

A General Meeting of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, September 18, 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, September 18, 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 18th day of September, 2014.

Signed:	James Oakley	Charles Ortman
	Richard Korpela	Carl Kubley
	Jerry Teague	George Mika
	Kenneth Lindquist	Patrick Daoust
	Gary Kabasa	Gary A. Mertig
	Kathy L. Schutte	Matthew MacKenzie
	Richard Pufall	Joyce Kabasa
	Frank Kempf	Donna Williamson
	Norman Couture	

Motion was made by Joyce Kabasa and seconded by Carl Kubley to amend the agenda to change Item #3 to a Presentation by Nathan Kilger and to remove Item #4 – Capital improvements. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Present: MacKenzie, Teague, Oakley, J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall, Daoust, Rose, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Lindquist, Russo, Kubley, Kempf, Schutte, Mertig. 19

Absent: 0

Excused: Green, Campbell. 2

### **MINUTES JUNE 19, 2014 COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

Motion was made by Jerry Teague and seconded by Joyce Kabasa to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2014 County Board meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Donna Williamson and seconded by Joyce Kabasa to table the presentation by the Bad River Air Quality Specialist. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION – R09-2014-1163**

#### **A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION R06-2001-689 AND RECREATING A HUMAN SERVICES NON-LAPSING FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Ashland County Human Services Department responsibly and compliantly administered the 1997-1999 W-2 Contract with the State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development awarded counties performance bonuses for implementing and administering a quality program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors has the authority to raise or implement service fees for county services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ashland County Human Services Department received a performance bonus and currently has a fund balance of \$281,453; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ashland County Human Services Board authorizes the use of this money for any Ashland County Human Services Department program or service; and

**WHEREAS**, at its June 18, 2014 Committee meeting, the Ashland County Health and Human Services approved this resolution and recommended forwarding it to the full County Board for action.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a non-lapsing fund in the amount of \$281,453 be established for the Ashland County Human Services Department to use the W-2 Performance Profit Award for programs and services administered by the Ashland County Health & Human Services Department.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 18th day of September, 2014.

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	Richard Korpela	Carl Kubley
	Jerry Teague	George Mika
	Kenneth Lindquist	Patrick Daoust
	Gary Kabasa	Gary A. Mertig
	Kathy L. Schutte	Matthew MacKenzie
	Richard Pufall	Joyce Kabasa
	Frank Kempf	Donna Williamson
	Norman Couture	

Motion was made by James Oakley and seconded by Joyce Kabasa to adopt the resolution. Jeff Beirl commented on the resolution. A discussion followed.

Roll Call: Present: MacKenzie, Teague, Oakley, J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall, Daoust, Rose, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Lindquist, Russo, Kubley, Kempf, Schutte, Mertig. 19

Absent: 0

Excused: Green, Campbell. 2

#### **RESOLUTION - R09-2014-1164**

##### **AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE 2014 BUDGET TO PAY OFF THE VEHICLE USED TO TRANSPORT VETERANS**

**WHEREAS**, the Veteran Service office borrowed funds in 2013 for the purchase of a vehicle to transport Veterans to their medical appointments; and

**WHEREAS**, there are unexpended funds in the health insurance line item of the 2014 Veteran Service budget due to a retirement in January, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Veteran Service Officer recommended using the unexpended funds to pay off the van loan, thus saving interest costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance and Economic Committee at their August 25, 2014 committee meeting, recommended that the money in the health insurance line item be used to pay off the vehicle used for veteran transports.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors go on record to use the funds in the health insurance line of the 2014 Veteran Service budget to pay off the loan that was used to purchase the vehicle for veteran transports.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 18th day of September, 2014.

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	Jerry Teague	George Mika
	Kenneth Lindquist	Patrick Daoust
	Gary Kabasa	Gary A. Mertig
	Kathy L. Schutte	Matthew MacKenzie
	Richard Pufall	Joyce Kabasa
	Frank Kempf	Norman Couture
	Donna Williamson	

Motion was made by Jerry Teague and seconded by Joyce Kabasa to adopt the resolution.

