

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Columbia County, Wisconsin

Portage, Wisconsin  
May 17, 2023  
7:06 P.M.

The Board of Supervisors of Columbia County convened in regular session at the Administration Building at 112 East Edgewater Street, Portage pursuant to law. The meeting was called to order by Chair Polzer and was certified to be in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

All Supervisors were present, except Hahn, Kolberg, K. Miller and Weyh, absent with notice and Harvestine, absent without notice.

Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Holtan to approve the Journal of April 18, 2023. Second by L. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Leckwee to approve the agenda, as printed. Second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

Supervisors heard comments from citizens during public input regarding solar energy, tower setbacks and the memorandum regarding “Moratorium on Solar Energy and related Actions and Costs”.

Chair Polzer recognized and thanked Philip Bono (not in attendance) for his 5 years of service with the Columbia County Facilities Management Department.

Chair Polzer announced Columbia County received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 from the Government Finance Officers Association and congratulated the Accounting Department.

Chair Polzer acknowledged and congratulated the Schoepp Family for receiving the 2023 Conservation Farm Family of the Year Award from Wisconsin Land & Water. A Conservation Observance Day with the Schoepp Family flyer was placed in supervisor’s mailboxes. Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP with Columbia County Land & Water Conservation Department. Kurt Calkins, Land and Water Conservation/Planning and Zoning Director, explained the program. Todd Rietmann, Land Water Senior Resource Management Specialist, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation and spoke of his collaboration with the Schoepp’s over the last 30+ years. Richmond spoke briefly and congratulated the Schoepp Family, several members of the family were in attendance. Ron Schoepp was introduced and spoke briefly to the Board.

Kurt Calkins, Land and Water Conservation/Planning and Zoning Director, gave a presentation on the Columbia County Tree Sales Program.

Chair Polzer recognized the Columbia County Child Support Agency for receiving the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Certificate of Excellence Award from the Wisconsin Department of Children and Family Services.

Greg Kaminski, Solid Waste Director, reported on the May 14<sup>th</sup> fire at the Columbia County Recycling and Waste Processing Facility.

The 2022 Annual Reports for county departments were presented. Department heads were in attendance to address any questions and/or concerns of the Board.

Richmond gave a brief report of the Ad Hoc Opioid Abatement Committee and referred to a handout provided in supervisor packets. He entertained questions of the Board.

**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, Sticky Bay LLC c/o Robin Roberts, Petitioner, Lodi, WI, to rezone from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence, and from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, Parcel 407.021, Sections 10 & 15, T10N, R8E, Town of Lodi to be approved as follows: To change from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence, and from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, Parcel 407.021, Sections 10 & 15, T10N, R8E, Town of Lodi.
2. A petition by, Town of Lodi, Petitioner, Lodi, WI, to rezone from R-1 Single Family Residence and AO-1 Agriculture and Open Space to RC-1 Recreation, Parcels 920, 867, 1517, and 41.A, Sections 3, 4, & 21, T10N, R8E, Town of Lodi to be approved as follows: To change from R-1 Single Family Residence and AO-1 Agriculture and Open Space to RC-1 Recreation, Parcels 920, 867, 1517, and 41.A, Sections 3, 4, & 21, T10N, R8E, Town of Lodi.

Denise Brusveen  
 Doug Richmond  
~~Adam Hahn~~  
 Harlan Baumgartner  
~~Andrew Kolberg~~  
 PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

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

The following appointments were announced:

1. Local Library Boards
    - Lodi: Erin Wilson, Citizen Member Appointment, 3 year term to May, 2026
    - Pardeeville: Troy Becker, Citizen Member Appointment, 3 year term to May, 2026
- Motion by Balsiger to approve the appointments. Second by L. Miller. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-23**

WHEREAS, Columbia County has been awarded a total of \$11,174,917 under the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and,

WHEREAS, under County Board Standing Rule 9, the expenditure of undesignated funds totaling \$50,000 or more annually must have County Board approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee recommends the following requested expenditure of ARPA Funds to the full County Board for approval:

- Sheriff - Cradlepoints and Installation - \$28,100
- Solid Waste - Compactor - \$220,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the expenditure of ARPA funds totaling \$248,100 for the items detailed above is hereby authorized and approved.

