



Proceedings of Green County Board of Supervisors

MAY 11, 2004

Thomas Daly, Chair, called the meeting to order.
The Clerk read the roll with 26 present and 5 excused being Schepppele, Wellnitz, Gissing, Hoesly and Zweifel.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion by Dalton, seconded by Wickline to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2004 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk read letters of resignation from Nancy Zweifel, District 28 and Steve Schepppele, District 3, who have both moved from their districts. Motion by Furgal, seconded by Kubly to accept the resignations with regrets. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Daly then appointed Jim Mielke to fill the vacated seat for Supervisory District 28. Oath of office was administered by County Clerk Mike Doyle.

A Legislative Update was given by 27th Senate Representative Jon Erpenbach.
A presentation on Open Meetings, Records and Government Ethics was given by William Morgan, Corporation Counsel, and Sarah Burgert, UW-Extension Community Resource Development Agent.

RESOLUTION 5-1-04

Resolution Regarding Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)

WHEREAS, Assembly Substitute Amendment to 2003 Assembly Joint Resolution 55 was introduced in the Wisconsin State Assembly by Representative Frank Lasse; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Substitute Amendment to 2003 Assembly Joint Resolution 55 is a proposed constitutional amendment modeled directly after a constitutional amendment adopted in Colorado in 1992 called the Taxpayers Bill of Rights or TABOR; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Substitute Amendment to 2003 Assembly Joint Resolution 55, like Colorado's TABOR, would place into the Wisconsin Constitution a formula limiting annual increases in spending each year for all levels of government in Wisconsin to the change in the Consumer Price Index plus varying factors depending on municipality; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is currently engulfed in a debate over whether to suspend some of the provisions of TABOR or repeal TABOR due to a significant budget shortfall, a growing backlog in road projects, and dropping to near the bottom of the fifty states in graduation rates, immunization rates, higher education funding, health care coverage for children and prenatal care; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Substitute Amendment to 2003 Assembly Joint Resolution 55 is currently being reworked by work groups in the Assembly and Senate in an effort to craft a new proposed Constitutional Amendment which attempts to remedy some of the errors made in Colorado and is more workable for Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the primary lesson learned from Colorado is that placing strict formulas in the Constitution does not allow for government to react to changing circumstances or inherent flaws in the formula; and

WHEREAS, before any Joint Resolution to amend Wisconsin's Constitution is before the Legislature for first consideration, there should be a thorough public discourse with the taxpaying public in order to ensure a proper understanding of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, all governmental entities should have the ability to take whatever formula is proposed and create fiscal models to learn what the impact would be if we had such a formula in place in previous years as well as what it will mean in the future; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 the overwhelming majority of the voting public in Wisconsin (70%) went on record through an advisory referendum stating that the Constitution should be amended to "require the state to fully fund any program service or benefit it requires local government to provide."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board hereby urges the Wisconsin State Legislature to allow time for meaningful dialogue and input from the taxpayers of this state before moving forward with a proposed Constitutional Amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Green County urges the Wisconsin State Legislature to maintain the Wisconsin Constitution for items of a constitutional nature and make fiscal policy changes in Wisconsin statutes or Department rules; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any proposed changes to the Wisconsin Constitution which address government spending must also include language reflecting the full intent of the citizens to "require the state to fully fund any program service or benefit it requires local government to provide;" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator Jon Erpenbach, Assembly Representative Mike Powers, Governor Jim Doyle, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Arthur Carter, Chair Sue Disch, Vice-Chair
Thomas L. Daly Dennis Everson

Dave Rufenacht
Motion by Carter, seconded by Disch to adopt Resolution 5-1-04. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Timm to approve the Annual Report for Land Conservation. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Torkelson, seconded by Stettler to approve the Farmland Preservation Agreements submitted by Russel R. and Josephine M. Pinnow, Town of Spring Grove and Larry and Janell Friedrich, Town of York. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Condon to approve the following appointments: C. Scott Huth to the Green County Library Board for a three year term to expire on April 21, 2007, Vicki Evenson to fill the vacant County Health Nurse Representative on the Long Term Support Committee for a term to expire on June 1, 2005, and the following representatives to the Long Term Support Committee for two year terms to expire on June 1, 2006: Sandy Horn as Human Services Board Representative, Dennis Dalton as County Elected Official Representative, Sandy Shippy as Physically Disabled Consumer Representative, and Carla Stadel as Hospital Representative. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Grossen, seconded by Hart to approve the following travel requests: Carol Thompson and Barb Miller to attend the 2004 Specialty Seminar on Collections in Madison on May 26; Carol Thompson to attend the Wisconsin Clerk of Court Summer Conference in Manitowoc on June 9-11; Randy Roderick to attend a three day Badger Sheriff's Conference in Wisconsin Rapids the week of May 17; the Highway Committee and Dallas Cecil to attend the 2004 Wisconsin Commissioner's and Committee Members Association Summer Highway Conference in Wisconsin Dells on June 9-10; Sherri Hawkins to attend the Wisconsin County Treasurer's Summer Convention in Black River Falls on June 9-11; Cynthia Meudt to attend the 2004 Register of Deeds Summer Conference in Black River Falls on June 9-11; and Thomas Daly and Robert Hoesly to attend the State WACEC Convention in Eau Claire on June 6-8. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Under announcements, Clerk Doyle announced that Catherine Gissing, elected to County Board Supervisor in District 21, will not be taking office.

Motion by Dalton, seconded by Cousin to adjourn. Motion passed.

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I, Michael J. Doyle, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors of Green County, Wisconsin, on their meeting of May 11, 2004, A.D.

Michael J. Doyle
Green County Clerk