

A General Meeting of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday January 17, 2013. Chairman Pete Russo called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A moment of personal prayer was held followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PETITION FOR MEETING

We, the undersigned, being a majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors, Ashland County, Wisconsin do hereby petition that a General Meeting of the Board be called at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 17, 2013, the said meeting to be held for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors of the said Ashland County.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2013.

Signed:	Jim Oakley	Helen Croteau
	Donna Williamson	Charles Ortman
	Gary Kabasa	Joyce Kabasa
	Mike Starck	Pete Russo
	Maxine Kleinsteiber	Clarence L. Campbell
	Rick Korpela	Richard Pufall
	Matt MacKenzie	George Mika

Roll Call:	Present:	Blaszkowski, MacKenzie, Oakley, Campbell, J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall, Croteau, Starck, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Russo, Kempf, Kleinsteiber, Mertig. 18
	Absent:	Lindquist, Kubley. 2
	Excused:	Teague. 1

Motion was made by Joyce Kabasa and seconded by Mike Starck to amend the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2012 COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Motion was made by Helen Croteau and seconded by Bob Blaszkowski to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012 County Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Donna Williamson and members of the Public Property and Law Enforcement Committee presented the following Certificate of Recognition to members of the Ashland County Sheriff's Department:

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
AWARDED TO

Ashland County Sheriff's Department

The Ashland County Public Property and Law Enforcement Committee, on behalf of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, does hereby recognize and honor the Ashland County Sheriff's Department for their quick response, dedication and professionalism in responding to the incident on December 17, 2012 at the Glidden School Building

Awarded this 17th day of January, 2013

Donna Williamson, Chairperson
Ashland County Public Property and Law Enforcement Committee

Mike Miller, President of Northland College was present at the meeting to present a community activity/vision entitled "Ashland Thriving". He distributed the Vision Statement and the Strategic Commitments of the plan, of which he is facilitating. He also noted that the focus is not only on Ashland, but the entire region and reported that the plan is completed.

Mr. Miller invites participation by anyone who is interested. A copy of this document can be found on file in the Ashland County Clerk's office.

ASHLAND COUNTY FOREST ANNUAL WORK PLAN – 2013

Chris Hoffman, Forest Administrator presented the 2013 Work Plan. Motion was made by Bob Blaszkowski and seconded by Helen Croteau to approve the Ashland County Forest Annual Work Plan for 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

A copy of this report can be found on file at the Ashland County Clerk's office.

ASHLAND COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE PLAN 2012-2017

November 2012

Ashland County Library Service Plan, 2012 - 2017

Mission Statement: To make quality library service available to all Ashland County residents of all ages and to provide equitable funding for that service.

I. Background

In 1990, the Ashland County Library Planning Committee was formed, consisting of county board members, trustees and librarians from public libraries, and citizens. A representative from Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) acted as an advisor. A Long Range Plan for Library Service in Ashland County, 1992-94 was developed by the committee and approved by the full County Board in 1991. The committee met to update and revise the plan each year through 1998.

Beginning in 2001, Wisconsin Act 150 required counties to pay each public library in the county at least 70 percent of the cost of library services provided to residents of the county that do not maintain a public library. To address this, a committee was appointed in 1999 to develop a new library plan to be in compliance with Wisconsin Statutes s. 43.12 and Wisconsin ACT 150. The Ashland County Library Service Plan 2005 -2010 was adopted in August 2005. The following plan is being developed in 2012 for the next five year period.

County membership in NWLS includes two board members appointed by the Ashland County Board.

II. Mandates: The libraries are governed by Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 43.

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/43.pdf>

Wisconsin Act 150 and 420 are mandates that also apply to libraries. In 1997, Wisconsin Act 150 established the county's statutory responsibility to provide funding for library services for its residents living in municipalities without libraries. Beginning on January 1, 2001, counties were required to annually reimburse public libraries at least 70 percent of their cost of serving county residents who live outside the library's municipality and have no municipal library of their own. In 2006, Wisconsin Act 420 extended the county's statutory responsibility to provide funding to libraries in adjacent counties.

Statistical Reporting Requirements for Libraries In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, all Ashland County libraries will collect data for establishing Act 150 and Act 420 use statistics for the required county reimbursements. The libraries will use data generated by the shared automated system to develop annual reports to establish Act 150 and Act 420 use statistics. Circulation of materials constitutes use. "Materials" are defined as books, magazines, electronic media or other items circulated by a library. When a patron checks out materials, the number of items and the municipality of that person are recorded. Program attendance, Internet use, reference assistance and general library use are not included in determining library usage statistics. The State of

Wisconsin is looking into guidelines to measure and count internet use, but as of the date of this document the state does not include it in the measurement of library use.

Any library eligible for reimbursement from Ashland County under Wisconsin Act 150 and Act 420 shall provide to the county clerk, by July 1, the following statistics for the previous year: (1) the total number of items circulated to all patrons (total circulation); (2) the number of items circulated to county residents who do not reside in the library's municipality and are not served by their own municipal library (non-resident circulation); and (3) the total annual operating budget of the library, exclusive of federal funds and capital expenditures.

The Library Director of each library will inform the Ashland County Chairman when 1/6 County funding is attained, so a County representative can be appointed as a voting member of that Library's Board to be in compliance with State Statutes x. 43.54 and s. 43.64. <http://docs.legis.wi.gov/statutes/statutes/43/24>

III. Current Services to county residents

Introduction: The county residents are served by four public libraries: Bad River Tribal Library/Odanah; Legion Memorial Library/Mellen; Madeline Island Public Library/LaPointe; Vaughn Public Library/Ashland. Northern Waters Library service provides support service to each of these libraries.

