

**Amended Notice of (Extra) Regular Meeting
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
December 18th, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.
Oneida County Courthouse
County Board Meeting Room 2nd Floor**

Chairman Cushing called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Meeting Room at the Oneida County Courthouse. There was a brief moment of silence for our troops here and overseas, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisors: Ted Cushing, Paul Dean, Billy Fried, David Hintz, Scott Holewinski, Jim Intrepidi, Bob Martini, Jack Martinson, Bob Metropulos, Bob Mott, Sonny Paszak, Carol Pederson, Thomas Rudolph, Jerry Shidell, Candy Sorensen, Jack Sorensen, Denny Thompson, Michael Timmons and Romelle Vandervest

OF MEMBERS PRESENT: 19

SUPERVISORS EXCUSED: 2- Gary Baier, Greg Berard

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: 1- Jayla Paulson, 2 Absent – Zeller, Hoger

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Bartelt, County Clerk; Melodie Gauthier, Chief Deputy Clerk; Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel; Jean Hanson, Conservation Specialist; John Sweeney, Sheriff's Office; John Bilogan, Forestry; Lisa Charbarneau, LRES and Charlie Evenhouse; Solid Waste.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Sign Attendance Form at the Podium.
Please Use Microphones When Speaking.
County Board Group picture taken today after the meeting
Christmas party to follow County Board Meeting.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2012 ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING.

MOTION/SECOND: J.Sorensen/Vandervest to accept the minutes of November 13, 2012. All Aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

Correction, additions or deletions: Rudolph – page 9. To add "No action taken" after closed session.

REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor Rudolph introduced Jean Hanson, Conservation Specialist to announce the speakers of the Soil and Water Conservation speaking contest.

Land and Water Conservation

Soil and Water Conservation Speaking Contest – Winning Speakers

Winning speech by Grace Ribbe - "Problematic Fleas"
Grace is a 5th grader at Three Lakes Elementary School

Winning speech by Cassandra Hoger - "Hot Summer, Hotter Topic"
Cassandra is a senior at Three Lakes High School

MOTION/SECOND: Hintz / Intrepidi to enter into closed session. Time: 9:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 19 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent – Baier and Berard.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: 1 Aye.

MOTION - carries.

CLOSED SESSION:

It is anticipated that the committee will adjourn to closed session pursuant to section 19.85 1) (c) and (g) for the purposes of (1) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee; and (2) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Topic: Personnel Matter).

MOTION/SECOND: Vandervest/Rudolph to return to open session. Time: 11:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 19 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent – Baier and Berard.

MOTION – carries.

5 Minute break

No announcement on closed session from the Chair.

Cassandra Hoger, Student Representative - arrives 11:00 a.m.
(2nd speaker for Land and Water Conservation Soil and Water Conservation)

Supervisor Martini asked to address the Chair prior to the Consideration of Resolution and Ordinances due to the fact he has to leave the meeting shortly.

Corporation Counsel, Brian Desmond states: 2.06 RULE 6: MEMBERS AND NONMEMBERS ADDRESSING CHAIR. (1) MEMBERS. Prior to speaking, every member shall respectfully address the Chair and, upon being recognized, shall proceed, confining himself/herself to the question under debate and shall not be interrupted, except by a call to order.

MOTION/SECOND: Dean/Mott to suspend rules 2.06 Sub. Chapter (1) of the Oneida County Code for Supervisor Martini so he may address the County Board regarding the Resolutions.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 19 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent – Baier and Berard

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: 2 Aye.

MOTION – carries.

Martini discussed issues on the upcoming Resolutions # 97-2012 and #101-2012.
Supervisor Martini – excused 11:20 a.m.

Supervisor Rudolph introduced Cassandra Hoger – 2nd speaker of the Soil and Water Conservation Speaking Contest with her winning speech - "Hot Summer, Hotter Topic".

Raalte

PUBLIC COMMENT – Karl Fate, Alan Van Ranke, Dee Ann Allen, addressed the County Board regarding the approval of Resolution #87-2012.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #94-2012 – Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee authorizing 2012 Budget transfers.

RESOLUTION #98-20012 – Offered by the Land Records Committee regarding the approval of sale of the land described in Volume 212, Page 199. of the Golf Course Subdivision – Parcel # PL 824.

