

**REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

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 Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:05 p.m. with Chair Ernest Vold presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

CALL

Dear Supervisor,

Please be advised that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors will meet at 7:00 p.m. on September 16, 2013 in the County Board Room. All County Board Members' Claims are due in the County Clerk's Office by noon on September 5, 2013 so they can be prepared for Audit Committee approval.

Sincerely,
/s/ Paul L. Syverson
County Clerk

Clerk Syverson read the call.

It was moved by John Aasen and seconded by Michael Nelson to accept the Call as read; It carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation.

Roll was called. A quorum was met with 15 supervisors in attendance. Sally Miller and Hensel Vold were absent.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA: It was moved by John Aasen and seconded by Olin Fimreite to adopt the 11 item 2nd amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved by Arild Engelién and seconded by Douglas Winters to approve the August minutes. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

APPEARANCES: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Sheriff Anderson gave the statistics for August. There were 81 bookings consisting of 59 males and 22 females. Bookings by race were 71 White, 4 Black, 5 Hispanic and 1 Native American. The average daily in county population was 32.77 and the out of county average was 5.19. There were 3.10 people on electronic monitoring for a total of 41.06. There were also 5.26 people on Huber. The accident data for July was 18 car/deer crashes, 8 property damage, 2 personal injuries and no fatalities. Sheriff Anderson noted that they were recoating the showers in the jail so they anticipate a few more out of county people until that project is completed. Taavi McMahon, District Attorney handed out a proposal sheet on security/weapons screening for the County. He feels this is the right step to take

for safe public access and employee safety. Sheriff Anderson then introduced Tom Johnson, MEG Coordinator to speak about the drug issues in Trempealeau County. Tom said he is part of a five county group that makes up the MEG unit, Jackson, LaCrosse, Monroe, Trempealeau and Vernon. In the 1980's different units were created around the state and this is one that was formed. Tom said he has worked with Sheriff Anderson for many years and they seem to have a lot of the same goals. His position is funded through grant money but he said each year the grant money seems to be less and less. Tom said they need the eyes and ears of everyone in the community to help them in their war on drugs. He doesn't know if they are winning the war on drugs but they are winning battles. They need everyone working together to combat the problem. Tom then explained the drug patterns from the past to the present and how a lot of it now comes from the Chicago area. He talked about different drugs and specifically Heroin, which is a very serious problem in our area and why it is so dangerous to our citizens. Tom said if you read the newspaper, watch TV or view the internet, you will see that we are winning battles on a daily basis. Taavi McMahan addressed the drug issue and said kids and adults alike are not educated on this and their office only gets involved when someone is to the point of being an addict. He said that with internet access anyone can get their hands on this bad information. Taavi said he is considering a DARE program for older students to get ahead of the problem and be proactive. He also said Trempealeau County is part of one of 56 Recovery Court programs in Wisconsin which addresses peoples' addictive issues. The program's key to recovery is accountability and he is very proud of the success of this program. Taavi, along with Deb Suchla, Human Services Director and Pat Bell, Recovery Court Coordinator, then presented Sheriff Richard Anderson with a plaque for their appreciation of the support from the Sheriff and his department for outstanding partnership and service through supervision, testing and accountability. Sheriff Anderson thanked them for the recognition but said the members of his department deserve the praise. The Sheriff said that over the years they have reduced their "out of county" prisoner population costs from \$365,000 a year down to \$50,000 - \$60,000 and have listened to some ideas presented by previous supervisors, so it's working. Sheriff Anderson thanked Tom Johnson for sharing his information with the board and feels this is an important subject for all to be aware of and said this was first suggested to do by Supervisor Brandt. George Brandt challenged the Law Enforcement Committee and all of the committees involved to find the population most fragile and vulnerable to these issues and find a way to reach out to them. He said the Board of Health wants to be involved in this as well and be proactive in the education of drug issues.

