

**REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

The Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session at the Government Center in the City of Whitehall, County of Trempealeau and State of Wisconsin on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 10:03 a.m. with Chair Wally Geske presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited led by Chair Geske.

CALL

Dear Supervisor,

Please be advised that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors will meet at 10:00 a.m. on November 15, 2011 in the County Board Room. All County Board Members' Claims are due in the County Clerk's Office by noon on November 4, 2011 so they can be prepared for Audit Committee approval.

Sincerely,
/s/ Paul L. Syverson
County Clerk

It was moved by John Aasen and seconded by Robert Duellman to accept the Call as read; this was unanimously carried by acclamation.

Roll was called. A quorum was met with all 17 supervisors in attendance.

Chair Geske announced the open meeting law requirements have been complied with by postings and notifications to the members and media.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: It was moved by George Brandt and seconded by Hensel Vold to adopt the 12 item agenda. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED: It was moved by Ernest Vold and seconded by Michael Nelson to adopt the October minutes. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to adopt the minutes.

APPEARANCES: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Sheriff Richard Anderson gave the monthly statistics for October. There were 61 bookings with 55 being male and 6 female. They consisted of 51 White, 1 Black, 7 Hispanic 1 Asian and 1 Native American. The average daily in county population was 31.80 and the out of county average was 11.45 and 12.19 people on electronic monitoring for a total of 55.44. There were 5.87 on Huber. There were 68 car/deer crashes, 12 crashes with property damage, 8 crashes with personal injury and one fatality.

APPEARANCES: PROCLAMATION – HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER JIM JOHNSON: Jim read a proclamation from Governor Walker proclaiming November 21 as Snow Plow Driver Appreciation Day and thanked them for all their dedicated time during bad weather in less than ideal driving situations.

AMERICAN LEGION POST & AUXILIARY DONATION TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Paul Beseler, County Commander of the Trempealeau County American Legion reported that the Legion and Auxiliary have been helping the county's children for over 50 years in health, eye and dental care. He presented Cheryl Rhoda, Director/Health Officer with a check for \$1,000. Cheryl said the money will go towards the safe sleep program to purchase 16 cribs and also \$200 will go towards the dental sealant program.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE PETITIONS: Clerk Syverson read the bridge petitions from various townships requesting \$65,039.11 in county aid. Jim Johnson reviewed the summer work done through the Highway Department. He said they sold blacktop to all 15 townships in the county, 10 in Jackson County, and 5 in Buffalo County. \$1.3 million of oil was used. They did \$381,000 of centerline painting for the state. The state work (construction of a new bridge) in Galesville is now complete. They purchased 2 new section trucks, 4 disc mowers, and 1 flatbed truck. They also sold the old equipment that was replaced by the new ones. Rob Reichwein asked Jim to explain the Governor wanting to stop County to County Highway work. Jim said we used to share among the counties to save money and now we only rent out other counties equipment but no man power and this does not save money.

**2011-11-01
RESOLUTION**

**TREMPEALEAU COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
COUNTY AID BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UNDER SECTION 82.08 OF WI STATUTES**

WHEREAS the various towns hereinafter named, have filed petitions for County Aid in the construction of bridges under Section 82.08 of the Statutes, said petitions are hereby granted and the County's share is appropriated, for year 2012 as follows:

TOWN	BRIDGE	TOTAL	AMOUNT INCURRED BY LOCALS	AMOUNT OF COUNTY AID GRANTED
ARCADIA	Angus Lane	\$ 2,589.79	\$ 1,294.89	\$ 1,294.90
	Giemza Lane	\$ 2,539.18	\$ 1,269.59	\$ 1,269.59
	River Valley Road	\$ 54,045.44	\$ 27,022.72	\$ 27,022.72
	Schwartz Lane	\$ 28,607.12	\$ 14,303.56	\$ 14,303.56
	Veto Lane	\$ 18,861.62	\$ 9,430.81	\$ 9,430.81
CHIMNEY ROCK	Church Road	\$ 1,461.46	\$ 730.73	\$ 730.73
	Sylla Road	\$ 15,971.26	\$ 7,985.63	\$ 7,985.63
LINCOLN	Reck Lane	\$ 2,576.57	\$ 1,288.28	\$ 1,288.29
TREMPEALEAU	Bortle Road	\$ 3,425.75	\$ 1,712.87	\$ 1,712.88

