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 Ross and was certified to be in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. All Supervisors were present, except Sumnicht, absent with notice. Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair asked that members remain standing for a moment of silence for the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut. A motion was made by Gove, second by Boockmeier to approve the Journal of November 13, 2012. Motion carried.

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

The Columbia Health Care Center Open House has been rescheduled to Thursday, December 27, 2012, from 4-6 p.m.

A letter was received from CESA 5 thanking the Board for their continued support of the Teen Court program.

Supervisors were reminded that all expense vouchers for 2012 must be submitted to the County Clerk’s Office by January 4, 2013, in order to be paid.

Tom Lorfeld, Columbia County Highway Commissioner, reported on the current operations and workload of the Highway Department due to weather conditions.

The following appointments were announced:
   (1) County Library Systems Board: Susan G. Martin and Carol Ziehmke, 3 year terms to January, 2016. Motion by Pufahl, second by Teitgen, the appointments were approved.
   (2) South Central Library System: Susan G. Martin, 3 year term to January, 2016. Motion by Hutler, second by DeYoung, the appointment was 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 Howard and Dorothy Richards, Lodi, WI, Petitioners and Owners, to rezone from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence and A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, Parcels 314, 315 & 316, Section 17, T10N, R9E in the Town of Arlington on the 14th day of November, 2012 to be approved as follows: To change from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence and A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, Parcels 314, 315 & 316, Section 17, T10N, R9E, Town of Arlington.

2. A petition by Robert F. Keichinger, Dane, WI, Petitioner and Owner, to rezone from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence and A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, Parcel 608, Section 33, T10N, R9E in the Town of Arlington on the 14th day of November, 2012 to be approved as follows: To change from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence and A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, Parcel 608, Section 33, T10N, R9E, Town of Arlington.

3. A petition by Mary Ann Schultz, Poynette, WI, Petitioner and Owner, to rezone from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence and A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, Parcels 499 & 500, Section 27, T10N, R9E in the Town of Arlington on the 14th day of November, 2012 to be approved as follows: To change from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence and A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, Parcels 499 & 500, Section 27, T10N, R9E, Town of Arlington.

Fred C. Teitgen
Mike Weyh
Mary Cupery
Harlan Baumgartner
James E. Foley
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
Upon hearing no objection, Chair Ross directed the report be accepted and placed on file.

Joseph Ruf, Corporation Counsel/Human Resources Director, reported on the 2012-2013 Sheriff’s Sworn Union Contract (WPPA). A handout was provided to supervisors in their board packets for review. A motion by Martin, second by Westby, to ratify the Contract as presented. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-12

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2006, in Resolution No. 21-06, the elected office of Columbia County Coroner was abolished and an employee Columbia County Medical Examiner position was created effective on January 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, the Medical Examiner’s Office has remained a one (1) employee County Department that is supplemented by several Assistant Medical Examiners, all of whom are independent contractors; and,

WHEREAS, since 2007, the County has provided limited compensation to the Assistant Medical Examiners by various means, most recently through fixed monthly payments made under the terms of individual Memoranda of Understanding (“MOU”); and,

WHEREAS, after review and discussion, the undersigned Committee has determined that the current MOU based plan is no longer effective in recruiting, compensating or retaining qualified Assistant Medical Examiners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective on January 1, 2013, the compensation for Assistant Medical Examiners appointed under sec. 59.38, Stats., is hereby established as follows:

- On-call availability - $2 per hour (maximum of $48 in a 24 hour period)
- Phone investigations - $20 per call
- Cremation investigations - $30 per call
- Scene investigations - $70 per call

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation plan for Assistant Medical Examiners that is established in this Resolution shall be reviewed and may be modified as part of the 2014 Columbia County Budget process.

Fiscal Note: Funds included in 2013 Medical Examiner’s Office Budget.
Fiscal Impact: None.

JoAnn Wingers
Fred C. Teitgen
Kevin Kessler
Adam Field
Kirk Konkel, Chair
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Teitgen, second by Konkel. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-12

WHEREAS, Columbia County requires financial assistance under Section 287.23, Wis. Stats., and Chapter NR 542, Wis. Adm. Code for the purpose of planning, constructing or operating a recycling program with one or more components specified in Section 287.22(2)(a) to (i), Wis. Stats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Columbia County Solid Waste Director, or designee, to act on behalf of Columbia County (a responsible unit under the pertinent statues) to:

a. Submit an application to the department for financial assistance under Section 287.23, Wis. Stats. and Chapter NR 542, Wis. Adm. Code.
b. To execute all necessary documents in connection with the application for financial assistance.
c. To submit a final report to the department in connection with the application process and any reporting requirement mandated by the department and relating to the receipt of any financial assistance referred to above.

