

The Organizational Meeting of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Chairman Pete Russo introduced the new County Board member Martin Vitek. The Oath of Office was administered to the Board by Judge Robert Eaton. Chairman Pete Russo called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 an Organizational Meeting of the Board be called at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 19, 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 19th day of April, 2016.

Signed:	Pete Russo	Kathy L. Schutte
	Gary A. Mertig	Jim Oakley
	George Mika	Jerry Teague
	Frank R. Kempf	Clarence Campbell
	Martin J. Vitek	Charlie Ortman
	Carl Kubley	Patrick Daoust
	Matt MacKenzie	Richard Pufall
	Ken Wheeler	

Roll Call: Present: Wheeler, MacKenzie, Teague, Oakley, Campbell, Ortman, Pufall, Daoust, Rose, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Vitek, Russo, Kubley, Kempf, Schutte, Mertig. 18

Absent: 0

Excused: J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Williamson. 3

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

County Administrator Jeff Beirl conducted the election of chairman.

Mr. Beirl asked for nominations for Chairman. Nominated were Pete Russo and Matt MacKenzie. Mr. Beirl asked three times for any other nominations.

Motion was made by Jerry Teague and seconded by Dick Pufall to close the nominations and proceed to ballot. Motion carried. Both candidates were given the opportunity to address the board. Ballots were cast with election results as follows: Russo -15 votes; MacKenzie -3 votes.

Chairman Pete Russo took over the meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Chairman Russo opened the nominations for Vice-Chairman. Nominated were Jerry Teague and Matt MacKenzie. Chairman Russo asked three times for any other nominations. Motion was made by Charles Ortman and seconded by Kathy Schutte to close the nominations for Vice-Chairman and proceed to ballot. Motion carried. Ballots were cast with election results as follows: Teague-12 votes; MacKenzie-6 votes.

Jerry Teague was elected as Vice-Chairman.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Chairman Russo opened nominations for the South District, which includes Districts 18 through 21.

Nominated was Carl Kubley. Chairman Russo asked three times for any other nominations. Motion was made by Matt MacKenzie and seconded by Charles Ortman to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Carl Kubley. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for the Central District, which includes Districts 14 through 17.

Nominated were Rick Korpela and Martin Vitek. Chairman Russo asked three times for any other nominations. Motion was made by Kathy Schutte and seconded by Charles Ortman to close the nominations and proceed to ballot. Motion carried. Ballots were cast with the election results as follows: Korpela – 12 votes and Vitek – 3 votes.

Nominations were opened for the North District, which includes Districts 1 through 13. Nominated was Dick Pufall. Chairman Russo asked three times for any other nominations. Motion was made by Charles Ortman and seconded by George Mika to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dick Pufall. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for the City of Ashland, District 1 through 11. Nominated were Gary Kabasa, Jerry Teague and Pat Daoust. Chairman Russo asked three times for any other nominations. Motion was made by Clarence Campbell and seconded by Charles Ortman to close the nominations and proceed to ballot. Motion carried. Ballots were cast with the election results as follows: Kabasa – 3 votes; Teague – 7 votes and Daoust – 6 votes.

Nominations were opened for the At Large seat on the committee. Nominated were Gary Mertig and Martin Vitek. Chairman Russo asked three times for any other nominations. Motion was made by Rick Korpela and seconded by Charles Ortman to close the nominations and proceed to ballot. Motion carried. Ballots were cast with election results as follows: Mertig – 13 votes and Vitek – 5 votes. The members of the Highway Committee are:

Carl Kubley	South District
Rick Korpela	Central District
Dick Pufall	North District
Jerry Teague	City of Ashland
Gary Mertig	At Large

ELECTION OF AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Nominations were opened for the Agriculture and Extension/Land Conservation Committee. Nominated were Kathy Schutte, George Mika, Norm Couture, Martin Vitek and Charles Ortman. Chairman Russo asked three times for any other nominations. Motion was made by Kathy Schutte and seconded by Rick Korpela to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Schutte, Mika, Couture, Vitek and Ortman. Motion carried.

