



MINUTES

FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 10, 2011

9:00 a.m.

Marinette County Courthouse

1926 Hall Ave., 3rd Floor, Room C314

Marinette, WI 54143

Members Present: Supervisors William Walker, Russ Bousley and Laurence Nichols

Members Excused: Supervisor Ken Mattison and Supervisor Allen Mans

Members Absent: Supervisor Ken Mattison and Supervisor Allen Mans

Others Present: County Forest and Parks Administrator John Scott,
Assistant Forest Administrator Pete Villas, Public Works Director
Mark Desotell, DNR Joe Schwantes and Dave Halfmann,
Forestry Secretary Lynn Swiatnicki and Peshtigo Times

1. Call to Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Agenda

MOTION (Nichols/Bousley) to approve the agenda. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

3. Minutes

MOTION (Bousley/Nichols) to approve the minutes of January 6, 2011. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Discuss/Consider Marshal Giese request for wood storage

Administrator noted final scale, inspection and payment conditions have been met for department approval of wood storage request for timber sale contract #3451 Marshal Giese. **MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to approve wood storage amendment request for Marshal Giese timber sale contract #3451. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

6. Report on logging access permit issued in February

Administrator Scott informed the committee of a logging access permit issued to Mitch Piontek, Thunder Creek Logging for logging access across county land S1/2 NW1/4 Section 10 T34N-R19E.

7. Discuss/Consider tree planting bids

Tree planting bids of \$48.00, \$54.40 and \$54.50 per thousand were received respectively from Northwoods Forestry, Inc., Superior Forestry Service and Alpha Service LLC. **MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to approve the bid of \$48.00 per thousand from Northwoods Forestry Inc. for contract hand tree planting of approximately 134,000 trees with a recommendation to county board for approval to include payment upon completion. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

8. Discuss/Consider pressure washer/steamer bids

MOTION (Bousley/Nichols) to approve the bid of \$4,089.00 for Aaladin Pressure Washer from Meyer's Pressure Cleaners. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote. Listing of bids received attached.

9. Discuss/Consider Village of Wausaukee request to use Marinette County land adjacent to Ballas Park

Request was received from Village of Wausaukee Parks & Beaches Committee to shoot fireworks and allow vehicle parking on county land north of Ballas Park on July 2, 2011. Administrator to confer with Corporation Counsel regarding liability concern of fireworks.

10. Request authorization for budget transfer to appropriate additional funds from State - Other account 100-28-47239 to 100-28-56110-498 Operation Expenditures for Hunter Walking Trail Construction

Administrator requested transfer to appropriate additional funds from County Conservation Aids Grant to Operation Expenditures for Hunter Walking Trail construction. **MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to transfer \$3,310.00 from State-Other account #100-28-47239-000 to Operation Expenditures account #100-28-56110-498 with a recommendation to Finance Committee. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

11. Request authorization for budget transfer from Property Management and Wildlife Habitat salary and fringe accounts along with Forestry Purchase of Service account to Forestry salary and fringe accounts

Administrator explained less payroll hours charged to Property Management and Wildlife Habitat budgets than anticipated. **MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to transfer \$11,451.31 from Property Management and Wildlife Habitat salary and fringe accounts along with Forestry Purchase of Service account to Forestry salary and fringe accounts with a recommendation to Finance Committee. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote. Budget Transfer with account numbers attached.

12. Discuss/Consider offer from City of Peshtigo for parcel 271-00613.001 for economic development

MOTION (Bousley/Nichols) to authorize Administrator Scott to present final offer to City of Peshtigo for parcel 271-00613.001 of \$500.00 per acre with county retaining timber rights through March 31, 2013 including reversionary clause language reviewed by corporation counsel. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

13. Request authorization for Administrator to negotiate lease agreement for purchase of gravel and fill from county pit for U.S. Hwy 141 Project in Niagara

MOTION (Nichols/Bousley) to authorize Administrator to negotiate lease agreement with Musson Brothers, subcontractor of Northeast Asphalt, for purchase of gravel and fill from county pit for U.S. Hwy 141 Project in Niagara with royalty at \$1.35 per cubic yard for 2011 construction season. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

Break 10:20 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.

14. Discuss/Consider conveyance of parcel 016-00001.000, Govt. Lot 1, Section 1, T31N, R20E to correct error on deed

John Scott informed committee parcel conveyed in 1940's has clouded title. **MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to quit claim Marinette County's interest in parcel #016-00001.000 T31N, R20E, Govt. Lot 1, S1 to clear title for James Tandias with Mr. Tandias paying filing fees and a recommendation to county board for approval. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

15. Discuss/Consider conveyance of parcel 111-01248.000 to Village of Coleman

Parcel #111-01248.000 was taken by tax deed in October 2010. Village of Coleman has special assessment on parcel due to removal of building. **MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to transfer tax deed parcel #111-01248.000 to Village of Coleman for good and valuable consideration and forward to county board for approval. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

16. Discuss/Consider conveyance of parcel 004-02127.001 to Town of Athelstane

Town of Athelstane parcel #004-02127.001 taken by tax deed in October 2010 is strip of land resting underneath Mathis Road. **MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to transfer tax deed parcel #004-02127.001 to Town of Athelstane for good and valuable consideration and forward to county board for approval. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

17. Request authorization for committee and staff to attend WCFA Board of Directors meeting

MOTION (Bousley/Nichols) to authorize committee members and staff to attend WCFA Board of Directors meeting February 4th, 2011 at Treehaven. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

18. Request authorization for committee and staff to attend Wisconsin County Forests Association Spring Meeting

MOTION (Bousley/Nichols) to authorize committee members and staff to attend WCFA Spring Administrators Conference March 17th and 18th, 2011 at Keshena. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

19. Request authorization for staff to attend Society of American Foresters Conference

MOTION (Bousley/Nichols) to authorize staff to attend Sustainable Forestry Conference March 1st – 3rd, 2011 at Wisconsin Dells. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

20. Distribute Timber Sale Distribution to Towns Report

The Distribution report of Timber Sale Revenue to Towns was handed out. Payment to Towns was sent in January. Distributed report attached.

21. Correspondence

No correspondence.

22. Report on Forestry Division Activities field accomplishments of Forestry Crew & Foresters

Pete Villas presented the Forestry Division Office January 2011 Activity Report. Distributed report attached.

23. DNR Forestry Liaison Officer Report on DNR activities on County Forest Land

Joe Schwantes, DNR, reported county forest time standard hours at 2,275. Thirty tracts have been selected for the Spring 2011 timber sale. Expenditures from Stewardship funding have been frozen until re-examined. Dave Halfmann, DNR, informed committee about redoing bear study to assess population. Additional permits were available after 2006-2007 bear study. Baits will be placed in 4 sections per township throughout county.

24. Discuss/Consider Schedule of Invoices

Committee reviewed January schedule of invoices totaling \$24,008.56. No action taken.

25. Distribute Monthly Revenue Report

Revenue for the month of January totaled \$204,344.08. Revenue is \$52,222.43 less than 2010 revenue at this time. Distributed report attached.

26. Schedule next meeting date

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, March 10th at 9:00 a.m.

27. Adjourn

MOTION (Nichols/Bousley) to adjourn at 11:12 a.m. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

Lynn Swiatnicki
Administrative Secretary Forestry