

# GREEN LAKE COUNTY



## *BOARD PROCEEDINGS*

### *REGULAR SESSION*

*MAY 15, 2007*

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 6 PM in the County Board Room, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Helmer. Roll Called, 18 Supervisors present, 3 Absent (Biesenthal, Dist. 3, Hollander, Dist. 4, Galatowitsch, Dist. 9)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Orrin W. Helmer	1
Wallace Williams	2
Elden Dallman	5
Susan E. McConnell	6
Howard Sell	7
Vern Ammentorp	8
Dennis Galatowitsch	9 6:25PM
Richard Gorr	10
Carol Z. Myers	11
Daniel Priske	12
Gus Mueller	13
Eugene Schroeder	14
John Brennan	15
Gene Thom	16
Debra A. Schubert	17
Robert Krause	18
Michael R. Stoddard	19
Joe Gonyo	20
Joanne Guden	21

The Clerk read the call.

**NOTICE: GREEN LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors will convene at the Courthouse in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin on Tuesday the 15th day of May, 2007 at 6:00 PM for the regular meeting of the Board. Regular monthly business to be transacted includes:

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPEARANCES: 2006 Highway Audit – Jon Trautman

Deputy Sheriff, Sarah Guenther - Bracelet Program

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MIN LIMIT)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION LONG RANGE PLAN

CORRESPONDENCE:

RESOLUTIONS:

Relating to Green Lake County's Support of Adoption of a Statewide Workplace Smoke Ban with No Exceptions.

Relating to Creating a second part-time Corrections Officer Position in the Sheriff's Department.

Relating to Loss of Federal Entitlement Benefits

ORDINANCES:

Relating to Amending Ordinance No. 811-04 Personnel Policies Manual Sec. VII Secondary Employment.

Relating to Rezoning in the Town of Green Lake – Prochnow

Relating to City of Berlin Agricultural Preservation Plan

REPORTS:

HEARINGS:

APPOINTMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Veteran Service Office, Personnel Committee, Property & Insurance Committee

FUTURE ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The several committees of the Board may also meet for the purpose of discussing or acting upon matters, which are the subject matter of the meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

Given under my hand and official seal at the Courthouse in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.

Margaret R. Bostelmann

(SEAL) Green Lake County Clerk

## PLEAGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

## MINUTES

2. Minutes of April 17, 2007. *Motion/second (Stoddard/Guden)* to approve the April 17, 2007 minutes as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next County Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 6 PM

## APPEARANCES

4. Jon Trautman, County Auditor, reviewed the 2006 Highway Audit with the County Board and answered any questions the board members had. *Motion/second (Priske/Myers)* to accept and file Report No. 24-2006 Highway Audit. All Ayes. Motion carried.
5. *Motion/second (Mueller/Myers)* to seat Supervisor Galatowitsch. All Ayes. Motion carried. (6:25PM). 19 Supervisors present, 2 Absent (Biesenthal, Hollander).
6. Chairman Helmer stated that Deputy Guenther gave this presentation at the Towns Association Meeting and Supervisor Schroeder, Supervisor Williams and himself were in attendance and were very impressed with her presentation.
7. Deputy Sheriff Sara Guenther gave a presentation on how the bracelet program and Community Service works within our Law Enforcement and how much money is saved by these programs.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 min limit)

8. Kathy Munsey, Lake St. City of Green Lake, spoke in favor of the Resolution in Support of Adoption of a Statewide Workplace Smoking Ban with no Exceptions.

## DISCUSSION OF LONG RANGE PLAN

9. *Motion/second (Galatowitsch/Myers)* The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting began on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 does hereby move as follows: **Whereas**, Baird, Green Lake County's financial consultant, provided a detailed presentation to the Green Lake County Board (Summary Attached) that clarified the amounts Green Lake County could bond for facility construction using only the sales tax revenue, and **Whereas** the summary of Baird's financials clearly show that Green Lake County can pay for a project costing \$32,520,100 using only sales tax revenue, while at the same time, retaining a surplus of \$2,772,601 at project completion, and **Whereas** Green Lake County has more than \$900,000.00 in additional funds, maintenance cash, available for this project, and **Whereas**, Potter Lawson has proposed and estimated costs, including contingencies, for a complete Green Lake County Space Needs Solution. That complete solution includes a 124 bed justice center/jail facility, a complete Health and Human Services Center, and all Green Lake County Office needs, and **Whereas**, that complete solution including a 124 bed justice center/jail facility, a complete Health and Human Services Center, and all Green Lake County Office needs can be built for \$32,520,100. and **Whereas**, according to the Green Lake County's financial consultant, this solution leaves Green Lake County a surplus of \$2,772,601 at project completion. And **Whereas** according to

