

A General Meeting of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016. Chairman Pete Russo called the meeting to order at 9:03 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, February 18, 2016, 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 February, 2016.

Signed:	Carl Kubley	Kenneth Lindquist
	Gary A. Mertig	Pete Russo
	Ken Wheeler	Patrick Daoust
	Richard Korpela	Kathy L. Schutte
	Joyce "Pep" Kabasa	Gary Kabasa
	Matthew MacKenzie	Richard Pufall
	George Mika	Clarence Campbell

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

Absent: 0

Excused: Oakley, Ortman. 2

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 2015 COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Motion was made by Gary Mertig and seconded by Richard Pufall to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 County Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mayor Deb Lewis spoke on behalf of Richard Ketring who was unable to attend the meeting and handed out a letter and a copy of City of Ashland Resolution #17250.

Motion was made by Joe Rose and seconded by Jerry Teague to allow Mike Berlin to speak in regards to CAFO. Motion carried with one in opposition. Mr. Berlin was allowed to address the board for five minutes.

SUMMARY OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN ASHLAND COUNTY AND WPPA LOCAL 219

Motion was made by Matt MacKenzie and seconded by Donna Williamson to approve the tentative agreement by and between Ashland County and WPPA Local 219.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Excused: Oakley Ortman. 2

Motion was made by Clarence Campbell and seconded by Donna Williamson to go into Closed Session for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Excused: Oakley Ortman. 2

The Board convened in closed session at 9:28 a.m.

Motion was made by Gary Mertig and seconded by Kathy Schutte to revert back to Open Session.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Excused: Oakley Ortman. 2

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:50 a.m.

RESOLUTION - R02-2016-1213

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COOPERATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTHERN STATE POWER COMPANY AND ASHLAND COUNTY,

WHEREAS, Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation (“NSPW”), filed an amended complaint against the County and others in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin alleging, *inter alia*, that the County and others defendants were liable to NSPW for certain past and future costs of investigating and cleaning up the Ashland Superfund Site and for certain Natural Resource Damages, *Northern States Power Co. v. City of Ashland, et al.*, Case No. 12-CV-602 (W.D.Wis.) (the “Federal Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, the County in the Federal Litigation, denied NSWP’s allegations and filed counterclaims against NSPW, which NSPW denied; and

WHEREAS, a judgment was entered on September 15, 2015 in the Federal Litigation (the “Judgment”) which found that the County had no liability at the Superfund Site and dismissed the County from the lawsuit. NSPW has appealed that Judgment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit *Northern States Power Co. v. City of Ashland and Ashland County*, Case No. 15-3289 and 15-3411 (8th Cir.) (the “Federal Appeal”); and

WHEREAS, NSPW and Ashland County through their attorneys' have created a Cooperation and Settlement Agreement under which NSPW will dismiss the Federal Appeal; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland County Executive Committee at its February 1, 2016 meeting recommended approval and forwarding the Cooperation and Settlement Agreement to the full Board of Ashland County Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the Cooperation and Settlement Agreement with Northern States Power and authorizes the proper County authorities to execute this Agreement and any other documents required to fulfill this Resolution.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 18th day of February, 2016.

Motion was made by Clarence Campbell and seconded by Jerry Teague to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried.

Roll Call: Yes: Wheeler, MacKenzie, Teague, Campbell, G. Kabasa, Williamson, Pufall, Daoust, Rose, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Lindquist, Russo, Kubley, Kempf, Schutte, Mertig. 18

No: 0

Abstain: J. Kabasa. 1

Absent: 0

Excused: Oakley Ortman. 2

RESOLUTION - R02-2016-1214

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE ASHLAND LAKEFRONT SUPERFUND SITE REMEDIATION

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("WDNR") are facilitating the investigation and remediation of contamination discovered at the Ashland Lakefront Superfund Site ("Site"); and

WHEREAS, Northern States Power Company ("NSPW") entered into a "Consent Decree between the United States, Wisconsin, Northern States Power Company, and the Bad River and Red Cliff Bands Of The Lake Superior Tribe Of Chippewa Indians," approved by the court in United States of America and The State Of Wisconsin v. Northern States Power Company (12-cv-565-bbc) on October 18, 2012 to perform work to remediate soils and groundwater on the land-side of the Site; and

WHEREAS, EPA, WDNR, and Northern States Power Company ("NSPW") are evaluating potential remedies for the remediation of Site sediments in Chequamegon Bay; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ashland ("County") desires the implementation of a safe, protective and cost-effective sediment remedy at the Site, and recognizes that a more cost-efficient remedy will benefit County ratepayers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors for the County of Ashland does ordain as follows:

Purpose:

The purpose of this Resolution is to support the expeditious, safe, and cost-effective resolution of the Site remediation. Specifically, the County of Ashland resolves: The County

is in favor of a safe, effective and economical remedy for the Site that protects the environment. The Site is outside the jurisdiction of the County and under Wisconsin home rule principles; the County has no role in the approval of any remedy for the Site. The County is interested in seeing an effective remediation proceeding without unnecessary delay.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 18th day of February, 2016.

