

A General Meeting of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday January 16, 2014. Chairman Pete Russo called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 16, 2014, the said meeting to be held for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors of the said Ashland County.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 16th day of January, 2014.

Signed:	Charles R. Ortman	Richard Korpela
	Helen Croteau	Maxine Kleinsteiber
	Michael Starck	Dick Pufall
	Donna Williamson	Jim Oakley
	Pep Kabasa	Gary Kabasa
	Jerry Teague	Clarence Campbell
	Norman Couture	

Roll Call: Present: Blaszkowski, MacKenzie, Teague, Oakley, Campbell, J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall, Croteau, Starck, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Lindquist, Russo, Kempf, Kleinsteiber & Mertig. 20

Absent: Kubley. 1

MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2013 COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Motion was made by Joyce Kabasa and seconded by Charles Ortman to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 County Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

SHELDON JOHNSON PRESENTATION HUD REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Sheldon Johnson from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission was present at the meeting to discuss the Northwest Regional Housing Program. Mr. Johnson distributed two handouts-one detailing the program and the second a press release announcing the availability of funds. A copy of these handouts can be found on file in the County Clerk's Office. Comments and questions followed his presentation.

AADC ANNUAL REPORT – DALE KUPCZYK

Dale Kupczyk from the Ashland Area Development Corporation presented and commented on the 2013 Ashland Area Development Corporation Annual Report. Discussion followed. A copy of the report can be found on file in the County Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTION - R01-2014-1138

A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING \$2,000 FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND TO THE NORTHWOODS WOMEN, INC. DBA NEW DAY SHELTER

WHEREAS, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors approved the 2014 Budget for Ashland County on November 12, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Budget allocated \$15,000 to the Contingency Line Item, and

WHEREAS, the Northwoods Women Inc. DBA New Day Shelter requested funding for 2014, which was not included in the county budget, and

WHEREAS, during the budget approval process several supervisors voiced approval for the funding, and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on November 21, 2013, the Finance Committee approved \$2,000 to be allocated from the Contingency Fund to fund the New Day Shelter's request, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors does approve the allocation of \$2,000 from the Contingency Fund to fund the request from Northwoods Women Inc. DBA New Day Shelter.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 16th day of January, 2014.

Signed:	Jerry Teague	Rick Korpela
	Helen Croteau	Maxine Kleinsteiber
	Michael Starck	Charles R. Ortman
	Dick Pufall	Donna Williamson
	J. Oakley	Gary Kabasa
	Clarence Campbell	Norman Couture

Motion was made by Donna Williamson and seconded by Bob Blaszkowski to adopt the resolution.

Roll Call: Yes: Blaszkowski, MacKenzie, Teague, Oakley, Campbell, J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall, Croteau, Starck, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Lindquist, Russo, Kempf, Kleinsteiber & Mertig. 20

No: 0

Absent: Kubley. 1

RESOLUTION - R01-2014-1139

A RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT MINING IMPACT COMMITTEE UNDER WISCONSIN STATUTE 295.443(2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING A REQUEST FOR OPERATING FUNDS TO THE INVESTMENT AND LOCAL IMPACT FUND BOARD UNDER WISCONSIN STATUTE 70.395 AND TO ENGAGE IN ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 295.443 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 295.443(1) Iron County Wisconsin, Ashland County Wisconsin, the Town of Anderson and the Town of Morse have established local impact committees for the purposes of: facilitating communications between operators and themselves; analyzing implications of mining, reviewing and commenting on reclamation plans developing solutions to mining-induced growth problems, recommending priorities of local action, formulating recommendations to the investment and local impact fund board regarding distribution of funds under Wisconsin Statute 70.395 and negotiating a local agreement under Wisconsin Statute 295.443(1m); and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Iron and Ashland and Towns of Anderson and Morse have been affected or are likely to be affected by potential iron mining operations proposed by Gogebic Taconite, LLC or other such entity; and

WHEREAS, local impact committees have been organized under Wisconsin Statute 295.443(1) and have been funded by the appointing authority.

WHEREAS, at the Ashland County Zoning and Land Committee meeting held on December 12, 2013, the Committee approved and recommended forwarding this Resolution to the full Ashland County Board of Supervisors for action.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, the Iron County Board of Supervisors and town boards of the Town of Anderson, Iron County, and Town of Morse, Ashland County.

