



Proceedings of Green County Board of Supervisors

MARCH 11, 2003

Thomas L. Daly, Chair, called the meeting to order. The Clerk read the roll with 28 present, and 2 excused being Furgal and Stettler. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Mandel, seconded by Dalton to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2003 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 3-1-03

Resolution Approving Fund Transfer to Sheriff Department

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Committee is currently involved in assessing the need for a new radio system for Green County; and

WHEREAS, to determine the most responsible way in which to pursue this, the Law Enforcement Committee has decided to hire an advisor to assist with researching a VHF system upgrade to compare with the 800 MHz trunking proposal, to include writing a request for proposal for a VHF system upgrade; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Accounting Committee has reviewed the project and deemed this to be necessary; and

WHEREAS, expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted must have full County Board approval. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board follow the recommendation of the Law Enforcement Committee and the Finance and Accounting Committee and approve an immediate transfer of \$5,000.00 and authorization for two additional incremental transfers of \$2,000.00 each, up to a total not to exceed \$9,000.00 from the General Fund to the Sheriff's Account.

SIGNED: THE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Arthur Carter, Chair Sue Disch, Vice-Chair
Thomas Daly Michael Furgal
Dave Rufenacht

SIGNED: THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:

Dave Rufenacht, Chair Sherry Condon, Vice-Chair
Gary Keegan Cal Wickline
Nancy Zweifel

Motion by Keegan, seconded by Disch to adopt Resolution 3-1-03. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 22 yes and 6 no being Kubly, Cousin, Karlen, Hoesly, Hanson, and Timm.

RESOLUTION 3-2-03

Resolution Requesting Waiver From The State Mandate Administrative Code, Chapter 20 Regarding Lottery Tax Credit Processing

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §66.0143, a political subdivision may file a request with the Department of Revenue for a waiver from a state mandate, except for mandates related to health or safety; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Administrative Code Tax §20.15, counties are mandated to certify Lottery Tax Credit claims against real estate taxes by sending cards to all improved parcels every five years, known as "precertification years", and this mandate is not related to health or safety; and

WHEREAS, the certification process involves printing and finishing the cards including removing the perforated tractor feed, folding, sealing and mailing the cards, and then entering all the responses in the database, all of which is extremely labor intensive; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin reimburses the counties at the rate of \$.70 per card, but said reimbursement is insufficient to cover county costs involved in processing these cards; and,

WHEREAS, Green County works with the municipal treasurers and assessors to maintain and obtain information on all properties transferred or improved; and,

WHEREAS, the county is confident its system of maintaining records of Lottery Tax Credit claims is accurate based on the number of late claims made each year and the minimum number of charge backs ordered by the State Lottery Credit Audit Committee for errors, and erasing the current files and sending cards to all improved parcels, as the Administrative Code mandates, will most likely generate a less than favorable return while costing more for taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board follow the recommendation of the Finance and Accounting Committee and hereby requests a waiver from the mandate imposed by the Wisconsin Administrative Code Tax §20.15 regarding recertification of the Lottery Tax Credits because the system utilized by Green County is certifiably accurate and will save the county and the state money.

SIGNED: THE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Arthur Carter, Chair Sue Disch, Vice-Chair
Thomas Daly Michael Furgal
Dave Rufenacht

Motion by Carter, seconded by Disch to adopt Resolution 3-2-03. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 3-3-03

Resolution Authorizing Conservation Program Participation

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, through the Commodity Credit Corporation, has various conservation programs available for landowners; and,

WHEREAS, Green County desires to participate in conservation projects for the improvement of Green County property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board is hereby authorized to expend the funds received from the Farm Service Agency and Commodity Credit Corporation, for the improvement of Green County property, and to operate and maintain or to cause to be operated and maintained the projects for their intended purpose; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Green County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes Michael J. Doyle, County Clerk of Green County, to act on behalf of Green County to submit application to the United States Department of Agriculture for any financial aid that may be available; sign documents; and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

SIGNED: THE CONSERVATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE:

Sherry Condon Jeff Thomm

Motion by Condon, seconded by Thomm to adopt Resolution 3-3-03. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 3-4-03

Resolution Approving Health Insurance Contract (Over \$75,000)

WHEREAS, County Code Section 1-11-2, entitled COUNTY PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS, provides for review, approval and execution of all County contracts and purchases necessary to carry out approved budget operations; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-11-2(A)(4) STATES: Cost or price in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), recommendation by the appropriate department head and the supervisory committee to the full County Board with approval by the full Board before the purchase is made. Execution of the contract documents shall be by the Green County Board Chair and the appropriate Committee Chairperson, after the document has been reviewed by the Green County Corporation Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve the recommendation of the Green County Personnel and Labor Relations Committee for the contracting of services with the following agency for the contract year April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004:

Medical Benefit Administrators - Total contract \$348,259.32

SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Arthur Carter, Chair Ray Francois, Vice-Chair
Thomas Daly Mary Alice Hart
Dave Rufenacht Michael Furgal

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Arthur Carter, Chair Thomas L. Daly
Personnel and Labor Committee County Board Chair
William Morgan
Corporation Counsel

Motion by Carter, seconded by Hart to adopt Resolution 3-4-03. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 3-5-03

Resolution Changing Wages and Benefits For Department Heads and Unrepresented Employees

WHEREAS, County Code Section 1-7-4 directs and charges the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee with the responsibility for considering and recommending requests for employee wage adjustments, reclassifications, creation and description of new positions and associated grades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board consider the recommendation of the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee for the following Departmental request:

WAGES

Position	Percentage	Effective Date
Department Heads (excluding elected officials)	3.5%	January 1, 2003
Unrepresented Employees	3.0%	January 1, 2003

OTHER BENEFITS

Benefit	Department Heads and Unrepresented Employees	Effective Date
Vacation	5 weeks maximum (1 week per year earned in the first 2 years and 1 day of vacation earned each additional year up to year 17.)	Anniversary Date
Vacation Payout	Vacation may be paid out in lieu of time off.	March 16, 2003
Sick Leave	Earn 1 day per month up to a maximum of 90 days accumulation.	March 16, 2003
Payout of Sick Leave	50% at retirement, death or permanent disability, and 1/2 of all accrued time over 90 day maximum to be paid out at year end.	March 16, 2003
Funeral Leave	3 days off for the purpose of attending the funeral for a mother, father, step-mother, step-father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers, sisters, children, step-children, spouse, grandparents, grandchildren, and step-siblings. 1 day off for the purpose of attending the funeral for a brother- in-law or sister-in-law.	March 16, 2003
Personal Days	5 days per year, with only the first 4 to be taken from sick leave.	Anniversary Date

SIGNED: THE PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Arthur Carter, Chair Thomas Daly
Ray Francois, Vice Chair Mary Alice Hart
Dave Rufenacht Michael Furgal

Motion by Carter, seconded by Hart to adopt Resolution 3-5-03. Motion carried by a majority voice vote, with 4 no votes being Dalton, Scheppele, Cousin, and Zweifel.

RESOLUTION 3-6-03

Resolution Approving Fund Transfer for Supervisory Training

WHEREAS, the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee has general supervision over all personnel policies of the County, including those of the non-represented employees; and

WHEREAS, Green County contracted with Blackhawk Technical College for a customized, ten module leadership development training program for its supervisor personnel in 2001 to create a better work atmosphere for all employees; and

WHEREAS, the Green County Personnel and Labor Relations Committee has determined that refresher training would be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Green County Personnel and Labor Relations Committee has received a proposal from Blackhawk Technical College for a leadership refresher course designed to improve both employee relationships and those with the public, at an estimated cost of up to \$2,000.00 based on a three-hour module for up to 75 supervisory employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, hereby approve the proposal of the Green County Personnel and Labor Relations Committee that the County contract with Blackhawk Technical College for its leadership refresher course consisting of a three-hour training module for each supervisory employee.

SIGNED: PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Arthur Carter, Chair Thomas Daly
Ray Francois, Vice-Chair Mary Alice Hart
Dave Rufenacht Michael Furgal

Motion by Carter, seconded by Zweifel to adopt Resolution 3-6-03. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 3-7-03

Resolution Authorizing Snowmobile and All Terrain Vehicle Grant Application

WHEREAS, Green County is interested in maintaining, acquiring, insuring and developing aids for public snowmobile trail and all terrain vehicle use; and

WHEREAS, said public snowmobile trails and all terrain vehicle trails are eligible for funds under section 23.09(26), Wis. Stats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors in legal session assembled, that Green County apply for funds under Section 23.09(26), Wis. Stats., for such eligible maintenance, acquisition, insurance and/or development costs, and hereby authorizes Michael J. Doyle, County Clerk of Green County, to act on behalf of Green County to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available; sign documents; and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

SIGNED: THE CONSERVATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE:

