



# POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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## AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

County Board Room

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

A quorum of the County Board may be present.

Materials: Minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting; copy of resolution 71-96

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes for April 5, 2017
4. Public Comments

Chair  
O'Connell

### Public Hearing

The Polk County Environmental Services Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 9:15 A.M. in the Government Center (County Board room), Balsam Lake, WI, to consider the following district change:

Zoning  
Administrator  
Kjeseth

- BRUCE HAUS: Residential- Agricultural 5 (RA-5) to Small Business/Commercial (B-3) located: part of the NW 1/4, Sec 6/T32N/R17W, Town of Alden, 7.07 acres.

### Public Hearing

The Polk County Environmental Services Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 9:45 A.M. in the Government Center (County Board room), Balsam Lake, WI, to receive public comment regarding revisions to the Manure and Water Quality Management Ordinance.

Director  
Ritten

5. Consideration of Nominees to Fill Vacancies on Amery Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation Board of Commissioners and Horseshoe Lake Protection and Rehabilitation Board of Commissioners.
6. Review and discussion of Functional Areas Assigned to the Committee for the Purpose of scheduling Program Evaluation of functional Assigned Areas in Advance of the 2018 budget
  - Discussion and consideration of rescinding Resolution 71-96
  - Present information/status of County owned properties
7. Identification of subject matters for Upcoming Meetings

Chair  
O'Connell

Tres. Nissen  
Admin.Frey

Chair

## 8. Adjourn

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Items on the agenda not necessarily presented in the order listed. 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.

# RESOLUTION 71-96

## ORDINANCE NO. 3-96

### PURCHASE OF TAX DEED PROPERTY BY FORMER OWNER(S) OR HEIR(S)

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Polk does ordain as follows:

1. Any former owner(s) or his or her heir(s) who has lost his or her title to land through delinquent tax collection enforcement procedure shall have the right to purchase such land back from the county as authorized in Section 75.35(3), Wis. Stats.
2. Such former owner(s) or his or her heir(s) shall pay all of the delinquent taxes which were the basis for the taking of tax deed, plus interest, and any penalties established by law and all taxes owing to a taxing jurisdiction for special assessment as defined in Section 75.36(1), Wis. Stats., a pro rata share of the costs of the tax collection enforcement proceedings plus an additional sum of 3% of all the aforementioned amounts or \$100, whichever is greater.
3. The former owner(s) or his or her heir(s) shall pay the taxes for the year in which the purchase from the county took place or the amount the taxes would have been in said year had the county not taken tax deed to the property.
4. Any former owner(s) or his or her heir(s) who have lost title to property through the delinquent tax collection enforcement procedure, and if that land is held by the county at the time of the adoption of this ordinance, those persons shall have the right to exercise their rights under the provisions of this ordinance through November 20, 1996. In all subsequent cases where the county takes tax deed through a delinquent tax enforcement procedure, the former owner(s) or his or her heir(s) shall have 90 days from the date that the court assigns title to the county to exercise their right under this ordinance. If those rights are not exercised within the time specified in this ordinance they shall be forever lost.
5. The preference granted to the former owner(s) or his or her heir(s) to purchase said property from the county is exempt from the provisions of Section 75.69, Wis. Stats.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Signed by: Ruby I. Hansen, William F. Johnson, IV and Jerry S. Willits.

Res. 71-96 - Ordinance 3-96 - Purchase of Tax Deed Property by Former Owner(s) or Heir(s) - Moved by Sup. W. Johnson and seconded by Sup. Tomfohrde to adopt Res. 71-96. Robert Hachey, corporation counsel, explained the procedure. Aye and nay vote. 23 yes. Res. 71-96 adopted.



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## MINUTES

### Environmental Services Committee

Government Center County Board Room  
100 Polk County Plaza Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Meeting called to order by Chairman O'Connell at 9:05 a.m.**

#### Members present

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Kim O'Connell	Chair	Present
Vacant	Vice Chair	
Kate Isakson	Supervisor	Present
Brad Olson	Supervisor	Present
Jim Edgell	Supervisor	Present
Dale Wood	Citizen	Present

Also present were Stephanie Fansler, Deputy Polk County Clerk; Sara McCurdy, Director of Land Information; Jason Kjeseth, Zoning Administrator; and members of the public.

**Approval of Agenda-** Chairman O'Connell called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion** (Edgell/Wood) to approve agenda. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote of committee members present.

**Approval of Minutes** – Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15th, 2017 meeting. **Motion** (Olson/Wood) to approve the minutes. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote of committee members present.

**Public Comment:** None

**Final Plat Approval for 146<sup>th</sup> Avenue Subdivision-** Committee discussion. Chair O'Connell called for motion to approve the final plat of 146<sup>th</sup> Avenue Subdivision. **Motion** (Edgell/Wood) to approve. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote of the committee members present.

**Public Hearings** – Chair O’Connell called upon Jason Kjeseth to conduct public hearings on 17 district changes in the Town of McKinley (T36N/R15W) from A-3 (Farmland Preservation) to RA-5 (Residential-Agricultural 5). Kjeseth opened the Public Hearing at 9:15 A.M. and provided a map of the Town of McKinley noting the properties included in the proposed rezones. (Exhibit 3) Background information on the Farmland Preservation Zoning district was provided, and why the rezones were being sought by the seventeen property owners. Chair O’Connell asked if there were any public comment. There being no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:33 A.M.

Kjeseth provided and completed the findings of fact and conclusions of law. **Motion** (Edgell/Wood) to approve and recommend for all seventeen applicants listed in the public hearing notice to the full Polk County Board of Supervisors. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote of committee members present. Public hearing concluded at 9:35 A.M.