Roll Call: Yes: MacKenzie, Teague, Oakley, J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall, Daoust, Rose, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Lindquist, Russo, Kubley, Kempf, Schutte, Mertig. 19

No: 0

Excused: Green, Campbell. 2

#### **RESOLUTION - R09-2014-1165**

#### **A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT AID**

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Ashland County, Wisconsin hereinafter referred to as the Sponsor, being a municipal body corporate of the State of Wisconsin, is authorized by law (sec. 114.11, WI. Stats.) to acquire, establish, construct, own, control, lease, equip, improve, maintain, and operate an airport; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sponsor desires to develop or improve the John F. Kennedy Memorial Airport, Ashland County, Wisconsin.

#### **"PETITION FOR AIRPORT PROJECT"**

**WHEREAS**, airport users have been consulted in formulation of the improvements included in this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on July 24, 2014 prior to the adoption of this petition in accordance with Chapter 114.33(2) as amended, and a transcript of the hearing is transmitted with this petition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Airport Commission approved and passed this petition on July 24, 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Ashland County Board, that a petition for Federal and (or) State Aid in the following form is hereby approved:

The petitioner, desiring to sponsor an airport development project with Federal and State Aid or State Aid only, in accordance with the applicable State and Federal laws, respectfully represents and states:

1. That the airport, which it is desired to develop, should generally conform to the requirements for a General Aviation type airport as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration.

2. The character, extent, and kind of improvements desired under the project are as follows: construct snow removal equipment building, remove old and construct new beacon, reconstruct taxiways, land acquisition in runway approaches and for airport development, purchase snow removal and mowing equipment, clear and maintain runway approaches as stated in WI. Admin. Code Trans §55, and any necessary related work.

3. That the airport project, which your petitioner desires to sponsor, is necessary for the following reasons: to meet the existing and future needs of the airport.

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that the improvements petitioned for as listed will be funded individually or collectively as funds are available, with specific project costs to be approved as work is authorized, the proportionate costs of the airport development projects described above which are to be paid by the Sponsor to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) to be held in trust for the purposes of the project; and unneeded and unspent balance after the project is completed is to be returned to the Sponsor by the Secretary; the Sponsor will make available any additional monies that may be found necessary, upon request of the Secretary, to complete the project as described above; the Secretary shall have the right to suspend or discontinue the project at any time additional monies are found to be necessary by the Secretary, and the Sponsor does not provide the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sponsor is required by law (sec. 114.32(5), WI. Stats.) to designate the Secretary as its agent to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse any funds granted by the United States under the federal Airport and Airway Improvement Act, and is authorized by law to designate the Secretary as its agent for other purposes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Sponsor that the Secretary is hereby designated as its agent and is requested to agree to act as such, in matters relating to the airport development project described above, and is hereby authorized as its agent to make all arrangements for the development and final acceptance of the completed project whether by contract, agreement, force account or otherwise; and particularly, to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse federal monies or other monies, either public or private for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance and operation of the airport, and, to acquire property or interests in property by purchase, gift, lease, or eminent domain under WI. Stat. §32.02; and, to supervise the work of any engineer, appraiser, negotiator, contractor or other person employed by the Secretary; and, to execute any assurances or other documents required or requested by any agency of the federal government and to comply with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations relating to airport development projects.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Sponsor requests that the Secretary provide, per WI. Stat. §114.33(8)(a), that the Sponsor may acquire certain parts of the required land or interests in land that the Secretary shall find necessary to complete the aforesaid project.

#### **“AIRPORT OWNER ASSURANCES”**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sponsor agrees to maintain and operate the airport in accordance with certain conditions established in WI. Admin. Code Trans § 55, or in accordance with Sponsor assurances enumerated in a federal grant agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chairman and the County Clerk be authorized to sign and execute the agency agreement and federal block grant owner assurances authorized by this resolution.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 18th day of September, 2014.

