

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**March 14, 2017**

Arthur Carter, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The Clerk read the roll with 28 present, and 3 absent being Fahey, Williams and Wolter.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Wickline, seconded by Everson to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

UW-Extension presentation was made by Mark Mayer. Motion by Leonard, seconded by Grotophorst to approve the UW-Extension annual report. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Pleasant View Nursing Home presentation was made by Terry Snow. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Everson to approve the Pleasant View Nursing Home annual report. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ron Locast and Brian Reed from Potter Lawson Architects updated the board on the Government Services Building project.

**RESOLUTION 3-1-17**

***Resolution Awarding Highway Contract in Excess of \$75,000***

**WHEREAS**, County Code Section 1-11-2, entitled COUNTY PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS, provides for review, approval and execution of all county contracts and purchases necessary to carry out approved budget operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1-11-2(A)(4) states: Cost or price in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), recommendation by the appropriate department head and the supervisory committee to the full County Board and approval by the full Board before the purchase is made. Execution of the contract documents shall be by the Green County Board Chair and the appropriate committee chair, after the document has been reviewed by the Green County Corporation Counsel; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve the recommendation of the Green County Highway Committee for the purchase of the following equipment:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Miller Bradford & Risberg	2017 Noram 65E Grader with windrow eliminator	\$130,988.00

**SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:**

Ray Francois, Chair

Harvey Mandel, Vice Chair

Cal Wickline

Russ Torkelson

Ron Wolter

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:**

Ray Francois, Highway Committee Chair

Arthur Carter, County Board Chair

Brian Bucholtz, Corporation Counsel

Motion by Francois, seconded by Torkelson to approve Resolution 3-1-17. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**RESOLUTION 3-2-17**

***Resolution Supporting Efforts to Close Commercial Property Assessment Loopholes***

**WHEREAS**, homeowners in Wisconsin already pay 70% of the total statewide property tax levy; and

**WHEREAS**, the disproportionate burden is about to get much worse unless the Legislature addresses tax avoidance strategies that national chains like Walgreens, and big box establishments like Target and Lowe's are using across the country to gain dramatic reductions in their property tax bills at the expense of homeowners and other taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, a carefully-orchestrated wave of hundreds of lawsuits in Wisconsin is forcing assessors to slash the market value of thriving national retail stores, shifting their tax burden to local mom and pop shops and homeowners; and

**WHEREAS**, Walgreens and CVS stores in Wisconsin have argued in communities across the state that the assessed value of their property for property tax purposes should be less than half of their actual sale prices on the open market; and

**WHEREAS**, in many cases the courts have sided with Walgreens and CVS, requiring communities to refund tax revenue back to the stores; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 200 Walgreens stores located in Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, Target, Lowes, Meijer, Menards and other big box chains are using what is known as the "Dark Store Theory" to argue that the assessed value of a new store in a thriving location should be based on

comparing their buildings to sales of vacant stores in abandoned locations for a different market segment; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Indiana Legislature has on two occasions in the last two years overwhelmingly passed legislation prohibiting assessors from valuing new big box stores the same as nearby abandoned stores from a different market segment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan State House overwhelmingly passed similar legislation in May of 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the board does hereby urge the Governor and State Legislature to protect homeowners and main street businesses from having even more of the property tax burden shifted to them by passing legislation clarifying that:

1. Leases are appropriately factored into the valuation of leased properties; and
2. When using the comparable sale method of valuation, assessors shall consider as comparable only those sales within the same market segment exhibiting a similar highest and best use rather than similarly sized but vacant properties in abandoned locations.

**SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:**

Dennis Everson, Chair  
Arthur Carter  
Steve Borowski

Jerry Guth  
Kate Maresch

Motion by Everson, seconded by Guth to approve Resolution 3-2-17. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**ORDINANCE 17-0301**

***Modifications to Traffic Regulations***

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Highway Committee is charged with the duty to receive and make recommendations upon all highway matters referred to them for Green County; and

**WHEREAS**, at the request of the Highway Commissioner, the Green County Highway Committee has reviewed the Green County Code and has determined that the Green County Code is in need of updating with regard to stop signs and yield signs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the additions, deletions and corrections be made to Sections 8-1-4-1 and 8-1-4-2 of the Green County Code as follows:

**8-1-4-1: DESIGNATION OF LOCATION OF STOP SIGNS**

In the interest of public safety, stop signs shall be installed at the following locations to control traffic on the highways over which the County has exclusive jurisdiction:

St. Johns Road ( <del>West</del> )	County Trunk Highway E
<u>St. Johns Road (East)</u>	<u>County Trunk Highway E</u>

**8-1-4-2: YIELD SIGNS TO BE ERECTED**

The Green County Highway Commissioner is authorized to erect yield right-of-way signs:

<del>St. John Road (East)</del>	<del>County Trunk Highway E</del>
<del>St. John Road (E Island)</del>	<del>County Trunk Highway E</del>

**SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

Ray Francois, Chair  
Cal Wickline  
Ron Wolter

Harvey Mandel, Vice-Chair  
Russ Torkelson

Motion by Francois, seconded by Wickline to approve Ordinance 17-0301. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**ORDINANCE 17-0302**

***Modification to Animal Manure Storage and Animal Feedlot Ordinance***

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Land and Water Conservation Committee has general supervision over administration of the County Land and Water Conservation Program; and

**WHEREAS**, after review of the Green County Code, the Green County Land and Water Conservation Committee has indicated that the Green County Code is in need of updating; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the following additions, deletions and corrections be made to Title 9 of the Green County Code.

**9-4-5: APPLICATION FOR AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS**

G. Review Of Application: The Department of Land and Water Conservation shall receive and review all permit applications and shall determine if the proposed facility meets required standards set forth in Section ~~7-5-4~~ 9-4-4 of this Chapter. Within thirty (30) working days after receiving the completed application and fee, the Department of Land and Water Conservation shall inform the applicant in writing



COUNTY OF GREEN )

I, Michael J. Doyle, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors of Green County, Wisconsin, on their meeting of March 14, 2017, A.D.

Michael J. Doyle  
Green County Clerk