The Board of Supervisors of Columbia County convened in annual session at the Courthouse in Portage pursuant to law. Chair Susan Martin called the meeting to order. All Supervisors were present, except Supervisor See, absent. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the Journal of April 19, 2005, as distributed was made by Supervisor Pufahl, second by Supervisor DeYoung. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the agenda, as published, was made by Supervisor Boockmeier, second by Supervisor Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Martin thanked Supervisor Baumgartner for taking over last month. Further, she acknowledged the passing of Edward Riley and the fact that he would not be recognized with a resolution since he was presented with one when he retired. Supervisors were advised to use updated expense voucher forms, discarding the old forms. In addition to Supervisor Boockmeier’s comments on the Highway project, Chair Martin indicated the entire shop floor would be removed along with the heating system with completion by week after Memorial weekend. Lastly, the July County Board meeting will be held at the Highway facility with no scheduled meeting for August.

Columbia County Connect Collision recognized Five (5) Health and Human Services employees for their work on the STARS program. Those recognized were Melissa Simonson, Liesa Zastrow, Katie Heintz, Holly Stanic and Jenny Skadahl.

Correspondence was received from Deb DeWitt, Senior Risk Management Consultant of Wisconsin County Mutual for the use of Highway facility for recent filming of personal protection video and Ken Manthey, Portage Police Chief, commending Sheriff’s Department for involvement with drug task force and working relationship between them.

Supervisor Boockmeier reported the Huber expansion project is on schedule with the kitchen being operational on June 13, 2005. The County will take possession of facility between July 15 and August 1, 2005.

Attorney David Meier, Hearing Examiner from the State of Wisconsin, Office of Commissioner of Railroads, gave an update on the progress made with railroad crossings in Columbia County. He indicated that non-essential crossings were closed, while signals and safety upgrades were administered to others to assure public safety.

Kurt Calkins, Land and Water Conservation Director, presented 2005 Conservation Cooperator of the Year Awards and plaques to River Crossing Environmental Charter School for participation in tree/shrub/prairie grass distribution and Johnson’s Sausage and D&G Processors for venison processing of donations to food pantries. Since Governor Doyle declared 2005 the “Year of Land and Water Conservation” to promote and draw more attention to conservation efforts, Director Calkins invited everyone to attend the 2005 Fall Conservation Tour.

The County Board reviewed and accepted 2004 annual reports submitted by Columbia County departments.

Chair Martin called a recess at 8:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m. The following appointments were announced:

1. Ethics Inquiry Board: Dean Walker with a term to expire April 2008. On motion by Supervisor Boockmeier, second by Supervisor Andler, the appointment was unanimously approved.

2. Health and Human Services Board: Ken Olson, Phil Baebler and Jan Gardner with terms to expire April 2008. On motion by Supervisor Ross, second by Supervisor Salzwedel, the appointments were unanimously approved.

3. City of Lodi Joint Review Board, Tax Increment District: Robert Westby. On motion by Supervisor O’Neil, second by Supervisor Stoltenberg, the appointment was unanimously approved.

Steven Holmgren, SVRS Specialist for the State of Wisconsin Election Board, gave a brief report on the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) enacted by Congress in October.
2002. This Act requires all states to have an electronic statewide voter registration system of eligible voters by January 2006. He entertained questions from County Board Supervisors.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-05
WHEREAS, Congress passed the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) to create a more uniform voter registration and voting system in the United States; and
WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Elections Board (SEB) is charged with implementing a Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) that complies with HAVA; and
WHEREAS, local units of government understand their obligations and commitments as mandated by HAVA and state statutes to administer, implement and maintain local voter registration information within a centralized SVRS; and
WHEREAS, the State Legislature has enacted legislation which allows local units of government to share technology and resources with the County or other municipalities to maintain the local voter registration information within the centralized SVRS,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE County of Columbia directs the County Clerk, upon the request of a municipality, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with that municipality that will comply with the requirements of HAVA and provide a more efficient and cost effective implementation of SVRS through the sharing of technology and resources.
FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Columbia direct the County Clerk to follow the technology, security, maintenance, support, and process guidelines developed by the State Elections Board relating to use of the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).
FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and each Memorandum of Understanding be sent to the State Elections Board.