jail or court systems needed to be firearm free. Hensel Vold had been contacted by the Health Care Center to include their facilities as well. This resolution would not extend to county owned parking lots. Also exempt from this ruling are deputies, judges, the District Attorney, the Assistant D.A. and anyone else a judge gives permission to carry as long as they are properly registered. Rian read a list of things that are considered weapons. The county fairgrounds would not be included on this list as the buildings are owned by the Ag Society not the county. Mark Smick stated that government should not be meddling with our god given rights. David Suchla made a motion to remove “Billy club” from the ordinance under the list of weapons and John Aasen seconded it. Tom Bice suggested we simplify all this by letting the state ordinance stand as is. Roll call vote taken on wording amendment, motion carried with 10 yes votes and 7 no votes. The no votes were Douglas Winters, Robert Duellman, George Brandt, Rob Reichwein, Michelle Haines, Dick Miller and Ernest Vold. Roll call vote taken on resolution as amended, motion carried with 15 yes votes and 2 no votes, resolution adopted. The no votes were Tom Bice and Mark Smick.

**2011-11-03
RESOLUTION**

**Amending Ordinance Designating Administrative Coordinator; Elimination of Assistant
Administrative Coordinator Title**

WHEREAS Wisconsin Statutes, Section 59.19 requires a county to designate an Administrative Coordinator in counties that do not have a County Executive or a County Administrator, and

WHEREAS the Trempealeau County Board currently designates the County Board Chairperson as Administrative Coordinator by ordinance adopted on December 15, 1986, and

WHEREAS the Wisconsin Attorney General’s office released a formal opinion on October 27, 2011 (OAG-01-11) wherein the Wisconsin Attorney General has opined that the offices of Administrative Coordinator and County Board Supervisor are incompatible, and

WHEREAS in response to the above-stated Attorney General’s opinion, Trempealeau County desires to designate the Administrative Coordinator position to an individual who is not a County Board Supervisor, and

WHEREAS Trempealeau County has established a title for Assistant Administrative Coordinator, currently held by the Human Resources director, however, such title is unnecessary as it does not carry any official job duties and is not mandated by Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors amends section one of the ordinance adopted on December 15, 1986 and removes the designation of Administrative Coordinator from the County Board Chairperson position and designates the Trempealeau County Clerk as Administrative Coordinator pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.19,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the title of Assistant Administrative Coordinator is hereby eliminated.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Wally Geske
COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

(Ordinance is on file in the County Clerk's office)

Rian Radtke had an amendment that would amend section 1, approved in 1986 which states designation done by ordinance. The clerk read the amended resolution. It was moved by Rodney Severson and seconded by David Suchla to adopt the amended resolution. Mark Smick made a motion to table this for one month to get more feedback from WCA and the local rep and David Suchla seconded it. Mark Smick said this had been brought to Executive/Finance Committee but was not acted on so he was surprised this was on the agenda today to act on. He contacted WCA but hasn't heard back yet.

At 11:00 a.m. the Clerk read the proposed 2012 budget.

Discussion continued on the Administrative Coordinator position. Dick Miller asked what duties this position would have. According the section 59.19 in the state statutes, they would be responsible for coordinating all administrative and management functions which is very vague language. Rian reported that 32 counties still do it this way but his opinion would be to separate the two positions of County Board Chair and Administrative Coordinator. Roll call taken on motion to table, motion failed with 3 yes votes and 14 no votes. The no votes were Michelle Haines, Dick Miller, Wally Geske, Olin Fimreite, John Aasen, David Suchla, Rodney Severson, Hensel Vold, Michael Nelson, Ernest Vold, Arild Engeliem, Douglas Winters, Tom Bice and Robert Duellman. Roll call taken on resolution as amended, motion carried with 16 yes votes and one no vote, resolution adopted. The no vote was Mark Smick.

