

MINUTES
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.
County Board Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Oneida County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Hintz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Meeting Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. There was a brief moment of silence for our troops, law enforcement officers and emergency responders followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Greg Oettinger, Lance Krolczyk, Tom Kelly, Bob Almekinder, Ted Cushing, Bill Liebert, Steven Schreier, Sonny Paszak, Greg Pence, Bob Mott, Alan VanRaalte, Billy Fried, Dave Hintz, Mike Timmons, Mitch Ives, Scott Holewinski, Russ Fisher, Bob Thome Jr., Jim Winkler and Jack Sorensen.

Members Present: 20

Vacant: District 15

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Sign attendance form at the podium.
- Please use a microphone when speaking.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 MEETING.

Motion/Second: Sorensen/Winkler to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting as presented. All "Aye", Motion approved.

Oettinger joined via Zoom at 9:45 a.m.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- **2019 Audit Presentation by CliftonLarsonAllen** – Darcy introduced Scott Sternhagen of CliftonLarsonAllen. Sternhagen stated the audit was not completed on site but done remotely due to COVID. Sternhagen went over the year end General Fund balance of \$23 Million with \$17.5 Million as unassigned, he stated the county is in good financial position with the General Fund. Sternhagen discussed the individual departments Highway and Solid Waste. Sternhagen stated that the Special Revenue Fund is for the costs to maintain the county roads, he also went over the Highway Operating Fund. Smith stated only county roads and bridges are in the Special Revenue Fund. Thome went over some clarification requests. Sternhagen stated the Finance Department is strong and Oneida County is in good financial shape.
- **Oneida County COVID-19 Update** – Health Director Linda Conlon went over graphs stating that there is a significant jump in COVID cases starting in July. Per Conlon we are 2 weeks into October and we are already equivalent to the full month of September. She went over a demographics graph and a symptom graph as this was tracked. She went over the tracking by township stating that Rhinelander and Minocqua are at the highest numbers for the County. She discussed that percentages are tracking that males have a higher rating of hospitalizations. Per Conlon most of our serious Covid cases are transferred to regional hospitals, so it is important to look at the data for our region. Conlon reported that there is an increase in Covid in our area and that is on course with the rest of the state. Supervisor Liebert questioned some of the data reported. Conlon discussed the Milwaukee Alternative Care site, this is for patients that are on the way to mending. Mott asked Conlon for a prediction of when Covid would peak. Conlon stated this is too hard to predict but feels that we have not yet peaked. Mott asked about the difference between symptoms of Covid and the Flu, discussion ensued regarding symptoms. Per Conlon most of these graphs are on the

Health Department website. Fried asked that as everyone is trying to balance what is best for them as a family or business, if there was a way to change some of the guidance. Per Conlon the quarantine and isolations are based on the infectious period of 14 days, there is no way to change that period. This is based off of science and is not an arbitrary number, Conlon stated she does not see a change in the process. Holewinski asked if the Health Department is still doing contact tracing and how far back are they going. Conlon stated that they go back 2 days from the start of symptom up until the time that they have isolated, if you are not symptomatic it goes based on your test date.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Resolution # 66 – 2020/Rezone Petition # 7 – 2020: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee amending the Master Zoning District Document and the Oneida County Official Zoning District Boundary Map to rezone land from District #04, Residential Farming to District #02, Single Family Residential on property in the Town of Woodboro.

Ordinance Amendment offered by the Planning and Development Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee having considered Rezone Petition 07-2020 (copy attached), which was filed July 24, 2020, to amend the Master Zoning District Document and the Oneida County Official Zoning District Boundary Map, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon August 19, 2020 pursuant to Section 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes which are as follows:

To rezone land from District #04, Residential Farming to District #02, Single Family Residential on property described as part NW ¼ NW ¼ and NE ¼ NW ¼, lying between County Highway K and Old Highway K, Section 4, T36N, R7E, Town of Woodboro, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

And being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected as follows:

WHEREAS, the property subject to the Rezone Petition is currently being subdivided, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodboro is requesting the property to be rezoned as part of the subdivision approval (copy attached) and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodboro is sponsoring the Rezone Petition and the home owner is agreeing to the proposed change, and;

WHEREAS, On August 19, 2020, the Planning and Development Committee held a public hearing and the adjoining landowners were provided with a written notice of the change and nobody had concerns against the change and one individual testified in support of the change and;

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee has reviewed the general standards as specified in Section 9.86(F) of the Oneida County Zoning & Shoreland Protection Ordinance and concluded that the standards have been met. The Planning & Development Committee recommends passage.

