

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

Ms. Sharon Schmeling presiding.

Mr. Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed.

The County Clerk called the roll, all members being present except Mr. Jones, Ms. Towers MacAskill, Mr. Kuhlman, Mr. Yachinich and Mr. Borland.

District 1Richard C. Jones	District 2 Vic Imrie, Jr.
District 3..... Greg David	District 4..... Gail Towers MacAskill
District 5..... Jim Braugher	District 6..... Ron Buchanan
District 7..... Dwayne C. Morris	District 8 Rick L. Kuhlman
District 9 Scott Seefeldt	District 10..... Lloyd Zastrow
District 11 Donald Reese	District 12..... Mike Burow
District 13.....Vacant	District 14..... Pamela Rogers
District 15 Steven J. Nass	District 16..... John Molinaro
District 17 Carol Ward Knox	District 18 Sharon L. Schmeling
District 19Amy Kramer	District 20 John C. Kannard
District 21 Robert G. Yachinich	District 22 Blane Poulson
District 23 George Jaeckel	District 24 Gregory M. Torres
District 25 Walt Christensen	District 26..... Carlton Zentner
District 27 Glen D. Borland	District 28..... Julie J. Nelson
District 29 Paul Babcock	District 30 Jim Mode

County Administrator Gary Petre certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

The agenda was approved. The order of the agenda was revised to achieve a fuller complement of supervisors.

The County Board minutes of April 21, 2009, will be corrected and approved by the Administration & Rules Committee on May 27, 2009, pursuant to County Board Rule 3.05(2)(a).

**GENERAL FINANCIAL CONDITION
JEFFERSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
MAY 1, 2009**

Available Cash on Hand		
April 1, 2009	\$1,420,297.46	
April Receipts	<u>6,503,967.53</u>	
Total Cash		\$ 7,924,264.99
Disbursements		
General - April 2009	\$6,256,796.95	
Payroll - April 2009	<u>1,523,837.95</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>7,780,634.90</u>
Total Available Cash		\$ 143,630.09
Cash on Hand (in banks) May 1, 2009	\$ 647,127.71	
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>503,497.62</u>	
Total Available Cash		\$143,630.09
AIM Government & Agency Portfolio		3,985,093.11
Local Government Investment Pool - General		22,185,818.08

Institutional Capital Management	11,816,831.27
Local Government Investment Pool - Clerk of Courts	160,032.39
Local government Investment Pool - Farmland Preservation	260,617.10
Local Government Investment Pool - Parks/Liddle	<u>180,242.02</u>
	\$38,588,633.97

2009 Interest - Super N.O.W. Account	\$977.22
2009 Interest - L.G.I.P. - General Funds	56,323.58
2009 Interest - ICM	107,500.31
2009 Interest - AIM	6,240.88
2009 Interest - L.G.I.P. - Parks/Carol Liddle Fund	492.61
2009 Interest - Farmland Preservation	617.10
2009 Interest - L.G.I.P. - Clerk of Courts	<u>432.99</u>
Total 2009 Interest	\$ 172,584.69

JOHN E. JENSEN
JEFFERSON COUNTY TREASURER

County Clerk Barbara Frank read the following communications:

1. Notice of Public Hearing from the Planning & Zoning Committee for a hearing to be held on May 21, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Room 205.

The notice was received and placed on file.

The floor was opened for public comment. Ellen Haines, Madison Area Technical College instructor, read portions of Mark Lausch’s letter to the Board on the clinical experience students receive at Countryside. Mr. Lausch is the Dean for the Center for Health & Safety Education at MATC.

Mr. Nass read the following report:

**REPORT
TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee, having considered petitions to amend the zoning ordinance of Jefferson County, filed for public hearing held on October 16, 2008, March 19 and April 16, 2009, as required by law pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, notice thereof having been given, and being duly advised of the wishes of the town boards and persons in the areas affected, hereby makes the following recommendations:

APPROVAL OF PETITIONS 3366A-08, 3394A-09, 3398A-09 and 3400A-09
DATED THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL 2009
Donald Reese, Secretary

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PRIOR MONTH’S AMENDMENTS,
3387A-09, 3390A-09, 3391A-09, 3392A-09, 3395A-09, 3396A-09
AND 3397T-09, IS APRIL 24, 2009.