the Green Lake County Clerk, there would also remain more than a \$900,000 maintenance cash fund at project completion, and **Whereas**, according to Potter Lawson and Samuels Group, the project estimates includes a contingency of \$1,420,000 to cover unanticipated expenses, and **Whereas**, if the project concludes on budget the county would have  $\$2,772,601 + \$900,000 + \$1,420,000 = \$5,092,601$  in surplus monies available without ever using any money except sales tax revenue. And **Whereas**, Samuels Group, our Construction Manager, has verified, that the estimates by Potter Lawson were right on, or if anything, slightly high, and **Whereas**, Samuels Group, our Construction Manager, has clearly and without hedge, stated that they believe the project can be built on time and on budget. In fact that is why Construction Managers are hired. They are paid to represent our, Green Lake County's interests over all others. And **Whereas**, no credible evidence has been presented that Baird, Potter Lawson, Samuels Group or any Department Employees of Green Lake County have lied, overstated or otherwise manipulated the data presented to this Board or its Committees. And **Whereas**, Building downtown would, according to all consultants, forever leave our county services scattered in multiple locations until we build again. And **Whereas**, Building on County A, according to this motion would forever consolidate all county services on one site. And **Whereas**, Building Downtown, according to all consultants, we cannot accommodate, on site, our parking needs and would forever create massive parking pressure on the local streets. And **Whereas**, Building on County A, we would forever consolidate our parking needs on site. And **Whereas**, the new Sheriff told this Board that building downtown would forever create the need to hire 5 additional corrections officers at an estimated cost of \$300,000 per year in today's dollars. And **Whereas**, If we multiply the added labor costs of a downtown jail times the term of our bond (25 years) we need add  $\$300,000 \times 25 \text{ years} = \$7,500,000$  in today's dollars to the cost of a downtown jail. This cost could only be paid for out of general taxes and could not be paid for out of sales tax revenue. And **Whereas**, after 25 years the county would own outright a County A development. And **Whereas**, After 25 years the county would own outright a downtown jail development but would forever have an additional \$7,500,000 in employee expenses each 25 years (in today's dollars). And **Whereas**, building a Justice Center/Jail downtown would forever scare the downtown site with concrete construction so heavy that future development in anything but an expanded Jail/Justice Center would be prohibitive. And **Whereas**, Building on County A would leave the downtown site in a state that could easily be renovated into anything. And **Whereas**, It is not wise to build Jails in what is essentially a retail and residential area downtown. And **Whereas**, Prisoners would continue to be released in ever greater numbers downtown, in this retail/residential area, if we expand our jail downtown. And **Whereas**, Huber prisoners, on a daily basis, would continue to be released in ever greater numbers downtown, in this retail/residential area, if we expand our jail downtown. And **Whereas**, we have a duty to be good corporate citizens to the City of Green Lake. **Now Therefore Be It Moved** that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors approves authorizing P&I to hire Potter Lawson and Samuels Group to build a County A Phase 1,2 &3 facility out on County A. This complete solution will include a 124 bed justice center/fail facility, a complete Health & Human Services Center and all Green Lake County Office needs. P&I Committee would further be required and authorized to evaluate and make decisions, without further county board approval, as to incorporating any reductions in project scope as presented to this board by Potter Lawson and Samuels Group during our February meeting. **Be It Further Moved**, that the County Board

of Supervisors authorizes P&I to spend the contingency of 5% as the needs arise without further board approval. **Be It Further moved**, P&I would immediately form a committee with the City of Green Lake and prepare a request for proposals as to passing the Downtown facility to private or city hands. Discussion held. *Motion/second (Ammentorp/Schroeder)* to table to June County Board meeting. Roll Call on motion to table – 16 Ayes, 3 Nays (Galatowitsch, Myers, Stoddard), 2 Absent (Biesenthal, Hollander). Motion passed.

10. *Motion/second (McConnell/Schroeder)* to approve an additional County Board of Supervisors meeting for the month of June 2007. The meeting would be focused on discussion about long range plans for County Offices, Jail and Judicial system. The meeting would be informal in format to encourage open sharing of ideas and concerns. The goal of the meeting would be to identify actual space needs, budget limitations, cost of staffing required to operate a jail, state and federal requirements in regard to any altering of the present courthouse, parking, cost of moving, and the inclusion of Health & Human Services operations into any approved plan. The meeting would be moderated by Jeff Hoffman of our UW-Extension staff, as he is familiar with these issues, and has much experience in working with conflict management, and mediation issues. All County Board Supervisors would be encouraged to attend and would be paid per diem. Public input would be limited to observation of the meeting. Discussion held on meeting date. *Motion/second (Galatowitsch/Schroeder)* to amend motion to add meeting date of June 18, 2007 at 6 PM. *Motion/second (Galatowitsch/Schroeder)* to amend amended motion to hold meeting on June 18, 2007 if Jeff Hoffman is available to moderate or June 13, 2007 at 6 PM. as the alternate meeting date if Jeff Hoffman is not available on June 18<sup>th</sup>. First motion to amend is null and void by second motion to amend. Roll Call vote on second motion to amend – 19 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Biesenthal, Hollander). Motion passed. Roll Call vote on motion as amended – 19 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Biesenthal, Hollander). Motion passed.
11. Chairman Helmer reconfirmed with Supervisor McConnell that the Chief Justice or a representative of the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, the State Jail Inspector, the Sheriff and Director of Health & Human Services will be invited to attend the meeting on June 18, 2007, or alternate date of June 13, 2007.

