

**Polk County Property, Forestry and Recreation Committee
Polk County Government Center, West Conference Room
100 Polk Plaza
Balsam Lake, WI 54810**

December 18, 2007

Members present: Mick Larsen, Russ Arcand, Marvin Caspersen, Jeff Peterson, Kay Friberg

Others present: Debbie Peterson, Gregg Westigard, Paul Pedersen, Paul Heimstead, Sarah Rollman, Jeff Fuge, Duana Bremer, Geri Christensen, Neil Johnson, Butch Korsan

Chairman Larsen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Motion (Caspersen/Friberg) to approve the agenda. Carried.

Motion (Friberg/Arcand) to approve minutes of November 15, 2007. Carried

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Forestry

County Forester Paul Pedersen and DNR Forester Paul Heimstead appeared before the committee. Pedersen shared the results of timber sale bids that had been opened the day prior. **Motion (Friberg/Arcand) to approve bids as recommended by Pedersen. Carried.**

Pedersen presented his monthly activity report. There are currently three active timber sales. Proceeds thus far in 2007 total about \$440,000.

At Supervisor Peterson's request, Pedersen responded to some suggestions made in a recent letter to the editor regarding forest management issues. He will look into to ways small commercial firewood sellers might have easier access to dead and down wood.

Buildings

Doug Jost of Johnson Controls appeared before the committee to review Polk County's Ninth Year Annual Report on existing performance contracts. Total savings to date come to \$617,160.

Mark DuLong of Johnson Controls appeared before the committee to respond to the county's request for proposals for performance contracting. He recommended a "phase two" contract that would provide budget-neutral enhancements to county buildings.

Motion (Larsen/Peterson) to approve Project Development Agreement between Polk County and Johnson Controls, Inc. Peterson asked that the preliminary building analysis also look at the feasibility of using solar water heating at the Justice Center. Carried.

Buildings, Solid Waste and Parks Department Director Debbie Peterson invited Duana Bremer to appear before the committee representing the Salvation Army. Ms. Peterson told the committee about confusion over whether the Salvation Army could rightfully sell scrap metal resulting from their remodeling of the old jail.

Motion (Friberg/Arecand) to allow the Salvation Army to dispose of all demolition material as they see fit. Carried.

Fairgrounds

Fair Society Treasurer Geri Christensen appeared before the committee to review the Society's finances. She informed the committee of the Fair Society's new web address at www.polkcountyfair.com.

It was noted that the Property Committee has requested a long-term plan from the Fair Society that would prioritize building and maintenance projects for the next five to ten years. Mr. Fuge offered his opinion that those portions of the fairgrounds owned by the Fair Society fall outside the scope of the memorandum of understanding between Polk County and the Fair Society.

Museum

Ms. Peterson reported that work on the new addition is proceeding on schedule and that some additional grants have been received by the Historical Society.

Motion (Caspersen/Larsen) to approve one voucher for \$29.57. Carried.

Parks

Ms. Peterson reported that the contested case hearing on the removal of the Woodley Dam and construction of a new snowmobile bridge is scheduled for sometime after May of 2008. No action was taken on the Woodley Property Summary of Use Alternatives document prepared for the committee by the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Ms. Peterson will contact the Town of Apple River to see what interest they may have in the Woodley property.

Director's Report

Ms. Peterson reported that the county has now received funding for another Clean Sweep hazardous waste collection program in 2008. She further reported on a cooperative

agreement she has been negotiating with Dunn County which would provide state assistance for a recycling program targeted to convenience stores. Polk County's share in 2008 would be \$6,600, all of which would be reimbursable from the DNR in 2009.

Motion (Caspersen/Friberg) to approve Recycling Efficiency Grant Project Cooperative Agreement and forward same to the full county board. Carried.

Ms. Peterson reminded the committee that her performance review is scheduled for the next meeting. There was also discussion of renaming the former special education building to "Lifelong Learning Center". No action taken.

Motion (Caspersen/Friberg) to approve vouchers from 11/6/07-12/12/07 totalling \$159,032.84. Carried.

Next Meeting/Adjournment

The Committee will next meet on January 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the county board room. On the agenda: Woodley property, sewer issues at jail, performance evaluation, and more.

Motion (Peterson/Arcand) to adourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

--Submitted by Jeff Peterson, Secretary