Mr. Nass moved that the report be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Nass presented Ordinance No. 2009-06.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors has heretofore been petitioned to amend the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, Petition 3366A-08 was referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing on October 16, 2008, and Petition 3394A-09 was referred for public hearing on March 19, 2009, and Petitions 3398A-09 and 3400A-09 were referred for public hearing on April 16, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been given due consideration by the Board of Supervisors in open session,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors does amend the zoning ordinance of Jefferson County (and official zoning maps) as follows:

FROM INDUSTRIAL TO COMMUNITY

Rezone PIN 012-0816-2534-001 (0.98 acre) to allow replacement of the single-family home at N7745 Ski Slide Road in the Town of Ixonia. (3398A-09 – Harry Pearson/Tim & Renee Pearson Trust)

FROM AGRICULTURAL A-1 TO A-3, RURAL RESIDENTIAL

Modify the original request and allow creation of an approximate 1-acre building site near the southwest corner of PIN 014-0614-2843-002 (10.215 acres) on Hoard Road in the Town of Jefferson. This prime ag land lot utilizes the last A-3 zone for the property; therefore, rezoning is conditioned upon recording of an affidavit acknowledging that fact. It is further conditioned upon road access approval by the Town, upon receipt by Zoning of a soil test showing sites for installation of both initial and replacement private sewage systems, and upon approval and recording of a final certified survey map for the lot, including extraterritorial plat review, if necessary. (3366A-08 – Mark Krause)

Create an approximate 1-acre building site near W5805 CTH B from part of PIN 002-0714-1541-001 (26.56 acres) in the Town of Aztalan. Creation of this prime ag land lot is conditioned upon road access approval by the County Highway Department, upon receipt by Zoning of a soil test showing sites for installation of both initial and replacement private sewage systems, and upon approval and recording of a final certified survey map for the lot. (3394A-09 – Robert Nielsen)

Create an approximate 1-acre lot on Church Road from part of PIN 020-0714-0322-000 (43.89 acres) in the Town of Milford. This prime ag land lot utilizes the last available A-3 zone for the property; therefore, rezoning is conditioned upon recording of an affidavit acknowledging that fact. It is further conditioned upon road access approval by the Town, upon receipt by Zoning of a soil test showing sites for installation of both initial and replacement private sewage systems, and upon approval and recording of a final certified survey map for the lot. (3400A-09 – Matthew & Shannon Schmidt/Stephen & Kathleen Duwe property)

Mr. Nass moved that Ordinance No. 2009-06 be adopted. Seconded and carried: Ayes 23, Noes 0, Abstain 1 (Kannard – potential conflict of interest), Absent 5 (Jones, Towers MacAskill, Kuhlman, Yachinich, Borland), Vacant 1.

Clerk of Court Carla Robinson and District Attorney Susan Happ presented their annual reports. The reports were received and placed on file pursuant to Board Rule 3.03(12).

Mr. Jones present during Clerk of Court's annual report.

Mr. Nass presented the following report:

**County Board Chairman's Report
Sharon L. Schmeling
May 2009**

The following report provides updates on the activities of the Jefferson County Board, its chairman, its committees, and key issues confronting the County. If you have any questions about the following information, or would like an update about a project or issue not mentioned here, do not hesitate to contact me by phone (920) 674-8607 or e-mail (sharons@co.jefferson.wi.us) with your questions or suggestions.

Virtually every county in the state is struggling under the loss of revenues caused by the recession. For example, in Jefferson County alone, we have lost \$1.6 million in annual projected revenue from financial investments between 2007 and 2009. This unforeseen loss is caused through no fault of the County Board, county employees or the taxpayers. It is a result of the decline in the stock market.