A. NWLS provides services listed in the Northern Waters Library Service Ashland County Library Service Agreement to library staff and users (see attachment A). Here is a list of current direct services to library users.

Catalog

Local Catalog

[Merlin](#) is the regional shared catalog of NWLS member libraries. With a library card patrons can directly request, renew, and can check the status of items either checked out or on hold.

State Catalog

[WISCAT](#) is the Wisconsin library catalog that can be browsed when the Merlin catalog doesn't have what you're looking for. Contact your librarian to request items from WISCAT.

International Catalog

[WorldCat](#) is a worldwide catalog of library collections that includes more than 67 million bibliographic records with items in many different formats. Patrons can access this database at any library or at home with a [user-friendly search page](#).

Digital Media Download Center

The [Wisconsin Public Library Consortium](#) (WPLC) offers a catalog of downloadable ebooks, videos, music and audiobooks that can be reserved and/or checked out on your library card. To get started, click on the WPLC Help link at the top of the page and then select [My Help](#). Refer to the [Digital media Guide](#) for more information about digital resources available to you.

Databases

The following on-line databases provide a wealth of information in a variety of formats. Some of the databases may require a password, available at your local library, or access may be limited to in-library use.

Genealogy Database

[Ancestry Library Edition](#) is an extensive library genealogy research tool. Access is limited to in-library use at any NWLS library. Promotional [training](#) materials are available.

Library Databases

[BadgerLink](#)* offers Wisconsin residents access to [business](#), [health](#), [literature](#), [magazine](#) and [newspaper](#) resources, and many are available in full-text. Magazine coverage ranges from the popular to the academic. [A flyer](#) (PDF) and other [Promotional materials](#) are available. For more information about the EBSCO databases in BadgerLink, visit the [online support center](#). If you are unable to access any BadgerLink database, log in using the [Library Card Access page](#). The following databases are among the many resources available through Badgerlink:

- Auto Repair Reference Center - Repair manuals for most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles, with repair information for most vintage makes starting as far back as 1954.
- Consumer Health Complete - Includes more than 200 health and wellness reference books and encyclopedias, thousands of health reports, drug evaluation sheets, videos, pamphlets and other documents.
- HeritageQuest - Research ancestors and historical sources dating back to the 1700s.
- MasterFILE Premier- A general reference database with nearly 1,700 publications with full text information dating as far back as 1975. Accessed in BadgerLink's Database List.
- NoveList - A readers' advisory database with over 150,000 fiction titles, and over 4000 custom created articles and lists. Access Feature Articles, BookTalks, and Book Discussion Guides along with Author Read-alikes, Readers' Advisory training content and a variety of other reader materials.
- NoveList K-8 - A readers' advisory database for grades K-8 with collection of titles, BookTalks, Recommended Reads book lists and more.
- TeachingBooks.net - Thousands of resources for k-12 multimedia fiction and nonfiction reading activities for educators, librarians, students and families supporting language arts, book clubs, art educators, social studies and much more.
- **BadgerLink** is a project of the Department of Public Instruction's Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning for the citizens of Wisconsin. Funding is provided through the Public Service Commission Universal Service Fund.

Digital Media Resources

[Digital media](#) provided by EBSCOhost and by the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium is available with a library card for patrons of NWLS member libraries. Digital media formats include downloadable ebooks, audiobooks, films, and music. Electronic content is also available through other vendors offering free or individual subscription services.

Job & Career Database

[Job & Career Accelerator](#): Explore careers, find jobs, and get help with resumes, cover letters, interviews and keep track of your job search progress. To access Job & Career Accelerator, set up an account by going to "New User Registration" at <http://jca.learnatest.com/lel/> or by going to "New Users" on the LearningExpress Library home page at <http://www.learnatest.com/LEL/>. A [Quick Start Guide](#) is available to help you get started.

Learning Skills Database

[LearningExpress Library](#) is a learning center for people of all ages and education levels interested in learning extra skills for school or work. People in the NWLS service area can create an account from a library or from home using a library card. [A Quick Start Guide](#) is available to help you get started. [Featured lists](#) of tests, courses and ebooks are available from the Merlin homepage.

B. History of and Services provided by Ashland County Libraries

Bad River Public Tribal Library (BRPTL) Odanah <http://maaskii.wislib.org>

At the Bad River Tribal Library we primarily serve the elders and the young people in our community. We work with students that are in elementary, middle and high school as well as younger children. We also provide tutoring for any student that needs and requests it. When we have tutors we get them from Northland College. We also help elders to get an on-line account and then provide training to help them learn how to use a computer.

Legion Memorial Library (LML) Mellen <http://mellen.wislib.org>
<http://www.facebook.com/legionmemoriallibrary>

Legion Memorial Library opened on March 12, 1927, with the small estate of lumberjack, August Rohloff and the backing of the American Legion. The library was part of Mellen's City Hall a Victorian style building with a bell tower. On March 22, 2010, the library opened the doors to its new home, which it shares with the Senior Center. The Mellen area community is proud and supportive of their library. The Library staff enjoys working with the Mellen Public School staff and students. We have an active *Friends of the Library* organization, who have held the Bellringer Fun Run fundraiser during the 4th of July festivities since 1983. The Mellen Foundation gifted money to help showcase area artists. We have an expanding large print collection thanks to grants from Northern Waters Library Service and the Mead Witter Foundation. Mellen is also home to Copper Falls State Park and the Library is located along the North Country Trail, America's longest National Scenic Trail. We welcome many visitors from near and far, who appreciate the internet and Wi-Fi access, as well as our beautiful new home and its collection of materials.