Fiscal Note: None.
Fiscal Impact: None.
Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Foley, second by Sleger. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 48-12**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s transportation infrastructure is a fundamental component of its ability to attract and retain business and produce jobs; and,

WHEREAS, gas tax and vehicle registration fees comprise over 85% of the state’s segregated transportation account. Revenues from these two user fees have been declining and are inadequate to meet the existing transportation needs in this state; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s past practice of transferring money from the segregated transportation fund to the general fund has eroded the public’s confidence that the “user fees” they pay through the state gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees will be used for their intended purpose; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s practice of replacing the dollars transferred from the state’s segregated transportation fund with general obligation (GO) bonds puts our state in the precarious position of bonding to fund ongoing operations; and,

WHEREAS, the debt service for these bonds are being paid for out of the state’s general fund which hinders its ability to fund other programs like Shared Revenue, Youth Aids, Community Aids and courts in the future; and,

WHEREAS, Columbia County placed an advisory referendum on the November 2010 ballot asking "Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to prohibit any further transfers or lapses from the segregated transportation fund?"; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Columbia County voted overwhelmingly in favor of this constitutional amendment – over 65% “yes”; and,

WHEREAS, fifty-three other counties in Wisconsin also asked the same advisory referendum question and the support was similar across the state with an average "yes" vote of 70%; and,

WHEREAS, first consideration of this constitutional amendment passed the Wisconsin State Legislature overwhelmingly last session, on a bipartisan basis; and,

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 session of the Wisconsin State Legislature has the opportunity to pass second consideration of this constitutional amendment and in so doing will give the citizens of the entire state the opportunity to vote for amending the state constitution to ensure transportation revenues are spent for transportation purposes; and,

WHEREAS, providing constitutional protection for transportation user fees will align Wisconsin with our neighbors in Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors strongly urges our state representatives to vote in favor of second consideration of the joint resolution to protect the transportation fund, thereby giving voters across this state the opportunity to vote on a binding referendum to amend the constitution and ensure the transportation user fees they pay will be spent for transportation purposes; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all Columbia County legislative representatives, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin County Highway Association, and the Transportation Development Association.

Fiscal Note: None.
Fiscal Impact: None.
RESOLUTION NO. 49-12

WHEREAS, Federal monies administered by the Department of Administration – Community Development Block Grant Program are made available to establish a revolving loan fund for economic development in Columbia County, and

WHEREAS, Columbia County currently has $280,000 of funds available in its revolving loan fund, and

WHEREAS, Watermark Solid Surface, Inc., located in the Village of Pardeeville, is in need of funds to acquire equipment and expend working capital to start up and expand the business, and

WHEREAS, additional funds in the amount of $280,000 have been committed by Steve Elmore (owner) Watermark Solid Surface, Inc., and

WHEREAS, this project will retain sixteen (16) positions, and is expected to create nineteen (19) more, and

WHEREAS, after due consideration by the Columbia County Revolving Loan Fund/ Housing Committee, it is recommended that Watermark Solid Surface, Inc.’s application in the amount of $280,000 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 Watermark Solid Surface, Inc. in the amount of $280,000 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 Chair 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 $280,000 of designated RLF Funds.

Andy Ross
Mark A. Witt
JoAnn M. Wingers
Vern E. Gove
John H. Tramburg
REVOLVING LOAN FUND/HOUSING COMMITTEE

Motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Hutler, second by Pufahl.
Steve Elmore, Owner/President and Tim O'Neil, Manager/Vice President of Watermark Solid Surface, Inc. gave a brief overview of the business and entertained questions of the Board.