RESOLUTION #99-2012 – Offered by the Land Records Committee approving a quit claim deed to Thomas L. Boyle and Debborah L Boyle on a parcel of land in the Town of Lynne – Parcel # LY 408.

RESOLUTION #100-2012 – Offered by the Land Records Committee approving a quit claim deed to Brian R. Walters on a parcel of land in the Town of Newbold Parcel # NE 626-1.

Appointments to committees, commissions and other organizations:

To re-appoint Romelle Vandervest to the Library Committee for a term to expire December 2015.

MOTION/SECOND: Shidell/Paszak to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 18 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent – Baier, Berard and Dean.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: 2 Ayes.

MOTION – carries.

MOTION/SECOND: Holewinski/Metropulos to re-appoint Romelle Vandervest to the Library Committee for a term to expire December 2015. All “aye” on voice vote, motion carries.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

TABLED RESOLUTION #78-2012– Offered by the Highway Committee regarding the DOT transfer of lands from Oneida County to the DOT “easement to lands for purposes of highway right-of-way”.

MOTION/SECOND: Paszak/Timmons to table Resolution #78-2012 and #93-2012 indefinitely. All “Aye” on voice vote, motion carries.

TABLED RESOLUTION #78-2012 AND RESOLUTION #93-2012 – tabled indefinitely.

REFERRED RESOLUTION #87-2012/GENERAL CODE/OA

Ordinance Amendment offered by Supervisor Paul Dean.

WHEREAS, Oneida County is no longer pursuing any mining projects; and

WHEREAS, there is no longer a need for a Mining Oversight and Local Impact Committee (MOLIC) due to the decision to not pursue mining in Oneida County; and

WHEREAS, removing the MOLIC language from the County Code will enable future County Board’s to determine if the MOLIC should be a stand alone committee or work in conjunction with another established committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portions thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and hereby are repealed as far as any conflict exists.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

Section 3. If any claims, provisions or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Section 2.39 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

2.39 FORESTRY, LAND, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE. (Rep. & recr. #55-2011)

This Committee shall:

(1) Perform all functions necessary to administer Ch. 14 of this General Code.

(2) ~~Act as the Mining Oversight/Local Impact Committee and perform the following duties:~~

(a) ~~Act as a liaison between the County Board and the Conservation~~

~~& UW-EX Committee, Administration Committee, and Planning and Zoning Committee in all matters pertaining to mineral exploration, prospecting, mining and reclamation of mineral resources located in the County. Such liaison responsibility shall not be in place of the continuing responsibilities of the above identified committees in their primary areas of jurisdiction which shall continue.~~

(b) ~~Act as the County's local impact committee pursuant to §293.33, Wis. Stats.~~

~~1. The Committee shall act as the County's Local Impact Committee for the purposes identified in §293.33, Wis. Stats., except that in carrying out such purposes, the Committee shall not proceed without the approval of the committees identified in sub. (1) above in their primary areas of jurisdiction which shall continue.~~

~~2. The Committee or its designees from the Committee may serve on a joint committee under §293.33, Wis. Stats., and consistent with its responsibility for carrying out the purposes referred to above, the Committee or its designees from the Committee may submit requests for funds as authorized by §293.33, Wis. Stats. (Am. #62-93)~~

~~3. From time to time the Committee may seek authorization from the County Board to include ex officio nonvoting members as representatives of affected units of government, business and industry, manpower, health, protective or service agencies school districts or~~

~~environmental and other interest groups or other interested parties who, upon approval by the County Board, shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as permitted by §3.10 of this General Code.~~

~~(c) Act as the lead committee in the preparation of applications for funding assistance from whatever source, subject to final review and approval of the County Board.~~

~~(d) In conjunction with the recommendation of the primary committee of jurisdiction, recommend to the County Board contracts for professional services which, upon the review and approval of the County Board, may be provided to the County Board and the primary committee of jurisdiction.~~

~~(e) Ex officio nonvoting members of this Committee shall include the Planning and Zoning Administrator, Forestry Administrator, University Extension Community Resource Development Agent, a designee of the Economic Development Corporation.~~

~~(f) A designee of any town in which mineral exploration, prospecting mining or reclamation is taking place shall be a voting member of the committee. This designee shall be entitled to per diem and mileage at the current County rate for each meeting attended and not reimbursed from any other source.~~

Approved by Supervisor Paul Dean this 10th day of October, 2012.