Madeline Island Public Library (MIPL) LaPointe @ <http://madisland.wislib.org/>

The Madeline Island Public Library is located in the Town of LaPointe on Madeline Island. Madeline Island is one of the Apostle Islands in Wisconsin in beautiful Lake Superior.

The library is housed in a school that was built in 1872. The building itself has been moved several times since it was built. It was originally the Bay View School. In 1927, a new school was built and the building was used as a community center for several years. Then in 1960 the Gary family purchased the building and established the Madeline Island Public Library. An addition to the back of the building was done in 2003. The collection holds over 10,000 books and a variety of other materials available for check out by patrons.

Library (VPL) Ashland @ <http://vpl.wislib.org>
<http://www.facebook.com/VaughnPublicLibrary>

Emeline Patrick Vaughn provided the funds to build the Vaughn Library building in her husband's memory after his death in 1886. Samuel Stuart Vaughn was of the first Yankees to settle near Lake Superior. The Vaughn Public Library in Ashland opened on November 16, 1888 on the corner of Second Street (now Main) and Vaughn Avenue. Emeline was astute enough to provide for the library with money from the F.J. Pool Company on the first floor (the library was located on the second floor) and offices were on the third floor of the building. Thanks to this arrangement, Ashland's library paid for itself until the Depression of the 1930's. At that time although the building was still owned by the Vaughn Library Foundation, \$6,620 in operating expenses began to be paid for by the City of Ashland. The appropriation remained the same for years until the city provided \$14,145 to hire a full time librarian. In 1937, the library moved to the ground floor when Pool's store closed and the Works Progress Administration (WPA) moved into the second floor area. When the building fell into serious disrepair in the 1980s, the City hired an architectural firm to examine the library itself: other possible sites at which the library could be located, and possible sites and costs for building a new building. The Council put the matter to a vote in 1982 and citizens chose to renovate the first and second floors of this building at a cost of \$500,000. The basement was later remodelled with in-house employees and the third floor remodelled later by wee crews. The second floor was home to the Ashland Historical Museum for many

years. In early 2006, a series of murals were painted by local artist Emily Chesley in the Garland Room. Since 2006, many improvements to the building have occurred, including acquisition of additional shelving units, a security gate, and a power assist door for entry into the main floor of the library. Updates include painting of the main floor library, lobby, meeting rooms and staff workroom. Floor repairs, replacement of tile in the lobby, carpeting and window replacements on the 1st and 2nd floors have also been completed.

Non-Public Libraries in the County

Northland College's Dexter Library <http://library.northland.edu/>
and **WITC's Learning Resource Center** <http://www.witc.edu/library/ashland.htm>
are two additional libraries located in Ashland County.

Residents of the greater Chequamegon Bay area are welcome and encouraged to use the resources of the Dexter Library. Area individuals 18 years or older can apply for a library card that, on approval, grants borrowing privileges for books and media (video and DVD). High school students wanting to check out books may have a parent/guardian apply for a library card, someone who is willing to accept financial responsibility for library materials lost or damaged by their child. As a private institution, the College reserves the right to deny use of the library and its services to non-Northland affiliated individuals. Patrons do not have to have a library card to use the library, only to check out materials.

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College operates a Learning Resource Center at the Ashland Campus. An Ashland campus for technical education has been in existence since 1921. WITC uses the term Learning Resource Center (LRC), rather than "library," because of the wide range of services that the LRC provides to the campus. The LRC is responsible for supporting all audio-visual equipment on campus – whether it is installed in a classroom or loaned from the LRC. The LRC also provides access to computers and printers, including large-format printing, and laminating. The LRC maintains a physical and electronic collection dedicated to supporting the programs of study at WITC. The electronic collections are accessible to the public by visiting the LRC on campus. Physical materials can be borrowed from the LRC by the public. In addition, the LRC participates in interlibrary loan services with other libraries in Wisconsin through the WISCAT system.

IV. Governance

Each library is independent and operated according to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 43. Each library has a library board appointed by the appropriate government unit. There are 9 board members on the VPL including a county board representative from both Ashland and Bayfield County. LML has 7 library board members and the MIPL and BRPTL have 5 each plus one teen rep on the BRPTL.

V. Current library usage statistics for county residents

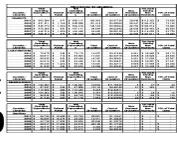
Statistics for non-resident usage of the library for BRPTL are determined by four 1-week samples each year. Automated systems generate statistics for the entire year for VPL, MIPL and LML. The following charts (p. 7 -11) shows statistics for the libraries for several years. Additional data is included in the appendix.