The members of the Agriculture & Extension/Land Conservation Committee are:

Kathy Schutte
George Mika
Norm Couture
Martin Vitek
Charles Ortman

ELECTION OF FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Nominations were opened for the Forestry and Recreation Committee. Nominated were Frank Kempf, Kathy Schutte, Gary Mertig, Carl Kubley, Pat Daoust, Martin Vitek and Dick Pufall. Chairman Russo asked three times for any other nominations. Motion was made by Clarence Campbell and seconded by Kathy Schutte to close the nominations and proceed to ballot. Motion carried. Ballots were cast with the election results as follows: Kempf – 9 votes; Schutte – 14 votes; Mertig – 13 votes; Kubley – 14 votes; Daoust – 9 votes; Vitek - 13 and Pufall - 8 votes. A revote was conducted due to a tie between Kempf and Daoust. The results of the revote were Kempf – 9 votes and Daoust – 9 votes. A second revote was conducted with the results as follows: Kempf – 7 and Daoust – 11.

The members of the Forestry and Recreation Committee are:

Kathy Schutte
Gary Mertig
Carl Kubley
Martin Vitek
Pat Daoust

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nominations were opened for the Executive Committee. Nominated were Frank Kempf, Jerry Teague, Matt MacKenzie, Dick Pufall, Pat Daoust and Clarence Campbell. Chairman Russo asked three times for any other nominations. Motion was made by Kathy Schutte and seconded by Charles Ortman to close the nominations and proceed to ballot. Motion carried. Ballots were cast with the election results as follows: Kempf – 5 votes; Teague – 8 votes; MacKenzie – 6 votes; Pufall – 11 votes; Daoust – 6 votes and Campbell – 9 votes.

The members of the Executive Committee are:

Jerry Teague
Dick Pufall
Clarence Campbell

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2016 COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Motion was made by Charles Ortman and seconded by George Mika to approve the February 18, 2016 County Board meeting as printed. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Motion was made by Pat Daoust and seconded by Jerry Teague to approve the Memorandum of Agreement.

Full Memorandum of Agreement on file at the Ashland County Clerk's office

Roll Call: Yes: Wheeler, MacKenzie, Teague, Oakley, Campbell, Ortman, Pufall,
Daoust, Rose, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Vitek, Russo, Kubley, Kempf,
Schutte, Mertig. 18

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Excused: J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Williamson. 3

ASHLAND COUNTY FOREST ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Motion was made by Dick Pufall and seconded by Rick Korpela to approve the Annual Report as printed. Motion carried.

Full report on file at the Ashland County Clerk's office.

RESOLUTION - R04-2016-1219

HONORING KENNETH LINDQUIST

WHEREAS, Kenneth Lindquist has served the 16th District as a Supervisor on the Ashland County Board beginning April 1982 to April 1984 and April 1994 to present; and

WHEREAS, Ashland County recognizes the excellent and dedicated service that Kenneth Lindquist has rendered Ashland County during his term of office; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the entire County, extends a unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation to Kenneth Lindquist for the 24 years of excellent and dedicated service he has provided Ashland County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors wish Kenneth Lindquist health and happiness during all of his future endeavors.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 19th day of April, 2016.

Signed:	Pete Russo	Kathy L. Schutte
	Gary A. Mertig	Jim Oakley
	Jerry Teague	George Mika
	Frank R. Kempf	Clarence Campbell
	Martin J. Vitek	Charlie Ortman
	Carl Kubley	Patrick Daoust
	Matt MacKenzie	Richard Pufall
	Ken Wheeler	

Motion was made by Kathy Schutte and seconded by Joe Rose to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously including a round of applause and standing ovation. Mr. Lindquist spoke briefly on his tenure on the County Board.

RESOLUTION - R04-2016-1220

HONORING KATHY LUSUA

WHEREAS, Kathie Lusua has announced her retirement as of April 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Kathie Lusua began her employment with Ashland County on February 24, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Kathie was appointed Deputy Register of Deeds on January 4, 1999 and served as Deputy Register of Deeds until April 29, 2016; 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 Kathie Lusua 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 Kathie Lusua its best wishes for many years of happiness in the future.

Dated at the City of Ashland, this 19th day of April, 2016.

