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 McClyman, absent. Supervisory District 25 is vacant due to the resignation of Gerald L. Salzwedel.

Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Boockmeier, second by DeYoung to approve the Journal of September 21, 2011. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the agenda as printed, with the addition of distribution of 2012 budgets, was made by Cupery, second by Gorsuch. Motion carried.

Chair Westby presented Vern Gove, on behalf of the Highway Committee, with a plaque from the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation, recognizing the Columbia County Highway Department for their support of the Highway Safety Rodeo held on October 6, 2011.

Chair Westby reported that earlier today he, along with Supervisors Ross, Wopat, and Deputy Corporation Counsel Dawn Marquardt, met with legislative representatives at the Capitol regarding child support funding and the “pothole” ruling.

Chair Westby announced that a public hearing on the 2012 Budget will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room. Supervisors and the public are invited to attend. The final public hearing and adoption of the budget will be placed on the County Board agenda scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Chair Westby allowed public input, stating that any person who is not a member of the Board who desires to address the Board on a specific subject on the agenda, must receive approval of a Board member. He asked that speakers limit their time between 2 and 3 minutes.

Wingers relinquished time to Kevin Blau of Blau Chiropractic to address the Board regarding Healthcare. Blau expressed concerns with the limited number of Dean Providers offering chiropractic care in the Portage area.

O’Neil relinquished time to Joyce Dunbar, county employee, to address the Board regarding support of the proposed Healthcare plan. O’Neil also relinquished time to Matt Vanderkooi of New Life Physical Therapy regarding Healthcare. Vanderkooi expressed concerns with the number of Dean Healthcare providers in the area and is encouraged that Dean has expressed interest in accepting additional providers.

The following appointments were announced:

1. Local Library Board
   - Mary Lou Sharpee, Columbus Library, term to May, 2014
   - Linda Balsiger, Wyocena Library, term to May, 2014
   - Jim Burmeister, Wyocena Library, term to May, 2014

Motion by O’Neil, second by Gove, the appointments were approved.

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 Heather Canales, Rio, WI, Petitioner and RHC Enterprises LLC Owner, to rezone from Agricultural to Commercial, Parcel 97.01, Section 7, T11N, R11E in the Town of Otsego on the 13th day of September, 2011 to be approved as follows: To change from Agricultural to Commercial, Parcel 97.01, Section 7, T11N, R11E, Town of Otsego.
Upon hearing no objection, Chair Westby directed the report be accepted and placed on file.

Supervisor Richmond, Chair of the Ad Hoc Health Insurance Committee, presented Chair Westby with a copy of the Final Report and Recommendations regarding healthcare for county employees. Westby thanked members of the committee and staff for their efforts and directed the Ad Hoc Health Insurance Committee to be disbanded and the report placed on file. Richmond gave an oral report to the Board and addressed questions.

Supervisor O’Neil recused himself from participation of the healthcare resolution to avoid a conflict of interest (O’Neil works for Dean Clinic).

RESOLUTION NO. 24-11
WHEREAS, Columbia County’s 2011 total employee health insurance cost will exceed 8.6 million dollars; and,
WHEREAS, significant savings can be achieved through health plan design changes and by seeking competitive proposals from multiple health insurance companies; and,
WHEREAS, 2011 Wisconsin Act 10, the State Budget Repair Bill, provides the Columbia County Board of Supervisors with the tools to make employee health insurance changes and realize the resulting cost savings in 2012; and,
WHEREAS, in June of 2011, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors appointed an Ad Hoc Health Insurance Committee, whose mission was to design a group health insurance plan and select a health insurance provider for 2012, with the requirements that the plan be fair and equitable to County employees and fiscally responsible for County taxpayers; and,
WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Health Insurance Committee delivered its Final Recommendations and Report to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors on October 19, 2011.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the October 19, 2011, Final Recommendations and Report of the Ad Hoc Health Insurance Committee is approved and adopted; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dean Health Systems is selected as Columbia County’s employee health insurance provider, effective on January 1, 2012; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2012 Columbia County employee health insurance plan design as detailed in the October 19, 2011, Final Recommendations and Report of the Ad Hoc Health Insurance Committee, is approved and adopted, effective on January 1, 2012; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are authorized to sign all documents and take all other actions that are required to contract with Dean Health Systems to provide comprehensive group health, vision and dental insurance coverage to eligible County employees and their families, effective on January 1, 2012, reserving future renewal options based on “not to exceed” premium rate increase guarantees of 7.5% for 2013 and 9% for 2014.