The funding to reimburse Ashland County residents up to 70 percent of the actual costs of providing services to non-resident county patrons is calculated using the formula provided in Wisconsin Statutes s.43.12(1). This formula is dependent on each library's circulation numbers and net operating expenditures (total operating expenditures less any capital expenditures and federal funds.) Using the statistics provided by each library, its cost-per-circulation is calculated by dividing its net operating expenditures by its total circulation. The cost-per circulation is then multiplied by the number of items circulated to non-resident county patrons to obtain the cost of serving those patrons. The formula can be summarized as follows:

Net Operating Expenses ÷ Total Circulation = Cost-per-circulation

Cost-per-circulation X Non-resident Circulation = Service Cost

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Statistics

Annual Report Summaries for

ASHLAND COUNTY LIBRARIES					
	2001	2006	2009	2010	2011
Vaughn Public Library, Ashland					
Registered Borrowers	7,579	9,645	8,916	9,795	9,275
Circulation	142,141	134,562	149,108	151,415	152,682
Books in Print, Audio, Video	32,517	36,102	41,783	43,711	44,441
Items Loaned to Other Libraries	809	9,340	17,823	17,597	16,643
Items Received from Other Libraries	2,911	12,969	15,991	16,786	17,465
Number of Visits	n/a	n/a	139,671	157,533	151,855
Number of Programs	143	193	357	384	395
Attendance at Programs	4,105	3,316	5,640	6,164	6,574
Number of Public Use Computers	6	9	8	16	21
Legion Memorial Library, Mellen					
Registered Borrowers	556	766	908	1,001	938
Circulation	10,009	15,299	15,397	17,931	18,627
Books in Print, Audio, Video	10,137	12,668	13,748	14,097	15,364
Items Loaned to Other Libraries	998	2,125	4,705	4,198	3,721
Items Received from Other Libraries	704	1,989	2,331	2,601	3,274
Number of Visits (estimated)	3,336	5,350	13,188	13,364	15,184
Number of Programs	73	100	108	144	153
Attendance at Programs	420	1,237	1,336	2,138	2,141
Number of Public Use Computers	2	4	4	7	7
Madeline Island Library, LaPointe					
Registered Borrowers	n/a	848	924	1,043	994
Circulation	6,508	7,665	9,445	10,115	10,534
Books in Print, Audio, Video	11,142	11,807	12,673	12,868	13,153
Items Loaned to Other Libraries	34	1,064	2,082	2,209	2,874
Items Received from Other Libraries	224	830	1,315	1,601	1,964
Number of Visits	n/a	6,200	7,864	n/a	n/a
Number of Programs	38	95	122	142	221
Attendance at Programs	473	1,022	1,345	1,524	1,784
Number of Public Use Computers	6	8	14	14	14
Bad River Public Tribal Library, Odanah					
Registered Borrowers	596	851	1,700	1,710	1,680
Circulation	4,170	3,630	20,040	19,411	20,081
Books in Print, Audio, Video	14,701	15,241	16,267	16,790	16,990
Items Loaned to Other Libraries	250	315	145	184	206
Items Received from Other Libraries	20	51	15	45	27
Number of Visits	1,700	7,856	6,200	5,070	5,102
Number of Programs	19	35	15	31	24
Attendance at Programs	70	320	40	17	141
Number of Public Use Computers	3	4	4	4	4
TOTAL FOR ASHLAND COUNTY LIBRARIES					
Registered Borrowers	8,731	12,110	12,448	13,549	12,887
Circulation	162,828	161,156	193,990	198,872	201,924
Collection	68,497	75,818	84,471	87,466	89,948
Items Loaned to Other Libraries	2,091	12,844	24,755	24,188	23,444
Items Received from Other Libraries	3,859	15,839	19,652	21,033	20,766
Number of Visits	5,036	19,406	166,923	175,967	172,141
Number of Programs	273	423	602	701	793
Attendance at Programs	5,068	5,895	8,361	9,843	10,640
Number of Public Use Computers with Internet	12	22	30	41	46

Source: <http://dpi.state.wi.us/pld/dm-lib-stat.html>

Population Related To County Libraries

Year	Municipal Population				Non-Municipal Population				Total Service Population			
	Ashland	LaPointe	Mellen	Odanah	Ashland	LaPointe	Mellen	Odanah	Ashland	LaPointe	Mellen	Odanah
2001	8606	257	847	1096	5086	0	998	11	13692	257	1845	1107
2002	8651	264	852	1096	4922	0	1184	10	13573	264	2036	1106
2003	8601	272	840	1096	5026	0	1083	1	13627	272	1923	1097
2004	8577	275	834	1096	5066	0	1120	1	13643	275	1954	1097
2005	8531	271	818	1096	4639	1	1544	5	13170	272	2362	1101
2006	8534	276	811	1096	4575	4	1610	0	13109	280	2421	1096
2007	8502	281	806	1096	4418	3	1773	0	12920	284	2579	1096
2008	8508	287	799	1096	4515	0	1724	0	13023	287	2523	1096
2009	8509	295	794	1096	4906	0	1455	0	13415	295	2249	1096
2010	8453	309	786	1096	4864	7	1556	0	13317	316	2342	1096
2011	8150	261	724	1096	4473	1	1359	0	12623	262	2083	1096

VI. Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: To continue a permanent working relationship between the Ashland County Board and the Ashland County public libraries.

Objective A: To have the library planning committee meet no less than once a year to review and update the plan.

Who: The UW-Extension community development educator will facilitate the meeting.

Objective B: To send a summary of each library's annual report to the full Ashland County Board by June 30th. (This includes a one page narrative and a one page spreadsheet, see appendix for example report) Annual service charges are sent in June, by statute.

Who: Each library

Objective C: To continue a level of support at or above current levels for those libraries when rural use is minimal or non-existent and therefore do not benefit under Act 150.

Who: County Finance Committee

Objective D: Educate public officials on the value of providing quality libraries in the County.

Who: County Library Board Members on Library Committee

Goal 2: To continue a cooperative partnership with Northern Waters Library Service.