**Review and recommendation of Town of St Croix Falls Ordinance 17-03 adopted on March 15, 2017** – Committee Discussion. **Motion** (Olson/Isakson) to recommend the Town of St Croix Falls Ordinance 17-03 to the full Polk County Board of Supervisors. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote of committee members present

Chair O’Connell called for a break at 9:47 A.M. Chair O’Connell declared meeting back in session at 9:56 A.M.

**Museum Ownership-** Chair O’Connell called upon Supervisor Olson. Olson presented a proposal, a copy of which being attached hereto, regarding the ownership of the Polk County Museum and grounds. By unanimous consensus of the members present, the committee recommended the proposal be sent to the General Government Committee.

**Subject Matters for Upcoming meetings -**

April 19, 2017:

1. Public Hearing for Sub-Chapter 12.1 Manure and Water Quality Management Ordinance
2. Public Hearing for District Change
3. Tax deed ordinance
4. Land sales
5. Try to avoid meeting the second Wednesday of the month during June, July, & August.

**Motion** (Edgell/Olson to adjourn. Chair O’Connell declared meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Fansler,  
Deputy Polk County Clerk

The E.S. committee recommends to the G.G. committee that the County consider donating the Polk county museum and grounds to the historical society for \$1. Some conditions apply:

- 1- H.S. continues to operate building as museum for a minimum of 6 years or property reverts back to the County.
- 2- Over the next three years the County would continue to contribute to the museum in the following amounts;  
2017-budgeted amount currently  
2018-\$20,000  
2019-\$10,000  
After 2019 no contribution from the county.

The H.S. is not required in any way to accept this proposal.

Should the H.S. not accept this proposal they should be aware any money spent studying any future building, or property repair would come from monies allocated to the museum as not to become a further budget issue.

Also the H.S. must realize the county can sell this building anytime someone else was to make an offer the county deemed adequate for the building and grounds, as this would bring in tax dollars not just to the county but also the village.



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## MINUTES

### Environmental Services Committee

Government Center County Board Room  
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9:00 A.M. Wednesday, April 19, 2017

**Meeting called to order by Chairman O'Connell at 9:04 A.M.**

#### Members present

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Kim O'Connell	Chair	Present
Tracy LaBlanc	Supervisor	Present
Kate Isakson	Supervisor	Present
Brad Olson	Supervisor	Present
Jim Edgell	Supervisor	Present
Dale Wood	Citizen	Present

Also present were Stephanie Fansler, Deputy Polk County Clerk; Sara McCurdy, Director of Land Information; Dana Frey, Administrator; Jason Kjeseth, Zoning Administrator; Tim Ritten, Director of Land and Water; Amanda Nissen, Treasurer; and members of the public.

**Approval of Agenda-** Chair O'Connell called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion** (Edgell/Olson) to approve the agenda. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes** – Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting. **Motion** (Wood/Isakson) to approve the minutes. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment-** None

#### **Consideration of Nominees to Fill Vacancies on Amery lakes Protection and Rehabilitation Board of Commissioners and Horseshoe Lake Protection and Rehabilitation Board of Commissioners-**

committee confirmed appointments of Tracy LaBlanc to Horseshoe Lake PRD and Kate Isakson to Amery Lakes PRD.

**Subject Matters for Upcoming meetings** - May 3, 2017 Elect Vice-Chair, discuss Comprehensive Plan.

**Public Hearings** - Chair O'Connell called upon Jason Kjeseth to conduct a public hearing regarding a district change in the Town of Alden. Kjeseth provided a map and spoke on the Bruce Haus request to rezone 7.07 acres from Residential-Agricultural 5 (RA-5) to Small Business Commercial (B-3) located in: part of the NW ¼ of Sec 6/T32N:R17W, Town of Alden, Parcel # 002-00126-0000. Chair O'Connell asked for public comments. Comments in support of the request were received from the owners and six neighbors spoke in opposition to the request. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:45 A.M.

Kjeseth provided and completed the findings of fact and conclusions of law. **Motion** (Isakson/LaBlanc) to approve and recommend passage to the full County Board carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chair O'Connell called for a break at 9:57 A.M. Chair O'Connell declared meeting back in session at 10:09 A.M.

**Public Hearing – Manure and Water Quality Management Ordinance.** Chair O'Connell opened the Public Hearing at 10:10 A.M. Tim Ritten began discussion by reviewing several changes to definitions suggested by WDNR regarding the revised Manure and Water Quality Management Ordinance. After initial discussion public comments were received. Mike Garvey, Dale Wester, and Rick Wester gave testimony regarding the ordinance. After testimony was received Mr. Ritten addressed the questions and comments raised. The Public Hearing was closed at 11:45 A.M. The Committee submitted findings of fact.

**Motion** (Edgell/Isakson) to approve and recommend passage to the full County Board carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chair O'Connell called for a break at 11:04 A.M. Chair O'Connell declared meeting back in session at 11:15 A.M.

**Discussion and consideration of rescinding Resolution 71-96** – Treasurer Nissen discussed the Ordinance, which gives a taxpayer and additional 90 days to repurchase property they have lost due to back taxes. Discussion with the committee was to leave as is or reduce the timeline. Committee decided to revisit the issue in the fall. Treasurer Nissen also answered questions relating to the tax foreclosure process and the number of properties that end up in the County's name.

**Present information/status of County owned properties-** the committee received information from Administrator Frey regarding the action being taken to pursue sales of county owned property and the potential value of the sales.

**Motion** (Isakson/Edgell) to adjourn. Chair O'Connell declared meeting adjourned at 11:57 A.M.

Respectfully submitted

Stephanie M. Fansler,  
Deputy Polk County Clerk