**2011-11-04
RESOLUTION**

Creation of Disability Benefit Specialist Position

WHEREAS the Human Services Department statutorily provides services for County residents through Chapter 46.23, and

WHEREAS the intent of Administrative Code DHS 10.23 (2) (d) is to ensure that people from its target populations have access to the services of a Benefit Specialist, including information about and assistance in applying for public and private benefits for which they may be eligible, and

WHEREAS the purpose of this position is to provide services to individuals 18 through 59 years old with physical and/or developmental disabilities, and

WHEREAS approval of this position as a county employee has a potential tax savings to Trempealeau County citizens in the amount of \$13,683.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that permission by the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors is granted to create the position of Disability Benefit Specialist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this position be under the Social Worker Professional Union, pay level 4.

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin this 15th day of November, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michelle Haines
/s/ Rob Reichwein
/s/ Arild Engeliem
/s/ Hensel Vold
HUMAN SERVICES

/s/ Tom Bice
/s/ Robert Duellman
/s/ Wally Geske
/s/ Dick Miller
/s/ Douglas Winters
PERSONNEL/BARGAINING

/s/ Ernest Vold
/s/ Douglas Winters
/s/ Mark Smick
/s/ Wally Geske
/s/ David Suchla
EXECUTIVE/FINANCE

It was moved by Douglas Winters and seconded by Michelle Haines to adopt the resolution. Kathy Gauger reminded the board that a year ago she was told to keep this position as a contracted position even though it would have been cheaper to create a union position then. Now if this position is hired by the county for \$54,282 in 2012 that would mean a \$13,683 savings from the contracted price. Roll call vote taken; motion carried with 17 yes votes, resolution adopted.

**2011-11-05
RESOLUTION**

Authorization of Mutual Aid Agreement with Winona County

WHEREAS Wisconsin Statutes, Section 175.46 allows the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office to enter into mutual aid agreements with law enforcement agencies of physically adjacent states, and

WHEREAS law enforcement mutual aid agreements provide for additional law enforcement assistance from neighboring law enforcement agencies and increase available resources to address local law enforcement needs, and

WHEREAS the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office desires to establish a mutual aid agreement with Winona County Sheriff's Office in Minnesota for such purposes as stated above.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (Law Enforcement Mutual Aid/Assistance) be approved.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Rob Reichwein
/s/ Olin Fimreite
/s/ David Suchla
/s/ Dick Miller
/s/ John Aasen
LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It was moved by Rodney Severson and seconded by Michael Nelson to adopt the resolution. Sheriff Anderson said the mutual aid would mainly come from the boundary waters of the Mississippi River. Winona has equipment that could be very helpful to us in the future. When asked about costs, the sheriff said as with any other county, anything past 48 hours of aid, there would be a charge assessed. Roll call vote taken; motion carried with 17 yes votes, resolution adopted.

**2011-11-06
RESOLUTION**

REPORT – CLAIMS OF MEMBERS

Your Audit Committee hereby respectfully reports that they have audited the following claims and recommend that they be allowed as follows:

NAME	PER DIEM	EXPENSES	TOTAL
John Aasen	\$175.00	\$24.42	\$199.42
Tom Bice	\$175.00	\$88.80	\$263.80
George Brandt	\$175.00	\$75.48	\$250.48
Robert Duellman	\$175.00	\$111.00	\$286.00
Arild Engelién	\$105.00	\$106.56	\$211.56
Olin Fimreite	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Wally Geske	\$245.00	\$52.75	\$297.75
Michelle Haines	\$35.00	\$13.88	\$48.88
Dick Miller	\$140.00	\$39.96	\$179.96
Michael Nelson	\$210.00	\$62.16	\$272.16
Rob Reichwein	\$140.00	\$53.28	\$193.28
Rodney Severson	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mark Smick	\$350.00	\$170.94	\$520.94
Dave Suchla	\$245.00	\$46.62	\$291.62
Ernest Vold	\$210.00	\$186.48	\$396.48
Hensel Vold	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Douglas Winters	\$350.00	\$243.09	\$593.09
TOTALS	\$2,800.00	\$1,275.42	\$4,075.42
YTD Totals	\$33,215.00	\$13,678.43	\$46,893.43

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin, this 15th day of November, 2011.