Objective A: To have NWLS continue to be the liaison between the DPI/Division for Libraries, Technology and Community Learning and the local libraries and county.

Who: NWLS

Objective B: Support of Mail-A-Book to assure library access for all county residents.

Who: NWLS

Objective C: Support the NWLS delivery service to ensure the best interlibrary loan service, shared catalogue, data bases, and circulation systems for patrons.

Who: NWLS

Objective D: Support NWLS in its role to provide continuing education and technical support for library staff for the benefit of all library patrons.

Who: NWLS

Objective E: To encourage NWLS to continue grant writing to support the county libraries.

Who: Library Directors and County Administrator

Goal 3: To increase public awareness of available library services.

Objective A: To continue public relations and marketing efforts by libraries.

Who: Librarians

Objective B: To have individual libraries regularly advertise the variety of materials and services available through the library.

Who: Librarians

Objective C: Establish on the County Web site a link to each county library web site and Facebook page.

Who: UWEX and County IT staff

Goal 3: continued

Objective D: Encourage library users to contact public officials about the importance of libraries.

Who: Library Boards, Librarians and staff

Objective E: Encourage local library boards/staff to meet with local municipal officials.

Who: Librarians

VII. Implementation

Each Ashland County library will carry out the goals and objectives to the best of its ability.

VIII. Future Plans

The Ashland County Library Planning Committee will meet annually prior to the County budget process (July) to review and update the plan as needed.

IX. Attachments/Appendix:

- A Northern Waters Library Service Ashland County Library Service Agreements
- B Example annual report

Appendix:

**Northern Waters Library Service
2012 Ashland County Library Service Agreement**

This Agreement is made by and between the Northern Waters Library Service, hereinafter called NWLS, headquartered in Ashland, Wisconsin, and the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, hereinafter called the County Board, located in Ashland, Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, NWLS has complied with the requirements of Chapter 43 of the WISCONSIN STATUTES to establish and maintain a federated public library system and to provide and coordinate library services for the libraries and residents of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer, Vilas, and Washburn counties in Wisconsin;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board agrees to comply with the requirements of Chapter 43 of the WISCONSIN STATUTES for participation in a federated public library system, which include;

1. To adopt and maintain a county plan for library service, [Wisconsin Statutes s.43.15(4)(b)(1)]
2. To provide for funding of the county plan for library service, [Wisconsin Statute 43.15(4)(b)(2)]
3. To maintain support for library services at a level not lower than the average of the previous three years, [Wisconsin Statute 43.15(2)(b)]
4. To enter into a written agreement with the public library system board to participate in the system and its activities and to furnish library services to residents of those municipalities in the county not maintaining a public library. [Wisconsin Statute 43.15(4)(b)(3)]

NOW FURTHERMORE, NWLS agrees to provide library system services in Ashland County as follows.

1. To provide mail-a-book service on behalf of the County Board from NWLS Headquarters to all residents of Ashland County living 15 miles or more from a public library and to those who are homebound. This service includes access to NWLS staff via a toll-free phone line as well as book return boxes in remote locations.
2. To provide a program of delivery to complement resource sharing among all NWLS counties.
3. To provide access to the NWLS area-wide database via the web to all residents of Ashland County
4. To provide collection development grants for Libraries as reimbursement for circulation to residents living within the NWLS area but outside of the Library's county according to Wisconsin Act 150, and for meeting appropriate state library standards.
5. To plan for the future of library services within the county with the public libraries, county board, special groups and library patrons. To promote library services area-wide and to seek alternative funding for improved library services.

NOW FURTHERMORE, the County Board agrees to participate in the Northern Waters Library Service and pay NWLS a county library service fee of \$21,895.00 on or before February 28, 2012.

The term of this agreement is one year, beginning January 1, 2012. Not later than 90 days before the expiration of this agreement both parties shall enter into good faith negotiations for its renewal.

Teresa A Harris
President, NWLS Board of Trustees

9/17/2011
Date

Deq Kuehl
Chairman, Ashland County Board of Supervisors

10/13/2011
Date

*** Annual agreements with NWLS will be added to the plan as they are approved by the County Board.**

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3. To provide access to the NWLS area-wide database via the web to all residents of Ashland County
4. To provide collection development grants for Libraries as reimbursement for circulation to residents living within the NWLS area but outside of the Library's county according to Wisconsin Act 150, and for meeting appropriate state library standards.
5. To plan for the future of library services within the county with the public libraries, county board, special groups and library patrons. To promote library services area-wide and to seek alternative funding for improved library services.

NOW FURTHERMORE, the County Board agrees to participate in the Northern Waters Library Service and pay NWLS a county library service fee of \$21,895.00 on or before February 28, 2013.

The term of this agreement is one year, beginning January 1, 2013. Not later than 90 days before the expiration of this agreement both parties shall enter into good faith negotiations for its renewal.