Fiscal Note: Cost of Scanner
Fiscal Impact: Fees charged will offset costs associated with SVRS and also increase Revenues in an undetermined amount

Daniel See
Robert Westby
Barry Pufahl
Harlan Baumgartner
Susan Martin
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Supervisor Pufahl, second by Supervisor Boockmeier.
Fees were established based on municipal populations to offset costs associated with implementation and maintenance of voter registration system. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-05
WHEREAS, Ingeborg Lothe, of Poynette, Wisconsin, recently passed away, and
WHEREAS, prior to her death Ingeborg Lothe faithfully served the residents of Columbia County as a member of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, and
WHEREAS, Ms. Lothe was elected to serve on the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to represent District 7 beginning April 15, 1980; and continuing to serve, representing District 10 beginning April 20, 1982; and continuing to serve, representing District 21 beginning April 21, 1992, until April 18, 1994, and
WHEREAS, Ms. Lothe was elected and served as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors from April, 1986, until April, 1988, and
WHEREAS, Ms. Lothe was elected and served as Chair of the Board of Supervisors from April, 1988, until April, 1990, and
WHEREAS, Ms. Lothe served on the following committees: County Home; Executive; Finance, Salary and Personnel; Human Services; Intercounty Committee; Personnel; Salary and Personnel; Social Services, Health and Education; Solid Waste and Waste Management.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that this Resolution be entered into the official records of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors in recognition of Ingeborg Lothe's service to her county, her country, her community and that a copy will be sent to her family.

James Pugh
Kenneth W. Hutler
Richard C. Boockmeier
Donald P. Nelson
Kenneth E. Olson
Tom L. Jenkins
Robert L. Hamele
J. Robert Curtis
Michael J. Kinney

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Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Supervisor J. Curtis, second by Supervisor Tramburg. The Board stood in a moment of silence to pass the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-05
WHEREAS, Stanton P. Helland, of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, recently passed away, and
WHEREAS, prior to his death Stanton P. Helland faithfully served the residents of Columbia County as a member of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, and
WHEREAS, Mr. Helland was elected to serve on the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to represent District 1 beginning April 20, 1965, until April 19, 1971, and from April 17, 1979, until April 14, 1986, and
WHEREAS, Mr. Helland was elected and served as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors from April, 1966, until April, 1968, and
WHEREAS, Mr. Helland was elected and served as Chair of the Board of Supervisors from April, 1968, until April, 1970, and
WHEREAS, Mr. Helland served on the following committees: Agriculture and Extension Education; Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Services Board of Directors; Data Processing; Executive; Finance and Audit; Finance, Salary and Personnel; Highway and Transportation; Resource, Small Business, Zoning and University Extension Services.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that this Resolution be entered into the official records of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors in recognition of Stanton P. Helland's service to his county, his country, his community and that a copy will be sent to his family.

James Pugh    Donald P. Nelson    Robert L. Hamele
Kenneth W. Hutler    Kenneth E. Olson    J. Robert Curtis
Richard C. Boockmeier    Tom L. Jenkins    Michael J. Kinney
Vincent D. Curtis    John H. Healy    Don DeYoung
Sarah Lloyd    Harlan Baumgartner    Debra L. H. Wopat
Barry Pufahl    Harlan Horton    Neil M. Ford
Claire R. Robson    Andy Ross    Robert J. Stoltenberg
Robert J. Andler    Timothy J. O'Neil    Gerald L. Salzwedel
Jack Sanderson    John H. Tramburg    Daniel J. See
Robert Westby    Philip Baebler    John G. Stevenson

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Supervisor Hamele, second by Supervisor Olson. The Board stood in a moment of silence to pass the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-05
WHEREAS, Federal funds through the CSBG have been granted to Community Action agencies since 1981; and,
WHEREAS, Community Action agencies have used these funds to develop and strengthen programs that assist local communities in their pursuits to combat and reduce poverty; and,
WHEREAS, Community Action agencies have been fighting poverty since President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed into law the Economic Opportunities Act of 1964, which authorized the development of Community Action agencies nationwide; and,
WHEREAS, Each Community Action agency has uniquely implemented programs and
services customized to their own backyards of America pursuing poverty control and reduction, applying CSBG dollars as base and core sources of funding; and,