Fiscal Note: \$248,100 cost to purchase items identified in this Resolution to be entirely paid from ARPA funds.

Fiscal Impact: NONE

Adam R. Field  
Darren W. Schroeder, Secretary  
Denise J. Brusveen, Vice Chair  
Chris Polzer, Chair  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by L. Miller to adopt the Resolution. Second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-23**

WHEREAS, Foundation Forward, Inc., is an Educational Nonprofit, 501(c)(3) Organization that is working to build Charters of Freedom Monuments consisting of the Declaration of Independence, Unites States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, in all fifty (50) States; and,

WHEREAS, Foundation Forward, Inc., selected Portage, Wisconsin as the preferred location for the Charters of Freedom Monument in Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, the grounds of the Columbia County Administration Building in Portage, Wisconsin is an appropriate site for the construction of the Charters of Freedom Monument; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Portage and Columbia County Board of Supervisors leadership agree that cooperation between the City and County to bring the Charters of Freedom Monument to Portage, Wisconsin, will serve the residents of the City of Portage, Columbia County, and the State of Wisconsin by providing replicas of the displays of our founding documents as seen in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and approves the construction of the Charters of Freedom Monument on the grounds of the Columbia County Administration Building in Portage, Wisconsin; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Executive Committee shall work with the City of Portage to negotiate and complete all necessary documents related to the construction and maintenance of the

Charters of Freedom Monument on the grounds of the Columbia County Administration Building in Portage, Wisconsin, with all such documents to be signed by the Columbia County Board Chair and the County Clerk.

Fiscal Note: All costs related to construction of the Charters of Freedom Monument will be paid through local community donations and funds provided by Foundation Forward, Inc.

Fiscal Impact: NONE

Adam R. Field  
Darren W. Schroeder, Secretary  
Denise J. Brusveen, Vice Chair  
Chris Polzer, Chair  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by Shimpach to adopt the Resolution. Second by S. Rohrbeck.

Polzer gave a brief explanation of the proposed resolution. Shimpach and S. Rohrbeck provided additional information and support of the project. Field directed supervisors to Charters of Freedom/Foundation Forward, Inc. website: [www.chartersoffreedom.com](http://www.chartersoffreedom.com) for more information.

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-2023**

The Columbia County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows: That Chapter 7 of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 7 - Fees**

**SEC. 07 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

Ensure	\$30.00 per case
Ensure Clear	\$35.00 per case
Ensure Special/Plus	\$35.00 per case

All remaining provisions of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances are unaffected by this amendment and remain in full force and effect.

Fiscal Note: Program was eliminated. Revenues and expenditures offset.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Chris Polzer, Chair  
COLUMBIA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Susan M. Moll  
COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK

DATE PASSED: May 17, 2023

DATE PUBLISHED: May 23, 2023

Motion by Richmond to adopt the Ordinance. Second by L. Miller. The Ordinance was declared passed and is to be known as Ordinance 18-2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-2023**

The Columbia County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows: That Chapter 7 of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 7 - Fees**

**SEC. 07 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

Transportation	\$6.00 minimum/\$1.00 per mile <u>\$3.00 to local congregate dining center</u> \$2.00 per mile for residential facilities/MCOs
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All remaining provisions of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances are unaffected by this amendment and remain in full force and effect.

Fiscal Note: Increased meal donations and Transportation revenue.

Fiscal Impact: Increased revenues will offset increased expenditures.

Chris Polzer, Chair  
COLUMBIA COUNTY  
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COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK

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Motion by Richmond to adopt the Ordinance. Second by Baumgartner. The Ordinance was declared passed and is to be known as Ordinance 19-2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-2023**

The Columbia County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows: That Chapter 8 of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended as follows:

SEC. 8.1403 DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED BODIES.