President, NWLS Board of Trustees

Date

Chairman, Ashland County Board of Supervisors

Date

Sample Annual Report

2011 Report to Ashland County

The Vaughn Public Library was open 300 days, a total of 2,923 hours in 2011. The number of visitors was 151,855, an average of 506 per day. Total checkouts including the monthly deliveries of library materials to two nursing facilities in Ashland was 153,857. There were 19,663 sessions at the 16 public computers. Several members of the Library staff received new computers and due to the second year of a grant from the Gates Foundation, a new photocopier/printer for public use was installed in June, which

features color photocopying, scanning and scan to e-mail functions. During National Library Week, VTAC sponsored the READ photo booth – where patron’s photos with their favorite books were made into READ posters. The Summer Reading Program culminated with the End of Summer Reading Carnival on Vaughn Avenue outside the library with a dunk tank, face painting, a cake walk, Granny Goose and live music. During June and July, the Summer Reading Program featured 30 programs recorded attendance of 916 and over 1,700 hours of reading were logged by participants, an increase of 25% from 2010! Other special programs at the library in 2011 included: Poetry Workshops with Amy Groshek, Wild Rice with Nick VanderPuy, An American Girl Tea Party, Great Pumpkin Contest, Artist in the Library and VSA Creative Power Exhibit, art works created by artists with disabilities. In November, a volunteer began teaching computer workshops in a 3-week series, in the Simpson Technology Room. Our AmeriCorps member provided Food Stamp application assistance to individuals at the library.

Sample Budget Categories for Annual Report
Vaughn Public Library

- Expenditures:**
- Maintenance Costs
 - Professional Services
 - Utilities
 - Cleaning Supplies
 - R & M Equipment
 - R & M Building
 - Labor & Benefits

 - Personnel Costs
 - Labor & Benefits

 - Services
 - Telephone/Delivery
 - Contracts – ex. NWLS

 - Materials & Supplies:
 - Advertising
 - Professional Memberships
 - Training
 - Subscriptions
 - Library Programs
 - Material Processing Supplies

 - Capital Expenditures
 - Print materials
 - Audio Materials
 - Visual Materials
 - Furniture

 - Revenues:**
 - County Contributions
 - Library Fines & Fees
 - Interest
 - Municipal General Fund Transfer

Motion was made by Clarence Campbell and seconded by Joyce Kabasa to approve the Ashland County Library Service Plan for 2012-2017 as presented. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Motion was made by Donna Williamson and seconded by Bob Blaszkowski to move that the Economic Development Fund monies be available to any group or individuals seeking to promote economic development in Ashland County—any such persons would first submit a written proposal to the Finance and Economic Development Committee—any or all of the development fund monies budgeted by the County could be requested in such a proposal—upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the written proposal would then be brought in front of the whole County Board at its next general meeting—the Board of Supervisors would then deal with the proposal as they see fit.

A discussion followed. Motion was made by Joyce Kabasa and seconded by Helen Croteau to allow Ashland Mayor Bill Whalen to speak. Motion carried with two supervisors in opposition. Mayor Whalen commented on economic development and the Ashland Area Development Corporation. The discussion continued.

Motion was made by Helen Croteau and seconded by Matt MacKenzie to table the motion until the next County Board meeting.

Roll Call:	Yes:	MacKenzie, Campbell, Croteau, Starck, Korpela, Mika, Lindquist, Kubley, Kempf, Kleinsteinber, Mertig. 11
	No:	Blaszkowski, Teague, Oakley, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall, Couture, Russo. 8
	Absent:	J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa. 2

RESOLUTION - R01-2013-1110

HONORING PATRICIA SOMPPPI

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Somppi has announced her retirement as of January 4, 2013, after serving Ashland County for 44 years; and

WHEREAS, during her years of faithful and dedicated service, she has earned the admiration and respect of her friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated her ability to meet new challenges with enthusiasm;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ashland County Board of Supervisors expresses its appreciation to Patricia A. Somppi for her many years of dedicated service and contributions to her profession, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors extends to Patricia A. Somppi its best wishes for many years of happiness during her retirement.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 17th day of January, 2013.

Signed:	Pete Russo	Helen Croteau
	Jim Oakley	Donna Williamson
	Charles Ortman	Gary Kabasa
	Mike Starck	Maxine Kleinsteinber
	Clarence L. Campbell	Rick Korpela
	Richard Pufall	Matt MacKenzie
	George Mika	

Motion was made by Matt MacKenzie and seconded by Charles Ortman to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION – R01-2013-1111

AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF \$19,602 FOR A REPLACEMENT TRUCK FOR THE ZONING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Ashland County Zoning office presently utilizes a County owned truck for zoning business and inspections throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the existing truck needs to be replaced due to age and condition, and

WHEREAS, payments for the new truck have been budgeted in the 2013 budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors go on record to borrow \$19,602 for the purchase of a 2013 Ford F150 Extended Cab for the Zoning Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk be authorized to sign the appropriate paperwork.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Finance Committee approved this resolution at its December 26, 2012 Committee meeting and recommended forwarding it on to the full County Board for action.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin this 17th day of January 2013.

Signed:	Pete Russo	Signed:	Helen Croteau
	Donna Williamson		Charles Ortman
	Gary Kabasa		Joyce Kabasa
	Mike Starck		Maxine Kleinsteiber
	Clarence L. Campbell		Rick Korpela
	Richard Pufall		Matt MacKenzie
	Jim Oakley		George Mika

Roll Call:	Yes:	Blazkowski, MacKenzie, Oakley, Campbell, J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall. Croteau, Starck, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Russo, Kempf, Kleinsteiber, Mertig. 18
	No:	0
	Absent:	Teague, Lindquist, Kubley. 3

Motion was made by Mike Starck and seconded by George Mika to adopt the resolution.

