

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD/PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013, 7:00 P.M.**

Mr. John Molinaro presiding.

Mr. Babcock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed.

The County Clerk called the roll. Supervisors Rogers and Bregant gave prior notice of their absence. Supervisor Zentner was also absent.

District 1.....	Richard C. Jones	District 2 .....	Mike Kelly
District 3.....	Greg David	District 4 .....	Augie Tietz
District 5.....	Jim Braughler	District 6 .....	Ron Buchanan
District 7.....	Dwayne C. Morris	District 8 .....	Vacant
District 9.....	Amy Rinard	District 10 .....	Al C. Counsell
District 11.....	Donald Reese	District 12 ...	Gregory M. Torres
District 13.....	Ed Morse	District 14 .....	Pamela Rogers
District 15.....	Steven J. Nass	District 16 .....	John Molinaro
District 17.....	Russell Kutz	District 18 ..	Jennifer Hanneman
District 19.....	Jim Schroeder	District 20 .....	Jim Mode
District 21.....	John C. Kannard	District 22 .....	Blane Poulson
District 23.....	George Jaeckel	District 24 .....	Sarah Bregant
District 25.....	Matthew Foelker	District 26 .....	Carlton Zentner
District 27.....	Glen D. Borland	District 28 .....	Dick Schultz
District 29.....	Paul Babcock	District 30 .....	Wait Christensen

County Administrator Ben Wehmeier informed the Board that it was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

The agenda was approved as printed.

**Communications.**

County Board Chair Molinaro presented the following communication:

Report on the progress of *Eat Here, Eat Well* Farm School Coalition of Jefferson County.

The communication was received and placed on file.

Registered for public comment on non-budget items was Beth Gehred, Fort Atkinson, who spoke on the progress report of *Eat Here, Eat Well* (EHEW) Farm School Coalition of Jefferson County. (EHEW is a coalition led by three primary non-profit partners--Fort Health-Care, CESA 2 Cooperative Purchasing, and Town & Country Resource, Conservation & Development, Inc.; and includes school partnerships with Fort Atkinson, Cambridge, Jefferson and Watertown.)

**Mr. Jones moved to open the public hearing on the 2014 Recommended Budget.** Seconded and carried.

**The public hearing on the proposed 2014 County Budget commenced at 7:05 p.m.** Twenty-six supervisors were present with three absent (Rogers, Bregant, Zentner) and one vacant.

**The floor was opened for public comment on the 2014 Recommended Budget.**

Beth Gehred, Fort Atkinson, spoke on food stamps and the Highway Department project.

**Mr. Jones moved to close the public hearing.** Seconded and carried at 7:10 p.m.

**Special Order of Business.**

David Wagner and Dawn Gunderson of Ehlers & Associates addressed the Board concerning the impact of different financing alternatives for the highway facility project.

County Administrator Ben Wehmeier addressed the Board concerning budget issues for 2015 and beyond.

**Regular Business.**

**Mr. Christensen read Resolution No. 2013-73.**

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.*

**Mr. Christensen moved that Resolution No. 2013-73 be adopted.** Seconded and carried: Ayes 26, Noes 0, Absent 3 (Rogers, Bregant, Zentner), Vacant 1.

**County Administrator Ben Wehmeier read the following:  
TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

## **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**

By virtue of the authority vested in me under Sections 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, Wisconsin, appointed for a three-year term ending November 1, 2016.
- b. Julie Merritt, Watertown, Wisconsin, appointed for a three-year term ending November 1, 2016.

### Jefferson County Library Board

- a. Linda Ager, Jefferson, Wisconsin, appointed for a three-year term ending December 31, 2016.
- b. Dean Sanders, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, appointed for a three-year term ending December 31, 2016.

**Mr. Buchanan moved that the appointments be confirmed.**  
Seconded and carried.

**Mr. Mode read the following:**

## **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.

**Mr. Buchanan moved for confirmation of the appointment.**  
Seconded and carried.

Supplemental information presented at the October 22, 2013, Jefferson County Board/Public Hearing meeting will be available at the County Clerk's office upon request.

**There being no further business, Mr. Buchanan moved that the Board adjourn at 7:49 p.m.** Seconded and carried.