

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Columbia County, Wisconsin

Portage, Wisconsin
May 18, 2011
7:02 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 Westby and was certified to be in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

All Supervisors were present, except Weyh, absent and Lane arrived late (7:08 pm).

Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Andler, second by Hamele to approve the Journal of April 19, 2011. Motion carried.

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

John Dirkse, Executive Vice President of Aegis Corporation explained services provided to Columbia County regarding loss prevention and risk management. He updated the Board on 2010 Workers Compensation Audit and presented Columbia County with a dividend check in the amount of \$91,654.

The Columbia County Land and Water Conservation Department placed an invitation in supervisor's mailboxes inviting them to the "2011 Conservation Observance Day" for recognition of Fountain Prairie Farms, owned by John and Dorothy Priske, as Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) Conservation Farmer of the Year.

The Wisconsin Counties Association Conference is scheduled for September 25, 26 and 27 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Supervisors interested in attending should contact Chair Westby.

Chair Westby indicated that a selection committee for the hiring of a replacement for the Health and Human Services Director would meet immediately following the County Board meeting.

The 2010 annual reports for county departments were reviewed in the order listed in the book. Department heads were in attendance to address any questions and/or concerns of the Board.

Susan Moll, County Clerk gave a report on the Justice of the Supreme Court recount and cost to County.

A handout regarding the Children in the Middle Program was placed on supervisor's desks by the UW-Extension office.

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 Ralph Bauch, Portage, WI, Petitioner and Owner, to rezone from Agricultural to Rural Residential and Agriculture to Agriculture with Agricultural Overlay, Parcel 824.04, Section 27, T12N, R8E in the Town of Caledonia on the 7th day of February, 2011 to be approved as follows: To change from Agricultural to Rural Residential and Agriculture to Agriculture with Agricultural Overlay, Parcel 824.04, Section 27, T12N, R8E, Town of Caledonia.

Douglas Richmond
Harlan Baumgartner
Debra L. Healy Wopat
Fred C. Teitgen
Mike Weyh
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

RESOLUTION NO. -11

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Agriculture and Land & Water Conservation Committee is a member of the Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Agriculture and Land & Water Conservation Committee is the governing committee for the UW-Extension Cooperative Extension Columbia County Department serving residents of Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Idea Partnership focuses on access, affordability and accountability; and

WHEREAS, University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension, highly values its partnership with UW-Madison, particularly in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and the School of Human Ecology; and

WHEREAS, the UW-Extension, Cooperative Extension, and the UW System values increased flexibility in the areas of human resources, procurement, financial management, construction, accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Agriculture and Land & Water Conservation Committee values the joint resources of UW-Extension, Cooperative Extension, and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and School of Human Ecology on UW-Madison's campus, as well as the resources of the other 12 UW System four-year campuses and 13 two-year colleges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors does hereby endorse the Wisconsin Idea Partnership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to Governor Walker, Senator Scott Fitzgerald, Senator Mark Miller, Senator Luther Olsen, Representative Fred Clark, Representative Keith Ripp, Representative Joel Kleefisch and Representative Jeff Fitzgerald.

Fiscal Note: None

Fiscal Impact: None

John G. Stevenson
JoAnn Wingers
Mike Weyh, Secretary
Philip Baebler, Vice Chair
Robert L. Hamele, Chair
AGRICULTURE AND LAND & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Chair Westby explained this Resolution was tabled at last month's meeting on a motion by Ford, seconded by Teitgen, to research and obtain additional information.

Motion was made by Ford, second by Teitgen, to postpone until November County Board meeting for further review. Ford provided supervisors with an article published in the Wisconsin State Journal "Arguments for autonomy: UW proposals make the case for taking control". The motion to postpone carried, not unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-11

WHEREAS, Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") section 414(h)(2) permits public employers to pick up contributions to a governmental pension plan that are designated as employee contributions so that they may be paid for on a pre-tax basis and thereby be excluded from an employee's taxable income, provided the contributions are paid by the employer in lieu of contributions by the employee, and the employee may not elect, directly or indirectly, to receive the amounts instead of having them paid by the employer; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors has determined that taking this action does not increase the County's cost of funding the retirement benefits owed to the Wisconsin Retirement System ("WRS") and chooses to take this action in order to allow covered employees to exclude such amounts from their taxable income due to the application of IRC section 414(h)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. Pursuant to IRC section 414(h) (2), the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Columbia County, hereby elects to pick-up all contributions designated as employee contributions that its covered employees owe to the WRS;

2. Pursuant to this Resolution, all contributions that are designated as employee contributions to WRS will be paid by the County in accordance with the rules of IRC section 414(h)(2). These pick up contributions will be withheld from employee wages as a condition of employment with no individual discretion by employees to have some other amount withheld or to have no amount withheld; and
3. The effective date of this Resolution is May 18, 2011, and contributions to WRS made prior to that date will not be subject to these provisions.