Thankfully, the County Board over the last five years has undertaken several projects aimed at updating and modernizing county government to make it more efficient and nimble. This was done in anticipation of the impact of state-imposed revenue caps. The Board didn't envision and could not plan for the recession, which has made our finances far more complicated. In 2008, the Board also began efforts to engage in long-term planning and financial forecasts. These efforts together have well-positioned Jefferson County to address some serious challenges.

The following is an overview of those activities.

Five Year Financial Plan – The Finance Committee has had four workshops with Ehlers and Associates, which was hired in 2008 by the County Board to develop a five year financial management plan for the County. The Finance Committee will meet one last time with Ehlers May 21 to review a draft of their final report. Ehlers and Associates is expected to present the report at the June County Board meeting.

What is already clear from Ehler's financial projections is that the County will be in a financial vise for several years to come. This is caused by a combination of the state imposed revenue caps, the recession, and anticipated increases in labor, health care and energy costs. Even if the public approves of a special funding referendum for \$3.5 million, as currently proposed by the County Board, the county budget will be facing shortfalls by 2011. These shortfalls will increase through the projected five year period.

The report from Ehlers is critical to the County Board's long term planning. It will be important for County Supervisors to share this information with constituents so citizens understand the forces shaping their county government over the next few years.

The 2010 Budget and a possible referendum – The County Board will decide in July whether or not to hold a referendum in September to increase taxes \$3.5 million over the state cap to fund Countryside Home. Like so many things in county government, the timing and the wording of the referendum are regulated by state law. If held, the referendum will occur just one day before the

Finance Committee begins reviewing the proposed 2010 budget, which will have been in preparation for months. This leaves the County Administrator and the department heads with the task of planning a 2010 budget in the coming months without knowing whether or not funding is available to maintain current county operations and service levels.

If county government had the freedom to make decisions about the referendum's timing and its language, both would be more clear and more timely. However, state law has requirements that we must follow, whether or not they serve the public well, and whether or not they cost more money than they should. To mediate this obstacle course, the Finance Committee has begun planning for the various contingencies that could occur. The Committee has:

- Instructed the County Administrator to prepare a 2010 budget with the assumption that there is no referendum. This will permit budget planning in the event that the County Board does not authorize a referendum. It also facilitates planning should the public vote against a referendum. It will be more politically feasible to add the referendum funding to the budget in the eleventh hour of budget planning than to take things out, as we learned in the 2009 budget preparation process.
- Forwarded a resolution to the County Board authorizing the Administrator to hire a broker to market Countryside Home if the referendum is not authorized or fails. This is necessary because without \$3.5 million additional funding from the referendum, the County will have to significantly reduce services and programs. This is the classic example of "living within your means." Without additional funding, the County can NOT maintain the current level of programs and services. Since Countryside Home's tax levy matches the structural deficit -- and since the County is not required to operate a nursing home -- it is a logical, albeit painful choice. Since selling the home could take many months, adequate time for arranging a sale must be provided or there will be a serious funding shortfall in 2011 that could be damaging to the County's finances.

To understand the magnitude of funding needed to balance the 2010 budget, it's important to note the cost of other services provided by county government that are not legally required. For 2009, the Fair Park requires \$328,276 in tax levy. The Fair Park is making progress towards the County Board's goal to obtain alternative funding to remove the Park from the tax levy by the 2012 budget. The UW-Extension Department gets \$326,476 in tax levy. Its staffing was reduced by two and a half positions in the 2009 budget. The Parks Department gets \$730,324 in tax levy. While some have suggested selling the parks or closing them down, the reality is that the department has land that must be maintained based on legal covenants with benefactors and other governmental and non-profit agencies from years ago. Already, the Parks Department budget was cut by 31.4 percent in the 2009 budget, primarily due to cuts in capital outlays and improvements.

