

LAND RECORDS COMMITTEE MEETING
 February 8, 2022
 Oneida County Courthouse
 Second Floor – Committee Room 2
 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

Committee Members	Bill Liebert	Sonny Paszak
Mike Timmons	Greg Pence	Greg Oettinger

Call to Order. Approve agenda for today’s meeting.

Chairman Paszak called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. in accordance with the Open Meeting Law noting that the meeting notice was properly posted and the location is handicap accessible. Zoom call in option was available. Pence excused absence.

Motion/Timmons/Paszak to approve today’s agenda. All ayes.

Public comments.

There were no comments from the public.

Approve minutes of Land Records meeting on January 11, 2022.

Motion/Timmons/Paszak to approve minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting. All ayes.

Monthly bills, line item transfers, purchase orders, monthly budget summary, non-budgetary item requests, and vouchers.

Franson reviewed monthly bills, expenses, and line item transfers for the Register of Deeds.

Motion/Oettinger/Timmons to approve monthly bills, expenses, vouchers, and line item transfer as presented by the Register of Deeds Office. All ayes.

Romportl reviewed monthly bills and expenses for the Land Information Office.

Motion/Liebert/Timmons to approve monthly bills, expenses, vouchers, and line item transfer as presented by the Land Information Office. All ayes.

Staff member’s attendance at land-related meetings/seminars.

Franson reported no attendance.

Romportl gave a brief report on the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors (WSLS) Conference. Overall, the conference went well. Romportl spoke with a FEMA contractor from Ironwood about different strategies to try and get the FEMA maps updated.

Register of Deeds request of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (American Rescue Plan Act-ARPA) for Back Indexing of Register of Deeds documents.

Franson supplied the committee with copies of his request for ARPA funding for back indexing of Register of Deeds documents. The proposal is for an outside vendor to back-index about six years of documents so that the index can go back at least 30 years. The project was given medium priority by the Funding Opportunities Committee. The new process for funding requests requires the proposals being approved by the Committee of Jurisdiction and having bids for the projects.

Motion/Paszak/Timmons to approve the submitting of the proposal by the Register of Deeds for ARPA funding to the Administration Committee, pending authorization by County Board to utilize ARPA Funds. All ayes.

Pending Legislation Senate Bill (SB) 840 affecting site addressing, and SB 829 affecting tax foreclosed properties.

Romportl supplied copies of the bills to the committee and gave an explanation. SB 840 includes a requirement that street addresses be assigned at the time of subdivision or plat approvals. Romportl explained his concerns with this proposal and explained the issues that can occur when addresses are pre-assigned.

Motion/Timmons/Liebert to direct Romportl to draft a letter in opposition to the requirement of pre-assigning addresses in SB 840. All ayes.

Romportl introduced the proposed changes under SB 829. Currently, if Oneida County sells a tax foreclosed property, if the owner has lived in the property within the last five years they can request to share in the proceeds of the sale. SB 829 would allow the previous owner of tax foreclosed properties to share in the proceeds of a sale even if they do not use the property as their homestead. If the property has any liens, the lien holders may also be entitled to a share of the proceeds.

Motion/Paszak/Timmons to direct Romportl to draft letter opposing the SB 829 legislation. 3 ayes. Liebert abstained from vote.

Resolution for changes to Chapter 18 of Oneida County Code, Real Estate Transactions.

Romportl supplied the committee with a copy of Chapter 18 of Oneida County Code, Real Estate Transactions with proposed changes. Romportl gave a recap of the changes being made. Changes included were minor alterations to verbiage, a raise in price of 100 foot strips to \$250, a change in price of easements over Oneida County land, and an addition addressing the use of the 100 foot strip; if being used by an adjoining landowner, they are responsible for any maintenance etc. needed.

Motion/Timmons/Liebert to forward changes to Chapter 18 of Oneida County Code, Real Estate Transactions, to the County Board as a regular agenda item for consideration. All ayes.

Update on implementing the Transcendent Technologies Permit Application.

Romportl gave an update on the permit application implementation which was hoped to be done by March of this year. The Oneida County IT Department has been working to get the data transferred but it will likely not be ready to go live prior to the permitting season.

Request by Town of Minocqua to acquire excess lands along Squirrel Lake RD, being parcel number MI-1785-8, in Gov't Lot 2, Section 16, Township 39 North, Range 5 East, and act on Resolution to convey the lands.

Romportl explained that this goes back several years, and gave a brief summary. The Town of Minocqua has requested that the excess lands along the road be conveyed to them so that they can make parking and public access along the road safer for the public. Liebert questioned whether the property owner to the north has been informed of the situation, and requested Oneida County make contact with them and explain the situation.

Motion/Liebert/Timmons to direct Romportl to inform the owner of MI-1785-1 of Oneida County's intent to convey the excess lands to the Town of Minocqua, and to include access language into the resolution for the property to the north. All ayes.

Land Survey Professional Service contract with J.W. Austin Associates LLC, for public land survey corner restoration and GPS.

J.W. Austin Associates LLC is currently contracted with Oneida County for corner restoration, through 2022, for the 2021-2022 Strategic Grant for corner work. Romportl proposed terminating this previous contract and entering into a new contract which would extend the contract to 2023 to cover the remaining 2022 and the 2023 so it would coincide with the grant agreements date for completion. Romportl also recommended raising the prices the corners by \$25 per corner since it has not be adjusted in several years.

Motion/Paszak/Oettinger to approve entering into a new contract with J.W. Austin Associates LLC for public land survey corner restoration and GPS, pending Corporation Counsel approval. All ayes.

2022 Wisconsin Land Information Program Strategic Initiative Grant Agreement.

Corporation Counsel approved the 2022 Wisconsin Land Information Program Strategic Initiative Grant agreement. Romportl needs authorization for Hintz and Paszak to sign the contract with the State.

Motion/Oettinger/Paszak to authorize Hintz and Paszak to sign contract with the State for the 2022 Wisconsin Land Information Program Strategic Initiative Grant. All ayes.

It is anticipated that the committee may meet in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute. A roll call vote will be taken to go into closed session and it is anticipated that the committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g).

- a) Tax foreclosed property parcel number PL-458-100, located in Gov't Lot 7, Section 19, Township 37 North, Range 9 East, Town of Pine Lake.
- b) Approve closed session minutes from previous meetings.

Motion/Oettinger/Timmons to enter closed session at 10:59 AM. Roll call vote. All ayes.

A roll call vote will be taken to return to open session and may ratify any matters(s) discussed in closed session.

Motion/Timmons/Oettinger to return to open session at 11:14 AM. Roll call vote. All ayes.

Announcement of any action taken in closed session.

No action taken.

Public Comments.

There were no comments from the public.

Date of next meeting and items for agenda.

The next meeting will be March 8, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

Adjournment.

Adjourn the meeting at 11:15 A.M.

Sonny Paszak Chair Land Records Committee

Michael J. Romportl Staff Chair