It was moved by John Aasen and seconded by George Brandt to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote taken; motion carried with 17 yes votes, resolution adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT/APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS: Appoint member to succeed John Aasen and appoint citizen to succeed Ed Ausderau on the Museum Committee Board whose terms expired in August. Ernest Vold made a motion to approve the re-appointments of John Aasen and Ed Ausderau and Olin Fimreite seconded it. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE REPORT: Chair Geske said everyone has a copy of the budget on their desk and if there are any questions, contact the clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Chair Geske recessed the meeting at 12:15 for lunch.

Chair Geske reconvened the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Roll was called. A quorum was met with all 17 supervisors in attendance.

Chair Geske called three times for any public comment on the proposed 2012 budget. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing portion. Some discussion held on various line items. George Brandt questioned Executive/Finance Committee's decision to come in below the levy limit. Their consensus was to keep the taxes as low as possible. More discussion held. Tom Bice made a motion to approve the 2012 budget and Rodney Severson seconded it. Dick Miller made a motion to amend the budget so that \$94,984.91 is put in the contingency fund of 101.57099.999 and still have the county rate stay the same. George Brandt seconded it. Dick Miller said eight years ago we weren't sitting very well but we have built up our accounts to a more workable level to help when our budget is unpredictable with fluctuating costs of court trials, court ordered placements and coroner costs. Roll call vote to amend failed with 7 yes votes and 10 no votes. The no votes were Tom Bice, Robert Duellman, Mark Smick, Wally Geske, Olin Fimreite, John Aasen, Davis Suchla, Rodney Severson, Michael Nelson, and Ernest Vold. At 2:20 p.m. Robert Duellman left the meeting. Jeff McIntyre gave some Human Services Department figures for 2011 actual budget numbers and 2012 possible scenarios. Roll call vote taken; motion carried with 13 yes votes and 3 no votes, 2012 budget adopted. The no votes were Dick Miller, Hensel Vold and George Brandt. Clerk Syverson announced that the mill rate for 2011 was 5.86 and will now be 5.79 for 2012.

CLOSING: It was moved by David Suchla and seconded by Tom Bice to waive the reading of the minutes and a copy mailed to each member. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation.

It was moved by David Suchla and seconded by Rodney Severson to instruct the Clerk to pay mileage and per diem; roll call vote; motion carried with 16 yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Geske declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Recording Secretary,
Mary Martin

Dist #	SUPERVISOR	PER DIEM	# Of MILES	MILEAGE
1	ARILD ENGELIEN	\$70.00	64	\$35.52
2	DOUGLAS WINTERS	\$70.00	60	\$33.30
3	TOM BICE	\$70.00	54	\$29.97
4	ROBERT DUELLMAN	\$70.00	50	\$27.75
5	MARK SMICK	\$70.00	44	\$24.42
6	GEORGE BRANDT	\$70.00	34	\$18.87
7	ROBERT REICHWEIN	\$70.00	32	\$17.76
8	MICHELLE HAINES	\$70.00	25	\$13.88
9	DICK MILLER	\$70.00	24	\$13.32
10	WALLY GESKE	\$70.00	19	\$10.55
11	OLIN FIMREITE	\$70.00	2	\$1.11
12	JOHN AASEN	\$70.00	10	\$5.55
13	DAVE SUCHLA	\$70.00	14	\$7.77
14	RODNEY SEVERSON	\$70.00	16	\$8.88
15	HENSEL VOLD	\$70.00	44	\$24.42
16	MICHAEL NELSON	\$70.00	22	\$12.21
17	ERNEST VOLD	<u>\$70.00</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>\$21.09</u>
	TOTALS	\$1,190.00	552	\$ 306.37