

**Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee
Joint meeting with the Highway Committee**

January 14, 2009

The Special joint meeting of the Judicial/Law Enforcement Emergency Management Committee and the Highway Committee was called to order by Vice-Chair, Deb Schubert, on Wednesday, January 14th at 4:00 pm in the County Boardroom, Green Lake County, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present:	Gene Thom (4:05)	Absent – Orrin Helmer
	Deb Schubert	Eugene Henke
	Howard Sell	Robert Krause
	John Zelenski	Alma Hedberg

Others Present:

Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk
Jeff Haase, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Bob Podgorski, Highway Commissioner
Sheriff Podoll

AGENDA

Motion/second(Sell/Zelenski) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON IMPLEMENTING A MANDATORY BOAT LAUNCH FEE

Priske explained that earlier in the year he compared the income of the boat launch fees between the City of Green Lake and Green Lake County. He also looked at several other counties and cities. He believes the County could raise about \$15,000 to \$20,000 annually with a mandatory boat launch fee.

Steve Huber explained that the City has 3 boat launches. In 2007 it became mandatory to purchase a permit.

Money collected is used to maintain the launches. He suggested that the county make sure proper signage is used. Huber has never had people upset about the fee. Most are non-residence and they are willing to pay as long as they have a good launch and can get their boats in and out. Enforcement has taken some time by his department. Twice a day he goes around and checks for permits on trailers or in cars.

Podgorski reported that the Highway Committee is willing to have a box at Dodge and Sunset. They would like the sheriff to pick up the money and believe who ever picks up the money should be bonded. He heard that this could be enforced by the boat patrol. The Highway department will assist the sheriff's department if their employee sees someone in the park violating. It was suggested that the Sheriff Office get the fines that are generated.

Sheriff Podoll stated that only big Green Lake launches would be involved. The boat patrol

can not be reimbursed by the state if they are on land looking for violators. In Walworth County they have LTEs that do the enforcement. Most sheriffs' offices do not have anything to do with launch permits; it is done through parks and forestry. The sheriff's office can do this but they will not guarantee they will be there every day for enforcement. He has a concern with the Sheriff's office employees picking up the money.

Selsing stated that the county has the authority to do this and wants to make sure whoever picks up the money is bonded.

Thom stated that he does not believe this should be done. It was explained that all the revenue would go to upkeep and maintenance of the launches.

Krause stated that all the funds collected since launch fees have been collected have been used to offset the launch area. Priske stated that County fees should be the same amount as the City charges.

Bostelmann asked about businesses that put multiple boats in and out and how they are charged. She will find out from the City Clerk and report back to the Committees.

Sue McConnell stated that she is in favor of the fee and has heard arguments about use of the water. She believes that the cost will be put back into the upkeep of the launch area. Permits would be sold by the County Clerk and also by private businesses.

The device that would be located at the site and sell the permits is \$1250/box.

PREPARE JOINT ORDINANCE ON MANDATORY BOAT LAUNCH FEES

Bostelmann will develop a draft ordinance for the Committees to review.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second(Zelenski/Sell) to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Marge Bostelmann
County Clerk