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***AMENDED* AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Government Center, 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

County Board Room

Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum of the County Board may be present

Amendments:

¹Matters Added or Revised by Initial Amended Notice of Meeting

1. Materials: February 13, 2020 Minutes, 2020 Work Plan Draft, Resolutions
 2. Call to order –Chair Masters
 3. Approval of Agenda
 4. Approval of Minutes for February 13, 2020
 5. Public Comment (3 minutes)
 6. Receipt of Information from Supervisors Not Seated as Committee Members
 7. Update regarding positions of:
 - a. I.T. Director
 8. Update on Fair Society MOU negotiations.

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 9. Update on the Woodley Dam Property.
 10. Resolution 04-20 Declaring Polk County at a Second Amendment Sanctuary County
 11. ¹Resolution ~~00~~ 07-20 Directing the County Administrator to Investigate Options for Saving the Clam Falls Dam.
 12. Resolution 06-20 In Support of Mandatory Minimum Sentences and A Three Strikes Law in Wisconsin
 13. Update Recycling Survey analysis
 14. Develop a Plan to support our parks and trails for the Polk County upcoming budget process
 15. Update 2020 Work Plan
 16. Identification of Subject Matters for Upcoming Meetings
 17. Adjourn
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MINUTES

General Government Committee

County Board Room

Balsam Lake, WI 54810

10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 13, 2020

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Arcand @ 10:05 a.m.

Members present:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Brian Masters	Chair	Absent
Russ Arcand	Vice Chair	Present
Dean Johansen	Supervisor	Absent
Larry Jepsen	Supervisor	Present
Chris Nelson	Supervisor	Present

Also present: Emil Norby, Highway Commissioner/Division Head; Malia Malone, Corporation Counsel; Vince Netherland, County Administrator; Darlene Kusmirek, Interim Human Resource Director; Parks Director, Ben Elfelt; Press; and Maggie Wickre, Finance Director.

Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Arcand called for a motion to approve the agenda as published. **Motion** (Jepsen/Nelson) to approve the agenda. Vice Chair Arcand called for a voice vote on the motion to approve the agenda as published. **Motion** to approve the agenda carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Arcand called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting as published. **Motion** (Arcand/Jepsen) to approve the minutes. Vice Chair Arcand called for a voice vote on said motion. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – No public comment was received by the committee.

Receipt of Information from Supervisors Not Seated as Committee Members – No information was received by the committee from Supervisors not seated as a committee member.

Update regarding Lime Quarry -The Committee received information from Emil Norby, Highway Commissioner/Division Head regarding the business plan for the Lime Quarry and current business activities.

Update regarding Positions -The Committee received updates regarding the hiring of Information Technology (I.T.) Director and Deputy Administrator and Deputy Administrator from Administrator Vince Netherland. Administrator Netherland announced that during his absence, Corporation Counsel Malone will become temporary Deputy Administrator.

Update on Fair Society MOU negotiations -The Committee discussed this subject with the Highway Commissioner Emil Norby and Corporation Counsel Malia Malone. The Committee deferred the discussion on the details of the Fair Society MOU until a later date.

Report and update and request for direction on the sale of Woodley Dam Property. Highway Commissioner Emil Norby handed out information on the upcoming auction of the Woodley Dam Property approved by the Environmental Services Committee. Three parcels will be up for auction starting February 18th.

Resolution 02-20 in Support of Polk County's Agreement to Pay Cost Share for the 2020-2022 Municipal Dam Grant Program – Atlas Dam - Parks Director Ben Elfelt addressed this resolution and explained that they are applying for a DNR grant to repair the Atlas Dam with an estimated cost of \$100,000. The DNR grant requires the County to agree to the 50% cost share in the form of a resolution. **Motion** by (Nelson/Arcand) to send the resolution to County Board with no recommendation. **Motion** passed by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and possible action to set compensation of Elected County Officials - Interim Human Resource Director Darlene Kusmirek and Administrator Vince Netherland addressed the Committee and proposed a salary increase over the next three years. This proposal will be the basis for the resolution that will be drafted for County Board's approval in the near future. Resolution will be drafted by Corporation Counsel Malone to reflect this recommendation for the salaries of the election positions of County Clerk, County Treasurer, and County Register of Deeds. **Motion** (Nelson/Jepsen) move resolution to County Board without recommendation. **Motion** and second withdrawn. It was suggested that the resolution language be changed to reflect the proposed salary increase by Human Resources and County Administration. **Motion** (Nelson/Jepsen) to send with recommendation to County Board.

Update Recycling Survey analysis - Highway Commissioner Emil Norby addressed the Committee on the results of the latest recycling survey. 849 responses. 92% were full time county residence, 5% seasonal, 2% not residents. Survey results are available from Commissioner Norby.

Finalize 2020 Work Plan. – It was decided that this work plan should be a work in progress, so leave on the agenda for March but eliminate the word Finalize.