Elimination of all three of these departments, which the public would likely NOT support, would save \$1.38 million annually. To find the other \$2.1 million, cuts would have to be made in departments that are required by state and federal law. Operational audits of all the major county departments over the last five years have led to restructuring, downsizing and operational efficiencies. The audits have shown that with these changes, staffing levels are comparable to

what is needed to administer these required services. Therefore, the Finance Committee believes it would be deleterious to public safety and the County's overall financial position to cut staffing in legally required programs; hence, their efforts to plan ahead for a referendum and its after effects.

Public Information/Listening Sessions – To help the public understand the financial challenges confronting county government, the Finance Committee on May 4 decided to conduct information/listening sessions with County Administrator Gary Petre across the County in the coming months. The Committee and Mr. Petre will hold four separate sessions that will run from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on May 28, June 30, July 23, and August 27. These Tuesday and Thursday night sessions will be held in different cities across the County with exact places and locations to be determined. Once the schedule is available, it will be publicized through local media, e-mail, bulletin boards, county web site, etc.

The goal of the sessions is to educate the public about the County's finances and listen to public input. The information portion will cover the County's 2010 budget situation, its five-year financial outlook and all the work the County Board has done in the past five years to prepare for hitting the revenue cap. During the listening portion, citizens will have the opportunity to ask questions and give input about their funding priorities.

This project is a response to the County Board's request during the 2009 budget debate to provide County Supervisors and the public with information about the County's financial status earlier than the October/November budget talks. It is also a response to the Board's support for educating the public about the County's financial situation so voters have adequate information to make decisions should the County Board vote to hold a September referendum to increase taxes \$3.5 million over the state-imposed revenue cap.

Strategic Planning Process – Another goal identified by the County Board after the grueling 2009 budget debate was the agreement to speed-up our already started strategic planning process.

At its April 29 meeting, the Administration and Rules Committee reviewed the process thus far. The group charged with coordinating the work of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee has identified a meeting schedule through August. County Supervisors and all department heads are welcome to attend the meetings. If you can't attend, you can contact any Steering Committee member who will be happy to update you, take your comments and share them with the Committee.

The Steering Committee is comprised of seven County Board Supervisors representing major committees and eight county department representatives, a project manager (County Administrator Gary Petre) and a project facilitator (UW Extension Agent Steve Grabow).

The supervisors are Sharon Schmeling (Administration/Rules), Pam Rogers (Finance), Don Reese (Solid Waste), Dick Jones (Human Services), Jim Braughler (Human Resources), Carol Knox (Infrastructure) and Steve Nass (Zoning). The department representatives are Carla Robinson (Courts), Earlene Ronk (Countryside), Dennis Heling (Economic Development), Bill Kern (Highway), Mark Watkins (Land/Water Conservation), Joe Nehmer (Parks), Paul Milbrath (Sheriff), and Gail Scott (Health).

The Administration and Rules Committee urged that the meetings be structured to allow maximum interchange and dialogue between Steering Committee members. They urged the group to identify ways to get citizen input on the County's future direction as soon as possible.

In addition, the A/R Committee requested that the Strategic Planning Committee update the County Board on its progress at the July County Board meeting. In the meantime, County Board members will be notified of the strategic planning meetings and are encouraged to participate. This process is vital as we navigate the future with fixed budgets.

Mr. Nass moved that the report be received, placed on file and printed in the minutes. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Nass presented Resolution No. 2009-17.

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed biennial state budget, Assembly Bill 75, proposes to make the prevailing wage law applicable to any public works contract over \$2,000, and

WHEREAS, under current law the prevailing wage requirements only apply to multiple-trade public works projects over \$234,000 and single-trade public works projects over \$48,000, and

WHEREAS, reducing the threshold to \$2,000 will increase the cost of small public works projects previously exempted from the prevailing wage requirement in many communities, and

WHEREAS, the cost increase to pay prevailing wages on all public works projects over \$2,000 will force counties and other local governments to reduce the number and/or size of public works projects or raise taxes to meet the increased costs, which would further burden property taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed budget also for the first time proposes to make the prevailing wage law applicable to private projects that receive public financing, and