Signed:	Pete Russo	Kathy L. Schutte
	Gary A. Mertig	Jim Oakley
	Jerry Teague	George Mika
	Frank R. Kempf	Clarence Campbell
	Martin J. Vitek	Charlie Ortman
	Carl Kubley	Patrick Daoust
	Matt MacKenzie	Richard Pufall
	Ken Wheeler	

Motion was made by Matt MacKenzie and seconded by George Mika to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION - R04-2016-1221

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR ASHLAND COUNTY TO NORTHWOOD'S RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Ashland County joined the Northwood's Rail Transit Commission in 2013 by intergovernmental agreement under WI. Stats. 66.0301; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of the Commission is: to sustain and enhance safe, reliable and efficient rail service critical to the businesses, communities and economies in Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, to cover the administrative costs of the Commission an annual fee of \$500 is charged to each member county; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland County Finance Committee at their March 29, 2016 meeting approved using \$500 from the 2016 Contingency Fund to pay the annual fee and to move it forward to the full Board for action.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Ashland County authorizes the payment of the annual administrative fee to the Northwood's Rail Transit Commission from the 2016 Contingency Fund.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 19th day of April, 2016.

Signed:	Pete Russo	Kathy L. Schutte
	Gary A. Mertig	Jerry Teague
	Jim Oakley	George Mika
	Frank R. Kempf	Clarence Campbell
	Martin J. Vitek	Charlie Ortman
	Carl Kubley	Patrick Daoust
	Matt MacKenzie	Richard Pufall
	Ken Wheeler	

Motion was made by Dick Pufall and seconded by Jerry Teague to adopt the resolution.

Roll Call: Yes: Wheeler, MacKenzie, Teague, Oakley, Campbell, Ortman, Pufall, Daoust, Rose, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Vitek, Russo, Kubley, Kempf, Schutte, Mertig. 18

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Excused: J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Williamson. 3

RESOLUTION - R04-2016-1222

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2016 CAPITAL PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1.5 MILLION

WHEREAS, the Public Property & Law Enforcement Committee selected the following capital projects to be undertaken in fiscal year 2016 at their February 2, 2016 meeting; and

1. Installation of new control system for the Ashland County Jail-Law Enforcement Building
2. Replacement and modernization of Courthouse elevator
3. Upgrade and replace Emergency Dispatch radio system
4. Expand Forestry Office building
5. Insulate and heat Forestry office garage
6. Highway equipment storage building
7. Addition to equipment storage facility for Forestry
8. Reconstruct parking lot for the Courthouse
9. Courthouse roof - replacement

WHEREAS, the projected costs, and with a contingency are not expected to exceed \$1.5 million; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Economic Development Committee at its' February 25, 2016 meeting approved the borrowing of \$1.5 million from Northern State Bank for a term of five (5) years and at a rate of 2.95% and recommended moving it to the full County Board for action; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors does approve the 2016 Capital Projects and the borrowing of \$1.5 million from Northern State Bank for five (5) years at a rate of 2.95%.

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

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 19th day of April, 2016.

Signed: Pete Russo Kathy L. Schutte
 Gary A. Mertig Jerry Teague
 Jim Oakley Carl Kubley
 George Mika Frank R. Kempf
 Clarence Campbell Martin J. Vitek
 Charlie Ortman Patrick Daoust
 Matt MacKenzie Richard Pufall
 Ken Wheeler

Motion was made by Dick Pufall and seconded by Charles Ortman to adopt the resolution.

Roll Call: Yes: Wheeler, MacKenzie, Teague, Oakley, Campbell, Ortman, Pufall, Daoust, Rose, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Vitek, Russo, Kubley, Kempf, Schutte, Mertig. 18

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Excused: J. Kabasa, G. Kabasa, Williamson. 3

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY CLERK

April 7, 2016

Ashland County Board of Supervisors
Ashland County Court House
Ashland, WI 54806

I herewith submit for your approval a schedule of monies received in our office during the period of October 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

	County's Share
Marriage Licenses	\$510.00
Domestic Partnerships	\$0.00
Plat Books	\$4,474.56
Temporary License Plates	\$234.00
License Plate Renewals & Metal License Plates	\$6,424.05
DNR License	\$54.80
TOTAL MONIES RECEIVED	\$11,697.41

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather W. Schutte
Ashland County Clerk

REGISTER OF DEEDS

April 12, 2016

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ASHLAND COUNTY:

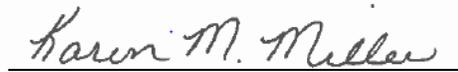
I hereby submit the quarterly report for the quarter ending DECEMBER 31, 2015,
as required by Section 59.15 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