Motion was made by Patrick Daoust and seconded by Donna Williamson to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - R02-2016-1215

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO ELECTED OFFICIALS OF ASHLAND COUNTY

WHEREAS, at its February 1, 2016 meeting, the Executive Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Ashland County, per Wisconsin Statute § 59.22(1)(a) 1 and 2, considered the compensation of the elected officials of Ashland County and recommend the increases set forth below.

4-Year Term of Office

	01/01/2017	01/01/2018	01/01/2019	01/01/2020
Register of Deeds	\$50,500	\$51,500	\$52,000	\$52,500
County Clerk	\$50,500	\$51,500	\$52,000	\$52,500
County Treasurer	\$50,500	\$51,500	\$52,000	\$52,500

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors go on record setting the wages for the Register of Deeds, County Clerk and County Treasurer as stated above for the new four (4) year term of office for 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned County elected officials are entitled to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with law and the County shall pay only its share of contributions required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned County elected officials are entitled to participate in the County's health insurance program subject to the terms and conditions of the program, which may be modified from time to time, under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial County employees who are not law enforcement managerial employees or non-represented managerial employees described in Wisconsin Statute §11.70(1)(mm).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each elected official is eligible for and may elect to participate in the fringe benefit package provided to full-time non-represented employees of Ashland County. Such eligibility and participation is subject to the same terms and conditions as full-time non-represented employees of Ashland County.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 18th day of February, 2016.

Motion was made by Joyce Kabasa and seconded by Rick Korpela to adopt the resolution.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Excused: Oakley Ortman. 2

RESOLUTION - R02-2016-1216

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF A NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY IN THE GREATER CHEQUAMEGON BAY REGION OF LAKE SUPERIOR

WHEREAS, Lake Superior contains 10% of the world's freshwater and some of the nation's most significant and unspoiled marine natural and cultural resources and scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Chequamegon Bay Region, an area between Port Wing and the mouth of the Montreal River, contains a significant concentration of these cultural and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Lake Superior marine resources first brought the Lake Superior Ojibwe Nation (Anishinaabe) to the Greater Chequamegon Bay Region, and later attracted fur traders, subsistence and commercial fishermen, loggers and farmers, thereby creating a rich cross-cultural marine heritage that continues to connect and support communities today; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chequamegon Bay Region contains unprecedented submerged natural and ecological resources with sacred meaning to Anishinaabe indigenous people that continue to provide subsistence and support traditional uses that have spanned thousands of years and have supported maritime travel and commerce by indigenous and non-indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chequamegon Bay Region contains as many as 21 shipwrecks, including 9 on the National Register of Historic Places, and is recognized by the Wisconsin Historical Society's Maritime Trail Initiative as having the greatest concentration of these sites within Wisconsin's Lake Superior waters; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Chequamegon Bay Region encompasses critical marine habitats that sustain marine species that are culturally, biologically, and commercially important not only to this area but all of Lake Superior, and to both the U.S. and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recently initiated a process for communities to nominate their most treasured places in the marine and Great Lakes waters for consideration as national marine sanctuaries (NMS); and

WHEREAS, NOAA national marine sanctuaries preserve extraordinary scenic beauty, biodiversity, historic connections, and economic productivity of the nation's most precious underwater treasures for future generations, and foster an understanding of our country's maritime heritage and landscape; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Greater Chequamegon Bay NMS will recognize Lake Superior's extraordinary marine cultural and natural resources and leverage investments made by local, state, and federal agencies, tribal governments, private and non-profit entities, and educational institutions through development and promotion of educational programs, historic maritime museums, parks, and cultural monuments, lighthouses, and marine-based recreation thereby enhancing tourism as a key component of economic development for this region and the state; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chequamegon Bay NMS will create opportunities for marine science research and public educational outreach thereby enhancing understanding of the cultural and environmental importance of Great Lakes marine environments through application of science, technology, engineering, and traditional ecological knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chequamegon Bay Region NMS will become a tourist destination, contributing to the local economy by attracting fishermen, divers, snorkelers, boaters, maritime enthusiasts, and tourists who enjoy its diverse natural and cultural maritime resources; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chequamegon Bay Region NMS offers unique opportunities for partnership and collaborations among state and federal agencies and tribal governments, for maritime research, education outreach, and conservation; and

WHEREAS, local resources and infrastructure may be offered in partnership with NOAA to complement and enhance a NMS, but no state or local matching funds or on-going operational support are required in order to nominate or establish a NMS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors agrees to partner with our neighboring counties and communities to support the nomination of the Greater Chequamegon Bay NMS along the shores and waters of Bayfield, Ashland, and Iron Counties.

