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3 **RESOLUTION #87-2013**

4 **Resolution offered by Supervisors of the Conservation & UW Extension Committee**

5 **Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

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7 **WHEREAS**, there is a prospective buyer who has offered to purchase and renovate the
8 currently vacant former WPS building, and
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10 **WHEREAS**, this prospective buyer would lease to the County square footage for office
11 space for the Oneida County Land Water Conservation Department (LWCD) and Oneida
12 County UW-Extension (UWEX) department, and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the sale of the unused WPS building would benefit the wider community by
15 returning the building to the County and City of Rhinelander tax rolls, filling vacant storefront
16 space in the City downtown area, as well as preventing the demolition of an existing building,
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19 **WHEREAS**, co-location and downtown location would enhance collaborative programs
20 and improve accessibility to the county services provided by the above named county
21 departments, and
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23 **WHEREAS**, this proposal could do any or all of the following: transfer risk to the
24 purchaser; reduce depreciation of county assets in facilities; retain county footprint in downtown
25 area beyond the courthouse; enable the formation of a business incubator or other business
26 development at the lower level offices of the airport, and
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28 **WHEREAS**, Resolution #68-2013, presented to the County Board on October 15, was,
29 per motion, referred back to Solid Waste and Building and Grounds Committee to explore
30 renovating ½ of the WPS Building and rent the other ½ of the WPS Building and explore other
31 rental facilities downtown to house both U.W. Extension and LWC and include funding for
32 'analysis' and 'look at other options', and
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34 **WHEREAS**, new, specific, and detailed planning has been completed in the three weeks
35 prior to the current resolution, and
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37 **WHEREAS**, approval of specific components of the potential buyer's proposal is subject
38 to the independent timelines of several committees and approving entities, and
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40 **WHEREAS**, this proposal has the potential to provide benefits to multiple public, private,
41 local government and the local tax payer interests,
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43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that no immediate action by the county board
44 will be taken regarding the office location for the LWCD and UWEX departments until the
45 ongoing negotiations among all parties have been completed,
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47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board expects to hear an update
48 with further actions to be considered at the January meeting of the Board.
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50 Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____
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52 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed by
53 the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date: _____
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55 **Approved by the Conservation and UW Extension Committee this 9th day of December,**
56 **2013**
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58 Consent Agenda Item: _____ Yes _____ No
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60 Offered and passage moved by: _____
61 Supervisor
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78 _____ Ayes

79 _____ Nays

80 _____ Absent

81 _____ Abstain

82 _____ Adopted

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89 by the County Board of Supervisors this 17th day of December, 2013.

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95 Mary Bartelt, Clerk

_____ Ted Cushing, County Board Chairman
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