	<u>ROD</u>		<u>County Land</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>TOTAL COUNTY</u>
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Xerox</u>	<u>Records</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
OCTOBER	\$6,966.00	\$44.50	\$2,259.00	\$1,108.92	\$10,378.42
NOVEMBER	\$6,825.00	\$1.00	\$2,186.00	\$2,799.54	\$11,811.54
DECEMBER	\$5,602.00	\$23.45	\$2,086.00	\$3,108.84	\$10,820.29
	<u>\$19,393.00</u>	<u>\$ 68.95</u>	<u>\$6,531.00</u>	<u>\$7,017.30</u>	<u>\$33,010.25</u>

	<u>State Land</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Dept of</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>TOTAL STATE</u>
	<u>Records</u>	<u>Trust</u>	<u>Admin/ Vital</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Records</u>	<u>Fees</u>	
OCTOBER	\$1,666.00	\$378.00	\$1,082.00	\$4,435.68	\$7,561.68
NOVEMBER	\$1,736.00	\$294.00	\$648.00	\$11,198.16	\$13,876.16
DECEMBER	\$1,645.00	\$329.00	\$688.00	\$12,435.36	\$15,097.36
	<u>\$5,047.00</u>	<u>\$1,001.00</u>	<u>\$2,418.00</u>	<u>\$28,069.20</u>	<u>\$36,535.20</u>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS COLLECTED IN ROD OFFICE FOURTH QUARTER
2015** **\$69,545.45**

I, Karen M. Miller, Register of Deeds of Ashland County, being duly sworn,
state that the above statement is a true, correct and complete statement according to
the best of my knowledge and belief.



Karen M. Miller

April 12, 2016

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ASHLAND COUNTY:

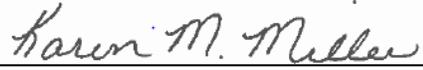
I hereby submit the quarterly report for the quarter ending MARCH 31, 2016, as
required by Section 59.15 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

	<u>ROD</u>		<u>County Land</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>TOTAL COUNTY</u>
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Xerox</u>	<u>Records</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
JANUARY	\$6,592.00	\$5.25	\$2,005.00	\$985.68	\$9,587.93
FEBRUARY	\$5,686.00	\$0.00	\$1,728.00	\$2,090.94	\$9,504.94
MARCH	\$10,168.00	\$0.00	\$2,156.00	\$2,452.14	\$14,776.14
	<u>\$22,446.00</u>	<u>\$ 5.25</u>	<u>\$5,889.00</u>	<u>\$5,528.76</u>	<u>\$33,869.01</u>

	<u>State Land</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Dept of</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>TOTAL STATE</u>
	<u>Records</u>	<u>Trust</u>	<u>Admin/ Vital</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Records</u>	<u>Fees</u>	
JANUARY	\$1,589.00	\$364.00	\$949.00	\$3,942.72	\$6,844.72
FEBRUARY	\$1,512.00	\$399.00	\$911.00	\$8,363.76	\$11,185.76
MARCH	\$1,785.00	\$637.00	\$1,170.00	\$9,808.56	\$13,400.56
	<u>\$4,886.00</u>	<u>\$1,400.00</u>	<u>\$3,030.00</u>	<u>\$22,115.04</u>	<u>\$31,431.04</u>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS COLLECTED IN ROD OFFICE FIRST QUARTER
2016** **\$65,300.05**

I, Karen M. Miller, Register of Deeds of Ashland County, being duly sworn, state that the above statement is a true, correct and complete statement according to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Karen M. Miller

COUNTY TREASURER

REPORT OF ASHAND COUNTY TREASURER
ASHLAND, WISCONSIN

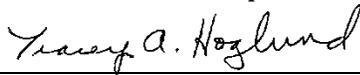
To the County Board of Supervisors, Ashland County, Wisconsin

County Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and
Disbursements as of 03/31/16

COUNTY GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUND

Cash Balance on Hand as of 03/01/16	\$	<u>1,046,033.58</u>
Receipts 03/01/16 through 03/31/16	\$	<u>2,018,213.64</u>
	TOTAL \$	<u>3,064,247.22</u>
Disbursements	\$	<u>1,962,252.03</u>
CASH BALANCE ON HAND	\$	<u>1,101,995.19</u>
Total all Special Accts. Principal Amounts	\$	<u>6,754,523.35</u>
Interest on Special Accounts	\$	12,182.00

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 03/31/2016.



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

Motion was made by Charles Ortman and seconded by Jerry Teague to approve the above reports as presented and to place on file. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion was made by Jerry Teague and seconded by George Mika to adjourn. County Board adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Schutte
County Clerk