(1) Authority. This Section is enacted under the authority of Wis. Stats. § 979.09.

(2) Disposal by Cremation.

The Columbia County Medical Examiner’s Office shall cause the body of an unclaimed deceased person to be cremated upon the written authorization of the Medical Examiner. Cremation of an unknown or unclaimed body shall occur no earlier than seven (7) days after the pronounced date of death of the deceased person.

(3) Costs.

(a) Family members of deceased individuals who refuse or are unable to claim the deceased individual’s body shall not have any input into the decision regarding the means of disposition of the unclaimed body. Columbia County shall have no obligation to pay for visitation or other funeral arrangements relating to any deceased individual whose body remains unclaimed.

(b) The Columbia County Medical Examiner, within their discretion, may dispose of an unclaimed body by burial or by other means when it is in the interests of law enforcement or Columbia County.

(c) Nothing contained within this Ordinance shall prevent the Columbia County Medical Examiner or Columbia County from filing a claim against the estate of the deceased, or using other legal means, to recover the costs of disposition of the deceased individual should it appear that assets are available within the estate of the deceased individual or otherwise to cover said disposition costs.

All remaining provisions of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances are unaffected by this amendment and remain in full force and effect. This ordinance takes effect upon formal adoption by the County Board and subsequent formal publication.

Fiscal Note: NONE

Fiscal Impact: NONE

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COLUMBIA COUNTY  
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COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK

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Motion by L. Miller to adopt the Ordinance. Second by Valencia. The Ordinance was declared passed and is to be known as Ordinance 20-2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-2023**

The Columbia County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows: That Chapter 8 of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 8 – County Departments  
Subsection 1700: Sheriff’s Office

SEC. 8.1702 SHERIFF’S OFFICE DIVE TEAM.

- (1) Per Diem. Per diems are established for the duly appointed members of the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office Dive Team, effective as of ~~January 1, 2016~~ June 10, 2023.

(a) Public service event	\$25.00
(b) Response to initial call <del>out</del>	\$25.00
(c) <u>Dive water/ice training</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<del>(e)</del> (d) Active rescue/recovery operation (first day of operation)	<del>\$50.00</del> <u>75.00</u>
<del>(d)</del> (e) Active rescue/recovery operation (second and <del>all</del> subsequent days of operation)	<del>\$75.00</del> <u>100.00</u>
- (2) Members shall not receive any per diems for ~~training~~, dive team ~~organizational~~ meetings, or time spent on equipment maintenance ~~or~~ repair.
- (3) Public service events will normally be limited to three (3) ~~four (4)~~ dive team members.

- (4) Active rescue/recovery operations will normally be limited to not more than three (3) ~~four (4)~~ days ~~each~~ in a row.

All remaining provisions of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances are unaffected by this amendment and remain in full force and effect.

Fiscal Note: Sheriff's Office Dive Team Per Diem is included in budgeted funds.

Fiscal Impact: None.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK

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Motion by Ryan to adopt the Ordinance. Second by L. Miller. The Ordinance was declared passed and is to be known as Ordinance 21-2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. Z25-2023**

The Columbia County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows: That Chapter 12 – Subchapter 100, entitled “Columbia County Zoning Ordinance”, of the County Code, as passed by the Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2021 is hereby amended and added thereto as follows:

- (1) “To change from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence, and from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay”, (Sticky Bay LLC c/o Robin Roberts, Petitioner), a parcel of land located in Sections 10 & 15, T10N, R8E, Town of Lodi, more particularly described as follows: Lands to be Rezoned from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence - Being a part of Lot 2, Certified Survey Map, No. 5227 as recorded in Volume 36 of Certified Survey Maps, page 158 as Document No. 822038 located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 15, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Town of Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 15; thence North 89°15'50" East along the North line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, 581.10 feet; thence South 00°21'58" West along the West line of Lot 2, 1,094.57 feet; thence North 89°16'53" East along the West line of Lot 2, 127.56 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 00°43'07" West, 27.48 feet; thence North 89°16'53" East, 334.00 feet; thence South 00°43'07" East, 220.00 feet to the North right-of-way line of County Trunk Highway V; thence South 89°21'21" West along the North right-of-way line of County Trunk Highway V, 169.51 feet; thence North 84°56'01" West along the North right-of-way line of County Trunk Highway V, 50.25 feet; thence South 89°21'21" West along the North right-of-way line of County Trunk Highway V, 114.50 feet to a point in the West line of Lot 2, Certified Survey Map, No. 5227; thence North 00°43'07" West along the West line of Lot 2, Certified Survey Map, No. 5227, 187.09 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 72,710 square feet (1.67 acres), more or less.