Signed:	Charles Ortman	James Oakley
	Richard Korpela	Carl Kubley
	Jerry Teague	George Mika
	Kenneth Lindquist	Patrick Daoust
	Gary Kabasa	Gary A. Mertig
	Kathy L. Schutte	Matthew MacKenzie
	Richard Pufall	Norman Couture
	Frank Kempf	Joyce Kabasa
	Donna Williamson	

Motion was made by Joyce Kabasa and seconded by Richard Pufall to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Yes: MacKenzie, Teague, Oakley, J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall, Daoust, Rose, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Lindquist, Russo, Kubley, Kempf, Schutte, Mertig. 19

No: 0

Excused: Green, Campbell. 2

#### **RESOLUTION - R09-2014-1166**

#### **ASHLAND COUNTY RESOLUTION DISSOLUTION OF NORTHWEST LONG TERM CARE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. § 46.2895(13) UPON SATISFACTION OF CONDITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Iron County, Ashland County, Bayfield County, Douglas County, Burnett County, Washburn County, Sawyer County, Price County, Rusk County, Barron County and Polk County adopted resolutions creating the Northwest Long Term Care District d/b/a NorthernBridges (“NorthernBridges”) pursuant to Wis. Stat § 46.2895; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2009, NorthernBridges has provided family care services to eligible residents within the 11-county region comprising NorthernBridges commonly known as GSR-7; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Health Services (“DHS”) awarded the contract to provide family care services in GSR-7 to an entity other than NorthernBridges commencing January 1, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, DHS’s award of the family care contract for GSR-7 to an entity other than NorthernBridges has resulted in NorthernBridges being required to expend significant resources outside the course of NorthernBridges’ ordinary course of business related to payment of claims incurred prior to closure but not reported until after closure, closure of offices, retention of member records (electronic and paper) and adjustment of long-term liabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, given the outstanding planned obligations and liabilities, coupled with the loss of all revenue, NorthernBridges will have insufficient funds to meet its obligations to all existing and potential creditors; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to provide for the orderly wind-down of NorthernBridges’ affairs and payment of outstanding NorthernBridges’ creditors, in part or in full, NorthernBridges filed a lawsuit, Case No. 2014CV000011 (“Lawsuit”) in Sawyer County Circuit Court (“Court”) requesting, in significant part, that the Court appoint a receiver over NorthernBridges’ financial and operations affairs pursuant to Wis. Stats. Chap. 813; and

**WHEREAS**, NorthernBridges has no continuing business operations and undertakes no activities related to the purpose for which it was formed, which was to contract with DHS for the provision of family care services; and

**WHEREAS**, once the receiver's work is done and the Court discharges the receiver, there will be no further reason for NorthernBridges to exist as an entity; and

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. § 46.2895(13) provides that the following process is required in order to dissolve NorthernBridges:

Subject to the performance of the contractual obligations of a long-term care district and if first approved by the secretary of the department, the long-term care district may be dissolved by the joint action of the long-term care district board and each county or tribe or band that created the long-term care district and has not withdrawn or been removed from the district under sub. (14). If a long-term care district that is created by one county or tribe or band is dissolved, the property of the district shall be transferred to the county or tribe or band that created it. If a long-term care district is created by more than one county or tribe or band, all of the counties, tribes or bands that created the district and that have not withdrawn or been removed from the district under sub. (14) shall agree on the apportioning of the long-term care district's property before the district may be dissolved. If the long-term care district operates a care management organization under s. 43.284, disposition of any remaining funds in the risk reserve under s. 46.284(5)(e) shall be made under the terms of the district's contract with the department.

