus, Wisconsin;
- Associated Bank of Portage, Portage, Wisconsin;
- Bank of Poynette, Poynette, Wisconsin;
- Bank of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin;
- Banker's Bank, Madison, Wisconsin;
- Citizens Bank, Stevens Point, Wisconsin;
- Community Bank of Portage, Portage, Wisconsin;
- Farmers and Merchants Union Bank, Columbus, Wisconsin;
- Fox Valley Savings, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin;
- Green Lake State Bank, Green Lake, Wisconsin;
- Hartford Savings Bank, Juneau, Wisconsin;
- Local Government Pooled Investment Fund, Madison, Wisconsin;
- Middleton Community Bank, Middleton, Wisconsin;
- Portage National Bank, Portage, Wisconsin;
- US Bank, Portage, Wisconsin;
- Timberwood Bank, Tomah, Wisconsin;
- Bank Mutual, Portage; and

qualify as public depositories under Chapter 34 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and are hereby designated as depositories for public monies coming into the hands of the Treasurer of Columbia County, State of Wisconsin, for funds deposited in time deposits, demand deposits, and/or in checking or savings accounts and that withdrawal or disbursement shall be only by order check as provided in Section 66.0607 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those banks that hold County funds of any kind totaling in excess of \$500,000 shall collateralize the amount held in excess of \$500,000 by pledging U.S. bills, notes, or bonds in an amount equal to the excess held over \$500,000.

Fiscal Note: None.

Fiscal Impact: None.

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

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

Pufahl excused himself from the room due to conflict of interest.

The Resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 32-09**

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2001, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 52-01 in which the County approved and adopted a Non-Represented Staff Classification and Compensation Plan ("Plan") that was created by Carlson, Dettman and Associates, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, under the Plan, non-represented County employees who receive a satisfactory annual performance evaluation receive a step increase in salary on the anniversary of the employee's hire date; and,

WHEREAS, the continuation of annual step increases for non-represented County employees after December 31, 2009, is not feasible in the current, unprecedented, negative economic situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective on December 31, 2009, the annual step increase portion of the Plan will be suspended and all non-represented County Employees will be frozen at their current payroll step, pending further action of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other aspects of the Plan as approved and adopted in Resolution No. 52-01 other than the annual step increases shall remain in full force and effect.

Fiscal Note: Anticipated 2010 Budget savings - \$31,046.00.

Fiscal Impact: NONE

Neil M. Ford  
J. Robert Curtis  
Brian L. Landers  
Douglas S. Richmond  
Susan Martin  
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

Boockmeier asked if the resolution has an end date or if it needs to be addressed again. Corporation Counsel Ruf clarified that it will take an action from the Board to lift the freeze.

The Resolution was adopted, not unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-09**

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Department is the recipient of a grant to pay up to 75% of the cost to replace 14 mobile radios and 11 portable radios that are outdated, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department also needs to replace 24 more mobile radios and 6 more portable radios to be in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's narrowband mandate, and

WHEREAS, Motorola has offered a discount of \$600 per radio if ordered between December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a total of 38 mobile Motorola radios and 17 portable Motorola radios be purchased for a total of \$130,022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expenditure be financed, in part, through a \$37,762 grant, and the balance of \$92,260 be transferred from the General Fund to the Radio Upgrade Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Fund be reimbursed with the proceeds from a future bond issue.

Fiscal Note: Transfer an amount not to exceed \$92,260 from the General Fund Account No. 100.341100 to the Radio Upgrade Project Account No. 9970

Fiscal Impact: Annual Debt Service will be incorporated into future budgets.