Lands to be Rezoned from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay - Being a part of Lot 2, Certified Survey Map, No. 5227 as recorded in Volume 36 of Certified Survey Maps, page 158 as Document No. 822038 located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 10 and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 15, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Town of Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 10; thence North 89°15'50" East along the South line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, 292.73 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 00°47'31" East, 650.83 feet to a point in the North line of Lot 2, Certified Survey Map, No. 5227; thence South 88°30'22" East along the North line of Lot 2, 1,009.73 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 2; thence South 00°10'46" East along the East line of Lot 2, 611.31 feet to a point in the South line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10; thence South 00°12'25" East along the East line of Lot 2, 549.96 feet; thence South 89°42'40" East along the East line of Lot 2, 3.74 feet to a point in the East line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15; thence South 00°17'20" West along the East line of Lot 2 and the East line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, 544.71 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Certified Survey Map, No 5227; thence South 89°16'53" West along North line of said Lot 1, 214.42 feet to the Northwest corner thereof; thence South 00°43'07" East along the West line of Lot 1, 192.61 feet to a point in the North right-of-way line of County Trunk Highway V; thence South 89°21'21" West along the North right-of-way line of County Trunk Highway V, 66.00 feet; thence North 00°43'07" West, 220.00 feet; thence South 89°16'53" West, 334.00 feet; thence South 00°43'07" East, 27.48 feet to a point in the West line of Lot 2; thence South 89°16'53" West along the West line of Lot 2, 127.56 feet; thence North 00°21'58" East along the West line of Lot 2, 1,094.57 feet to a point in the South line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10; thence South 89°15'50" West along the West line of Lot 2 and the South line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, 288.37 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1,451,890 square feet (33.33 acres), more or less. Effective upon recording of the Certified Survey Map.

- (2) "To change from R-1 Single Family Residence and AO-1 Agriculture and Open Space to RC-1 Recreation", (Town of Lodi, Petitioner), parcels of land located in Sections 3, 4, & 21, T10N, R8E, Town of Lodi, more particularly described as follows: Lands to be Rezoned from R-1 Single Family Residence to RC-1 Recreation - Being Outlot A of the Fourth Addition to Harmony Grove Plat, recorded as Document #295902, located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Town of Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin. Also known as tax parcel 11022-867. Containing 2.19 acres, more or less. Lands to be Rezoned from R-1 Single Family Residence to RC-1 Recreation - Being the Park of the Seventh Addition to Harmony Grove Plat, recorded as Document #300206, located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Town of Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin. Also known as tax parcel 11022-920. Containing 1.87 acres, more or less. Lands to be Rezoned from R-1 Single Family Residence to RC-1 Recreation - Being the Park of the Webster Bluff Estates Plat, recorded as Document #416044, located in the Northwest



Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Town of Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin. Also known as tax parcel 11022-1517. Containing 3.078 acres, more or less. Lands to be Rezoned from AO-1 Agriculture and Open Space to RC-1 Recreation - Being the South 400 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Town of Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin. Also known as tax parcel 11022-41.A. Containing 12.00 acres, more or less.

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Motion by Richmond to adopt the Ordinance. Second by Baumgartner. The Ordinance was declared passed and is to be known as Ordinance Z25-2023.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

**Please note that supporting documents (i.e. addendums, exhibits and handouts) are filed in the County Clerk's Office.**