NOW THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Petition #07-2020:

Section 1: Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portion thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed as far as any conflict exists.

Section 2: The ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

Section 3: If any claims, provisions, or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4: Rezone Petition #07-2020 is hereby adopted amending the Master Zoning District Document and the Oneida County Official Zoning District Boundary Map, by changing the zoning

district classification from District #04, Residential Farming to District #02, Single Family Residential on property described as follows:

Part NW ¼, NW ¼ of the NE ¼ NW ¼, lying between County Highway K and Old Highway K, Section 4, T36N, R7E, Town of Woodboro, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Rezone Petition # 07-2020 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to Woodboro Town Clerk.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Planning and Development Committee this 2nd day of September, 2020.

Offered and passage moved by: Scott Holewinski, Jack Sorensen, Ted Cushing, Mike Timmons and Bob Almekinder.

Resolution # 70 – 2020: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee approving the conveyance of PIN LT 33-15 to the Town of Lake Tomahawk.

Resolution to convey tax foreclosed land to Town of Lake Tomahawk.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Oneida County foreclosed on tax parcel LT-33-15 in the Town of Lake Tomahawk which is a remnant parcel of land adjoining the Lake Tomahawk Town Offices & Community center and described in Exhibit A below; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Tomahawk indicated the Town desires to acquire the property subject to the approval of the Town electors at their annual meeting; and,

WHEREAS, State Statute 75.69(2) authorizes the sale or exchange of tax foreclosed property between municipalities, and the Land Records Committee has determined it would be in the best interest of Oneida County to convey the parcel by quit claim deed to the Town of Lake Tomahawk for the cost the County incurred to foreclose on the property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County hereby approve the sale of the parcel listed in Exhibit A below to the Town of Lake Tomahawk, subject to the electors of Lake Tomahawk approving such purchase, with any condition or terms listed in Exhibit A; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of the cost and recording fee from the Town of Lake Tomahawk, the County Clerk is authorized to sign and place the county seal upon a quit claim deed for the parcel listed in Exhibit A; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized and instructed to assign to the Town of Lake Tomahawk, at the time of issuance of the quit claim deed, all county certificates on the property sold.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 13th day of October, 2020.

Offered and passage moved by: Sonny Paszak, Mike Timmons, Greg Pence, Bill Liebert and Greg Oettinger.

Resolution # 71 – 2020: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee approving the conveyance of Part of PIN HA 167-7 to Carl D Firehammer & Anne E Firehammer Revocable Trust.

Resolution to convey excess county lands to Firehammer.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Oneida County retained a 100 foot strip of land on each side of the center line of existing roads crossing the NW ¼ - NW ¼ of Section 13, Township 38 North, Range 6 East, as recorded in the Register of Deeds, Volume 58 of Deeds on Page 247, Document # 122046, recorded on May 17th, 1945; and,

WHEREAS, a request has been made to Oneida County from the adjoining landowner listed in Exhibit A below requesting that a portion of said strip of land described above adjacent to Sylvan Lake DR be conveyed to the them as they are the present adjoining owners of the land, and they have paid the \$100.00 administrative fee to process this request; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Hazelhurst has no objection to this request, and the Land Records Committee recommends the request be granted provided the Town has no objections to such conveyance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel described in Exhibit A below to the adjoin landowner, and authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee, to issue a quit claim deed conveying any interest the County has in the description noted below in Exhibit A.

Offered and passage moved by: Sonny Paszak, Mike Timmons, Greg Pence, Bill Liebert and Greg Oettinger.