WHEREAS, the requirement to pay prevailing wages on all public works projects over \$2,000 will take away the competitive advantage that many smaller local contractors have on smaller public works projects over larger contractors from outside a local community, thus hurting the local economy in these communities while still increasing the costs of these projects, and

WHEREAS, the impact of these proposed changes to the prevailing wage law would likely cost Jefferson County more for public works projects over the next two years at a time when Jefferson County is operating under numerous financial constraints including State proposed levy limits and cuts in State funding, and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the prevailing wage law in the budget are non-fiscal policy items that should be addressed as separate legislation so that lawmakers can give more thoughtful consideration to changing the cost threshold for public works projects and clarifying statutory language to distinguish between routine maintenance and construction projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors opposes the changes to the prevailing wage law proposed in AB 75,

and urges the Legislature and the Governor to remove these items from the budget bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution to Governor Jim Doyle and State legislators representing Jefferson County.

Fiscal Note: Adoption of this resolution will not have a fiscal impact to the County, as it only formalizes the County's position on the prevailing wage portion of the Governor's proposed biennial state budget. The proposed change to the prevailing wage law would likely cost the County more for public works projects.

Mr. Nass moved that Resolution No. 2009-17 be adopted. Seconded and carried: Ayes 25, Noes 0, Absent 4 (Towers MacAskill, Kuhlman, Yachinich, Borland), Vacant 1.

Mr. Nass presented Resolution No. 2009-18.

WHEREAS, the US Congress has before it proposed bill S. 149 supporting weekend voting, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has before it a draft bill entitled "2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 2" containing weekend voting provisions, and

WHEREAS, S. 149 will, among other things, result in increased expense to Jefferson County, its townships, villages, and cities, and all other municipalities in the State of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, current absentee voting procedures have long met the objectives of federal and state election accessibility, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin County Clerk's Association has expressed opposition to the specific provisions set forth in S. 149 and 2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 2 as being costly and difficult for compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its opposition to the weekend voting provisions set forth in bill S. 149 and draft 2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 2, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Jefferson County's state legislative representatives, Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold.

Fiscal Note: This resolution has no fiscal impact, as it establishes the County's position on pending federal and state legislation. It is anticipated that passage of this pending legislation would increase costs to local units of government.

Mr. Nass moved that Resolution No. 2009-18 be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Ms. Knox read Resolution No. 2009-19.

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2008-58 on October 14, 2008, which authorized participation in the Community Development Block Grant-Flood Recovery Small Business Program, and

WHEREAS, local communities contributed funds from their Community Development Block Grant Programs to assist the County in this program, and

WHEREAS, the Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommends the applica-

tions of Alsam, Inc. (Burger Corner, Jefferson), and Punzel Hardware, Inc. (Jefferson Ace Hardware) be approved, each in the amount of \$20,000, and

WHEREAS, approval of the use of the revolving loan fund for these loans will enhance the ability of local businesses to recover from losses resulting from the 2008 flood,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Alsam, Inc. and Punzel Hardware, Inc. are both authorized to receive revolving fund loans in the amount of \$20,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Economic Development Director shall administer the loans.

Fiscal Note: The revolving loan fund has approximately \$150,000 from local sources available for this purpose. Should that amount be fully utilized, an additional \$150,000 is available from the State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce. At this time, it would appear that there will be a few more applications to consider. No county tax levy funds are used for these loans.

Ms. Knox moved that Resolution No. 2009-19 be adopted. Seconded and carried: Ayes 25, Noes 0, Absent 4 (Towers MacAskill, Kuhlman, Yachinich, Borland), Vacant 1.

Mr. Babcock read Resolution No. 2009-20.