Andy Ross  
Robert Lane  
Tom Jenkins  
Robert Hamele  
Richard Boockmeier  
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Gove, second by Hamele.  
Pat Beghin, Emergency Management Director, clarified what the grant funds would cover.  
The Resolution was adopted, not unanimous with one no vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. Z374-09**

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”, (Lester & Darlene Martinson, Petitioners and Owners) parcel of land located in Section 31, T10N, R11E, Town of Hampden more particularly described as follows: Land To Be Rezoned From Agricultural to Rural Residential: Commencing at the South Quarter corner of Section 31; thence North 01°05’51” West along the north – south quarter line of said Section 31, 3,428.75 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 01°05’51” West along the north – south quarter line of said Section 31 and the center line of Davidson Road, 200.00 feet; thence North 88°54’09” East, 435.60 feet; thence South 01°05’51” East, 200.00 feet; thence South 88°54’09” West, 435.60 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 87,120 square feet, (2.00 acres), more or less. This rezoning shall become effective upon recording of the Certified Survey Map and recording of the deed restriction.
- (2) “To change from Agricultural to Single Family Residential”, (Eric Scott, Petitioner and ETC Enterprises LLC, Owner) parcel of land located in Section 2, T10N, R8E, Town of Lodi more particularly described as follows: Land to be Rezoned from Agricultural to Single Family Residential: PARCEL 25.B North 105 feet of South 315 feet of East 830 feet of Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter.
- (3) “To change from Agricultural to Rural Residential”, (Kenneth & Ann Schroeder, Petitioners and Owners) parcel of land located in Section 35, T10N, R10E, Town of Leeds more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the East Quarter corner of Section 35, Town 10 N, R10E; thence S88° 41’34”W 1326.60’ along the east-west quarter line to the point of beginning; thence S00°08’40” West 293.69’ along the east line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35; thence S89°32’35” West 357.98; thence N00°09’22” West 288.34’ to the east-west quarter line of Section 35; thence N88°41’34” East 359.59’ along the east-west quarter line to the point of beginning. Containing 104,395 square feet (2.397 acres). This rezoning shall become effective upon recording of the Certified Survey Map and the deed restriction.
- (4) “To change from Agricultural to Recreational”, (Town of Dekorra, Petitioner and Larry E. & Lois Ann Gates, Owners) parcel of land located in Section 1, T11N, R9E, Town of Dekorra more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the east quarter corner of said Section 1; thence North 00°28’53” East along the east line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 1, 449.54 feet to a point in the center line of Phillips Road and the point of beginning; thence Southwesterly along a 700.00 foot radius curve to the left in the center line of Phillips Road having a central angle of 07°52’44” and whose long chord bears South 65°33’17” West, 96.18 feet; thence South 61°36’55” West along the center line of Phillips Road, 298.34 feet; thence North 28°23’05” West along the easterly right-of-way line of Hickory Lane and the southerly extension thereof, 49.36 feet; thence Northwesterly along a 183.00 foot radius curve to the left in the easterly right-of-way line of Hickory Lane having a central angle of 56°14’32” and whose long chord bears North 56°30’21” West, 172.51 feet; thence North 05°22’24” East, 37.30 feet; thence North 68°52’41” East, 495.68 feet; thence East, 50.04 feet to a point in the east line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 1; thence South 00°28’53” East along the east line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 1, 172.75 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 92, 231 square feet (2.12 acres), more or less. This rezoning shall become effective upon recording of the Certified Survey Map.

Debra Wopat, Chair  
COLUMBIA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Susan M. Moll  
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK

DATE PASSED: October 21, 2009

DATE PUBLISHED: October 29, 2009

First reading of Ordinance.

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

The motion carried.

Second reading of Ordinance.

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

The motion carried.

Third reading of Ordinance.

Motion made by Healy, second by Richmond, to adopt. Motion carried. The Ordinance was declared passed and is to be known as Ordinance Z374-09.

Supervisor Tramburg gave an overview of the 2010 Budget. The budget will be placed on the November County Board agenda. Supervisors were asked to review and contact Finance Committee members, County Board Chair and/or Lois Schepp, with any questions. The 2010 Columbia County Budgets were distributed to Supervisors.

Chair Wopat reported that she attended the Intercounty Coordinating Committee (ICC) meeting on Monday. The ICC is comprised of surrounding counties, which all have similar situations regarding the 2010 budget.

J. Robert Curtis moved adjournment of this meeting to Tuesday, November 10, 2009, 9:45 a.m. Second was made by DeYoung. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



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