Resolution # 72 – 2020: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee authorizing the Land & Water Conservation Department to apply for a “Lake Monitoring & Protection Network” Grant.

**Resolution offered by Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

WHEREAS, Oneida County has over 1,100 lakes, rivers, and streams, and contains one of the highest concentrations of natural lakes in the world; and

WHEREAS, the quality of these waters is being threatened by aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our waters to its citizens and local economies; and

WHEREAS, education is one of the keys to increasing public awareness as to the adverse impacts of aquatic invasive species on the quality of our waters and our local economies; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the need for a workable plan that will prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species into new waters, and control, reduce, or eliminate aquatic invasive species already present in some bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) will continue to increase public awareness of the aquatic invasive species problem by implementing planning and prevention activities to control and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species; and,

WHEREAS, 100% of the cost of such planning and prevention activities may be paid by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and

WHEREAS, the LWCD must apply to the DNR for the purpose of a “Lake Monitoring & Protection Network” grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the LWCD will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the County Conservationist to submit the following documents to the DNR for financial assistance that may be available: sign and submit a grant application (See, attached grant application), enter into a grant agreement with the DNR, submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement as appropriate, submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement, and sign and submit necessary supporting documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Conservationist shall sign the grant application and

any grant contracts as Oneida County's designated agent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LWCD will comply with all local, state, and federal regulations and ordinances relating to this project and grant agreement.

Approved by the Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee this 14th day of September, 2020.

Offered and passage moved by: Bob Mott, Bob Thome, Jim Winkler and Mitch Ives.

Resolution # 77 – 2020: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee authorizing Land & Water Conservation Department to apply for the WDNR “Surface Water Planning” Grant.

Resolution to apply for a WDNR Surface Water Planning Grant

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Oneida County has over 830 streams, of which 192 miles are classified as trout streams, and

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our water resources to its citizens and local economies, and

WHEREAS, identifying, prioritizing, and planning are key to increasing the resiliency of Oneida County watersheds, and

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the need for a workable plan that will protect and enhance wetlands and surface water quality, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) will implement activities under objective 1E- reduce erosion caused by road stream crossings, in the Land and Water Resource Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, 67% of the cost of such planning activities in the Land and Water Resource Management Plan will be paid by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and

WHEREAS, LWCD must apply for a grant through the WDNR “Surface Water Planning” grant program to receive funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that LWCD is authorized to apply for 67% funding assistance for such programming under the “Surface Water Planning” grant program from the WDNR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Conservationist, to submit an application for a one-year grant to the WDNR not to exceed \$9,000.00 in grant funds for a stream crossing inventory project, to sign documents and take the necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved river planning grant, and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project date completion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LWCD is authorized to meet the County’s 33% share of the financial obligations of this river planning grant, through the assignment of LWCD personnel to work on and complete the project, including timely publication of the results.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if funding is not secured from the WDNR, the project will not occur.

Approved by the Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee this 14th day of October, 2020.

Offered and passage moved by: Bob Mott, Jim Winkler, Mitch Ives and Bob Thome.

Resolution # 78 – 2020: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee authorizing Land & Water Conservation Department to apply for the “Health Lakes and Rivers” Grant.

Resolution to apply for a WDNR Healthy Lakes & Rivers Grant.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Oneida County has over 1100 lakes, rivers, and streams, and contains one of the highest concentrations of natural lakes in the world; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our water resources to its citizens and local economies, and

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the need for a workable plan that will protect and enhance wetlands and surface water quality, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) will implement activities under priority Goal #1- Protect & enhance wetlands and surface water quality and Objective A3- Provide technical and financial (cost share) assistance to riparian landowners from the Land and Water Resource Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from the WDNR’s “Healthy Lakes & Rivers” grant program that would allocate monies for Oneida County to manage in the form of grant reimbursements for riparian landowner’s costs of implementing runoff, erosion, and habitat best practices, and **WHEREAS**, LWCD must apply for a grant through the WDNR “Healthy Lakes & Rivers” grant program to receive funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that LWCD is authorized to apply for 75% funding assistance (25% match to be provided by landowner) for such programming under the Healthy Lakes & Rivers grant program from the WDNR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Conservationist, to submit an application for a WDNR grant not to exceed \$3,000 in grant funds for Healthy Lakes projects, to sign documents and take the necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved Healthy Lakes grant, and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project date completion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if funding is not secured from the WDNR, the projects will not occur.