WHEREAS, as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, funds have been made available for Justice Assistance Grants for varying purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Sheriff has submitted an application in the amount of \$40,431 for funds to purchase new portable radios to comply with upcoming FCC narrowband requirements and handheld digital recorders to increase efficiency through direct interface with existing software, and

WHEREAS, the application was available for public comment before the Law Enforcement Committee in conformance with the grant requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Sheriff is authorized to accept such grant funds as may be made available under the Justice Assistance Grant Formula Program, and is further authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to comply with program requirements.

Fiscal Note: In the event the full grant is authorized, the sum of \$40,431 would be received by the County. This would be unbudgeted revenue, but it would be required to be used for the purposes set forth above, as stated in the grant application.

Mr. Babcock moved that Resolution No. 2009-20 be adopted. Seconded and carried: Ayes 25, Noes 0, Absent 4 (Towers MacAskill, Kuhlman, Yachinich, Borland), Vacant 1.

Mr. Babcock read Resolution No. 2009-21.

WHEREAS, Section 814.705, Wisconsin Statutes, authorizes the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors to establish civil process fees for service of papers and sheriff's sales of foreclosed real estate, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office requires pre-payment of

civil process fees prior to any services being started, and

WHEREAS, the civil process fees were revised in Resolution No. 2009-14 on April 21, 2009, eliminating the fee for serving an additional paper at the same address, and

WHEREAS, it may take several attempts to serve papers to someone when one person is home and the additional person to be served at the same address is not home, as the law for substitute service states that it cannot be accomplished until three attempts have been made to serve papers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the civil process fee for serving an additional paper at the same address shall be \$40.00.

Fiscal Note: This fee will generate an estimated \$5,000 in annual revenue.

Mr. Babcock moved that Resolution No. 2009-21 be adopted. Seconded and carried: Ayes 24, Noes 1 (Zentner), Absent 4 (Towers MacAskill, Kuhlman, Yachinich, Borland), Vacant 1.

Ms. Kramer read Resolution No. 2009-22.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2008-90 adopted February 10, 2009, authorized contracting with Westbrook Engineering for the purpose of preparing bid documents for the snowmobile bridge across the Crawfish River for the purpose of eliminating hazards from highway traffic to snowmobilers, bicyclists and pedestrians that occur when they cross the river on the current Highway 19 bridge, and

WHEREAS, bids were received in the following amounts:

Radtke Contractors, Inc. Winneconne, Wisconsin	\$361,995.00
Janke General Contractors, Inc. Athens, Wisconsin	\$417,000.00
Edward Kraemer & Sons, Inc. Plain, Wisconsin	\$420,500.00
Ruzic Construction Company, Inc. Neillsville, Wisconsin	\$466,737.94

AND, WHEREAS, the County may save sales tax in the amount of 5.5% which would otherwise be due on the amount of up to \$229,400 for the prefabricated bridge by purchasing said bridge directly from Wheeler Manufacturing, and

WHEREAS, Westbrook Engineering and the Parks Committee recommend awarding the bid to Radtke Contractors, Inc. and Wheeler Manufacturing in the total amount of \$361,995 plus \$42 per foot for steel pilings in excess of the amount set forth in the bid documents,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to contract with Radtke Contractors, Inc. and Wheeler Manufacturing in the total amount of \$361,995 for the bridge fabrication and installation.

Fiscal Note: DNR grant money, Federal Recreational and Trails Act grants and \$45,000 from the Hubbleton Snowmobile Club will be used to fund this project. No county tax levy dollars are utilized. Grants have been submitted to fund the

\$45,000 currently offered by the Hubbleton Snowmobile Club, and should those grants be approved, the Hubbleton Club's donation will not be needed and may be refunded.

Mr. Borland present.

Ms. Kramer moved that Resolution No. 2009-22 be adopted. Seconded and carried: Ayes 26, Noes 0, Absent 3 (Towers MacAskill, Kuhlman, Yachinich), Vacant 1.

Ms. Rogers read Resolution No. 2009-23.