Offered and passage moved by Supervisor: Dean

Seconded by: Martinson

ROLL CALL VOTE: 9 Ayes, 9 Nays- Timmons, J.Sorensen, Holewinski, Thompson, Paszak, Hintz, Shidell, Rudolph and Cushing. 3 Absent – Baier, Berard and Martini.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: 2 Nays

RESOLUTION #87-2012 – defeated.

RESOLUTION # 92-2012/GENERAL CODE/OA

Ordinance Amendment offered by the Public Safety Committee

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Sheriff's Office is repository for many abandoned items;
and

WHEREAS, there is limited storage space for abandoned property that the Sheriff Office is responsible to store; and

WHEREAS, allowing the Oneida County Sheriff's Office to handle abandoned property pursuant to their own policies and procedure consistent with state and federal laws, will create greater efficiency in the disposition of abandoned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES

ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portions thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and hereby are repealed as far as any conflict exists.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

Section 3. If any claims, provisions or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Section 1.37 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

1.37 DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED PROPERTY. (Cr. #58-91)

The County may dispose of or utilize any personal property which has been abandoned or remained unclaimed for a period of one year after the taking of possession of the property by County ~~officers~~ officials or employees by the following means which are determined to be in the best interests of the County:

(1) Such abandoned property shall be inventoried in a manner which will reasonably describe it, including identification numbers; where it was abandoned; the name and last known address of the owner, if known; and its estimated fair market value.

(2) The inventory list shall be circulated to the various departments of the County and requests for use of specific items of personal property appearing on the list may be submitted to the ~~Law Enforcement and Judiciary~~ Public Safety Committee for review and approval as being in the best interests of the County. An inventory of such property shall be maintained and updated on an annual basis for so long as such property is utilized by any of the various County departments. The name of the department, the person in such department who is responsible for the property, the consideration received, if any, for the utilization of

such property and the manner in which the property is ultimately disposed of shall be included on the inventory list. Such inventory list of such utilized property shall be kept as a public record for a period of not less than 2 years for each piece of property.

(3) Any property which is not utilized by a County department as provided for above shall be disposed of in a sale open to the public under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff and the Buildings and Grounds Committee or its designee and all receipts from the sale, after deducting the necessary expenses of keeping the property and conducting the sale, shall be paid into the County treasury. Forty-five days prior to any auction the Sheriff's Office shall submit to the Buildings and Grounds Committee a list of items available for sale to the public or distribution to County departments. The Committee shall thereafter disseminate the list to the County departments who shall thereafter make any requests for use of specific items to the Committee for final approval. (Am. #31-2000)

(4) Any abandoned property in the care and custody of the Oneida County Sheriff Office shall be disposed of pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Oneida County Sheriff's Office that are consistent with state and federal laws.

Approved by the Public Safety Committee this 25th day of October, 2012.

Offered and passage moved by Supervisors: Hintz, Metropulos, Martinson, Timmons and Fried.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 18 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent - Baier, Berard and Martini.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: 2 Ayes.

RESOLUTION #92-2012 – Enacted.

RESOLUTION #93-2012- Offered by the Public Works Committee regarding a quit claim deed to be transferred to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION #93-2012 – tabled indefinitely.

RESOLUTION #95-2012/GENERAL CODE OA – Offered by the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee amending Section 14.17(2)(i) of the General Code of Oneida County.

RESOLUTION #95-2012/GENERAL CODE OA - not in proper format, returned to committee.

MOTION/SECOND: Shidell/Vandervest to have Resolution #95-2012 returned to the Forestry Committee to be put into proper resolution format. All "Aye" on voice vote, motion carries.

RESOLUTION #96-2012

Resolution offered by Forestry, Land, & Recreation Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Forest Comprehensive Fifteen-Year Plan requires an annual work plan to be approved by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Forestry, Land, & Recreation Committee has unanimously approved the annual Forestry Work Plan at their regular meeting held on December 5, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors adopted the Forestry Department budget at their budget meeting held on November 13, 2012; so

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forestry, Land, & Recreation Committee and approve the Oneida County Forestry Department Annual Work Plan for 2013 as set forth in Exhibit # 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Approved by the Forestry, Land, & Recreation Committee this 5th day of December, 2012.

Offered and passage moved by: J.Sorensen, Rudolph and Martinson.