Sherry Condon Jeff Thomm

Motion by Condon, seconded by Dalton to adopt Resolution 3-7-03. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 3-8-03

Resolution Increasing County Employee Health Insurance Monthly Premium

WHEREAS, Green County Code section 1-7-4 identifies the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee as the committee of record responsible for contracting, development, funding and determination of provider for county employee health insurance; and

WHEREAS, since April 1, 1991, Green County has operated on a self-funded basis with Medical Benefits Administrators (MBA) [formerly Preferred Administrative Services (PAS)] serving as third party administrator; and

WHEREAS, monthly payments are submitted to MBA for claims and administrative expenses, with funds provided by premium rates established by the County Board, as recommended by the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee based on claims history and experience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve the recommendation of the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee for the increase in monthly health insurance rates as follows:

Full-time Employees and Retirees:

	Present Rate	New Rate
Family Policy	\$950.00	\$1,050.00
Single Policy	\$400.00	\$425.00

Cobra:

	Present Rate	New Rate
Family Policy	\$969.00	\$1,071.00
Single Policy	\$408.00	\$433.50

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the effective date for the rate increase will be established as the payment for May 2003 coverage, due in April 2003.

SIGNED: THE PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Arthur Carter, Chair Thomas Daly
Ray Francois, Vice-Chair Mary Alice Hart
Michael Furgal Dave Rufenacht

Motion by Hart, seconded by Rufenacht to adopt Resolution 3-8-03. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Item 13, Ordinance 03-0301 - Compression Brakes Prohibited was removed from the agenda at the request of Resolutions, Legislative and Judicial Committee Chair Sam Gomer. The committee has postponed the ordinance for further study.

PROCLAMATION

In Support of Local Military Personnel

WHEREAS, the United States of America has recognized the need to protect and preserve our national security; and,

WHEREAS, the personnel needed to provide this protection is massive and far-reaching; and,

WHEREAS, the fulfillment of this need has required the call up of national guard units and military reserves, including many local men and women who have been selected, along with full time military personnel, to serve our country in these critical and very volatile times.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas L. Daly, along with the Green County Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Green County, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM our support and appreciation to the courageous men and women serving our nation in the United States Armed Forces.

Motion by Cousin, seconded by Scheppele to amend the proclamation to add the following to the end of the proclamation: "along with all citizens working toward world peace." Motion to amend failed by a roll call vote of 4 yes and 24 no being Wellnitz, Wickline, Torkelson, Kubly, Karlen, Hoesly, Zweifel, Keegan, Francois, Hanson, Kirsch, Grossen, Rufenacht, Guth, Dalton, Disch, Hart, Olson, Timm, Mandel, Condon, Daly, Timm and Carter. Motion to adopt the proclamation passed by a majority voice vote with 1 no being Cousin.

Presentation and Annual Report for UW-Extension given by Alissa Grenawalt, 4-H/Youth Development Agent, and Kathleen Eisenmann, Family Living Agent. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wickline to accept the Annual Report for UW-Extension. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Dalton, seconded by Kirsch to accept the Annual Report for County Clerk. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Hoesly to approve the Farmland Preservation Agreements submitted by Leslie and Ellen Leighty, Town of Jordan, and Jerry and Elizabeth Wuetrich, Town of Clarno. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Rufenacht, seconded by Timm to appoint Dennis Dalton to fill an unexpired term on the Green County Development Corporation Board with a term to expire May 31, 2005. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Keegan to approve the following travel requests: Jail Administrator to attend the Jail Inmate Classification Training Seminar on April 9-11 in Wisconsin Rapids; Patrol Lieutenant to attend an Instructor Training class on April 21-22 in Wausau; Lynn Andrews and Marcia Roum Brue to attend the Wisconsin Nursing Home Social Workers Association Spring Workshop on March 28 in Wausau; two public health nurses to attend a two day seminar on breastfeeding on March 6-7 in Appleton; Diane Updike and Adam Wiegel to attend the spring conference of the Wisconsin County Code Administrators on April 2-4 in Wausau; Sarah Burgert to attend the Wisconsin Leadership Summit on April 3-4 in Wisconsin Rapids; Vicki Miller Share to attend the WSCEA Spring Training Conference on April 10-11 in Wisconsin Rapids; and Jennifer Prien and Teffanie Duffy to attend the annual Wisconsin Victim Witness Professional Conference on April 2-4 in Mishicot. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Zweifel, seconded by Condon to adjourn. Motion passed.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF GREEN)

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 March 11, 2003, A.D.

Michael J. Doyle
Green County Clerk