## CORRESPONDENCE

12. Letter from Assistant Corporation Counsel, Dan Sondalle, resigning his position as of June 1, 2007. He has enjoyed working for Green Lake County for the last 15 years. He has worked with many good people and has appreciated the opportunity to serve the people of this county. *Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams)* to accept with regret, Dan Sondalle's resignation as Assistant Corporation Counsel. All Ayes. Motion carried.
13. Chairman Helmer asked Corporation Counsel, John Selsing to explain what happens now.
14. Corporation Counsel Selsing expressed his appreciation for all the work that Assistant Corporation Counsel Dan Sondalle has done for the County. Selsing has appointed Attorney Jeff Haase as temporary Assistant Counsel and will ask the Administrative

Committee to approve his appointment the next time they meet. Selsing will be resuming more of the duties while he is training Attorney Haase.

## RESOLUTIONS

15. Resolution No. 14-2007 Relating to Green Lake County's Support of Adoption of a Statewide Workplace Smoking Ban with No Exceptions. *Motion/second (Dallman/Priske)* to adopt Resolution No. 14-2007. Discussion held. *Motion/second (Priske/Brennan)* to allow Kathy Munsey, HHS to answer questions from the board. All Ayes. Motion carried. Roll Call on Motion to adopt – 14 Ayes, 5 Nays (Gorr, Schubert, Sell, Thom, Williams), 2 Absent (Biesenthal, Hollander). Motion passed. Resolution No. 14-2007 passed as adopted.
16. Resolution No. 15-2007 Relating to Creating a second part-time Corrections Officer Position in the Sheriff's Department. *Motion/second (Schubert/Thom)* to adopt Resolution No. 15-2007. Discussion held. *Motion/second (Thom/Schubert)* to allow Sheriff Podoll to answer questions from the board. All Ayes. Motion carried. Roll Call on Motion to adopt – 19 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Biesenthal, Hollander). Motion passed. Resolution No. 15-2007 passed as adopted.
17. Resolution No. 16-2007 Relating to Loss of Federal Entitlement Benefits. *Motion/second (Thom/McConnell)* to adopt Resolution No. 16-2007. Roll Call on Motion to adopt – 19 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Biesenthal, Hollander). Motion passed. Resolution No. 16-2007 passed as adopted.

## ORDINANCES

18. Ordinance No. 899-2007 Relating to Amending Ordinance No. 811-04, Personnel Policies Manual Section VII Secondary Employment.. *Motion/second (Brennan/Schroeder)* to enact Ordinance No. 899-2007. Discussion held. Roll Call vote on motion to enact – 17 Ayes, 2 Nays (Galatowitsch, Myers), 2 Absent (Biesenthal, Hollander). Motion passed. Ordinance No. 899-2007 passed as enacted.
19. Ordinance No. 900-2007 Relating to Rezoning in the Town of Green Lake – Prochnow. *Motion/second (McConnell/Sell)* to enact Ordinance No. 900-2007. Land Use Planning and Zoning Recommends Approval.. Roll Call vote on motion to enact – 19 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Biesenthal, Hollander). Motion passed. Ordinance No. 900-2007 passed as enacted.
20. Ordinance No. 901-2007 Relating to City of Berlin Agricultural Preservation Plan. *Motion/second (Stoddard/McConnell)* to enact Ordinance No. 901-2007. Land Use Planning and Zoning Recommends Approval. Discussion held. *Motion/second (McConnell/Thom)* to allow MaryLou Neubauer, City Berlin Zoning Administrator to answer questions from the Board. All Ayes. Motion carried. Roll Call vote on motion to enact – 19 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Biesenthal, Hollander). Motion passed. Ordinance No. 901-2007 passed as enacted.

## **REPORTS**

21. None.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

22. None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

23. Supervisor Dallman reported on the Veteran's Service Office.
24. Supervisor Brennan reported on the Personnel Committee.
25. Supervisor Brennan reported on the Property & Insurance Committee.
26. Chairman Helmer announced the committees to report at the June County Board meeting: Administrative, Economic Development Corporation and ICC.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION**

27. None.

## **ADJOURN**

28. *Motion/second (Schubert/Stoddard)* to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried.
29. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Wendt  
Assistant Clerk