Exhibit # 1

2013 WORK PLAN FOR THE ONEIDA COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

In 2013 Oneida County Forestry Department management activities will be accomplished under the following accounts:

Account	Revenue			Expenses			Request ed
	New	Appl. Cont. Appropriations	Total	Personnel	Other	Total	
56110 Co. Forest	1,310,020.00-	-0-	1,310,020.00-	267,969.00	89,341.00	357,310.00	952,710.00-
56111 Aid For Rds	11,760.00-	60,240.00-	72,000.00-	-0-	72,000.00	72,000.00	-0-
56116 St. Aid Wildl.	4,113.00-	8,500.00-	12,613.00-	-0-	12,613.00	12,613.00	-0-
55210 Co. Parks	50,000.00-	63,000.00-	113,000.00-	178,323.00	107,300.00	285,623.00	172,623.00
55212 Campground	3,200.00-	-0-	3,200.00-	-0-	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,250.00-
55410 St. Aid Snowmo	255,975.00-	-0-	255,975.00-	-0-	255,975.00	255,975.00	-0-
55412 St. Aid ATV	18,180.00-	-0-	18,180.00-	-0-	18,180.00	18,180.00	-0-
Total	1,653,248.00-	131,740.00-	1,784,988.00-	446,292.00	557,359.00	1,003,651.00	781,337.00-

FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

County Forest Annual Integrated Planning Meeting

The County Forest Annual Integrated Planning Meeting between the Oneida County Forestry Department (OCFD) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was held on July 30, 2012. The purpose of the planning meeting is to provide a forum where both departments can jointly establish and agree upon County Forest Management Goals for the upcoming year.

Individuals present at the 2012-13 County Forest Cooperative Planning Meeting were DNR County Forest Liaison, Manny Oradei; DNR Wildlife Manager, Michele Woodford; DNR Wildlife Technician, Eric Kroening; DNR Area Supervisor, Phil Theiler; DNR Team Leader, Tim Friedrich; DNR Forestry Specialist, Brian Spencer; Oneida County Forest Director, John Bilogan; and Oneida County Assistant Forest Director, Paul Fiene.

Items discussed were County Forest Time Standards, Wildlife Habitat funds, proposed timber sales and harvest acreage goals, reforestation, County Forest Roads, forest health and protection issues, forest reconnaissance, forest blocking, and SFI Forest Certification issues.

Timber Sale Establishment

Approximately 2300 acres of mature timber will be harvested in 25 areas as specified in Section 202 of the WisFirs forest reconnaissance computer printout. This will entail approximately 783 acres of Northern Hardwood thinning and 647 acres of Aspen harvest for regeneration. In addition, approximately 870 acres of miscellaneous timber types will also be harvested. The sale areas are distributed throughout the three County

Forest Blocks (Enterprise, Cassian-Woodboro, and Lynne-Little Rice). The allowable cut for 2013 is 2293 acres. The estimated value of this 2293 acres of timber sales is approximately \$1,300,000.

The labor required to establish the aforementioned timber sale acreage will be provided by the OCFD with assistance from DNR Forestry personnel. In addition, the County was awarded a Sustainable Forestry Initiative Grant to fund 50% of an LTE Forester position to conduct an assessment of possible trail use by Personal Wheeled Mobility Devices (PWMD's) along with assessing regeneration in hardwood stands. This person will also update forest recon data. The balance of said position will be funded with levied money and will concentrate on timber sale establishment. The County has also budgeted for a 2nd Forestry LTE position in 2013. Said position will be funded exclusively with levy money and will be limited to work related to establishment of timber sales.

Timber Sale Administration

It is anticipated that between 35 and 45 timber sale contracts will be active in the year 2013. Department involvement will include contract administration, sale inspection, and fiscal record keeping. A harvest of 35,000 cord equivalents with an equivalent value of approximately \$1,300,000 is anticipated. The haul permit system will continue to be used for pulpwood and wood scaling will be utilized for saw logs. Weekly timber sale inspections by both County and DNR personnel will be conducted on all active sales.

Forest Reconnaissance

Forest Reconnaissance work scheduled for 2013 includes the complete revision of approximately 4,000 acres of outdated forest reconnaissance information that was collected in the 1970's and 80's. In addition, approximately 2,000 acres of forest reconnaissance data collected in the 1990's will be updated to reflect recent forest management activities. A combination of DNR and OCFD employees will be utilized to perform the above-described work.