WHEREAS, Program planning and services implemented by Community Action agencies have been guided by tri partite Board of Directors as required by federal law; and,

WHEREAS, Significant impact on poverty reduction is a result of Community Action agencies; and,

WHEREAS, Elimination of Community Services Block Grant funds supporting Community Action agencies with over 40 years of existence would be a detriment causing reduction, curtailment, and cessation of programs and services designed for our most vulnerable families and individuals; the poor and poverty stricken; the homeless; the lowest of incomes; the no income; the disabled; and those unable to manage their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED That the Columbia County Health & Human Services Board requests that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors in the great State of Wisconsin request that the United States of America, the 100 members of the Senate, and each member of Congress, restore the Community Services Block Grant authorizing funding at its present level of $636,000,000.00., and that a copy of this signed resolution be forwarded to Governor Doyle, all representatives to the U.S Senate and U.S. Congress represented by the great State of Wisconsin as well as all representatives of Columbia County to the State of Wisconsin Legislature.

Chair J. Robert Curtis, DVM   Vice Chair Barry Pufahl
Secretary Kenneth Olson           Phil Baebler
Claire Robson                           Susan Goethel
Janet Gardner, RN                     Charles Boursier, MD
Tim O'Neil, MD                             HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Supervisor J. Curtis, second by Supervisor Lloyd.
An amendment was noted by Chair Martin, the name "Banes" should be "Baines" in the third (3) paragraph.
The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-05

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has amended Section 46.279 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to require a court determination of "most integrated setting" to determine appropriate levels of placement for Developmentally Disabled people who are Protectively Placed by the Courts; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of this statutory change is to encourage community placements of individuals and prohibit long term institutional placements unless the court determines that to be the most integrated setting for the person; and,

WHEREAS, the concept of the most integrated community setting for individuals is clearly a desirable objective; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin and the Department of Health and Family Services have allocated a sum certain amount of funding to counties to either pay the cost of continuing an individual's placement in an Intermediate Care Facility for the mentally retarded or to create a community placement for the individual and for all new Protective Placements in the future; and,

WHEREAS, this shifting of responsibilities creates additional demands and costs upon counties; and,

WHEREAS, the new statutory language in Section 46.279 of the Wisconsin Statutes makes "the most integrated setting" the dominant factor in a court's determination of a Protective Placement order; and,

WHEREAS, this statutory change has the effect of potentially eliminating any budgetary constraint arguments counties may make under "County Shield" language in Section 55.06(9) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and would require counties to pay the nonfederal share of any court ordered placements into Intermediate Care Facilities; and,

WHEREAS, there are no assurances that these state funds are sufficient to cover the cost of maintaining these citizens in either their current Intermediate Care Facility placement or a community placement; and,

WHEREAS, if this state allocation proves to be insufficient to meet the needs of these
citizens it will create an additional unfunded mandate upon the counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Health & Human Services Board opposes this action unless there are assurances from the State of Wisconsin that they will cover all reasonable costs associated with the downsizing of Intermediate Care Facilities for the mentally retarded and new court ordered or ongoing protective placements; and, requests that the Wisconsin Legislature take action to correct this potential cost shift and unfunded mandate by assuring complete funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to and approved by the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, and that a signed copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Doyle, Columbia County's State Legislative Delegation, other county boards, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Chair J. Robert Curtis, DVM  
Secretary Kenneth Olson  
Charles Boursier, MD  
Tim O'Neil, MD  
Susan Goethel  

Vice Chair Barry Pufahl  
Phil Baebler  
Claire Robson  
Janet Gardner, RN  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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

Supervisor Sanderson indicated the Columbia Health Care Center is contemplating placement of "most integrated setting" at facility.