RESOLUTION – R01-2013-1112

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASHLAND COUNTY TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR EXECUTION ON A JUDGMENT

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 814.70(2) sets the fee “for serving an execution on a judgment” at \$12.00; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 814.705(1) (a) allows the County Board to establish a higher fee; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 814.705(5)(a) allows the Clerk of Courts to collect a fee of \$5.00 for the issuance of executions, and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Public Property and Law Enforcement Committee on November 7, 2012, the Committee recommended a fee of \$35.00 which includes a \$5.00 fee for the Clerk of Courts, to cover the County's costs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors go on record increasing the fee for execution of a judgment to \$35.00.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 17th day of January, 2013.

Signed:	Pete Russo	Helen Croteau
	Charles Ortman	Gary Kabasa
	Mike Starck	Maxine Kleinsteiber
	Clarence L. Campbell	Rick Korpela
	Richard Pufall	Matt MacKenzie
	Jim Oakley	Donna Williamson
	George Mika	

Roll Call:	Yes:	Blaszowski, MacKenzie, Oakley, Campbell, J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall. Croteau, Starck, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Russo, Kempf, Kleinsteiber, Mertig. 18
	No:	0
	Absent:	Teague, Lindquist, Kubley. 3

Motion was made by Donna Williamson and seconded by Joyce Kabasa to adopt the resolution.

RESOLUTION - R01-2013-1113

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 15 YEAR COMPREHENSIVE
LAND USE PLAN**

WHEREAS, Ashland County has lands enrolled as County Forest pursuant to ss.28.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes and has an approved 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan is a dynamic document to be revised as changing conditions require; and

WHEREAS, demand for ATV use in the County Forest is increasing; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland County Forestry Department is having more problems with directing and enforcing ATV use in the proper places in the County Forest; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland County Forestry and Recreation Committee has modified the 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan to provide clearer language in regards to ATV use, to assist both staff and the public in interpreting the acceptable methods for ATV use (see attached);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, in consideration of the contents of said plan hereby amend it to include the new ATV use language, and direct the Chairman of the Forestry and Recreation Committee to forward the amendment to the plan to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for their approval.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Ashland County Forestry and Recreation
Committee

Dated:

Signed:	Gary Kabasa	Joyce Kabasa
	Clarence L. Campbell	Richard Pufall
	George Mika	Jerry Teague
	Carl Kubley	Gary Mertig
	Frank Kempf	Helen Croteau
	Rick Korpela	Matt MacKenzie

Motion was made by Helen Croteau and seconded by Joyce Kabasa to adopt the resolution.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – R01-2013-1114

**RESOLUTION URGING STATE LEGISLATORS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF
TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS FOR TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s transportation infrastructure is a fundamental component of its ability to attract and retain business and produce jobs; and

WHEREAS, gas tax and vehicle registration fees comprise over 85% of the state’s segregated transportation account. Revenues from these two user fees have been declining and are inadequate to meet the existing transportation needs in this state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s past practice of transferring money from the segregated transportation fund to the general fund has eroded the public’s confidence that the “user fees” they pay through the state gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees will be used for their intended purpose; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s practice of replacing the dollars transferred from the state’s segregated transportation fund with general obligation (GO) bonds put our state in the precarious position of bonding to fund ongoing operations; and

WHEREAS, the debt service for these bonds are being paid for out of the state’s general fund which hinders its ability to fund other programs like Shared Revenue, Youth Aids, Community Aids and courts in the future; and

WHEREAS, Ashland County placed an advisory referendum on the November 2010 ballot asking "Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to prohibit any further transfers or lapses from the segregated transportation fund?"; and

WHEREAS, the people of Ashland County voted overwhelmingly in favor of this constitutional amendment – nearly 70% voted “yes”; and

WHEREAS, Fifty-three other counties in Wisconsin also asked the same advisory referendum question and the support was similar across the state with an average “yes” vote of 70%; and

WHEREAS, first consideration of this constitutional amendment passed the Wisconsin State Legislature overwhelmingly last session, on a bipartisan basis; and

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 session of the Wisconsin State Legislature has the opportunity to pass second consideration of this constitutional amendment and in so doing will give the citizens of the entire state the opportunity to vote for amending the state constitution to ensure transportation revenues are spent for transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, providing constitutional protection for transportation user fees will align Wisconsin with our neighbors in Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland County Highway Committee has voted its support for this Resolution and has submitted it to the Ashland County Board of Supervisors for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors strongly urges our state representatives to vote in favor of second consideration of the joint resolution to protect the transportation fund, thereby giving voters across this state the opportunity to vote on a binding referendum to amend the constitution and ensure the transportation user fees they pay will be spent for transportation purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Scott Walker, State Senator Bob Jauch, State Representative Janet Bewley, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 17th day of January, 2013.

Signed:	Helen Croteau	Charles Ortman
	Gary Kabasa	Joyce Kabasa
	Pete Russo	Mike Starck
	Rick Korpela	Maxine Kleinsteiber
	Clarence L. Campbell	Richard Pufall
	Matt MacKenzie	Donna Williamson
	George Mika	

Roll Call:	Yes:	Blaszkowski, MacKenzie, Campbell, J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall. Croteau, Starck, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Russo, Kempf, Kleinsteiber, Mertig. 17
	No:	Oakley. 1
	Absent:	Teague, Lindquist, Kubley. 3

Motion was made by Bob Blaszkowski and seconded by Joyce Kabasa to adopt the resolution. A discussion followed.