Supervisor Jepsen asked the Committee to again address the auction of the Woodley Dam Property which was #10 on the agenda – **Report and update and request for direction on the sale of Woodley Dam Property.** **Motion** (Arcand/Nelson) for sale to be held off a minimum of a month to let Corporation Counsel analyze the sale of the proper sale of the Woodley Dam Property. **Motion** carried by voice vote.

Identification of Subject Matters for Upcoming Meetings. April meeting agenda item - Fair Society MOU.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Items for next agenda: Suggestion by Supervisor Nelson that an agenda items would be to develop a plan to support our parks and trails for Polk County upcoming budget process. Add agenda item Sale of Woodley Dam Property on General Government agenda and Environmental Services' next possible agenda.

Adjourn

Vice Chair Arcand called for a motion to adjourn. **Motion** (Nelson/Jepsen) to adjourn. Vice Chair Arcand called for a voice vote on the motion to adjourn. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Wickre
Finance Director

**RESOLUTION DECLARING POLK COUNTY WISCONSIN A SECOND
AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms is guaranteed as an Individual Right under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and under the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, Article 1, Section 25- "The people have the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose"

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms for defense of Life, Liberty, and Property is regarded as an Inalienable Right by the People of Polk County, Wisconsin, and;

WHEREAS, the People of Polk County, Wisconsin derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within Polk County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, and;

WHEREAS, Polk County Board, being elected to represent the People of Polk County and being duly sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, and;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin House of Representatives and the Wisconsin Senate, being elected by the People of the State of Wisconsin and being duly sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, and;

WHEREAS, any legislation considered by the Wisconsin State Legislature that would infringe the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and would ban the possession and use of any firearms, magazines, ammunition or body armor now employed by individual citizens of Polk County for defense of Life, Liberty and Property or would require a firearms owner I.D. card or tax the possession of firearms or ammunition within Polk County, Wisconsin;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors hereby declare Polk County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors affirms its support of the Sheriff to exercise sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen an unconstitutional firearms law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors will not appropriate any funds for any enforcement of unconstitutional laws against the People of Polk County, Wisconsin.

45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Polk County Board of Supervisors do
46 hereby oppose the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the Right of the
47 People to keep and bear arms and consider such laws to be unconstitutional and beyond
48 lawful legislative authority.
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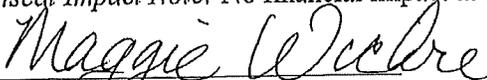
BY: _____
Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1
_____ James Edgell, Supervisor, District #8
Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2
_____ Kim O'Connell, Supervisor, District #9
Dean Johansen, Chair,
Supervisor, District #3,
_____ Larry Jepsen, Supervisor, District #10
Chris Nelson, Supervisor, District #4
_____ Jay Luke, 1st Vice Chair,
Supervisor, District #11
Tracy LaBlanc, Supervisor, District #5
_____ Michael Larsen, Supervisor, District #12
Brian Masters, Supervisor, District #6
_____ Russell Arcand, Supervisor, District #13
Michael Prichard, Supervisor, District #7
_____ John Bonneprise, 2nd Vice Chair,
Supervisor, District #14
_____ Joe Demulling, Supervisor, District #15

County Administrator's Note: Matter of Policy



Vince Netherland
County Administrator

Fiscal Impact Note: No financial impact at this time.



Maggie Wickre, Finance Director

Approved as to Form and Execution:



Malia T. Malone, Corporation Counsel

Legal Impact Note:

Excerpt of Minutes

52 At its regular business meeting on the ____ of _____ 2020, the Polk County Board of
53 Supervisors acted upon **Resolution No. 04-20: Resolution Declaring Polk County**
54 **Wisconsin A Second Amendment Sanctuary County**

- Adopted by a majority of the members present by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below.
- Defeated
- Other:

Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

SIGNED BY:

ATTEST:

Dean Johansen, County Board Chair

Lisa Ross, County Clerk

Executive Summary

This Resolution highlights the inherent Constitutional authority vested in the Sheriff to refrain from enforcing unconstitutional laws.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES AND
A THREE STRIKES LAW IN WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, Polk County is a beautiful place to work live and play, and;

WHEREAS, the ever increasing supply of methamphetamine coming in from Mexico is cheaper and more pure than the “meth lab” version from decades ago and is finding its way into Polk County, and;

WHEREAS, the presence of the methamphetamine supply naturally leads to significant negative impacts on our community, including but not limited to: an increase on drug related crime, children being removed from the home because parents are unable to care for their children, loss in property values, decreased tourism because of the “stigma” associated with high levels of methamphetamine use, and;

WHEREAS, recidivism is rampant among defendants charged with drug related crimes and the laws regarding the factors a court must consider when setting a bond or issuing a sentence have limited the judicial system’s ability to address the increased crime and recidivism rates, and;

WHEREAS, the prevention of crime has been focused on rehabilitation and not enough on punishment as a deterrent with some of the recent sentencing reforms in Wisconsin, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors hereby encourage and support the State Legislature’s effort in sentencing reforms that will supply Judges and Prosecutors with more options and tools at reducing and deterring crime.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors support any statutory amendment that would implement a three strikes law that requires mandatory incarceration for criminal convictions after a defendant has already had two criminal convictions within the 10 years prior.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors supports any statutory amendment that would require mandatory minimum sentences for certain drug related and other crime that negatively impacts the public health and safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors commit to appropriating sufficient funds to handle the increased case-loads, the increased incarceration rate of the Polk County Jail, and the increased staff time necessary to handle the collateral impacts of the sentencing reform supported by this Resolution.