Sandra Roberts, Health and Human Services Director, explained this would determine appropriate placement of disabled. Thus integrating certain individuals into normal surroundings and community in which they could thrive and prosper.

There was discussion regarding shifting of responsibilities and costs.

Motion was made to amend the Resolution by Supervisor O'Neil, second by Supervisor Sanderson, to add "Governor Doyle" in the distribution of Resolution after "forwarded to" in the last paragraph.

The motion to amend carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hamele questioned placement of individual in Dodge County.

The Resolution as amended was unanimously adopted.

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

Rodney & Sandra Kok ........................................................Randolph

Robert Hamele  
Claire Robson  
Robert Stoltenberg  
Don Nelson  
John G. Stevenson  
Rosanne Woodward  
LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Zoning Committee having held public hearings 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 Ronald Senft, Cambria, Wisconsin to rezone from Agricultural to
Rural Residential, property located in Section 13, Town of Springvale on the
8th day of March, 2005 be approved as follows: To change from Agricultural to
Rural Residential, a parcel of land located in part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼,
Section 13, Town 12N, Range 11E, Town of Springvale.
(2) A petition by Nelson Rain Farms, LLC, Poynette, Wisconsin to rezone from
Agricultural to Rural Residential, property located in Section 3, Town of Leeds
on the 22nd day of March, 2005 be approved as follows: To change from
Agricultural to Rural Residential, a parcel of land located in part of the SE ¼
of Section 3, Town 10N, Range 10E, Town of Leeds.
(3) A petition by Kent Fish, Portage, Wisconsin to rezone from Agricultural to
Commercial, property located in Section 34, Town of Fort Winnebago on the
24th day of March 2005 be approved as follows: To change from Agricultural
to Commercial, a parcel of land described as Lot 1, Certified Survey Map
Number 154, Section 34, Town 13N, Range 9E, Town of Fort Winnebago.
(4) A petition by Gary and Kathy Hellenbrand, Poynette, Wisconsin to rezone from
Agricultural to Rural Residential, property located in Section 29, Town of
Lowville on the 28th day of March, be approved as follows: To change from
Agricultural to Rural Residential, a parcel of land located in part of the SW ¼
of Section 29, Town 11N, Range 10E, Town of Lowville.
(5) A petition by Jamie Cimaroli, Portage, Wisconsin to rezone from Commercial to
Single Family Residence, property located in Section 18, Town of Lewiston on
the 29th day of March, 2005 be approved as follows: To change from
Commercial to Single Family Residence, a parcel of land located in part of the
NE ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 18, Town 13N, Range 8E, Town of Lewiston.
(6) A petition by Donald and Mary Ann Severson, Columbus, Wisconsin to rezone from
Agricultural to Rural Residential, property located in Section 25, Town of
Hampden on the 29th day of March, 2005 be approved as follows: To change
from Agricultural to Rural Residential, property located in part of the SE ¼
of Section 25, Town 10N, Range 11E, Town of Hampden.

Harlan Baumgartner
John Stevenson
John Healy
Harlan Horton
Phil Baebler
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

ORDINANCE NO. Z326-05
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”, (Ronald Senft) a parcel of
land located in Section 13, Town 12N, Range 11E, Town of Springvale, more
particularly described as follows: PARCEL NUMBER 385. Being a part of the
Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Town 12 North,
Range 11 East, Town of Springvale, Columbia County, Wisconsin, described as
follows: Commencing at the south quarter corner of said Section 13; thence
South 89°20’00” West along the south line of the Southwest Quarter of said
Section 13, 1,322.85 feet to the southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of
the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13; thence North 01°10’48” West along
the east line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the east
line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13,
1,452.92 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89°26’59” West, 323.08
feet; thence North 01°10'48" West, 300.00 feet; thence North 89°26'59" East, 323.08 feet to a point in the east line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13; thence South 01°10'48" East along the east line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13, 300.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 96,917 square feet, (2.22 acres), more or less. This rezoning effective upon recording of the Certified Survey Map.