**WHEREAS**, upon termination of the Litigation, NorthernBridges will have performed all obligations required of the contract between DHS and NorthernBridges related to the provision of family care services; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution is intended to act as Ashland County's official action authorizing the dissolution of NorthernBridges provided that the dissolution does not occur until such time as the Court discharges the receiver and the Court enters final judgment in the Lawsuit; and

**WHEREAS**, the NorthernBridges Board of Directors has authorized dissolution of NorthernBridges by resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto and labeled Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein; and

**WHEREAS**, NorthernBridges' counsel has prepared the Articles of Dissolution officially dissolving NorthernBridges, a copy of which is attached hereto and labeled Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, the Articles of Dissolution will not be filed until the conditions set forth in this Resolution and the NorthernBridges Board resolution have been satisfied; and

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of DHS may rely on this Resolution as action on the part of Ashland County authorizing dissolution of NorthernBridges consistent with the terms contained in this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Ashland County hereby authorizes dissolution of NorthernBridges pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 46.2895(13) provided, however, that this Resolution and any action authorized by this Resolution, including, without limitation, the filing of the Articles of Dissolution, shall not be effective until the following events have occurred: (a) the Court discharges the receiver in the Litigation; (b) the Court enters a final judgment in the Litigation; (c) all eleven (11) county boards that formed NorthernBridges act to authorize dissolution of NorthernBridges by adopting a resolution substantially similar to this Resolution; and (d) the Secretary of DHS authorizes the dissolution of NorthernBridges; and
2. The county boards of the ten (10) other counties that formed NorthernBridges and the Secretary of DHS are entitled to rely upon this Resolution as official action on the part of Ashland County authorizing the dissolution of NorthernBridges consistent with the terms contained herein. Upon satisfaction of the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraph 1, no further action on the part of Ashland County shall be necessary in order to authorize the dissolution of NorthernBridges; and
3. NorthernBridges' counsel is authorized to file the Articles of Dissolution upon satisfaction of the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraph 1 and the terms and conditions set forth in the NorthernBridges resolution; and
4. To the extent any assets of NorthernBridges remain following dissolution, such assets shall be returned pro-rata to the eleven (11) counties that formed NorthernBridges.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Ashland County Health and Human Services Board approved this resolution at its June 18, 2014 Committee Meeting and recommended forwarding it to the full County Board for action.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 18th day of September, 2014.

Signed:	Charles Ortman	James Oakley
	Richard Korpela	Carl Kubley
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	Donna Williamson	

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

Roll Call: Yes: MacKenzie, Teague, Oakley, J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Ortman, Williamson, Pufall, Daoust, Rose, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Lindquist, Russo, Kubley, Kempf, Schutte, Mertig. 19

No: 0

Excused: Green, Campbell. 2

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**COUNTY TREASURER**

REPORT OF ASHAND COUNTY TREASURER  
ASHLAND, WISCONSIN

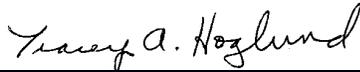
To the County Board of Supervisors, Ashland County, Wisconsin

County Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and  
Disbursements as of 08/01/14

COUNTY GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUND

Cash Balance on Hand as of 08/01/14	<u>4,808,707.65</u>
Receipts 08/01/14 through 08/30/14	<u>10,131,639.61</u>
TOTAL	<u>14,940,347.26</u>
Disbursements	<u>14,415,233.90</u>
CASH BALANCE ON HAND	<u>525,113.36</u>
Total all Special Accts. Principal Amounts	<u>3,040,898.71</u>
Interest on Special Accounts	122,806.88

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 08/30/14.



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

Motion was made by Matt MacKenzie and seconded by George Mika to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and to place on file. Motion carried.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

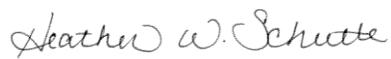
George Mika, on behalf of the Land Conservation Committee, invited the board to attend the tour of land conservation projects being held tomorrow.

Matt MacKenzie requested that an agenda item to be added to the next County Board meeting reminding the County Board members what has been passed as a board in regards to the mining issue.

Discussion was held on the change in size of the Mining Impact Committee and changes to existing committees

There being no further business, motion was made by Donna Williamson and seconded by Jerry Teague to adjourn. Motion carried with two in opposition. County Board adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather W. Schutte  
Ashland County Clerk