2012 AUDIT REPORT – JIM MURRAY, BAKER TILLY/VIRCHOW KRAUSE: Jim explained that the audit was performed according to the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards. He said there were some new standards for 2012 of: US Auditing Standards Revision (which increases communication and cooperation between units of government and the audit firms in "Group Audit" situations), Yellow Book revisions (which relates to how much assistance the auditor can provide during audit process), GASB 63 (which changes reporting of certain assets and liabilities), GASB 61 (changes the governmental financial reporting for component units in 2013, mainly the Housing Authority) and GASB 65 (effects inflows and overflows on the balance sheet and will compliment GASB 63 in 2013). Jim suggested the County implement an anonymous fraud hotline. Studies have found that tips are the most common way fraud is uncovered. He said the general fund available fund balance is at 51% as of 12/31/2012 and the recommended range is 15-50% and the unassigned fund balance for working capital is \$960,326 at year end. Our debt limit is 5% of the equalized value which is \$91,754,810 and our outstanding general obligation debt at year end was \$7,281,723. Tom Bice remarked that Amanda Mboga, who did the exit interview representing Baker Tilly with Executive/Finance Committee, did a great job.

**2013-09-01
RESOLUTION**

ARCHIVING AND VIEWING MEETINGS ON COUNTY WEBSITE

WHEREAS there have been requests to view archived Trempealeau County Board and Committee meetings via the Trempealeau County website, and

WHEREAS the County TV Studio has equipment to archive video recordings of County Board and Committee meetings, and the County IT Department has the capability to make such archived recordings available for viewing on the County website, and

WHEREAS in the spirit of open and transparent government, the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors desires to allow streaming (viewing) of recorded meetings on the County website.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the TV Studio shall archive all County Board meetings, and any Committee meetings, that are recorded by TCCTV staff under the TCCTV Open Meeting Coverage Policy, and the IT Department shall make such meetings available for viewing on the Trempealeau County website.

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin, this 16th day of September, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael Nelson

/s/ Ernest Vold

/s/ Tom Bice

/s/ David Suchla

/s/ John Aasen

EXECUTEIVE/FINANCE COOMMITTEE

/s/ Michael Nelson

/s/ Olin Fimreite

/s/ Arild Engelién

/s/ Jay Low

EXTENSION EDUCATION &

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Olin Fimreite and seconded by John Aasen to adopt the resolution. John Aasen asked about live streaming on the web and John Kelly said that live streaming has not been brought to his committee yet, just archiving meetings. Motion carried with a voice vote to approve.

**2013-09-02
RESOLUTION**

SNOWMOBILE GROOMER PURCHASE AND FINANCE

WHEREAS it has been determined that there is a need for another snow groomer to maintain the 222 miles of snowmobile trails in Trempealeau County, and

WHEREAS there has been funding available for the purchase of other grooming machines through the receipt of annual snowmobile trail maintenance funds through the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and

WHEREAS the amount of past payments and future estimated payments indicate that sufficient funds should be received to pay the full cost of a new snow groomer, and

WHEREAS there remains a balance on the present loan, which is to be paid off by December 31, 2013.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Snowmobile Clubs of Trempealeau County, with the cooperation of the Trempealeau County Parks Committee be authorized to purchase a track-type tractor and drag for snow grooming in the amount of \$145,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds for the purchase are advanced through the County General Receivable Account 101.13810 Due on Snow Groomer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Associated Snowmobile Clubs of Trempealeau County pay over to the County a maximum of 10 annual installments until the loan is repaid.

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin this 16th day of September, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael Nelson