Fiscal Note: Application of the IRC section 414(h)(2) pick up provision will neither increase nor decrease the County's cost for employee retirement benefits.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Vern Gove
Neil M. Ford
Barry Pufahl
Douglas S. Richmond
Susan G. Martin
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Joseph Ruf, Corporation Counsel/Human Resources Director, gave a brief synopsis of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-11

WHEREAS, every ten (10) years the United States Census Bureau conducts a census of the population and provides population counts to the State of Wisconsin and local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin officially released the 2010 census data to Columbia County in a letter dated March 21, 2011; and

WHEREAS, section 59.10(3)(b), Wis. Stats., requires each county to adopt a tentative county supervisory district plan within sixty (60) days after receiving the population data and census block maps; and

WHEREAS, section 59.10(3)(b), Wis. Stats., also requires each county to hold a public hearing on the proposed plan to solicit suggestions from the public and local municipalities before adopting the tentative county supervisory district plan; and

WHEREAS, said public hearings were held on May 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Tentative County Supervisory District Plan, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution, contains supervisory districts which are substantially equal in population; and

WHEREAS, each district is represented by one supervisor reflected by the decreased size of the county board from thirty-one (31) to twenty-eight (28) supervisors as adopted by Resolution Number 7-10 on March 17, 2010.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the attached Tentative County Supervisory District Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Clerk to transmit copies of the Tentative adopted Plan to each Columbia County municipality for their sixty (60) day consideration period.

Fiscal Note: None

Fiscal Impact: None

Neil M. Ford
Kenneth W. Hutler
Barry Pufahl
JoAnn Wingers
Vern E. Gove, Vice Chair
Andy Ross, Chair
AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Pufahl, second by Wingers.

Ross provided a power-point that displayed the draft of map #2 for comparison to the draft of map #3 provided in supervisor's packets of the proposed 2011 tentative county supervisory district boundaries at the request of Supervisor Andler. It was reiterated that this is a "tentative" plan. Ross explained that the County is required to adopt a tentative county supervisory district plan within sixty days after receiving the census data according to state statues. The tentative plan then needs to be forwarded to municipalities for their consideration and ward boundaries, which they have sixty days to complete. Then the County has sixty days to make changes and adopt a final plan.

Andler requested a roll call vote. The resolution was adopted on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 27, NOES: 3, ABSENT: 1

AYES: McClyman, O'Neil, Pufahl, Richmond, Ross, Salzwedel, Sleger, Stevenson, Sumnicht, Teitgen, Tramburg, Wingers, Wopat, Westby, Baebler, Baumgartner, Boockmeier, Cupery, Field, Ford, Gorsuch, Gove, Healy, Hutler, Konkell, Lane and Martin.

NOES: Andler, DeYoung and Hamele.

ABSENT: Weyh.

ORDINANCE NO. Z389-11

An Amending Ordinance

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 and Agriculture to Agriculture with Agricultural Overlay", (Ralph Bauch, Petitioner and Owner) parcel of land located in Section 27, T12N, R8E, Town of Caledonia more particularly described as follows:
Land to be Rezoned from Agricultural to Rural Residential: Commencing at the east quarter corner of said Section 27; thence South 89°59'08" West along the south line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27, 664.85 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 2, Certified Survey Map, No. 4660 and the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89°59'08" West along the south line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27 and the south line of said Lot 2, 230.00 feet; thence North 01°10'12" West, 400.00 feet; thence North 89°59'08" East, 230.00 feet to a point in the east line of said Lot 2, said point also being in the east line of the west half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27; thence South 01°10'12" East along the east line of said Lot 2 and the east line of the west half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27, 400.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 91,981 square feet, (2.11 acres), more or less.
Land to be rezoned from Agriculture to Agriculture with Agricultural Overlay. Commencing at the east quarter corner of said Section 27; thence South 89°59'08" West along the south line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27 and the south line of Lot 2, Certified Survey Map, No. 4660, 894.85 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89°59'08" West along the south line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27 and the south line of said Lot 2, 70.00 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 1, Certified Survey Map, No. 4660; thence North 01°05'15" West along the east line of said Lot 1, 597.06 feet to the northeast corner of said Lot 1; thence South 89°59'08" West along the north line of said Lot 1, 364.85 feet to the northwest corner of said Lot 1, said point also being in the west line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27; thence North 01°05'15" West along the west line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the west line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27, 2,039.66 feet to the northwest corner of said Lot 2, said point also being the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27; thence North 89°46'33" East along the north line of said Lot 2 and north line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27, 661.01 feet to the northeast corner of said Lot 2, said point also being in the east line of the west half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27;

thence South 01°10'12" East along the east line of the west half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the east line of the west half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27, 2,239.21 feet; thence South 89°59'08" West, 230.00 feet; thence South 01°10'12" East 400.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1,438,729 square feet, (33.03 acres), more or less.

Robert R. Westby, Chair
COLUMBIA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Susan M. Moll
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK

DATE PASSED: May 18, 2011
DATE PUBLISHED: May 26, 2011

Motion made by Teitgen, second by Lane, to adopt. The Ordinance was declared passed as amended and is to be known as Ordinance Z389-11.

Chair Westby asked that supervisors please call the County Clerk's office if they are going to be absent from committee or county board meetings.

Baumgartner moved adjournment of this meeting to Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Second was made by Baebler. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.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