1. Hereby creates pursuant to the powers granted under Wisconsin Statutes 295.443(1) and 295.443(2) a Joint Mining Impact Committee.
2. The Joint Mining Impact Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of their County or Town Boards with respect to mining-related matters affecting their County or Town.
3. Each municipality shall have one vote on the Joint Mining Impact Committee. Each local committee or municipality shall appoint not more than three people to the Joint Impact Committee.
4. All Joint Mining Impact Committee action must be approved by the respective municipality for it to be binding on the municipality.
5. The Joint Mining Impact Committee shall be open to membership by other affected municipalities upon receipt of request for membership. Equal voting rights shall be afforded each municipality.
6. In carrying out the purposes specified in Wisconsin Statutes 295.443 and 70.395(2), the Joint Mining Impact Committee shall prepare and submit grant applications for each member municipality for operating funds to establish local agreements, educate population, plan for infrastructure needs and monitor water and air quality. Each individual or group application must be approved by the local municipality and reviewed by the Joint Mining Impact Committee prior to submission to the investment and local impact fund board.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 16th day of January, 2014.

Signed:	Helen Croteau	Pete Russo
	Michael Starck	Charles R. Ortman
	Dick Pufall	Donna Williamson
	Jim Oakley	Gary Kabasa
	Clarence Campbell	Rick Korpela
	Maxine Kleinsteiber	

Motion was made by Mike Starck and seconded by Rick Korpela to adopt the resolution. A short discussion followed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - R01-2014-1140

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS 2014-2015

WHEREAS, Ashland County is interested in maintaining, acquiring, insuring or developing lands for public snowmobile trail use and major bridge rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, said public snowmobile trails and major bridge rehabilitation are eligible for funds under s.23.09(26), Stats;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Ashland County apply for funds under s.23.09(26), Stats, for such eligible maintenance, acquisition, insurance, development costs and/or major bridge rehabilitation; and

HEREBY AUTHORIZES, the Ashland County Forest Administrator/Snowmobile Trail Coordinator or anyone officially acting as Ashland County Forest Administrator/Snowmobile Trail Coordinator of Ashland County Forestry Department, to act on behalf of Ashland County to:

Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available, sign documents, and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved projects.

Adopted this 16th day of January 2014.

No: 0

Absent: Kubley 1

RESOLUTION - R01-2014-1142

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO CLOSE THE COURTHOUSE BUILDING WHEN REQUIRED

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate that Ashland County designate the individual who has the duty, responsibility and authority to close the courthouse building when closure is required due to conditions or circumstances present either inside or out such building including matters such as extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, every effort will be made to keep the courthouse open to serve the public.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors hereby designates, names and empowers the County Administrator of Ashland County as the individual having the duty, responsibility and authority to close the courthouse building when closure is required due to conditions or circumstances present either inside or outside such building including matters such as extreme weather and in the event the County Administrator is not available to so act for any reason, the County Clerk shall act as an alternate in place of the County Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to deciding to close the courthouse building, the County Administrator or County Clerk, as the case may be, may consult with the County Sheriff and Judge or Judges for the county regarding the advisability of a closure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution passed on February 14, 1984, be repealed in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee approved this resolution at its January 9th, 2014 meeting.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 16th day of January, 2014.

Signed:	Charles R. Ortman	Maxine Kleinsteiber
	Helen Croteau	Michael Starck
	Dick Pufall	Jim Oakley
	Pep Kabasa	Gary Kabasa
	Clarence Campbell	Norm Couture
	Rick Korpela	

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

RESOLUTION - R01-2014-1143

ADOPTING THE ASHLAND COUNTY ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

FISCAL IMPACT: None

WHEREAS, the County of Ashland recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save tax payer dollars; and

WHEREAS, an adopted all hazards mitigation plan is required by FEMA as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ashland participated jointly in the planning process with Ashland County EM and the other local units of government within the County to prepare an All Hazards Mitigation Plan, which was made available for review via a Legal Notice and a copy of which will reside permanently in the Ashland County Emergency Management Office; and

WHEREAS, at the Ashland County Public Property & Law Enforcement Committee meeting on December 3, 2013, the committee approved forwarding this resolution to the Ashland County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors of the County of Ashland adopts the Ashland County All Hazards Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Emergency Management Department will submit, on behalf of the County, the adopted All Hazards Mitigation Plan to Wisconsin Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency officials for final review and approval. Minor changes been made upon advice from Wisconsin Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency will not require re-adopting this resolution.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 16th day of January, 2014.

Signed:	Charles R. Ortman	Norm Couture
	Helen Croteau	Rick Korpela
	Michael Starck	Maxine Kleinsteiber
	Dick Pufall	Donna Williamson
	Jim Oakley	Pep Kabasa
	Gary Kabasa	Jerry Teague
	Clarence Campbell	

Motion was made by Donna Williamson and seconded by Dick Pufall to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - R01-2014-1144

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PROPOSAL BY PROSPERITY SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN REQUESTING STATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS BY PROVIDING ANNUAL GRANTS OF UP TO \$24,000

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) has an estimated \$18 million in unused WEDC funds; and

WHEREAS, Ashland County is always looking to improve the economic opportunities in their respective communities, county and region; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin intends to leave more economic development responsibilities to local and regional economic development organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ashland County could use financial support from state funding and other resources to support economic development, community development and job creation in Ashland County; and

WHEREAS, at the Ashland County Executive Committee meeting on January 9, 2014, the committee approved forwarding this resolution to the Ashland County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, shall and hereby does, support the proposal from the Prosperity Southwest Wisconsin Region requesting the State of Wisconsin provide financial

assistance to counties supporting economic development organizations in the form of a grant awarded of up to \$24,000 per year to eligible county governments for eventual transfer to their designated county economic development organization(s).