(2) “To change from Agricultural to Rural Residential” (Nelson Grain Farms, LLC) a parcel of land located in part of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 3, Town 10N, Range 10E, Town of Leeds, more particularly described as follows: PARCEL NUMBER 53 Commencing at the East ¼ corner of Section 3, Town 10 North, Range 10 East; Thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 31 seconds East 36.49 feet along the east line of Section 3 to the centerline of Hall Road, being the point of beginning; Thence continue South 00 degrees 17 minutes 31 seconds East 236.00 feet along the east line of Section 3; Thence South 87 degrees 37 minutes 37 seconds West 271.84 feet; Thence North 39 degrees 16 minutes 47 seconds West 90.83 feet; Thence North 79 degrees 14 minutes 13 seconds West 139.60 feet; Thence North 00 degrees 17 minutes 31 seconds West 159.92 feet to the east-west ¼ line of Section 3; Thence North 86 degrees 37 minutes 37 seconds East 201.00 feet along the east-west ¼ line to a point on the centerline of Hall Road; Thence easterly along the arc of a curve of said centerline, concave southerly, having a radius of 2023.25 feet and a central angle of 7 degrees 32 minutes 22 seconds, whose long chord bears South 85 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East 266.04 feet to the point of beginning. Said property contains 2.47 acres, more or less. This rezoning effective upon the recording of the Certified Survey Map and submittal of a copy of the recorded Deed Restriction to the Planning and Zoning Department.

(3) “To change from Agricultural to Commercial”, (Kent Fish) a parcel of land located in Section 34, Town 13N, Range 9E, Town of Fort Winnebago, more particularly described as follows: PARCEL NUMBER 652.A Lot 1, Certified Survey Map Number 4338, Section 34, Town 13N, Range 9E, Town of Fort Winnebago. Said property contains 2.93 acres, more or less.

(4) “To change from Agricultural to Rural Residential” (Gary and Kathy Hellenbrand) a parcel of land located in part of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 29, Town 11N, Range 10E, Town of Lowville, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the West ¼ corner of Section 29, Town 11 North, Range 10 East; Thence South 01 degree 19 minutes 28 seconds East 1318.60 feet along the west line of Section 29 to the northwest corner of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼, being the point of beginning; Thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 28 seconds East 424.17 feet along the north line of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 29; Thence South 01 degrees 19 minutes 28 seconds East 365.00 feet; Thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 36 seconds West 424.17 feet to the west line of Section 29; Thence North 01 degree 19 minutes 28 seconds West 365.00 feet along the west line of Section 29 to the point of beginning. Said property contains 3.554 acres, more or less. This rezoning effective upon the recording of the Certified survey Map, and submittal of copies of the recorded Deed Restriction and Driveway Agreement to the Planning and Zoning Department.

(5) “To change from Commercial to Single Family Residence” (Jamie Cimaroli) a parcel of land located in part of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 18, Town 13N, Range 8E, Town of Lewiston, more particularly described as follows: PARCEL NUMBER 612 Being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, Town of Lewiston, Columbia County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Section 18; thence South 86°17’02” West along the north line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 18, 1,330.02 feet to the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 18; thence South 00°23’35” East along the west line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 18, 525.26 feet; thence South 86°00’46” East, 574.61 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 30°28’49” East, 190.55 feet to a point in the centerline of State Trunk Highway 127; thence
First reading of Ordinance.
Motion by Supervisor V. Curtis, second by Supervisor Baumgartner to suspend the rules and have the second reading of the Ordinance by title only.
   The motion carried unanimously.
Second reading of Ordinance.
Motion by Supervisor Baumgartner, second by Supervisor Boockmeier, to suspend the rules and have the third reading of the Ordinance by title only.
   There was discussion regarding development patterns and additional local services.
   The motion carried unanimously.
Third reading of Ordinance.
Motion was made by Supervisor DeYoung, second by Supervisor Healy to adopt the Ordinance.
   Motion carried unanimously. The Ordinance was declared passed and is to be known as Ordinance Z326-05.

Supervisor J. Curtis moved adjournment of this meeting to Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Carl Frederick Administration Building. Seconded by Supervisor Stoltenberg. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.