Fiscal Note:  None.
Fiscal Impact:  Total 2012 annual premium reduction of $1,899,775.56.

Debra L. H. Wopat
Fred C. Teitgen
Kenneth W. Hutler, Secretary
Andy Ross, Vice Chair
Robert R. Westby, Chair
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11
WHEREAS, 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 authorizes the carrying of concealed weapons in Wisconsin under certain circumstances and is effective on November 1, 2011; and,
WHEREAS, a person who is licensed under 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 is exempted from the crime of carrying a firearm in a public building under sec. 941.235, Wis. Stats.; and,
WHEREAS, 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 permits certain owners and occupants of property to prohibit persons from carrying a firearm or other weapon in or on the property; and,
WHEREAS, 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 provides that a person may be subject to a Class B forfeiture if he or she, while carrying a firearm or other weapon, enters or remains in any part of a building that is owned, occupied or controlled by a local governmental unit, or enters or remains at a special event, if the local governmental unit has notified the person not to enter or remain in the building, or not to enter or remain at the special event while carrying a firearm or other weapon; and,

WHEREAS, in order to give notice under 2011 Wisconsin Act 35, the owner or occupant of a building, or the organizer of a special event, must post a sign that is located in a prominent place near all of the entrances to the part of the building to which the restriction applies, or near all of the entrances to the special event, and any individual entering the building or attending the special event can reasonably be expected to see the sign; and,

WHEREAS, all signs must be at least five (5) inches by seven (7) inches; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors has concluded that it is in the best interest of public safety and of the safety of County employees to prohibit the carrying of firearms and other weapons in buildings owned, occupied or controlled by Columbia County and during special events upon property owned, occupied or controlled by Columbia County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that no person, except a law enforcement officer, carrying a firearm or other weapon, except a law enforcement officer, shall enter any building or any special event on property owned, operated or controlled by Columbia County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all buildings and property affected by this Resolution shall be posted in conformance with 2011 Wisconsin Act 35, no later than November 1, 2011, stating that carrying a firearm or other weapon in said building or on said property is prohibited.

Fiscal Note:  NONE
Fiscal Impact:  NONE

Debra L. H. Wopat
Fred C. Teitgen
Kenneth W. Hutler
Andy Ross
Robert R. Westby
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by O’Neil, second by Stevenson.
A motion was made by Martin to amend the eighth paragraph to read:  that no person, except a law enforcement officer, carrying a firearm or other weapon, shall enter any building or any special event on property owned, operated or controlled by Columbia County.  Second by Teitgen.  The motion to amend was approved.
The resolution as amended was adopted, not unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. Z393-11
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 Commercial”, (Heather Canales, Petitioner and RHC Enterprises LLC, Owner) parcel of land located in Section 7, T11N, R11E, Town of Otsego more particularly described as follows: Land to be Rezoned from Agricultural to Commercial:  Lot one (1) of Certified Survey Map No. 2800, Volume 19, Page 10, as Document No. 575130 - TAX PARCEL 97.01 - Containing (.58 acres), more or less.

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

DATE PASSED: October 19, 2011
DATE PUBLISHED: October 25, 2011
Motion made by Teitgen, second by Wopat, to adopt. The ordinance was declared passed as amended and is to be known as Ordinance Z393-11.

Supervisor Tramburg gave an overview of the proposed 2012 Budget. He asked that supervisors review the budget books and contact Lois Schepp and/or attend the public hearing on October 27, 2011, with any questions. The Columbia County Budgets were distributed to Supervisors.

DeYoung moved adjournment of this meeting to Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 9:45 a.m. Second was made by Cupery. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.
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