Agenda

1. Call of Meeting to Order
2. Petition for Meeting/Roll Call
3. Personal Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of County Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes:
   • November 13, 2018
5. Introduction and Program Overview:
   • District Attorney – David Meany
   • Veterans Service Officer – John Itzin
   • Land Conservationist – MaryJo Gingras
   • GIS Coordinator & Land Information Officer – Brittany Goudos-Weisbecker
6. Resolutions:
   • R01-2019-1317 – Adopting The Ashland County All Hazards Mitigation Plan
   • R01-2019-1318 – A Resolution To Adopt The 2019-2021 Ashland County Land Information Plan
   • R01-2019-1319 – Resolution To Authorize An Ashland County Application For An Aquatic Invasive Species Education, Prevention, And Planning Grant
   • R01-2019-1320 – A Resolution To Write Off Revolving Loan #300666 To A-Plus Lumber And Revolving Loan #300672 To Eco-Wood
7. Department Reports:
   • Treasurer
8. County Board Supervisor Reports
9. Miscellaneous Business
10. Collection of County Board Supervisor Vouchers
11. Adjournment
A General Meeting of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Chairman Pete Russo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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, 2019, the said meeting to be held for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors of the said Ashland County.

Signed:  
Gary A. Mertig  
Pete Russo  
Richard Pufall  
George Mika  
Rick Korpela  
Clarence Campbell  
Patrick Daoust  
Carl Kubley  
Matt MacKenzie  
Donna K. Williamson  
Kathy L. Schutte  
Norm Couture  
John L. Wiener  
Ella Teague  
Ken Wheeler  
Martin J. Vitek  
Charles Ortman

Petition for Meeting:

Roll Call:  

Absent: 0

Excused: Metzinger, G. Kabasa. 2

The Pledge of Allegiance followed a moment of personal prayer.

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 13, 2018 COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Motion was made by Charles Ortman and seconded by Ella Teague to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 County Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

District Attorney David Meany introduced himself to the board. Mr. Meany was appointed January 7, 2019 and will serve the unexpired term of Kelly McKnight. The board welcomed Mr. Meany to Ashland County.

Veteran’s Service Officer John Itzin introduced himself to the board. He noted that he retired from the Army November 1, 2018 and will be starting his position with Ashland County on January 21, 2019. The board welcomed Mr. Itzin to Ashland County.

Land Conservationist MaryJo Gingras introduced herself to the board. Ms. Gingras distributed the 2018 Ashland County Land and Water Conservation Department Annual Report to the board and highlighted several key areas in the report. The board welcomed Ms. Gingras to Ashland County.

GIS Coordinator Brittany Goudos-Weisbecker introduced herself to the board. Ms. Goudos-Weisbecker discussed some of the projects and mapping updates she will be working on. The board welcomed Ms. Goudos-Weisbecker to Ashland County.
RESOLUTION - R01-2019-1317

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 Emergency Management and the other local units of government within the County to prepare an All Hazards Mitigation Plan, which was made available for review and a copy of which will reside permanently in the Ashland County Emergency Management Office;

WHEREAS, at the Ashland County Public Property & Law Enforcement Committee meeting on January 8, 2019, 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 Office of Emergency Management 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 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 17th day of January, 2019.

Signed:  Gary A. Mertig    Donna K. Williamson
          Pete Russo          Kathy L. Schutte
          Richard Pufall     Norm Couture
          George Mika        John Wiener
          Rick Korpela       Ella Teague
          Clarence Campbell  Ken Wheeler
          Patrick Daoust     Martin J. Vitek
          Carl Kubley        Charles Ortman
          Matt MacKenzie     

Motion was made by Ella Teague and seconded by Joyce Kabasa to adopt the resolution. Emergency Management Director Dorothy Tank was present at the meeting to answer questions regarding the plan. A discussion followed. Motion carried with Pat Daoust in opposition.
RESOLUTION - R01-2019-1318

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE
2019-2021 ASHLAND COUNTY LAND INFORMATION PLAN

WHEREAS, 1989 Wisconsin Act 31 and 1989 Wisconsin Act 339 created a statewide Land Information Program for the purpose of facilitating land records modernization in each county in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors established a Land Information Office in 1990 for the purpose of directing and supervising Ashland County's Land Information Program and Land Information System; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 59.72(3)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the County's land information office is required to develop and receive approval for a countywide plan for land records modernization; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 59.72(5)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the county may retain $8 of the $10 that is collected from the fee for recording or filing each instrument that is recorded or filed under Section 59.43(2)(ag)1. or (e) required to be submitted to the department of administration, with one of the provisions being approval for a countywide plan for land records modernization under Section 59.72(3)(b); and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2021 Ashland County Land Information Plan has been submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Administration and has been approved following a peer review facilitated by the aforesaid agency; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is being introduced by District 9 Supervisor, Donna Williamson; and has recommended approval by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors of the 2019-2021 Ashland County Land Information Plan as developed and prepared by the Ashland County Land Information Officer under the direction of the County Land Information Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the 2019-2021 Ashland County Land Information Plan.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin this 17th day of January, 2019.

