

**PEPIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
PEPIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, DURAND, WI**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chairman Peter Adler. He stated that this meeting had been properly noticed per Section 19.84 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Clerk Marcia R. Bauer called roll.

District # 1	LaVerne Crapser	absent	District # 7	Jon Tappe	present
District # 2	Daniel T. Weiss	present	District # 8	Sean Scallon	present
District # 3	James Kraft	present	District # 9	Brent E. King	present
District # 4	Peter Adler	present	District # 10	Joseph Komisar	present
District # 5	Peggy Schlosser	present	District # 11	Mike Murray	present
District # 6	Patrick J. Milliren	present	District # 12	George T. Dupre	present

11 members present. 1 member absent: LaVerne Crapser.

Others present: Darlene Brunner, Marcia R. Bauer, Larry Krcmar, Monica Bauer, Audrey Lieftring, Judge James Duvall, John Judge, Robert Cropp, Phil Wicktor, Jim Luther, Bruce Holmstadt, and Jackie Schaal.

The Board honored the flag by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Steve Dove of Deer Island Homeowner's Association – To address FEMA proposed floodway delineation on Deer Island

Chairman Adler stated that Mr. Dove called this afternoon to say that he would not be at this meeting due to pending bad weather conditions. Mr. Dove will contact the County when he wishes to reschedule addressing the Board.

Portrait of a Community video presentation by Jake Wrasse

Chairman Adler stated that this agenda item is being postponed to a future meeting.

**AMENDMENT NO. 76 TO ORDINANCE NO. 179
PEPIN COUNTY PERSONNEL CODE**

THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED BY REVISING CHAPTER 4, PERSONNEL POLICIES:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PEPIN COUNTY:

Section 1. Authority and Purpose. This ordinance is enacted under the authority of Section 59.03 Wis. Statutes.

Section 2. That the code of Ordinances of the County of Pepin be amended by revising parts of a chapter to be numbered and read as follows:

4.08 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.

(5) GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE.

(f) Effective January 1, 2005 employees who are eligible for any health insurance coverage at County expense, may receive a cash payment in lieu of coverage if they:

1. Provide proof of other health insurance coverage for themselves and their dependents; and

2. Waive coverage under the Pepin County Group Health Insurance Plan.

The employee, who effectively waives coverage, shall be entitled to payment from the County pursuant to the following schedule:

Employees working at least 1560 hours annually \$1,898.00.

Part-time employees, signing up for payment after May 23, 2001, working less than 1560 hours annually are not eligible for any payment, **except for employees working over 1,000 hours per year that have health insurance coverage under the Pepin County Group Health Insurance Plan and elect to go off of the Plan. The waiver for those employees shall be prorated based on their hours of work.**

3. No one may initially receive the payments detailed above unless the County Finance Director has determined that by such waiving of health coverage does not jeopardize the County's ability to continue to be eligible to be in the Wisconsin Employers' Group Health Insurance Plan.

4. An employee, to effectively waive coverage, must execute a Waiver form.

Section 3. Effective Date. This amendment shall take effect upon adoption.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

/s/ Patrick Milliren

Chairman

/s/ George Dupre

/s/ Jon Tappe

/s/ Mike Murray

Motion by Schlosser and seconded by Komisar to adopt Amendment No. 76 to Ordinance No. 179. Personnel Committee Chairman George Dupre explained that this amendment would provide for a small waiver payment to compensate an employee that qualified for Medicare and decided to go off of the County's health insurance plan to go on their own supplemental policy. The waiver is currently paid only to employees working at least 1560 hours annually. The amendment provides for a prorated share of the waiver payment to be made in the future to part-time employees opting out of the County's health insurance plan. Roll call vote on Amendment No. 76. Yes 11. No 0. Absent 1. Amendment adopted.

**AMENDMENT # 77 TO ORDINANCE NO. 179
THE GOVERNING BODY – RULES OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED BY REVISING CHAPTER 2, THE GOVERNING BODY:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PEPIN COUNTY:

Section 1. Authority and Purpose. This ordinance is enacted under the authority of Section 59.03 Wis. Statutes.