/s/ Ernest Vold

/s/ John Aasen

/s/ Tom Bice

/s/ David Suchla

EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE

/s/ Olin Fimreite

/s/ Paul L. Syverson

PARKS COMMITTEE

It was moved by David Suchla and seconded by Michael Nelson to adopt the resolution. Eugene Dubiel was asked to speak on behalf of the Snowmobile Association. He said they are replacing the track machine which was sold outright. It was a 1993 LMC and the hours meter had been replaced several times. The other two groomers they currently have are a 2007 and a 2008 which are tractors with chains. He said the new tractor would be \$80,000 - \$90,000 and the tracks would be \$65,000 - \$67,000. Dick Miller expressed his concern about the general fund balance. David Suchla said a lot of people volunteer their time to put up signs and groom each snowmobile season. We have already made investments in other equipment and bridges and this is an investment in the community. Eugene talked about a bridge being worked on this summer that will not only benefit snowmobilers but also cross country skiing and summer activities too. Rian Radtke, Corporation Council, brought up the issues of insurance, collateral, an agreement with the association and possibly, a promissory note. He said the resolution is not clear if the County purchases the equipment and the association repays the county and then gains ownership? Rob Reichwein said he still doesn't see any answers to questions he brought up last month on this resolution. Rian explained the process of how money is handed from the state to the county and on to the association and clubs. He said it appears that in the 1980's and 1990's the county would purchase the groomer/drag and once the association had made the last payment it became the property of the association. Rian said other counties handle this different ways. He talked to the Eau Claire DNR and there is some concern about the future solvency of the trail maintenance funds that are given each year to the counties who in turn pay the small clubs for signing and grooming which in turn is given back, in part to the association but no one is sure what things will be like in 10 years. David Suchla made a motion to amend the resolution to say: Be it further resolved that the Parks Committee will work out with the associated clubs, ownership and

insurance issues. Tom Bice seconded it. There was concern expressed that if there is a year with little or no snow, could the association then afford to repay on the loan that year. Eugene Dubiel said sometimes the clubs do better on a no snow year. He also said the rail bed in the northern part of the county has different funding available which they received \$9,000 in 2010. Stacy Sylla added that the small clubs send the association about 50% of what they get in reimbursements each year and the association last year got \$11,500 back. This too would help pay on the loan. Rob Reichwein asked what if the clubs vote to give back less to the association. Eugene Dubiel said anything is possible. Tom Bice said these people are our neighbors, they have a good track record and they are sincere in paying back the loan. There was a question why the association needed to run this through the county's funds. Clerk Syverson said the state money has to go through a government entity and then we in turn pay the clubs. He added that we have always used the entire grant, in good years or bad. Olin Fimreite said the associated club is doing a wonderful job marking the 222 miles of trails and in the spring, taking it all down again. He said Stacy puts in a lot of time with the grants and the county has had this relationship with the association for 40 years and it has always been successful. Rian asked for clarification on what David Suchla proposed to amend, so David added to his amendment to include Rian, Corporation Council to work with Parks Committee and the Association and Tom seconded it. Paul Syverson, speaking as a Parks Committee member, said he would like to see language in the resolution to include an agreement with the association. Rob Reichwein said he has a problem with voting yes on something, knowing it will go back and be changed, he would like to see it go back to committee, have them make the changes and then present it back to the full board again. Voice vote was called, motion carried to amend. Rob Reichwein made a motion to send it back to the Parks Committee and Dick Miller seconded it. Much more discussion was held over the resolution wording. Concerns were voiced on delaying this anymore and we might run out of time before the snow flies. Dick Miller took the opportunity to apologize to Eugene Dubiel that the board didn't have their information ready to go. He said the issues tonight have nothing to do with the association but are a reflection on the board's failure to give better direction last month. Roll call vote taken on sending it back to committee failed with 4 yes votes and 11 no votes. The no votes were John Aasen, David Suchla, Olin Fimreite, Michael Nelson, Curtis Skoyen, Ernest Vold, Arild Engelién, Douglas Winters, Jay Low, Tom Bice and George Brandt. The vote will take a 2/3 vote to pass since it involves the general fund. Roll call vote taken on resolution as amended, motion failed with 11 yes votes and 4 no votes; resolution failed. The no votes were Dick Miller, David Larson, George Brandt and Rob Reichwein. More discussion was held. George Brandt made a motion to reconsider and John Aasen seconded it. More discussion held. Voice vote taken, motion carried to reconsider. David Suchla made a motion to rescind the original amendment and amend the resolution and add one more paragraph to be worded as "Be it further resolved that the County will purchase, own and carry insurance on it and ownership will revert back to the Associated Club once paid in full and Be it further resolved that the County waive the bid requirements in the purchase policy rules for this purchase". George Brandt seconded it. Voice vote taken; motion carried. A 2/3 vote would be needed again to approve with all amendments. Roll call taken; motion carried with 13 yes votes and 2 no votes; resolution adopted. The no votes were Rob Reichwein and Dick Miller.