Forest Protection

Cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be sought in protecting the forest from insects, disease, and forest fires. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), will be contracted with to help control nuisance beaver damage. Isolated beaver colonies that have been identified as posing a threat to timber productivity, or causing damage to County Forest Roads, and Trout Streams will be targeted for capture and removal. Forest insects and diseases in our area, and/or projected to emerge or migrate into our area where discussed.

County Forest Roads

Additional gravel has been identified as a key priority for maintaining the high quality of our existing County Forest Road system. Consequently, locating a suitable site for future gravel crushing with low visible impact near the northern edge of the Enterprise County Forest Block will be a priority.

In 2013 money has been budgeted to crush approximately 10,000 yards of road gravel in a new pit located on Zimmer Road. The Forestry Department will also continue following our culvert replacement plan in 2013.

Approximately five to ten culverts per year have reached the end of their life expectancy and accordingly are scheduled for replacement. Because the majority of culverts used on the County Forest Road System are small in size (18-24 inch diameter), they can be installed with Forestry Department personnel and equipment. In 2013 one larger 48-inch diameter culvert will be contracted out for replacement.

In addition to the projects mentioned above, normal road maintenance is scheduled to take place on the balance of County Forest Road System which includes: grading, signing, wash-out repair, spot graveling, brushing, mowing, and beaver flood control.

Reforestation and Plantation Release

Establishment of small irregularly shaped clear cuts ranging in size from 3-10 acres will be established in scattered areas adjacent to the Washburn Recreational Trail System. Upon completion of the aforementioned harvest, the harvested areas will be planted with fast growing coniferous species to provide evergreen cover along the trail.

The reforestation efforts described above will greatly reduce the visual impact of subsequent timber harvests planned for the area surrounding the Washburn Recreational Trail by providing a natural visual screen of cover. Time permitting, several recently thinned hardwood stands will be chain scarified in order to expose mineral soil and prepare a seed bed for Oak, Maple, Pine, and Birch trees.

Approximately 24 acres will be re-planted to Jack Pine seedlings. This area was planted in 2012, however the survival rate of the planted seedlings is approximately 46%, necessitating additional planting to bring it up to acceptable stocking levels. Approximately 12,000 seedlings will be planted here. An additional 8-10 acres of planting will occur in the Town of Woodboro. This site is part of an agricultural field that an adjacent landowner has been mowing on County property.

Forest Certification

The Oneida County Forest is certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) program. The SFI certification requires periodic random audits of forests that are certified under this program. In 2012 no significant issues were identified as needing attention by Wisconsin County Forest programs certified under SFI. The following is a list of minor items identified by SFI as needing attention, and the action plan developed by the DNR and adopted by the Oneida County Forestry Department to address the areas of concerns.

SFI Corrective Action Requests (CARs)

No new CARs were issued following the 2012 SFI Audit. However, three opportunities for improvement (OFIs) were issued. These are:

1. There is an opportunity to improve processes for monitoring natural regeneration. This could prove useful in dealing with expected trends in deer populations and the increasing impacts of deer browse on natural regeneration that are being reported in some areas. (SFI Indicator 2.1.3)
2. There is an opportunity to improve efforts to take into account forest cover types, age or size classes, and habitats across the landscape; for example, with respect to Aspen habitat conditions on county forestland within the context of surrounding lands. (SFI Indicator 4.1.5)
3. There is an opportunity to improve by ensuring that the WDNR Silvicultural Field Trial reporting system is utilized effectively (SFI Indicator 15.1.1)

Wildlife Management

In cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, wildlife management activity on the County Forest will center around forest openings maintenance, habitat trail mowing, seeding hunter hiking trails, and special timber sale designs to promote both game and non-game wildlife habitat.

In addition to those projects listed above, State Aid Wildlife funds have also been budgeted in 2013 for the following wildlife habitat projects:

- 1) reforestation projects, which includes the purchase and planting of seedlings,
- 2) control encroachment of undesirable vegetation with prescribed burns,
- 3) control damage to forest roads caused by beaver by contracting with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for removal of undesirable beaver colonies,
- 4) print County Forest Block Access Maps for public distribution,
- 5) conduct a State mandated inspection of the Spruce Lake Flowage Dam, and

- 6) a small allotment of State Aid Wildlife money will be used to establish quality waterfowl nesting cover immediately adjacent to the Spruce Lake Flowage located within the Spruce Lake Waterfowl Management Area.