Section 2. That the code of Ordinances of the County of Pepin be amended by revising parts of a chapter to be numbered and read as follows:

Section 2.04 **COMMITTEES**

4. (d) Human Services Board. 4 members of the Board appointed at the organizational meeting serving a term to coincide with their length of tenure on the Board and 3 citizen members each for 3 year terms which are set up as staggered terms. ~~The three citizen members shall not have any voting rights on matters relating to the Child Support and the Veterans Service Offices.~~

The 4 County Board members appointed to the Human Services Board will have jurisdiction regarding all matters relating to the Veteran's Service Office.

The Human Services Board shall:

1. ~~Supervise the Human Services Department, Child Support Agency, the Aging Unit and the Veterans Service Office.~~
2. ~~Perform all duties prescribed by law.~~
3. ~~Have jurisdiction over all matters relating to veterans' affairs.~~
4. ~~Have jurisdiction over all matters relating to aging unit services.~~

Supervise the Human Services Department as outlined in Section 46.23(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes, "Powers and Duties of County Human Services Board".

Section 3. Effective Date. This amendment shall take effect upon adoption.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

/s/ Patrick Milliren
Chairman

/s/ George Dupre

/s/ Jon Tappe

/s/ Mike Murray

Motion by Milliren and seconded by Tappe to adopt Amendment No. 77.

Human Services Board Chairman Patrick Milliren explained that this amendment cleans up the language related to the duties of the Human Services Board following the merge of the Child Support Office under Human Services. Motion carried unanimously to adopt Amendment No. 77. Amendment adopted.

Chairman Adler stated that the two annual reports to be given tonight were ready and would have been presented in December but were postponed because there was no County Board meeting held in December.

Monica Bauer presented the **2008 Annual Report of the Register of Deeds Office.**

Audrey Lieftring presented the **2008 Annual Report of the Clerk of Circuit Court Office.**

Motion by Komisar and seconded by Murray to approve the reports as presented. Reports approved and placed on file for public inspection.

Judge James Duvall addressed the County Board and complimented the staff of the Clerk of Courts Office and Judge's Office on their aggressive work on collecting outstanding fines owed Pepin County. Clerk of Courts Audrey Lieftring was credited for negotiating a better contract with the collections company the County contracts with, reducing their rate down from 27% to 19%.

Judge Duvall explained two programs that were recently implemented. The *Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program* was established with the goal to change behavior in a more effective way for third and fourth offense drunk drivers. The *Foreclosure Mediation Program* is designed to provide sound structure for the orderly exchange of meaningful financial information and then a precise time during which the parties can focus exclusively on possible alternatives to foreclosure. The mediation process will be administered by Marquette Law School.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2010
AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL WORK HOURS FOR 0-3 HOME TEACHER
WITH GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department has received an American Investment and Recovery Act Grant to be used for the Birth to Three Program in Pepin County, and

WHEREAS, the Birth to Three Coordinator, Diane Kelly, is currently authorized to work 60% time, and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Board and the Personnel Committee have approved additional work hours for the Birth to Three Coordinator to be funded through this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pepin County Board of Supervisors authorize additional hours of work in 2010 for the Birth to Three Coordinator, as authorized by the Human Services Director, not to exceed the amount of the American Investment and Recovery Act Grant.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

/s/ Norman Murray

/s/ Daniel T. Weiss

/s/ Peter A. Adler

/s/ Joseph Komisar

Motion by Scallon and seconded by Schlosser to adopt Resolution No. 1-2010. Human Services Director Phil Wicktor addressed the resolution. Pepin County received \$3,957.00 in stimulus funding to be used for the Birth to Three Program in Pepin. The funds will be used to authorize the employee working in that position to work an additional two days per month for a total of 115.2 additional hours in 2010. The workload for that program has increased in Pepin County. There will be no increased benefits for the employee, no additional cost to the County, and the funding must be used by the end of August. Roll call vote on Resolution No. 1-2010. Yes 11. No 0. Absent 1. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2010

PEPIN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
SUPPORTING THE RESTORATION OF THE STATE TAX RECIPROCITY
AGREEMENT BETWEEN WISCONSIN AND MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, since 1968 the States of Wisconsin and Minnesota have been operating under an Income Tax Reciprocity Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the agreement was to make it easier for residents who commute across state lines by allowing them to pay income tax only in their home state, thus requiring the filing of only one state tax return; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has elected to terminate the long-standing agreement effective January 1, 2010, affecting approximately 33,500 Wisconsin residents who are employed in Minnesota and 13,000 Minnesotans employed in Wisconsin, as well as many businesses in both states that employ non-residents; and