Approved by the Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee this 14th day of October, 2020.

Offered and passage moved by: Bob Mott, Jim Winkler, Mitch Ives and Bob Thome.

- Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:
 - Appoint Pat Pechura to the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Valley Library Service with a term to expire December 31, 2023.

Supervisor Holewinski requested that Resolution # 73 – 2020 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Motion/Second: VanRaalte/Winkler to accept the Amended Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 19 Aye; 1 Absent, Oettinger (Zoom technical difficulties); 1 Vacant, District 15

Amended Consent Agenda: Approved

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution # 73 – 2020: Offered by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee to apply for a Knowles/Nelson Stewardship Grant for purchase of property.

Resolution to Apply for Knowles/Nelson Stewardship Grant for purchase of property.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Forestry Department has been approached about purchasing the Clements property (LR-38 as identified on Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS; it is the policy of Oneida County to block in County Forest when the opportunity arises; and

WHEREAS; the property in attached exhibit A is surrounded on two sides by Oneida County Forestlands; and

WHEREAS; the State of Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship fund may provide a grant to cover half of the expense of the proposed purchase; and

WHEREAS; the Oneida County Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee believes it to be in the best interest of Oneida County to pursue the possible purchase of the lands as identified on Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any agreement to purchase the property owned by the Clements as identified on the map below, shall be brought to the County Board for final approval;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant shall be applied for to potentially reimburse Oneida County for a portion of the funds required to purchase the property owned by Clements as identified on Exhibit A.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee this 7th day of October, 2020.

Offered and passage moved by: Jack Sorensen, Bob Mott, Alan VanRaalte, Greg Pence and Bob Almekinder.

Motion/Second: VanRaalte/Mott to amend Resolution # 73 - 2020 to add the Fiscal Impact to the Resolution.

Roll Call Vote on Motion: 19 Aye; 1 Absent, Holewinski (Zoom technical difficulties); 1 Vacant, District 15

Discussion: Fiene stated the current owner approached the County to see if we were interested in purchasing this parcel. Fiene stated the Committee approved pursuing the purchase of this property pending the approval of the Knowles/Nelson Stewardship Grant. Fiene went over the location, quality and condition of the property. Fiene stated this would be a reasonable purchase for the county and the expense related to the purchase of this land would come out of the Land Purchase Account. Discussion ensued regarding how the cabin on the land would be disposed of if this was purchased. Per Sorensen the committee has set two criteria for purchasing land; the land owner has to come to the County and it has to be within the boundaries of the County Forest. Sorensen stated this meets the criteria and is simple purchase for the County Forest. Sorensen went over the costs and funding sources associated with this potential purchase. Liebert stated he was concerned about the financial state the county is in and we are looking at purchasing land. Liebert stated that it looks that the majority of the land is wetland and inquired if the value of this land is accurate. Holewinski went over the history of the purchase of the 230 acre Haug property three years ago. Holewinski stated the Forestry Committee proposed they would get money to offset this purchase from the Townline property sale, stumpage and the Knowles/Nelson Grant. Holewinski stated the Knowles/Nelson Grant did not give what they had projected, there has been no stumpage at this time and the Townline property has not been sold. Holewinski reported that there has been a cost of \$376,772 cost to the taxpayers based on these calculations. Holewinski stated we should not be buying anything until this purchase has been resolved. Shreier asked if this sale is contingent to getting the grant. Fiene stated this would be contingent on getting the Knowles/Nelson Grant, per the DNR the