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 16th day of January, 2014.

Signed: Charles R. Ortman Norm Couture
Helen Croteau Rick Korpela
Michael Starck Dick Pufall
Donna Williamson Jim Oakley
Pep Kabasa Gary Kabasa
Jerry Teague Clarence Campbell
Maxine Kleinsteiber

Motion was made by Bob Blaszkowski and seconded by Dick Pufall to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

County Treasurer

REPORT OF ASHLAND COUNTY TREASURER ASHLAND, WISCONSIN

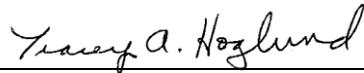
To the County Board of Supervisors, Ashland County, Wisconsin

County Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and
Disbursements as of 01/09/2014

COUNTY GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUND

Cash Balance on Hand as of 12/01/2013	<u>\$1,278,665.04</u>
Receipts 12/01/13 through 12/31/13	<u>+ \$1,110,367.32</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,389,032.36</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$1,710,516.08</u>
CASH BALANCE ON HAND	<u>\$678,516.28</u>
Total all Special Accts. Principal Amounts	<u>\$3,040,898.71</u>
Interest on Special Accounts	\$85,817.39

I, Tracey A. Hoglund, Ashland County Treasurer for Ashland County, Ashland, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of receipts, disbursements, balances and investments with interest for the period ending 12/01/2013.



Tracey A. Hoglund, Ashland County Treasurer
Ashland County, Wisconsin

Land Description

TAX LISTING OFFICE
 ASHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN
 REPORT FROM JANUARY 1, 2013 – DECEMBER 31, 2013
COUNTY-OWNED LANDS DISPOSED

<u>District</u>	<u>Sold For</u>	<u>Certificate Special Assessments</u>	<u>Tax Cert.</u>	<u>Special Pd.</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
Gordon Sold together 010-00062-0000 &010-00063-0000	\$ 4,260.81	-0-	\$2,820.20	-0-	\$ 263.00	+\$1,177.61
La Pointe 014-00214-0500	\$8,000.00	-0-	\$3,276.66	-0-	\$ 97.00	+\$4,626.34
Morse 018-00833-0000	\$1,800.00	-0-	\$560.50	-0-	\$40.50	+\$1,199.00
White River 026-00517-0100	\$5,010.00	-0-	\$1,366.98	-0-	\$5.00	+\$3,638.02
City of Mellen All sold together 251-00446-0000 & 251-00447-0000 & 251-00448-0000 & 251-00449-0000	\$1,000.00	-0-	\$383.79	-0-	-0-	+\$616.21
City of Mellen 251-00452-0000 & 251-453-0000	\$1,000.00	-0-	\$196.74	-0-	-0-	+\$803.26
City of Ashland 201-01783-0000	\$4,583.92	\$165.87 (spec. pd)	928.95	\$208.31	\$426.50	+\$1,020.16
City of Ashland 201-02368-0000	\$7,125.00	\$1,211.87 (spec pd)	\$4,163.53	\$1,545.50	\$271.54	+\$1,144.43
Totals	\$32,779.73	\$1,377.74	\$15,697.35	\$1,753.81	\$1,103.54	+\$14,225.03

Total Number of Parcels Sold13
 Total Number of Parcels Taken By Tax Deeds6
 Cutting Permits Issued for 2012158
 Cutting Permits Issued for 2013153
 Certificates Cancelled by County Board 2 Totaling \$ 663.39

William K. Metzinger

 William K. Metzinger
 Ashland County Tax Lister

Motion was made by Joyce Kabasa and seconded by Bob Blaszkowski to approve the Treasurer and Land Description Reports and to place on file. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT TO NORTHERN WATERS LIBRARY SERVICE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

Motion was made by Jerry Teague and seconded by Helen Croteau to confirm the appointment of Clarence Campbell to the NWLS Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Jeff Beirl noted that Superior Days will be held on February 18th and 19th. He also referred to a memo which was directed at the Supervisors asking for input on future committee appointments.

Clarence Campbell cautioned board members to be aware of the implications of voicing personal opinions in a public forum.

There being no further business, motion was made by Joyce Kabasa and seconded by Jerry Teague to adjourn. Motion carried. County Board adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather W. Schutte
Ashland County Clerk