The resolution was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. Z407-12

The Columbia County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows: That Title 16 – Chapter 100, entitled “Zoning”, of the County Code, as passed by the Board of Supervisors on March 21, 2012 is hereby amended and added thereto as follows:

(1) “To change from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence and A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay District to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay District”, (Howard and Dorothy Richards, Petitioners and Owners) parcel of land located in Section 17, T10N, R9E, Town of Arlington more particularly described as follows: Land to be Rezoned from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence - Commencing at the North ¼ corner of Section 17, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence N 89° 01’ 25” W 650.76 feet along the north line of Section 17 to the point of beginning; thence S 00° 33’ 14” W 351.00 feet; thence N 89° 01’ 25” W 248.22 feet; thence N 00° 33’ 14” E 351.00 feet to the north line of Section 17; thence S 89° 01’ 25” E 248.22 feet along the north line of Section 17 to the point of beginning. Containing (2.00 acres) - Land to be Rezoned from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay District - Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 17, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence S89°01’25” East, 311.81 feet along the north line of Section 17 to the point of beginning;
thence continue S89°01'25" East, 372.25 feet along the north line of Section 17 to the west right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 90-94; thence S01°30'07" East, 316.83 feet along the west right-of-way line of Interstate 90-94; thence southerly along the arc of a curve of said right-of-way, concave easterly, having a radius 5829.70 feet and a central angle of 14°16'58"., whose long chord bears S08°38'36" East, 1449.48 feet; thence S15°47'03" East, 952.93 feet along said right-of-way line to the east-west ¼ line of Section 17; thence N89°05'17" West, 856.01 feet along the easts-west ¼ line; thence N00°02'08" West, 2659.45 feet to the point of beginning. Containing (33.00 acres) - All effective upon recording the Certified Survey Map.

"To change from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence and A-1 Agriculture District to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay District", (Robert F. Keichinger, Petitioner and Owner) parcel of land located in Section 33, T10N, R9E, Town of Arlington more particularly described as follows: Land to be Rezoned from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence - Commencing at the West ¼ corner of Section 33, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence N89°55'01" East, 1331.48 feet along the east-west ¼ line to the northeast corner of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼; thence S00°32'16" East, 707.07 feet along the east line of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ to the point of beginning; thence continue S00°32'16" East, 618.66 feet along the east line of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ to the southeast corner thereof; thence N89°56'01" West 270.57 feet along the southline of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼; thence N03°01'29" West, 346.59 feet; thence N86°48'28" West, 104.07 feet; thence N62°13'01" West, 104.54 feet; thence N16°08'33" East, 152.30 feet; thence N50°12'29" East, 43.42 feet; thence N74°50'50" East, 75.11 feet; thence N80°01'14" East, 88.66 feet; thence N87°58'43" East, 244.07 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 211,093 square feet or (4.85 acres) - Land to be Rezoned from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay District - Commencing at the West ¼ corner of Section 33, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence N89°55'01" East, 179.31 feet along the east-west ¼ line to the point of beginning; thence continue N89°55'01" East, 1152.17 feet along the east-west ¼ line to the northeast corner of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼; thence S00°32'16" East, 707.07 feet along the east line of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼; thence S87°58'43" West, 244.07 feet; thence S00°32'16" East, 618.66 feet along the east line of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ to the point of beginning; thence continue S00°32'16" East, 618.66 feet along the east line of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ to the southeast corner thereof; thence N89°56'01" West 879.73 feet along the south line of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼; thence N00°37'13" West, 1322.74 feet to the point of beginning; Containing (30.15 acres) - All effective upon recording the Survey Map.

"To change from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence and A-1 Agriculture District to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay District", (Mary Ann Schultz, Petitioner and Owner) parcel of land located in Section 27, T10N, R9E, Town of Arlington more particularly described as follows: Land to be Rezoned from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence - Commencing at the south line of Section 27, also being the centerline of County Trunk Highway K, to the point of beginning. Containing 122,894 square feet or (2.82 acres) - Land to be Rezoned from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture District to A-4 Agricultural Overlay District - West 23.50 acres of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ and the West 23.50 acres of the Southwest ¼ of Section 27, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Town of Arlington - Containing (44.18 acres). All effective upon recording the Certified Survey Map.

Andy Ross, Chair  
COLUMBIA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Susan M. Moll  
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK  

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Chair Ross asked that each rezone request be taken separately. Motion was made by Baumgartner, second by Wingers, to approve the rezone request from Howard and Dorothy Richards, Petitioners and Owners. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Teitgen, second by Baebler, to approve the rezone request from Robert F. Keichinger, Petitioner and Owner. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Baumgartner, second by Baebler, to approve the rezone request from Mary Ann Schultz, Petitioner and Owner. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was declared passed and is to be known as Ordinance Z407-12.

Chair Ross indicated that the Solid Waste Director position has been posted. He further explained the possible need to update a facility study completed in 2001 by Foth and Van Dkye.

Teitgen moved adjournment of this meeting to Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 9:45 a.m. Second was made by Foley. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.
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