earliest we would know about the approval would be June of 2021. Fiene stated that the Resolution gives only approval to apply for the grant, there would be another Resolution regarding the offer to purchase at a later date. Mott stated the stumpage revenue is one of the revenue generators that Oneida County has, purchasing land that has a potential to be a source of stumpage is a good move. Per Mott this resolution is just to apply for the grant. Per Holewinski of this 30.66 acre parcel there are only 12 acres of forest land. Holewinski stated Forestry was \$707,000 short on their budget in 2019, before we buy any more land they should put more money into the General Fund. Sorensen stated that at one time there was a fund in Forestry to purchase land, the money in this fund was moved to the General Fund with the understanding that if opportunity to purchase land comes along it should be presented to the County Board. Sorensen stated that the Enterprise properties have been put out for bids. Fiene stated that \$71,000 is the estimated contract price, there are factors such as Covid and the market that could fluctuate the cost. Sorensen stated that the Townline property can't be sold without getting permission from the Feds and the DNR, the intent is still to sell this property once that approval is received. VanRaalte stated the money in the Land Aquisition account did not come from stumpage sales, this was from the sale of 10 acres to the Solid Waste department. Per VanRaalte the \$32,000 can only be used for the purchase of additional County Forest Land. Fiene explained how the Land Acquisition account works.

Motion/Second: Fried/Sorensen to amend Line 31 to strike the word "potentially" and the line will read "To reimburse Oneida County for" and strike "a portion" and replace with "not less than \$16,000 of the funds required to purchase the property".

Roll Call Vote on Amendment: 18 Aye; 2 Nay, Schreier, Oettinger; 1 Vacant, District 15

Amendment: Passes

Roll Call Vote on Amended Resolution # 73 – 2020: 15 Aye, 5 Nay, Liebert, Holewinski, Oettinger, Timmons, Schreier, 1 Absent, District 15

Amended Resolution # 73 – 2020: Passes

Resolution # 74 – 2020: Offered by Supervisor Dave Hintz authorizing the application for the Community Development Block Grant CLOSE (CDBG-CLOSE) funds for Oneida County Projects.

Seconded by Cushing.

Resolution to apply for Community Development Block Grant CLOSE (CDBG-CLOSE) funds for Oneida County projects.

Resolved by Supervisor Dave Hintz:

WHEREAS, Oneida County has a revolving loan fund in the amount of \$770,783.46 where the federal government has discontinued the program and requested that the funds be returned, and **WHEREAS**, Oneida County can apply for the funds through an application process to cover two viable projects that meet the criteria as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS, Jeff Verdoorn, Interim Executive Director for the Oneida County Economic Development Corporation has been working with Oneida County, municipalities and the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR) to identify projects that would qualify for the funding, and

WHEREAS, the two projects recommended for the application would be American Disabilities Act Upgrades that would benefit multiple communities within Oneida County and the City of Rhinelanders Slum and Blight Elimination project, and

WHEREAS, the application is required to be submitted and approved by DEHCR by January 31, 2021 with the projects to be completed within two years after approval.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors authorizes the application of the two projects as detailed in the attached document to be submitted on behalf of Oneida County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, project estimates are tentative, are not considered a commitment to the municipality and will be finalized in the application process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon approval of this resolution and approval of the application by DEHCR, an amendment will be made to the 2021 budget to reflect the revenue and expenditures.

Offered and passage moved by: Dave Hintz.

Discussion: Smith explained the application process. Smith stated the funds in the revolving loan fund have been sitting there and they will be returned to the state. The county then needs to reapply to use those funds per Smith. Smith stated there is an application process that needs to be completed by Jan 31st, the projects can be started after approval from the state and the state allows two years after approval to be completed. Per Smith approval by the County Board is needed to apply for the grant. Smith reported on the two projects listed in the Resolution; the first is ADA upgrades and the second is the City of Rhinelander Slum and Blight Elimination. Per Smith this is not a commitment that the funds will go to the municipalities until it has been approved by the state. Fried asked if the amounts change are we able to change the allocation of the funds. Smith stated that this is not a commitment to the municipality. Mott stated that per the requirements, these projects have to be either ADA or Blight Elimination projects. Per Smith these are the counties funds first, we could fund a portion of a towns projects as opposed to the full project. Per Smith we have 2 years to complete all of the projects.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 74 – 2020: 19 Aye; 1 Abstain, Liebert; 1 Vacant, District 15

Resolution # 74 – 2020: Adopted

Resolution # 75 – 2020: Offered by Supervisor Jack Sorensen to study the fiscal impacts of updating the current County Highway Facilities versus building a new Highway Facility.