**2013-09-03
RESOLUTION**

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS the Trempealeau County Highway Department has had limited funds for highway maintenance and improvements, and

WHEREAS the costs of projects keep going up due to the increase cost of materials and fuel, and

WHEREAS traffic counts and the type of equipment using our road systems have changed over the years, have an adverse effect on our county highways, and

WHEREAS improvements such as overlays, reclaim and construction, wedging/rut filling, sealcoats, and pavement markings are important to maintain our highway system, and

WHEREAS with these improvements there will be significant improvement to the safety for vehicles and pedestrians on and along improved sections of county highways

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that \$525,000 be transferred from the Undesignated General Fund (Acct. 101.32100) to the 2013 Highway Department Budget (Acct. 701.53318.999) for the County Highway improvements.

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin, this 16th day of September, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John Aasen

/s/ Michael Nelson

/s/ Curtis Skoyen

/s/ David Larson

/s/ Douglas Winters

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY HIGHWAY
COMMITTEE

/s/ Tom Bice

/s/ John Aasen

/s/ Michael Nelson

/s/ Ernest Vold

/s/ David Suchla

EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was moved by John Aasen and seconded by Douglas Winters to adopt the resolution. George Brandt was concerned that we have already given the Highway Department \$505,000 since the last budget. He referred to our accountant Jim Murray stating tonight that doing this practice too often could call into question our practices and might have a negative effect on our future bond ratings. David Suchla talked about some departments that continually underestimate their budget revenues which would offset this somewhat. Dick Miller explained some graphs he handed out to show the general, assigned, unassigned and working capital funds over the last decade and expressed his concern to be cautious on this until we know where we stand. Jim Johnson said that centerline painting needs to be done every three years just to keep up at a cost of \$108,000 a year. His budget is being presented with an increase of \$562,991.24 for 2014. Much discussion held on budgeting and coming up with ideas for getting more money into the Highway budget. Roll call taken; motion carried with 15 yes votes; resolution adopted.

**2013-09-04
RESOLUTION**

EASEMENT FOR LIFT STATION CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

WHEREAS the City of Independence has an existing lift station on Trempealeau County Health Care Center property known as the Annex at 23062 Whitehall Road, Independence since June of 1974 and,

WHEREAS the Highway 93 reconstruction project by the City of Independence requires all sewer and water facilities for the City need a recorded deed or easement and,

WHEREAS no easement is recorded at the Register of Deeds for this lift station.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in consideration of \$1.00, a 25 foot square permanent utility easement around the existing lift station at the intersection of East End Road and Highway 121 be granted to the City of Independence.

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin this 16th day of September, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Douglas Winters

/s/ Nelson Richason

/s/ Barbara Gronemus

/s/ Ernest Vold

/s/ Michelle Haines

TCHCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

/s/ Michael Nelson

/s/ Ernest Vold

/s/ John Aasen

/s/ Tom Bice

/s/ David Suchla

EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was moved by Tom Bice and seconded by Michael Nelson to adopt the resolution. Roll call taken; motion carried with 15 yes votes; resolution adopted.

**2013-09-05
RESOLUTION**

**ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY FROM
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY HOMES, INC**

WHEREAS it is beneficial to the programs of the Trempealeau County Health Care Center and its operation to acquire real estate property owned by Trempealeau County Homes, Inc., and

WHEREAS the property known as Sunrise Manor is located at 612 S. Sobotta Street and 624 S. Sobotta Street, Arcadia, Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS this property's use would reflect the commitment and program function as other homes and apartments within TCHCC's mission and vision,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Trempealeau County Health Care Center become the controlling member of Trempealeau County Homes, Inc.,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that TCHCC Executive Director Mary Gullicksrud is authorized and directed to take such action and execute on the County's behalf the necessary document to accomplish this membership.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
 /s/ Barbara Gronemus
 /s/ Douglas Winters
 /s/ Michelle Haines
 /s/ Ernest Vold
 TCHCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

/s/ Dick Miller
 /s/ Michelle Haines
 /s/ David Larson
 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

It was moved by David Suchla and seconded by Olin Fimreite to adopt the resolution. Mary Gullicksrud spoke about the property and that there is no cost to the Health Care Center. No appraisal was done on the property. Roll call taken; motion carried with 15 yes votes; resolution adopted.