BY: _____
Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1

Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2

Dean Johansen, Chair,
Supervisor, District #3,

Chris Nelson, Supervisor, District #4

Tracy LaBlanc, Supervisor, District #5

Brian Masters, Supervisor, District #6

Michael Prichard, Supervisor, District #7

James Edgell, Supervisor, District #8

Kim O'Connell, Supervisor, District #9

Larry Jepsen, Supervisor, District #10

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Joe Demulling, Supervisor, District #15

County Administrator's Note:

Malia Malone
Interim County Administrator

Fiscal Impact Note: No Financial Impact
Maggie Wickre

Maggie Wickre, Finance Director

Approved as to Form and Execution:

Joseph Loso, Interim Corporation Counsel

Legal Impact Note:

Excerpt of Minutes

47 At its regular business meeting on the ____ of _____ 2020, the Polk County Board of
48 Supervisors acted upon **Resolution No. 06-20: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF**

49 **MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES AND A THREE STRIKES LAW IN**
50 **WISCONSIN**
51 _____

- Adopted by a majority of the members present by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below.
- Defeated
- Other:

Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

SIGNED BY:

ATTEST:

Dean Johansen, County Board Chair

Lisa Ross, County Clerk

Executive Summary

This Resolution is a lobbying effort that communicates Polk County's policy stance on the need for crime deterrent sentencing.

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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO INVESTIGATE OPITIONS FOR SAVING THE CLAM FALL DAM

WHEREAS, the Clam Falls Dam is in need of major repair and is likely to be removed by the current owner, Northwestern Electric, and;

WHEREAS, Polk County contemplated taking over the Clam Falls Dam based upon a previous request by the current owner, and;

WHEREAS, the current owner withdrew the request for the county to take over the Dam based in part on information from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the high and unknown cost of Dam maintenance and repair, and;

WHEREAS, there has not been a meeting between the current owner and the County to discuss other possible options for saving the Dam, and;

WHEREAS, the current owner intends to remove the Dam, leaving the property owners and the tourists that visit the campground on the flowage with a significant loss of property values and recreational opportunities that currently exist because of the Dam, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Polk County Administrator, or his designee, to approach the current owner to discuss any options that may exist for the County to assist with saving the Clam Falls Dam and explore any options that could save the Dam, including litigation.

BY: Brad Olson
Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1
Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2
Dean Johansen, Chair,
Supervisor, District #3,
Chris Nelson, Supervisor, District #4
Tracy LaBlanc, Supervisor, District #5
Brian Masters, Supervisor, District #6
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County Administrator's Note:

Malia Malone
Interim County Administrator

Fiscal Impact Note:

Maggie Wickre, Finance Director

Approved as to Form and Execution:

Joseph Loso, Interim Corporation Counsel

Legal Impact Note:

Excerpt of Minutes

30 At its regular business meeting on the ____ of _____ 2020, the Polk County
31 Board of Supervisors acted upon Resolution No. 07 -20: Resolution Directing
32 the County Administrator to Investigate Options for
33 Saving the Clem Falls Dam
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- Adopted by a majority of the members present by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below.
- Defeated
- Other:

Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

SIGNED BY:

Dean Johansen, County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Lisa Ross, County Clerk

Executive Summary

This Resolution simply directs staff to approach the current Dam owners to determine whether any options exist for the County to assist in saving the Dam. This Resolution does not bind the County in any way to take any particular action.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
2020 WORK PLAN**

Date	Scheduled Agenda Items	Program Evaluation and Upcoming Issues
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update 2020 Work Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Updates regarding hiring for Deputy Administrator positions. ▪ Updates regarding hiring for I.T. Director/Consultant position.
February		
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recycling Center Update, Res. No. 37-19 	
April		
May		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consideration of County Board priorities in General Government ▪ I.T. Developments, Laptop follow-up/paperless initiative
June		
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual reports ▪ Annual Audit Results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Governor’s Budget and impact on government programs
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review and recommendations on fee schedule 	
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual budget review – County Board Budget development/recommendation ▪ Capital Improvement Planning 	
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual budget and budget amendment recommendations 	
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Budget technical amendments 	
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop 2021 work plan 	

Possible 2020 Work Plan Topics

- Review of Lime Quarry
- Government Center security
- Customer Service
- Procedures & Policy regarding reviews MOU’s and funding of outside agencies