WHEREAS, the County's financial projections show a structural deficit (the difference between revenues and expenses) of approximately \$3 million for budget year 2010, with that amount increasing over the next several years in the absence of significant changes in revenues or programs, and

WHEREAS, statutory levy limits prevent eliminating the structural deficit by increased tax revenue, unless such an increase is approved first by the County Board and then ratified by the public at a referendum, and

WHEREAS, the structural deficit requires a permanent solution, and not just a onetime reduction in expenses or increase in revenues for 2010, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined that, in the event a resolution is adopted by the County Board in July to hold a referendum to ratify an increased tax levy sufficient to fund the structural deficit, the referendum would be held on September 15, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee will receive the County Administrator's budget draft and begin its review of said draft budget on September 16, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee seeks the Board's direction concerning budget alternatives, based on the outcome of the potential referendum, and

WHEREAS, in the event the Board or referendum does not approve taxing in an amount sufficient to fund Countryside Home, the Finance Committee recommends that the structural deficit for 2010 and years thereafter be primarily addressed by elimination of the levy for Countryside Home, necessitating its sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in the event the County Board does not adopt a resolution at its July meeting indicating its intent to raise taxes to fund Countryside Home and petition for a referendum to approve said tax increase, or, in the alternative, such referendum is authorized but fails, the County Administrator is authorized and directed to employ a broker for the sale of Countryside Home, the terms of which brokerage contract shall be approved by the Finance Committee.

Fiscal Note: In the event no additional tax funds are approved and the sale is authorized, the structural deficit for 2010 will be funded by use of the County's general fund balance. It will allow operation of Countryside Home and the County's mandated services for a period of time in 2010 as may be necessary to sell the facility. Thereafter, it is anticipated that the sale proceeds could be used to retire the debt (currently \$3 million) and repay the fund balance as necessary to restore it to appropriate amounts for cash flow purposes.

If exceeding the levy cap is not approved and the Board does not authorize sale of Countryside, the Finance Committee anticipates that addressing the structural deficit will require layoff of about 50 county employees across various county departments during 2010 and potentially 2011. The Finance Committee believes this course of action would significantly impair various departments' abilities to provide public services.

Ms. Rogers moved that Resolution No. 2009-23 be adopted. Seconded.

Mr. Burow moved to reschedule the County Board meeting from September 8 to September 16, 2009, to consider this item after any potential referendum. Seconded and tabled.

Mr. Burow moved to reschedule the County Board meeting from September 8 to September 17, 2009. Seconded and failed: Ayes 9, Noes 17 (Braugher, Morris, Seefeldt, Zastrow, Reese, Rogers, Nass, Molinaro, Knox, Schmeling, Kramer, Kannard, Christensen, Borland, Nelson, Babcock, Mode), Absent 3 (Towers MacAskill, Kuhlman, Yachinich), Vacant 1.

Resolution No. 2009-23 was adopted: Ayes 21, Noes 5 (Zastrow, Reese, Burow, Kannard, Zentner), Absent 3 (Towers MacAskill, Kuhlman, Yachinich), Vacant 1.

Board recessed at 9:00 p.m. Board reconvened at 9:06 p.m.

Ms. Rogers read Resolution No. 2009-24.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 66.0603 regulates the investments that Jefferson County can invest surplus funds in, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County's investment policy as amended under Resolution 2007-61 is more restrictive than the Wisconsin statutes regarding allowed investments, and

WHEREAS, in the current recessionary environment it would be advantageous to allow the County's Investment Officer more investment choices in order to increase investment earnings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the "Investment Related Risk" of the County's Investment Policy be revised as follows:

3. Credit risk

- a. Definition: Risk that an issuer ~~of~~ or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the County.
- b. Related policy: Investments shall be as permitted by Wisconsin Statute §66.0603. made through only the following:
 - i. ~~US Government securities (rating of AAA)~~
 - ii. ~~US Government backed securities (rating of AAA)~~
 - iii. ~~US Government Agencies that are implicitly backed by the US Government (rating of AAA)~~
 - iv. ~~Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool~~
 - v. ~~Commercial paper with companies rated AAA~~
- c. In the event a corporate security purchased under the authority of Wisconsin Statute §66.0603(1m)(4) subsequently drops below highest or second highest rating categories as defined by a nationally recognized rating agency, the Investment Officer shall not purchase any additional

securities issued by that corporation until such time as their rating returns to the highest or second highest rating.