**2013-09-06
 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	\$210.00	\$30.51	\$240.51
Tom Bice	\$175.00	\$91.53	\$266.53
George Brandt (2 mo)	\$210.00	\$82.49	\$292.49
Arild Engelién	\$35.00	\$36.16	\$71.16
Olin Fimreite	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
Michelle Haines	\$70.00	\$28.26	\$98.26
David Larson	\$105.00	\$75.71	\$180.71
Jay Low	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dick Miller	\$140.00	\$54.24	\$194.24
Sally Miller	\$280.00	\$350.88	\$630.88
Michael Nelson	\$210.00	\$33.35	\$243.35
Robert Reichwein	\$105.00	\$54.24	\$159.24

Curtis Skoyen	\$140.00	\$81.94	\$221.94
David Suchla	\$70.00	\$9.04	\$79.04
Ernest Vold	\$385.00	\$341.90	\$726.90
Hensel Vold	\$35.00	\$24.86	\$59.86
Douglas Winters	<u>\$140.00</u>	<u>\$133.34</u>	<u>\$273.34</u>
TOTALS	\$2,450.00	\$1,428.45	\$3,878.45
YTD Totals	\$21,175.00	\$10,549.15	\$31,724.15

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin, this 16th day of September, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Ernest Vold
/s/ Jay Low
/s/ George Brandt
AUDIT COMMITTEE

It was moved by Curtis Skoyen and seconded by Tom Bice to adopt the resolution. Roll call taken; motion carried with 15 yes votes; resolution adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT/APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS: APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE: Clerk Syverson read a letter from Daniel Schreiner, Emergency Management Director, requesting the appointments of Jeff Halvorsen to the LEPC to fill the vacancy created by Jeff McIntyre. Michael Nelson made a motion to approve the appointment and Olin Fimreite seconded it. Motion carried to approve the appointment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE REPORT: Chair Vold said they are on your desks and if there are any questions, contact the clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was none for September.

CLOSING: It was moved by Arild Engelién and seconded by Tom Bice to instruct the Clerk to pay mileage and per diem; roll call vote; motion carried with 14 yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT: John Aasen made a motion to adjourn and Michael Nelson seconded it. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation. Chair Vold declared the meeting adjourned until October 21, 2013 at 7 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Recording Secretary,
Mary Martin

Dist #	SUPERVISOR	PER DIEM	# Of MILES	MILEAGE
1	ARILD ENGELIEN	\$70.00	64	\$36.16
2	DOUGLAS WINTERS	\$70.00	60	\$33.90
3	SALLY MILLER	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
4	JAY LOW	\$70.00	50	\$28.25
5	TOM BICE	\$70.00	54	\$30.51
6	GEORGE BRANDT	\$70.00	34	\$19.21
7	ROBERT REICHWEIN	\$70.00	32	\$18.08
8	DICK MILLER	\$70.00	24	\$13.56
9	MICHELLE HAINES	\$70.00	25	\$14.13
10	JOHN AASEN	\$70.00	10	\$5.65
11	DAVID SUCHLA	\$70.00	14	\$7.91
12	DAVID LARSON	\$70.00	46	\$25.99
13	OLIN FIMREITE	\$70.00	2	\$1.13
14	MICHAEL NELSON	\$70.00	22	\$12.43
15	HENSEL VOLD	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
16	CURTIS SKOYEN	\$70.00	33	\$18.65
17	ERNEST VOLD	<u>\$70.00</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>\$21.47</u>
	TOTALS	\$1050.00	508	\$287.03