Equipment and Facilities

Each year an amortized allotment of funds are budgeted in a non-lapsing account for the replacement of existing department equipment. In 2013 no equipment is scheduled for replacement.

PARK AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Parks

In addition to the timber and wildlife management programs mentioned above, the Oneida County Forestry Department will also administer and maintain two day-use parks and one campground. Almon Park is the largest and most popular park maintained by the Oneida County Forestry Department. Some of the more popular features offered at Almon Park include; a large swimming beach, 18-hole disc golf course, picnic shelters and several miles of picturesque hiking trails. Perch Lake park offers a heated shelter building, lake shore picnic facilities, an ADA compatible fishing pier, and serves as the main trail head for the Washburn Silent Sports trail system.

The Enterprise Forest campground features 11 oversized campsites, 2 toilet buildings, onsite firewood and water, and is directly connected to the Enterprise ATV Trail System.

Misc. Recreation

Miscellaneous recreational opportunities administered by the Forestry Department in 2013 will include: The maintenance of approximately 35 miles of cross country ski trail, 25 miles of hiking trail, 12 miles of mountain bike trail, 10 miles of snowshoe trail, 395 miles of snowmobile trail, and 30 miles of ATV trail. In addition to those trail systems mentioned above, the Oneida County Forest offers hundreds of miles of unimproved woodland trails open and available to the public for recreational use.

ONEIDA COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

December 5, 2012

Jack Sorensen, Vice-Chairman

Thomas Rudolph, Member

Jack Martinson, Member

Jerry Shidell, Member

ROLL CALL VOTE: 18 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent- Baier, Berard and Martini.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: 2 Ayes.

RESOLUTION #96-2012 – adopted.

AMENDED RESOLUTION # 97-2012

Resolution offered by Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the tremendous importance of the lands

contained within the 1.6 million acres of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) as an exceptional natural resource capable of producing a sustainable supply of timber products on an annual basis to provide economic, social, and biological benefits to Oneida County, the State of Wisconsin, as well as the Nation.

WHEREAS, for the most part these lands were purchased from counties where said lands are located under the pretext and commitment that these lands would be returned to a forested condition and that these lands would again provide a sound base for the local and regional economy and that local governments would play a major role in the management and operation of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has failed to consider the negative impact of reduced employment, and loss of local and state tax generation created by the National Forest Service refusal to manage the forest as a sustainable timber resource, and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has failed to recognize the importance of operating the National Forests as a sustainable resource that greatly contributes to the wood, papermaking, packaging, furniture, and building material industries, throughout Wisconsin. This has forced these industries to secure raw materials from outside of the United States, and also caused numerous wood industries to either close or relocate outside of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, since there has been a Forest Plan on the CNNF the Forest has never sold the Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) in the Forest Plan because of the complex analysis process the Forest Service must go through, and

WHEREAS, the CNNF has significantly reduced the amount of timber available for sale in the past 10 years. Last year the CNNF harvested less than one half of the timber required to maintain forest health. Harvesting levels on the National Forest Lands in both Softwood and Hardwood stands has been reduced significantly nationwide. For example, on the CNNF in Wisconsin with an Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) of 134 million board feet per year, they have averaged harvesting only 75 million board feet per year or approximately 58% of the ASQ. This is down substantially from the average harvested annually in the previous 10 years of 115 million board feet per year or approximately 88% of the ASQ. This translates to reduced revenue to local communities from direct Forest Service payments and a significant reduction in raw materials needed to sustain our forest industry and local economy, not to mention the long term impact on forest health and wildlife, and

WHEREAS, every 20,000 board feet of timber harvested provides enough raw material to sustain 1 job in our forest industry. Last year the CNNF failed to harvest 88 million board feet of timber available for harvest which could sustain 4,400 Wisconsin jobs, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin loses 1 job for every 100 acres of productive forest land that is excluded from sustainable forest management practices. The CNNF has already excluded 446,000 acres of the forest from timber production which equates to a permanent loss of 4,460 jobs, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has lost both paper mills and sawmills, a large number of logging contractors and trucking firms as well as associated employment in our important forest products industry infrastructure. There are a variety of factors that have influenced these losses, but it is evident that the declining harvest on our national forest has played a major role in these losses. Private forests, state forests and county forests have felt ever-increasing pressure to supply raw forest products to replace the void created by declining harvest on our national forests. We must see immediate changes to shift the source of raw material supply to the CNNF soon, or we may lose our remaining forest products industry here in Wisconsin which will result in our inability to practice sound forest management on all of our forestlands, and

