

**AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

**Date:** Monday, October 7, 2013

**Forest Tour:** Lorain & McKinley/ 9:00 a.m. Meet at Government Center, Front Entrance

**Time/Title:** 1:30 p.m. / Polk County Property , Forestry and Recreation Committee

**Location:** Government Center, County Board Room, 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam lake, WI

**Purpose:** *Familiarization of committee members with current activities in preparation for budget submission. Obtaining policy advice and direction from the committee as appropriate.*

**Documents:** - September 9, 2013 Property Committee Minutes

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Lead person</b>	<b>Est. Time</b>
1	Call meeting to order	Larry Jepsen	
2	Approval of agenda	Larry Jepsen	
3	Approval of Monday, September 9, 2013 minutes	Larry Jepsen	
4	Public Comment		3 Min
<b><u>Consent Item:</u></b>			
5	Forestry ➤ Forestry Report	Jeremy Koslowski	10 Min
6	Buildings ➤ Veterans Memorial ➤ Recommendation on the 2014 Budget ➤ Tax Deed Real-Estate Sales	Larry Jepsen Dana Frey Debbie Peterson	30 Min 5 Min 5 Min
7	Register of Deeds ➤ Recommendation on the 2014 Budget	Laurie Anderson	5 Min
<b><u>Action Item:</u></b>			
8	Buildings and County Treasurer ➤ Discussion and Recommendation on Pending Litigation over Tax Foreclosed Property: <u>CES Irrevocable Trust v. Polk County</u> , Polk County Case No 2013 CV 425, Response to Litigation and Recommendation on Settlement Offer	Jeff Fuge Amanda Nissen	15 Min
<p>“Pursuant to Secs. 19.85(1)(g) and 905.03(2), Wis. Stats., the Committee may convene in closed session to receive a oral or written legal opinion concerning the noted pending litigation and to develop recommendation on litigation strategy to be adopted by the County on said legal action and to recommend a course of action concerning any offer to settle the same.</p> <p>As the matter requires recommendation to the County Board on such litigation strategy to be considered at a later noticed meeting of the County Board, public disclosure of such recommendation is not subject to release after return to open session of the committee or prior to such later County Board action as the County Board may determine as appropriate or until as appropriate there is no longer a need to retain such matter as a confidential communication pursuant to Sec. 905.03(2), Wis. Stats.</p> <p>Following said closed session, the Committee will reconvene in open session to consider and act upon, as appropriate subject matters noticed herein, including those subject matters noted for consideration or action in open session or closed session.”</p>			
9	Agenda items for next meeting		5 Min
10	Committee members comments	Committee Members	5 Min
11	Set next meeting Date & Place – (Next First Monday: November 4, 2013, 1:30pm)	Larry Jepsen	
12	Adjourn	Larry Jepsen	

This meeting is open to the public according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.83. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend and/or participate are asked to notify the County Clerk’s office (715-485-9226) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time so all reasonable accommodations can be made. Requests are confidential. Agenda items not necessarily presented in order.

**Polk County Property, Forestry and Recreation Committee**

**Larry Jepsen, Chair ~ Tom Engel ~ Harry Johansen ~ William Johnson IV ~ Warren Nelson**

Polk County, WI

## **Property, Forestry and Recreation Committee**

### **Forest Tour**

**Monday, October 7, 2013**

**9:00 a.m.:** Depart Government Center for forest tour of Lorain & McKinley

**Guided by:** Forester Jeremy Koslowski

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Jepsen

**Members present:** Larry Jepsen, William Johnson IV, & Warren Nelson

**Others present:** Debbie Peterson, Jeremy Koslowski, & Tina Riley

- Forest tour was very nice and informative. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful day. Tour ended and arrived back to the Government Center at 12:00 p.m. for a recess.

### **Meeting Reconvened**

Polk County Government Center, County Board Room

100 Polk County Plaza, Ste 10 Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Larry Jepsen

**Members present:** Larry Jepsen, William Johnson IV, Harry Johansen, Tom Engel, & Warren Nelson

**Others present:** Amanda Nissen, Laurie Anderson, Jeff Fuge, & Dana Frey

**Press:** Greg Westigard & Arianna Schultz

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### **Agenda/Minutes**

- **Motion (Nelson/Johansen) to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- **Motion (Johnson/Engel) to approve the September 9, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.**

### **Forestry**

- Forester Jeremy Koslowski gave an update on seedling plantings & forestry quarterly report.

### **Buildings**

- Veterans Memorial presented by Jerry Martin.
- Tax Deed Real-Estate Sales update on property going online for bids. **Motion (Johnson/Johansen) to approve sales and amounts as listed. Motion carried by voice vote.**

### **Buildings & Register of Deeds**

- **Motion (Engel/Johansen) to recommend to the county board to approve the Parks, Forestry, Buildings, & Solid Waste budget. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- **Motion (Johansen/Nelson) to recommend to the county board to approve the Register of Deeds budget. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Discussion and Recommendation on Pending Litigation over Tax Foreclosed Property: CES Irrevocable Trust v. Polk County, Polk County Case No 2013 CV 425, Response to Litigation and Recommendation on Settlement Offer. **Motion (Johnson/Nelson) to go into closed session. Motion carried by voice vote.**

### **Return from Closed Session**

- Upon reconvening in open session, the Chairperson Jepsen announced the Committee was reconvening in open session based upon **Motion (Johansen/Johnson) to go back into open session and that said motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

- Chairman Jepson further announced that pursuant to legal advice of Corporation Counsel that the Committee is announcing that it will be making no recommendation in open session on the proposed resolution concerning the noticed pending litigation as also noticed on the meeting notice of the County Board October 15, 2013 regular meeting.
  
- Chairperson Jepson further announced that pursuant to legal advice of Corporation Counsel that the Committee would not announce any confidential communications made or received in closed session until the County Board had an opportunity to direct the nondisclosure or disclosure of such communications as appropriate in the exercise or waiver of the attorney client privilege.

**Next Meeting**

- Monday, November 4, 2013, 1:30 pm, Government Center, County Board Room

**3:30 P.M. - Adjourn**

- **Motion (Johansen/Johnson) to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.**