Seconded by Mott.

Resolution to study the fiscal impacts of updating the current County Highway facilities versus building a new Highway facility.

Resolved by Supervisor Jack Sorensen:

WHEREAS, the future of the current Oneida County Highway Facility has been a topic of discussion for some time, and

WHEREAS, the main issue regarding the County Highway facilities revolves around whether upgrades should continue to be made to the current Highway facilities or if Oneida County should sell the current Highway facilities and build a new Highway facility; and

WHEREAS, A number of county board members have strong opinions on both sides of the issue, and

WHEREAS, both extensive remodeling of the current highway facility or building a new highway facility would require borrowing significant amounts of money, and

WHEREAS, The tax payers of Oneida County will be required to pay for either extensive remodeling of the current highway facilities or building a new highway facility.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, An independent study be conducted by an outside consulting firm looking into the costs of both options to include the possible sale of the existing site and future property tax benefits to Oneida County Tax payers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The consulting firm, hired to do the study, would be excluded from doing any further work on either any remodeling of the existing structure or a new structure to prevent any conflicts of interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the funds for the study shall be paid out of the contingency fund of either the 2020 or 2021 Oneida County Budget.

Offered and passage moved by: Jack Sorensen.

Discussion: Sorensen stated there are significant costs to remodeling the existing Highway Facility, it was built in the 50's or 60's and there have been some upgrades already done. Sorensen stated he thinks that we should take an independent look at what the costs should be to do additional upgrades. Per Sorensen the outside consultant would be precluded from doing any of the work either remodeling or building new to alleviate any conflict of interest. Mott was in agreement that this issue should be looked at independently, the figures should be looked at before a decision is made. Timmons questioned whether the July 26, 2017 Bariantos study is being followed. Holewinski went over the background of the options that were presented at the July 21, 2015 meeting regarding the Highway Department and a decision was made at that time to reject the Kwik Trip offer. Holewinski reported on the costs and upgrades that have already been completed in remodeling the Highway Department Facility. Holewinski stated this is money that has already been spent. Sorensen stated that since 2015 the County Board has changed. Sorensen agreed that expenditures have been made. Sorensen stated that this decision needs to be what is the best for the tax payers of Oneida County. Ives stated that three to five years ago there were a lot of the issues regarding a lack of maintenance. Per Ives if there is a decision of remodeling or rebuilding we need to determine why there are maintenance issues and we need to have a plan to maintain the building. Ives stated it's a money pit and I would like to know why it's a money pit. Kelly stated before look into this we need to determine if there is still a buyer interested in this property. Liebert proposed that a special meeting should be conducted at the Highway Department and a walk around the facility should be a first step. VanRaalte stated that the since the numbers of the Bariantos have been presented the costs have gone up, it is not beneficial to this county when it is \$11 million to build a new facility. Paszak stated that he thinks a third party should conduct a study. Smith stated there were two Bariantos studies completed, one in 2015 that cost \$12,000 and one in 2017 with a cost of \$10,000. Smith stated the estimate for this proposed study was reported to be approximately \$20,000. Thome stated that maybe the resolution should include the amount of the cost of the study. Winkler asked what happened to the first studies and why are we asking for another study. Cushing stated the first study was looking at a new facility, the second study was regarding upgrading of the existing facility. Cushing stated they were following the upgrade study at this time. Holewinski stated 5 years ago the County Board listened to each of the options and it was not a close vote. Discussion ensued regarding the two studies that were completed. Holewinski stated the direction has been set and we have already invested money to implement this. Holewinski stated that we have already invested over a million into this facility and the offer from Kwik Trip was \$2.3 million five years ago. Per Holewinski this only nets the County approximately \$1.3 million. Mott stated that we have not determined the tax benefit to the county and the job benefit to the county that a Kwik Trip would bring.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 75 – 2020: 4 Aye, Kelly, Paszak, Sorensen, Mott; 16 Nay; 1 Vacant, District 15

Resolution # 75 – 2020: Fails

Cushing left at 11:54 a.m.

