

## AGENDA

### JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 22, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Jefferson County Courthouse  
320 South Main Street, Room 205  
Jefferson, WI 53549

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW**
5. **REVIEW OF THE AGENDA**
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - a. Report on Progress of Eat Here, Eat Well Farm to School Coalition of Jefferson County (Page 1-2)
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** Note: Public Comment on Non-Budget items
8. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014 RECOMMENDED BUDGET**
9. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Introduction of County's Financial Consultant by County Administrator, Ben Wehmeier

  - a. David Wagner and Dawn Gunderson, Ehlers & Associates will address the Board concerning the impact of different financing alternatives for highway facility project.
  - b. County Administrator, Ben Wehmeier, will address the Board concerning budget issues for 2015 and beyond.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES**
10. **LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**
  - a. Resolution – Acceptance of bid on County Farm agricultural three-year lease (Page 3)
11. **APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**
  - a. John McKenzie, Fort Atkinson, WI to the Human Services Board for a three-year term ending November 1, 2016 (Page 4)
  - b. Julie Merritt, Watertown, WI to the Human Services Board for a three-year term ending November 1, 2016 (Page 4)
  - c. Linda Ager, Jefferson, WI to the Jefferson County Library Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2016 (Page 4)
  - d. Dean Sanders, Lake Mills, WI to the Jefferson County Library Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2016 (Page 4)
12. **APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**
  - a. Carolyn Niebler, Jefferson, WI to the Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired three-year term ending July 1, 2016. (Page 5)
13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
14. **ADJOURN**

PLEASE BRING PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED COPY OF THE  
2014 RECOMMENDED BUDGET TO THIS MEETING

NEXT COUNTY BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012 7:00 P.M. ROOM 205  
(ADOPTION OF THE 2014 COUNTY BUDGET IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS MEETING)

## Report on Progress of *Eat Here, Eat Well* Farm to School Coalition of Jefferson County

**School Districts involved:** Cambridge, Fort Atkinson, Jefferson, Watertown

**Potential Reach to additional schools through the efforts of CESA Cooperative Nutrition Purchasing Efforts and pending outcomes of a grant written by Town and Country RC&D to add Lake Mills & Johnson Creek**

### **What is Farm to School?**

Wisconsin Farm to School promotes the health of children, farms and communities by connecting schools to local farms and orchards, or aggregators that work with local farms and orchards, or create school gardens, that supply fresh, healthy and minimally processed foods. Farm to School also encompasses efforts to provide standard-linked nutrition and wellness education to students, promote hands-on learning activities around growing and cooking foods; and creation and dissemination of educational and outreach materials about farming, food processing, nutrition and health.

### **What is the *Eat Here, Eat Well* Coalition?**

*Eat Here, Eat Well* (EHEW) is a coalition led by three primary non-profit partners, Fort HealthCare, CESA 2 Cooperative Purchasing, and Town and Country RC&D, and including school partnerships of Fort Atkinson, Cambridge, Jefferson and Watertown. It aims to assist school districts in creating or enhancing Farm to School programs. The Coalition began with a pilot program in 2012-2013 school year in Fort Atkinson, where it helped nutrition director Barbara Waara institute a district-wide Harvest of the Month program, with supplementary Chef in the Classroom and Taste-Testings educational activities in three of the four elementary schools. Cambridge was active last year as well but our efforts were not coordinated. Additional members of the coalition include active school district parents, interested-but-not active parent supporters, vegetable growers in the area, chefs, school nutrition staff, and others.

### **What are the goals of the *Eat Here, Eat Well* Coalition for 2013-14?**

The primary goals for 2013-2014 are to:

1. - get each school district to identify its own Farm To School capacity, activities, population of volunteers, and stakeholders. With tight budgets and the new nutrition protocols from DPI, in-house nutrition directors and staff have expressed need for help in starting or implementing Farm to School programming.
2. - hold EHEW meetings, for school district reps to share their progress and resources with one another. Serve as a communicating hub. We will also administer *EHEW's* Facebook page as a sharing tool.
3. -increase nutrition directors' access to fresh, local farm and food producers, aggregators, and distributors. Help bring down barriers preventing the flow of local food into school menus in a cost neutral manner
4. -provide volunteer coordination around the efforts
5. -provide awareness and fundraising support

### **What are recent accomplishments of EHEW?**

EHEW, with operational funding support from United Way of Jefferson County and Northern Walworth Co, has made contact with each school district's nutrition directors and at identified at least two supporters from district/community wellness committees to serve as nucleus for building out Farm to School action groups. All are convening for the first time this Tuesday.