Fiscal Note: Any increased investment revenue cannot be reasonably determined at this time due to the current investment environment.

Ms. Rogers moved that Resolution No. 2009-24 be adopted. Seconded and carried: Ayes 26, Noes 0, Absent 3 (Towers MacAskill, Kuhlman, Yachinich), Vacant 1.

Mr. Borland read Resolution No. 2009-25.

WHEREAS, the Parks Committee received bids for installation of a rain garden in the Lower Rock Lake parking lot, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Mills had offered to fund said project up to \$19,500, and

WHEREAS, seven bids for the project were received with the lowest being \$30,000, and

WHEREAS, as no funds other than the Town's \$19,500 are available to complete the project at this time, the Parks Committee recommends rejection of all bids, and

WHEREAS, in the event the County is able to perform this work with its own forces, the Town of Lake Mills has indicated it would fund the project to the extent of its previous \$19,500 offer,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all bids received for the Lower Rock Lake parking lot rain garden be and are hereby rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parks Department is authorized to accept a contribution of \$19,500 from the Town of Lake Mills towards completion of this project if the Parks Department can arrange through its forces or use of Highway Department employees and equipment for the project to be completed for that amount, including the plants necessary to make the rain garden functional.

Fiscal Note: No specific county funds would be used to complete the project other than those allocated to staff time which would be used for this purpose.

Mr. Borland moved that Resolution No. 2009-25 be adopted. Seconded and carried: Ayes 25, Noes 1 (Zentner), Absent 3 (Towers MacAskill, Kuhlman, Yachinich), Vacant 1.

Mr. Reese read Resolution No. 2009-26.

WHEREAS, proposals were solicited for solid waste collection services, which proposals offered the potential to participate in a marketing partnership with the Jefferson County Fair Park, and

WHEREAS, proposals were received from three businesses providing this service in Jefferson County, John's Disposal, Veolia Environmental Services and Sherman Disposal with results as follows:

	John's Disposal	Veolia Environmental	Sherman Disposal
Annual collection cost (all departments)	\$18,984	\$18,984	\$21,276

County Fair week	\$ 1,630	\$ 600	\$ 2,300
Sponsorship (paid to Fair Park)	<u>(None)</u>	<u>\$ (2,016)</u>	<u>\$ (1,500)</u>
Net total annual cost	\$20,614	\$17,568	\$22,076

AND, WHEREAS, the Solid Waste & Air Quality Committee recommends contracting with Veolia Environmental Services for a three year term using the base quote above, which will increase 3% in years two and three and include any increase in taxes or tipping fees, and

WHEREAS, the Fair Park Committee also recommends entering into the contract because of its marketing partnership component, and the net effect on county finances,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to enter into a three year contract with Veolia Environmental Services on the terms set forth above.

Fiscal Note: The current price for services from John's Disposal is \$1,582 per month, which was used as a base and which information was provided to the other companies. The net cost to the County is less using Veolia.

Mr. Reese moved that Resolution No. 2009-26 be adopted. Seconded and carried: Ayes 26, Noes 0, Absent 3 (Towers MacAskill, Kuhlman, Yachinich), Vacant 1.

Gary R. Petre, County Administrator, read the following appointments:

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 appoint and request your confirmation of the following individual as a member of the designated board or commission:

Countryside Board of Trustees

Ron Buchanan, Watertown, Wisconsin, to fill an unexpired term ending January 2011.

Board of Health

Anna Hutchings, Cambridge, Wisconsin, for three year term ending May 2011.

Ms. Schmeling moved that all appointments noted above be confirmed. Seconded and carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Buchanan moved that the Board adjourn. Seconded and carried at 9:19 p.m.