WHEREAS, the declining harvest and lack of proper forest management on our national forest lands leads to an array of forest health concerns. Forest health issues on national forests in Wisconsin often spread to adjacent lands including state forests, county forests and privately owned forestlands. Forest pests and diseases do not adhere to ownership boundaries so the lack of management on our national forests may increase forest health issues on adjacent

forestland, and

WHEREAS, with the exception of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, all public forests including state forests, county forests and most private forestlands in Wisconsin have received third party certification as being managed on a sustainable basis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS recognize that the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is an exceptional natural resource that has the capacity to provide recreational, social, and economic benefits on a sustainable basis provided that the lands within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest are properly managed as a sustainable, renewable timber resource, and are managed with consideration to the local units of governments that contain the national forests, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, severe reductions in timber harvesting below sustainable levels within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest constitutes continuing evidence that the United States Forest Service is unwilling or unable to properly manage the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and that this Board of Supervisors demands that all management of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest revert back to the counties where said forest lands are located by virtue of a breach of promise by the Federal Government and their failure to comply with the Clark-McNary Act, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the CNNF manage their forest land at the ASQ level as identified in the 2004 Forest Plan as well as manage the backlog of unharvested timber (approximately 42% per year) that has not been harvested since implementation of the 2004 Forest Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Oneida County requests a written response from the U.S. Regional Forester and CNNF Forest Supervisor within 60 days regarding why these lands are not managed in accordance with the provision of the 2004 Forest Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, copies of this Resolution be presented to President Barack Obama, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Chief of the Forest Service Thomas Tidwell, U.S. Regional Forester Charles Myers, CNNF Forest Supervisor Paul Strong, Wisconsin Federal Representatives Senator ~~Herb Kohl~~ Tammy Baldwin and Senator Ronald Johnson, Congressmen Sean Duffy, Congressmen Reid Ribble, Governor Scott Walker, Wisconsin Senators and Representatives representing constituents in Oneida County, all towns in Oneida County, City of Rhinelander, Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin County Forest Association. We respectfully request that all counties in Wisconsin take similar action in Order to safeguard natural resources that all Wisconsin citizens rely upon for recreation, Commerce, employment and energy production, and forward same.
Offered and passage moved by: J.Sorensen, Rudolph and Martinson.

MOTION/SECOND: Rudolph/Hintz to amend Resolution #97-2012 at line #86, after the word demands to eliminate the words "that all" and insert the word "proper", at line #87, add a period after the word "forest" and delete the rest of the sentence, and on line #103, remove Senator Herb Kohl and add "Tammy Baldwin".

Supervisor Shidell stated he feels that Resolution #97-2012 should not be amended because the Resolution's wording is appropriate and strong.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDMENT: 7 Ayes, 11 Nays – J.Sorensen, Martinson, Timmons, Paszak, Dean, Pederson, Mott, Shidell, Fried, Holewinski and Cushing, 3 Absent – Baier, Berard and Martini.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: 2 Nays.

AMENDMENT ON RESOLUTION #97-2012 – defeated.

MOTION/SECOND: C.Sorensen/Martinson to amend Resolution #97-2012 to include the replacement of Senator Herb Kohl with Senator Tammy Baldwin – line 103.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDMENT: 18 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent – Baier, Berard and Martini.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: 2 Ayes.

MOTION ON AMENDMENT - carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED RESOLUTION # 97-2012 - 13 Ayes, 5 Nays – Dean, C.Sorensen, Metropulos, Intrepidi and Vandervest, 3 Absent- Baier, Berard and Martini.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - 2 Ayes.

AMENDED RESOLUTION # 97-2012 – adopted.

Supervisor Dean – Excused 1.06 p.m.

RESOLUTION #101-2012 –Resolution offered by the Labor Relations Employee Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the current structure of the Family Court Commissioner Office consists of a half time Family Court Commissioner position and a half time Secretary III position, and

WHEREAS, by having Family Court Commissioner duties contracted out can make more efficient, practical and economical use of tax payer dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves, effective January 1, 2013, the elimination of a half time Family Court Commissioner position and a half time Secretary III position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the Human Resources Director will work with the Circuit Court Judges and Labor Relations Employee Services Committee to hire an entity to provide Family Court Commissioner duties for Oneida County.