Signed:  Gary A. Mertig  Donna K. Williamson
          Pete Russo       Kathy L. Schutte
          Richard Pufall  Norm Couture
          George Mika     John L. Wiener
          Rick Korpela    Clarence Campbell
          Ella Teague     Ken Wheeler
          Patrick Daoust  Martin J. Vitek
          Carl Kubley     Charles Ortman
          Matt MacKenzie  

Motion was made by Charles Ortman and seconded by Joyce Kabasa to adopt the resolution. Brittany Goudos-Weisbecker commented on the resolution. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION - R01-2019-1319

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN ASHLAND COUNTY APPLICATION FOR AN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, the Ashland County Land & Water Conservation Department is a county government entity used by the public as a resource for education, financial, and technical assistance for protecting and restoring the county’s soil and water resources; and

WHEREAS, waterways and wetlands in Ashland County are important natural resources used for recreation and public enjoyment as well as important sources of economic income for the county; and

WHEREAS, aquatic invasive species (AIS) have spread to inland and coastal waterways and wetlands in Ashland County, posing increased risk to un-infested waters, and potentially threatening water quality, wildlife habitat, property value, and tourism in the region; and

WHEREAS, Ashland County and the Ashland County Land & Water Conservation Department recognize that protection of waterways and wetlands from the threat of AIS is best achieved through education programs and actions for riparian property owners, recreation users, lake groups, rural landowners, and town and county and conservation partners; and

WHEREAS, a county-wide AIS coordinator will help protect waterways and wetlands by promoting collaboration and cooperation with citizens, local officials, and regional partners, and the Ashland County Land & Water Conservation Department is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of an AIS education, prevention, and planning program; and

WHEREAS, a grant agreement is requested to carry out the project and the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ashland County Land & Water Conservation Department will meet the financial obligations to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the County Conservationist to submit required documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement.

Respectfully submitted:
Ashland County Land Conservation Committee

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin this 17th day of January, 2019.

Signed:  
Gary A. Mertig          Donna K. Williamson
Pete Russo              Kathy L. Schutte
Richard Pufall          Norm Couture
George Mika             John L. Wiener
Rick Korpela            Ella Teague
Clarence Campbell       Ken Wheeler
Patrick Daoust          Martin J. Vitek
Carl Kubley             Charles Ortman
Matt MacKenzie
Motion was made by Dick Pufall and seconded by Joe Rose to adopt the resolution. MaryJo Gingras gave additional information regarding the application. A discussion followed.

Resolution R01-2019-1319 (AIS - Land Conservation)


Absent: 0

Excused: Metzinger, G. Kabasa. 2

RESOLUTION - R01-2019-1320

A RESOLUTION TO WRITE-OFF REVOLVING LOAN #300666 TO A-PLUS LUMBER AND REVOLVING LOAN #300672 TO ECO-WOOD

WHEREAS, A-Plus Lumber, LLC., a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company obtained a loan from Ashland County’s Revolving Loan Fund which is loan #300666 on July 27, 2006 which was personally guaranteed by Kevin Lipka and Abigail Lipka; and

WHEREAS, Eco-Wood Company, Inc., a Wisconsin Corporation obtained loan #300672 from Ashland County’s Revolving Loan Fund on February 11, 2009, which was personally guaranteed by Daniel Schuppe and Deena Schuppe; and

WHEREAS, both loans went into default and A-Plus Lumber, LLC., and Eco-Wood Company, Inc., went out of business and all or nearly all their assets have been sold off; and

WHEREAS, efforts to collect the remaining balances on these loans have been unsuccessful and despite diligent efforts, it appears as though Ashland County will be unable to collect the remaining balance on either loan; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is being introduced by Patrick Daoust, 11th District Supervisor and Chair of the Finance Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize Ashland County to write off the remaining balance of the aforesaid Revolving Loan Fund loans which were made to A-Plus Lumber, LLC., and Eco-Wood Company, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize and empower the Chair Person of the County Board of Supervisors and the County Clerk to sign any documents reasonably necessary to accomplish writing off and discharging such loans via documents approved by Ashland County’s Corporation Counsel.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 17th day of January, 2019.

Signed: George Mika Rick Korpela
Patrick Daoust Ella Teague
Clarence Campbell Ken Wheeler
Martin J. Vitek Charles Ortman
Carl Kubley Matt MacKenzie
Richard Pufall
Motion was made by Joyce Kabasa and seconded by Pat Daoust to adopt the resolution. Jeff Beirl commented on the resolution and also updated the board on what may be happening with the Revolving Loan Fund program in the next two years. Kate Taylor from the Ashland Area Development Corporation gave the balances that would be written off—Eco-Wood $61,355.30 and A-Plus Lumber’s balance of $77,946.65. A discussion followed. The question was called by Donna Williamson with a second by Joyce Kabasa. Motion carried, calling the question, with Dick Pufall opposed.

To Adopt R01-2019-1320:

Roll Call: Present: Wheeler, MacKenzie, Teague, Campbell, J. Kabasa, Ortman, Pufall, Daoust, Rose, Couture, Korpela, Mika, Vitek, Russo, Wiener, Mertig. 16

Absent: Kubley, Schutte. 2

Abstained: Williamson. 1

Excused: Metzinger, G. Kabasa. 2

DEPARTMENT REPORT

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 12/31/18

COUNTY GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUND

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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 12/31/18.

Tracey A. Hoglund, Ashland County Treasurer
Ashland County, Wisconsin
Motion was made by Pat Daoust and seconded by Donna Williamson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Kathy Schutte informed the board that she just got back from attending the County Ambassador Program in Madison.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

George Mika stated that there were several people in attendance that wanted to address the board regarding the Sanborn meal site. He brought forward a signed letter which detailed their concerns. The board allowed the individuals to comment on the issue. Joyce Kabasa, who is the County representative on the Aging Unit board assured the individuals that she will follow through with their concerns and will report back to the board.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Schutte and seconded by John Wiener. Motion carried. County Board adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Misun
Ashland County Account Clerk