ORDINANCE – O01-2013-77

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR COPIES OF LAND RECORDS DATA AND INCREASING THE FEES FOR REVIEWING CERTIFIED SURVEY MAPS IN ASHLAND COUNTY

WHEREAS, attached to the Ordinance is a schedule listing various fees, and

WHEREAS, at its January 10, 2013, meeting, the County Zoning and Land Committee, after determining such fees to be reasonable and appropriate, recommended that the annexed Fee Schedules be enacted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors,

WHEREAS, all revenue received from fees paid according to the annexed Fee Schedules shall be deposited in the County's Land Records Fund and shall be used to further the County's efforts toward reaching the goals set forth in the Ashland County Land Records Modernization and Integration Plan as approved by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors on May 19, 2011,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Ashland, does ordain that the annexed Fee Schedules, which are incorporated herein by reference, are hereby enacted as Ashland County's Fee

Schedules for Copies of Land Records Data and Reviewing of Certified Survey Maps and County Subdivision Plats, and will be effective immediately upon publication.

The Clerk shall immediately publish this Ordinance as a Class I Notice under Chapter 985 of Wisconsin Statutes.

**FEE SCHEDULE FOR
COPIES OF LAND RECORDS DATA**

DIGITAL COPIES ON CD-ROM:

Assessment rolls.....	\$65.00
Tax rolls.....	\$65.00
Parcel maps.....	\$200.00

Note: The above files will be provided in native format only and will include data for the entire county. Conversion to another format will be the responsibility of the purchaser.

Custom Maps – Creation of digital map upon request

First 15 minutes.....	No fee
Each additional 15 minutes.....	\$10.00

Orthoimagery:

2010.....	\$250.00
2005:	
6” Resolution – County divided into four selections.....	Per Section \$75.00
12” Resolution – Entire county.....	\$250.00

PAPER COPIES OF PARCEL MAPS, SUBDIVISION PLATS AND MAPS OF SURVEY:

	Black & White	Color
24”x36”.....	\$5.00	\$6.00
18”x24”.....	\$3.00	\$4.00
11”x17”.....	\$2.00	\$3.00
8.5”x11”.....	\$1.00	\$2.00

PARCEL INFORMATION, INCLUDING TAX AND ASSESSMENT RECORDS, ZONING MAPS AND ORTHOIMAGERY ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AND PRINTING AT NO CHARGE ON ASHLAND COUNTY’S GIS WEBSITE.

**FEE SCHEDULE FOR REVIEWING OF
ASHLAND COUNTY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAPS
AND COUNTY SUBDIVISION PLATS**

Review Fees (Applies to unincorporated municipalities only):

Certified Survey Maps:

Preliminary review –	
Includes one lot.....	\$150.00
Each additional lot.....	\$50.00
Final review.....	\$50.00

Subdivision Plats

Preliminary review.....	\$100.00
Plus each lot.....	\$20.00

Final review.....\$100.00

Review Fees for Incorporated Municipalities (Optional):

Certified Survey Maps.....\$100.00

Dated this 17th day of January, 2013.

Signed:	Helen Croteau Gary Kabasa Mike Starck Maxine Kleinsteiber Richard Pufall Donna Williamson Pete Russo	Signed:	Charles Ortman Joyce Kabasa Rick Korpela Clarence L. Campbell Matt MacKenzie Jim Oakley George Mika
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Roll Call:	Yes:	Blazkowski, MacKenzie, Oakley, Campbell, J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall. Croteau, Starck, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Russo, Kempf, Kleinsteiber, Mertig. 18
	No:	0
	Absent:	Teague, Lindquist, Kubley. 3

Motion was made by Mike Stack and seconded by Helen Croteau to adopt the ordinance.

JOINT MINING IMPACT COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Joyce Kabasa and seconded by Helen Croteau to join the Joint Mining Impact Committee. A lengthy discussion followed. Donna Williamson called the question, which carried. Motion to join also carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO NORTHERN WATERS LIBRARY SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jeff:

Jamie Klema’s term on the Northern Waters board is up and he’d like to be reappointed. He has been a good trustee and I recommend another term.

Also, a month or two ago we discussed a replacement for Al Lundquist, preferably someone on the County Board, and I believe you said that Clarence Campbell may be appointed.

If you can get these appointments on the agenda that will be helpful. Once I know that the appointments have been made I’ll be in touch with the people.

Thanks,

Jim Trojanowski, Director
Northern Waters Library Service

Motion was made by Helen Croteau and seconded by Joyce Kabasa to confirm the appointments of Jamie Klema and Clarence Campbell to the NWLS Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO MINING IMPACT COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Mike Starck and seconded by Joyce Kabasa to confirm the following appointments to the Ashland County Mining Impact Committee:

Greg BeBeau, Jim Hnath, Emmer Shields, Charles Ortman, Pete Russo, Joe Barabe, Norm Couture, Chris Hoffman, Dick Pufall, Jerry Teague, Joyce Kabasa, Terri Perry

(Alternate), James Oakley, Richard Korpela, Frank Kempf, Marty Vitek, Donna Williamson, Ray Hyde and Robert Blaszkowski.

Motion carried confirming the appointments.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Matt MacKenzie suggested that a resolution be placed on the fall ballot to see if residents support mining under the current law (advisory question). A discussion followed.

Jim Oakley questioned if there was any progress being made on a proposed mining ordinance from Zoning---Mike Starck noted that the Zoning Committee's next meeting is February 14th. A discussion followed.

Charlie Ortman questioned the formation of a committee. A discussion followed.

There being no further business, motion was made by Donna Williamson and seconded by Mike Starck to adjourn. Motion carried. County Board adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather W. Schutte".

Heather W. Schutte
Ashland County Clerk