Approved by the Labor Relations Employee Services Committee this 12th day of December, 2012.

Offered and passage moved by Supervisors: Holewinski, Paszak, Pederson and Fried.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 16 Ayes, 1 Nay - Metropulos, 4 Absent – Dean, Baier, Berard and Martini.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: 2 Ayes.

RESOLUTION #101-2012 – adopted.

RESOLUTION #102-2012

Resolution offered by the Highway, Labor Relations Employee Services, and Solid Waste Building and Grounds Committees.

WHEREAS, the Highway, Labor Relations Employee Services, and Solid Waste Building and Grounds Committees have met to discuss efficiencies that could be obtained by merging the Highway and Solid Waste Departments, and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director has completed a study and review of the potential merger and made recommendations that would include the elimination of the Solid Waste Director and Solid Waste Supervisor positions and the creation of a Patrol Superintendent/Solid Waste Division position; and an upgrade of the Highway Commissioner position, and

WHEREAS, the Highway, Labor Relations Employee Services, and Solid Waste Building and Grounds Committees did review the recommendations of the Human Resources Director and are in agreement with the changes in management staff that occur due to the merging of the two departments, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors effective December 21, 2012 the positions of Solid Waste Director and Solid Waste Supervisor shall be eliminated with a Patrol Superintendent/Solid Waste Division position created in its place at Grade Level 12 of the Non-represented Classification and Pay Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position of Highway Commissioner will be reclassified from Grade Level 16 to Grade Level 17 of the Non-represented Classification and Pay Plan based on additional duties and responsibilities being added, with the incumbent employee, Bennett being placed at Grade Level 17, Step 7 of the plan, and

BE IN FURTHER RESOLVED, incumbent employee Dutcher shall be moved into the newly created Patrol Superintendent/Solid Waste Division at Grade Level 12, Step 8 of the Non-represented Classification and Pay Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, incumbent employee Rich shall be moved into the Patrol Superintendent/Highway Division at Grade Level 12 Step 7, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Labor Relations Employee Services Committee shall develop a severance package for the Solid Waste Director upon elimination of the Solid Waste Director position. The terms of the severance package shall be subject to final approval by the County Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by adoption of this resolution it shall be deemed that an amendment has been made to the County Budget for Fiscal year 2012 and 2013 as set forth in the fiscal impact statement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Approved by the Highway, Labor Relations Employee Services, and Solid Waste Building and Grounds Committees this 12th day of December, 2012.

Offered and passage moved by Supervisors: Cushing, Holewinski, Pederson, Fried, Martinson, Timmons, Dean, Shidell and Paszak.

MOTION/SECOND: Metropulos/ Timmons to recognize Charlie Evenhouse so he may address the County Board regarding Resolution #102-2012. All "Aye" on voice vote, motion carries.

Charlie Evenhouse addressed the board on Resolution #102-2012, his position as Solid Waste Supervisor. He stated he enjoyed the challenges as supervisor for Solid Waste, and he hoped their decision today is a diligence one and they make the best decision for the County.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12 Ayes, 6 Nays – Vandervest, Dean, Martinson, Metropulos, C.Sorensen and Mott, 3 Absent - Baier, Berard and Martini

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: 2 Ayes.

RESOLUTION #102-2012 – adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

MOTION/SECOND: Rudolph/Mott to enter into closed session. Time: 12:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 16 Ayes, 0 Nay, 5 Absent – Baier, Berard, Martini, Vandervest and Dean

CLOSED SESSION:

It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e), "deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" Topic: health & aging parking.

MOTION/SECOND: Cushing/Martinson to approve the purchase of the Rhinelander Daily News Building for \$160,000, waiving the appraisal, have the closing this Friday, December 21, 2012, and also send a letter to Northern Title regarding the error of the easement.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 16 Ayes, 1 Nay – Sorensen, 3 Absent – Baier, Bernard, Martini, 1 Abstain – Shidell.

MOTION: carries.

MOTION/SECOND: Holewinski/Martinson to return to open session. Time 1:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 16 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 Absent – Baier Berard, Martini, Vandervest and Dean.

MOTION – carries.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION/SECOND: Rudolph/Pederson to adjourn the meeting. Time: 1:10 p.m. All ayes on voice vote, motion carries.