WHEREAS, some Pepin County residents may commute to Minnesota to work or some Pepin County businesses may employ Minnesota residents; and

WHEREAS, filing an income tax return for both their state of residence and their state of employment would be less convenient and more time consuming and expensive for Pepin County residents, as well as more burdensome for any Pepin County businesses that employ Minnesota residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pepin County Board of Supervisors supports the Wisconsin/Minnesota Income Tax Reciprocity Agreement and urges the Governor and legislature of Wisconsin to act to restore the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk send certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary, the leadership of both houses in the Legislature, the Joint Committee on Finance, the Legislators representing Pepin County, the Governor of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Department of Revenue Commissioner.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

/s/ Norman Murray
 /s/ Daniel T. Weiss
 /s/ Peter A. Adler
 /s/ Joseph Komisar

Chairman Adler stated that, at the last meeting, the County Board supported having this resolution acted on by Pepin County.

Motion by Murray and seconded by Scallon to adopt Resolution No. 2-2010. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2010
 2010 BUDGET MODIFICATION – TRANSFER OF FUNDS
 (Health/Human Services WIMCR Funds)**

WHEREAS the Pepin County Finance Committee reviewed the accounting for WIMCR checks received by the Health Department and the Human Services Department at its December 15, 2009 meeting, and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee recommends ,beginning in 2010 with a \$31,000 transfer budget, that the portion of its WIMCR checks received by the Health Department that the State recoups by reducing the Human Services Department’s State/County contract be transferred from the Health Department to the Human Services Department, and

WHEREAS the original 2010 Budget did not provide for this transfer between the two funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pepin County Board of Supervisors authorizes the 2010 Budget to be modified as follows:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
	Human Services Fund:			
211-00-41110-022	General Property Taxes	\$ 293,593.00	\$ (31,000.00)	\$ 262,593.00
211-00-49200-000	Transfer From Other Funds	0.00	31,000.00	31,000.00
	Health Dept. Fund:			
230-00-41100-000	General Property Taxes	297,868.00	31,000.00	328,868.00
230-00-59200-390	Transfer To Other Funds	0.00	31,000.00	31,000.00

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

/s/ Norman Murray
 /s/ Daniel T. Weiss
 /s/ Peter A. Adler
 /s/ Joseph Komisar

Motion by Milliren and seconded by Dupre to adopt Resolution No. 3-2010.

Finance Director Larry Krcmar explained the current accounting for Health Department and Human Services Department WIMCR Funding. This resolution transfers the portion of WIMCR checks received by the Health Department that the State recoups by reducing the Human Services

Department's State/County contract. This will more accurately reflect costs to each department. Roll call vote on Resolution No. 3-2010. Yes 11. No 0. Absent 1. Resolution adopted.

Appointments –

Chairman Adler appointed Dean Abbott to continue to represent Pepin County on the Indianhead Federated Library Board. He also appointed Peggy Schlosser to serve on the ADRC Board. Motion by Milliren and seconded by Kraft to affirm the Chairman's appointments. Motion carried.

CITIZEN CONCERNS ON ISSUES OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizen concerns on issues other than agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Adler read notes of thanks received from Tom Klein for the retirement plaque he received, and from Nancy Richardson's family for the plant received during the time of her brother's death.

Darlene Brunner informed the Board that five new building directories have been received and installed. The ADRC funded over two-thirds of the cost of those directories. The ADRC also gave Pepin County over \$17,000.00 at the end of last year to help pay for the new elevator.

Darlene also reported that meeting minutes and agendas will be put on Pepin County's web page in the very near future.

Committee Chairpersons reported on activities of importance within departments.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, motion by Murray and seconded by Scallon to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by,
Darlene Brunner
County Board Assistant

Approved by,
/s/ Peter Adler
Peter Adler, Chairman
Pepin County Board of Supervisors

Certified this 2nd day of February, 2010.

Pepin County Clerk