Resolution # 76 – 2020: Offered by Supervisor Bob Mott requiring mask wearing by all Oneida County Supervisors and staff at all posted indoor county facilities.

Seconded by Sorensen.

Resolution to require mask wearing by all Oneida County Supervisors and staff at all posted indoor county facilities.

Resolution offered by Supervisor Bob Mott.

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

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has killed over 210,000 Americans; and
WHEREAS, mask wearing, hand washing, and social distancing are recommended practices by national, state, and local health agencies to slow the spread of the disease; and
WHEREAS, the Oneida County courthouse and other county buildings mandate mask wearing while in the buildings; and
WHEREAS, Supervisors can participate in meetings virtually.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all Oneida County Board Supervisors and staff shall wear masks while indoors at county buildings so posted; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Supervisors and staff not following the mandate shall not be allowed to remain in the building.

Offered and passage moved by: Bob Mott.

Motion/Second: Mott/Liebert to amend line 17 of the Resolution to add after the word shall “properly wear a facemask covering the mouth and nose. Both staff and County Board members should follow the directions in the memorandum from Lisa Charbarneau, Human Resource Director dated July 31, 2020.”

Discussion: Winkler stated that he has asthma he would not be able to breath if a facemask was mandatory. Winkler asked if this was mandated how would it be enforced. Hintz stated the discussion is just on the amendment at this time. Sorensen stated that there are alternatives to wearing a mask, you can attend via Zoom and do not have to attend in person. Per Mott there are exemptions listed in the memorandum from Lisa Charbarneau and the other option is virtual attendance.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment to Resolution # 76 – 2020: 17 Aye; 1 Nay, Winkler; 1 Absent, Cushing; 1 Abstain, Holewinski; 1 Vacant, District 15

Discussion: Winkler asked why we need this additional mandate if there is already one in place. Mott stated that the current mandate is in effect for County Employees, this Resolution is to address the one county supervisor that refuses to wear a mask. Fried stated that he thinks that Supervisor Winkler’s face shield qualifies to meet the criteria. Desmond stated the language in the memo follows the Governor’s order. Desmond clarified that with Winkler’s medical condition a face shield would be acceptable. Mott went over the statistics that Conlon went over during her report, he stated we should follow the health guidance. Liebert had a handout distributed to the board members, he discussed data and information that he had compiled regarding the testing process and masks. Liebert stated that he was elected to be present and to participate in the process, appearing from home is if you are sick or are worried. Liebert stated he falls under an exemption within the governor’s mandate. Liebert asked why this is focused on only County Board Supervisors and staff and not the general public. Desmond stated that the County Board only has authority over the County Board and staff. Per Desmond the Health Department has the authority to oversee the public. Desmond stated the law states that a member cannot be excluded from a meeting but they can be offered an alternative means to attend. Desmond stated that the County Board has the authority over the staff and they can set the rules for how the County Board body is going to proceed and conduct their meetings. Fried stated that I am following the rules but I am not supporting this. Fried stated that there is a lot of animosity and anger, we need to respect other’s needs. Krolczyk stated there are other options such as a shield that can be utilized to make others comfortable. Hintz stated that this has been offered to people. Liebert stated he would be willing to have a shield.

Roll Call Vote on Amended Resolution # 76 – 2020: 8 Aye, Thome, Kelly, Pence, Sorensen, VanRaalte, Paszak, Schreier, Mott; 10 Nay, Liebert, Almekinder, Fisher, Holewinski, Timmons, Krolczyk, Fried, Winkler, Oettinger, Hintz; 2 Absent, Cushing, Ives (Zoom technical difficulties); 1 Vacant, District 15

Resolution # 76 – 2020: Fails

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME November 10, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m.
Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

ADJOURNMENT:
Chairman Hintz adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.