EHEW has created a website <http://eathereeatwell.com/> in order for parents, school administration and any others interested to learn more about our goals and work. We also continue to grow the facebook page that was created as a communication tool.

EHEW has secured a grant for kitchen equipment for Fort Atkinson School District from the Fort Foundation and is now helping them identify the best uses for investing the money.

EHEW was able to accept the donations of Fort Farm Olympics, Heart of the City, Fort Farmers Market and direct the money to offset food purchases for Chef in the Classroom events for Fort Atkinson. Some of the money remains to be spent as requested.

EHEW may benefit from several hours of week of dedicated work for its efforts due to CESA 2 Cooperative Purchasing's willingness to host an AmeriCorps volunteer . Hiring underway.

EHEW assisted Fort Atkinson and Cambridge School Districts in identifying and processing local watermelon to serve at Back-to-School and Open House activities. EHEW provided volunteers to hand out the samples and recruit more volunteers and raise awareness for the program.

EHEW assisted Cambridge in carrying out a Chef in the Classroom event featuring applesauce made from apples sourced from Karberg Orchards in Cambridge by Chef Gene Gowan.

EHEW has created this report to keep school administration aware of our efforts and to garner suggestions and support.

### **Where is the funding coming from for EHEW's Farm to School efforts?**

#### **The Five Top Funding Sources for the Program**

Fort HealthCare & CESA 2 (staff support)	\$8663
Town and Country RC&D (staff support)	\$5775
Fort Foundation (equipment)	\$3000
United Way of Jefferson and Northern Walworth County (ops)	\$1600
Fort Farm Olympics, local food fundraisers and individual donations (food expenses)	\$1250

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-\_\_**

**Authorize acceptance of bid on County Farm  
agricultural three-year lease**

WHEREAS, the County Farm property lease expires in February 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Land & Water Conservation Department has solicited bids for a new three-year lease term commencing March 1, 2014, running through February 28, 2017, with the following results expressed on a per acre basis:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>East 262 Acres</u>	<u>West 90 Acres</u>	<u>Total 352 Acres</u>	<u>3 Yr. Total</u>
Dave Habeck	250.00	250.00	251.89	\$266,000
Jeff Gerner	300.25	300.25	300.25	\$317,064
W. D. Hoard & Sons, Inc.	288.00	288.00	288.00	\$304,128
Sally Kutz	261.00	261.00	261.00	\$275,616
Mike Walter	275.00	275.00	275.00	\$290,400

AND WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Land & Water Conservation Committee that the total 352 acres be leased to Jeff Gerner, the current tenant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to enter into a three-year lease with Jeff Gerner for all 352 acres totaling \$317,064.

*Fiscal Note: Total rent for the three-year term is up about \$39,000, even though the acreage was reduced by 13 acres as part of the Highway Department project.*

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Requested by  
Land & Water Conservation Committee

10-22-13

Philip C. Ristow: 10-16-13

## Item 11a-d

TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:  
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

By virtue of the authority vested in me under Section 59.18 of the Wisconsin Statutes, I do hereby request confirmation of these appointments to the following Boards:

### Human Services Board

- a. John McKenzie, Fort Atkinson, WI appointed for a three-year term ending November 1, 2016

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- b. Julie Merritt, Watertown, WI appointed for a three-year term ending November 1, 2016

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### Jefferson County Library Board

- c. Linda Ager, Jefferson, WI appointed for a three-year term ending December 31, 2016

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- d. Dean Sanders, Lake Mills, WI appointed for a three-year term ending December 31, 2016

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TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:  
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

By virtue of the authority vested in the Human Services Board under Section 3.06(1)(g) of the County Board Rules, the Human Services Board hereby requests the County Board's confirmation of the following appointment to the Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee:

Carolyn Niebler, Jefferson, appointed to fill the unexpired three-year term, commencing July 1, 2013, of Sue Strese who resigned.

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