Respectfully submitted:

Ashland County Land Conservation Committee

Approved by the Ashland County Land Conservation Committee on January 22, 2016 and forwarded to the Ashland County Board.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin this 18th day of February 2016.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - R02-2016-1217

REQUESTING THE JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER OF COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY K

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2016 the Ashland County Highway Committee has agreed that the jurisdictional transfer of County Trunk Highway K to the City of Ashland would be in the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Ashland County hereby requests Wisconsin Department of Transportation's approval of the jurisdictional change, as per Wisconsin Statute § 83.025; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Ashland County does hereby transfer its jurisdiction over County Trunk Highway K to the City of Ashland upon approval by the City of Ashland and Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Dated at the City of Ashland this 18th day of February, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION - R02-2016-1218

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 11-15, 2016 AS WORK ZONE
AWARENESS WEEK IN ASHLAND COUNTY**

WHEREAS, construction and maintenance activities on our streets and highways periodically require that work zones be established; and

WHEREAS, work zones present hazards to the traveling public, as well as to the workers trying to maintain our nations streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 three (3) Wisconsin County Highway Department employees tragically lost their lives in work zone accidents while serving the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, annually Wisconsin suffers approximately 1,600 accidents, 720 injuries and 8 fatalities in Work Zones on average; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 11 through April 15, 2016 as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2016 the Ashland County Highway Committee recommended forwarding it to the full Ashland County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors wishes to call attention to this important safety issue for the sake of its citizens and the County Highway workers serving the public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors that the week of April 11 through April 15, 2016 be designated "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" in Ashland County.

Dated at the City of Ashland this 18th day of February, 2016.

Motion was made by Jerry Teague and seconded by Rick Korpela to adopt the resolution.
Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LAND DESCRIPTION

TAX LISTING OFFICE ASHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REPORT FROM JANUARY 1, 2015- DECEMBER 31, 2015 COUNTY-OWNED LANDS DISPOSED

<u>District & Parcel No.</u>	<u>Sold For</u>	<u>Certificate Special Assessments</u>	<u>Tax Cert.</u>	<u>Additional Special Pd.</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
Agenda #002-00210-0000	\$4,255.00	-0-	\$2,659.62	-0-	\$254.04	\$1,341.34

City of Ashland #201-04156-0000 #201-04159-1000	5,555.00	-0-	\$541.98	-0-	\$63.00	\$4,950.02
Sanborn #022-01384-0200	\$2,053.00	-0-	\$78.46	-0-	\$160.81	\$1,813.73
La Pointe #014-00131-0200	\$15,948.94	-0-	\$10,414.30	-0-	\$174.00	\$5,360.64
City of Ashland #201-04051-0000	\$300.00	-0-	\$36.20	-0-	\$72.00	\$191.80
Sanborn #022-01573-0200	\$4,352.00	-0-	\$1,425.74	-0-	\$379.96	\$2,546.30
La Pointe #014-00086 -0300 #014-00097-0200	\$30,050.00	-0-	\$7,948.99	-0-	-0-	\$22,101.01
	(Sold with above parcel) Expenses put on pieces sold to the State of WI					
Total	\$62,513.94	0 -	\$23,105.29	0--	\$1,103.81	\$38,304.84

Total Number of Parcels Sold.....9
Total Number of Parcels Taken By Tax Deeds10 Cutting Permits Issued for 2014 123
Cutting Permits Issued for 2015 147
Certificates Canceled by County Board.....0
William K. Metzinger Ashland County Tax Lister

TREASURER

REPORT OF ASHAND COUNTY TREASURER
ASHLAND, WISCONSIN

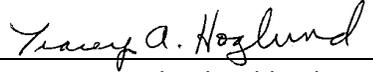
To the County Board of Supervisors, Ashland County, Wisconsin

County Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and
Disbursements as of 01/31/16

COUNTY GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUND

Cash Balance on Hand as of 01/01/16	<u>\$ 164,496.42</u>
Receipts 01/01/16 through 01/31/16	<u>\$ 3,100,976.94</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,265,473.36</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$ 2,763,144.12</u>
CASH BALANCE ON HAND	<u>\$ 502,329.24</u>
Total all Special Accts. Principal Amounts	<u>\$ 6,754,523.35</u>
Interest on Special Accounts	\$ 4,115.02

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 01/31/2016.



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

Motion was made by Richard Pufall and seconded by Kathy Schutte to approve the Land Description and County Treasurer's Report as presented and to place on file. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Several board members commented on various items.

There being no further business, motion was made by Patrick Daoust and seconded by Kathy Schutte to adjourn. Motion carried. County Board adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Schutte
Ashland County Clerk