

**TAYLOR COUNTY
LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING
December 12, 2008**

Allen Beadles, David Krug, Larry Peterson, Bruce Strama, Bob Meyer, John Easterly, Betty Blumenstein, Steve Anderson, Roxanne Kahan, and Deb Wiinamaki were present. Douglas Thums entered the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m. Lester Lewis was absent. Chairman Beadles called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Krug, second by Beadles to approve the October 31, 2008 minutes. A motion was made by Beadles, second by Krug to approve the agenda.

Review & approve bills. There were no bills to approve.

Discuss correspondence & meeting attendance. Bob Meyer reported he received a phone call from Karen Rask, from the Department of Transportation indicating that the State would be willing to acquire the highway right-of-way along Highway 64, but the State wants to first check to make sure they would not be charged for any special assessments.

Bill Breneman, Emergency Government Director, held a meeting on December 11, 2008 regarding Pictometry (sophisticated aerial photography) which was attended by Peterson and Easterly. Breneman is trying to get four northern counties involved in it and would like letters of support from all departments sent to Representative Obey by January 1, 2009. There will be no charge to Taylor County and the earliest time to start flights would be in 2011. Krug made a motion to support the Pictometry project, second by Beadles.

Review corner requests. There were corner requests in the Town of Little Black and the Town of Pershing. A motion was made by Krug, second by Beadles to approve the corner requests. Motion carried.

Discuss Mortenson property right-of-way. Anderson will contact the owners to the north of the Mortenson property to make arrangements for a formal right-of-way.

Review of redemption process. Anderson stated we need to draw up some guidelines for the tax deed redemption process. Krug made a motion to have Anderson draft an ordinance to be discussed at the next meeting and which will be eventually taken to the full county board for approval. Second by Beadles.

Discuss Katherine Geckler property. Anderson told the committee that they could file small claims action against Geckler. According to Anderson, the correct procedure to follow would be to contact the County Board and Katherine Geckler to inform them of the action that will be taken. It was the recommendation from Anderson, that the county not take the Geckler property for tax deed. Krug made a motion, second by Beadles that the county will not take that property.

Discuss possible tax deed parcels located in sanitary districts. Anderson checked with the sanitary districts and municipalities and found that Greg Bernitt has \$5518.21 in special assessments still owing, the Mendenhall property has quarterly special charges that accrue, and the Geiser/Bix property will have special assessments charged against the parcel.

Public input. Doug Thums came before the committee to discuss the Mendenhall property. If he should obtain the property through our Land Sale in the spring, he is looking into getting a loan or grant through WISCAP. He said they figure it would take about \$80,000 to make the proper improvements to the building. Peterson reiterated the fact that there is

likely contamination on the property, but if there's no excavation, it's a dead issue. Beadles informed Thums that the property will have to be put up for sale at our annual tax deed land sale. Thums then left the meeting.

Discuss & act on which parcels will be taken by tax deed & set final minimum bids for future land sale. Peterson reported that the Dombrowski property is ready to be sold at the spring land sale. We would need to disclose the clean up done on the property. Peterson also addressed the pig farm in Donald. He stated the DNR has not yet sent a final report, so this parcel will not be on the land sale until possibly next year. Discussed all the other possible 2004 tax deed parcels and Krug moved to take all the properties except for the Geckler parcel. Second by Beadles. (See Attached sheet).

Discuss/Act on Taylor County's participation in the 2010 Wisconsin Regional Orthophotography Consortium Program. According to Meyer more than half of Wisconsin counties may be involved. If we are interested in participating, it will cost approximately \$33,000. The funding would come from grant dollars and Peterson was willing to contribute, as it would be beneficial to his office as well. Krug moved to approve sending a letter of intent to participate in the 2010 Wisconsin Regional Orthophotography Consortium Program. Second by Beadles. Motion carried.

Discuss/Act on the Surveyor's attendance of the 2009 Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors Institute in Green Bay. Krug made a motion to allow the surveyor to attend the 2009 Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors Institute in Green Bay, second by Beadles.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 6, 2009. Motion by Krug, second by Beadles to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wiinamaki, Secretary

MINIMUM BID ON TAX DEED PARCELS

Greg Bernitt – Chelsea	\$ 1,500
Edwin Davis – Roosevelt 40-459-0000	\$20,000
40-460-0000	\$10,000
Katherine Geckler – Westboro	Will not take for tax deed
William Geiser/Mary Bix – City	\$45,000
Rod Kiser – Village of Rib Lake	\$15,000
Thomas/Gene Lucia – Westboro 44-01040-0000	Undecided
44-01041-0000	
Raymond Luzinski – Roosevelt	\$25,000
Henry Mahanke – City	\$ 1
Richard Mendenhall – Westboro	\$ 500
Northwestern Lumber Comp. – McKinley	\$ 1,000
Timothy Phillips – Town of Medford	\$80,000
Donald Dombrowski – Village of Gilman	\$500

**TAYLOR COUNTY
LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING
October 31, 2008**

Allen Beadles, Lester Lewis, David Krug, Larry Peterson, Bob Meyer, Betty Blumenstein, Roxanne Kahan, and Deb Wiinamaki were present. Chairman Beadles called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Lewis, second by Krug to approve the September 8, 2008 minutes. A motion was also made by Krug, second by Lewis to approve the agenda.

Members of the Land Information Committee, Zoning Administrator, County Treasurer and Chief Deputy Treasurer left by van to inspect possible tax deed properties.

After returning to the courthouse at 11:05 a.m., the meeting continued in the County Board Room.

Review & approve bills. Bob Meyer reported that the large format scanner/printer/copier has been delivered and he is very happy with it. There was a training session held and an employee from each department was present.

Discuss correspondence & meeting attendance. Bob Meyer reported that he wrote a letter to the Department of Transportation inquiring whether they would want to take over property that the county bought years ago for highway-right-of-way along Highway 64. He is still waiting to hear back from the Department of Transportation and will keep the committee informed on this matter.

Review corner requests. There was one corner request in the Town of Greenwood. A motion was made by Lewis, second by Krug to approve the corner request. Motion carried.

Update on Dombrowski site. Larry Peterson distributed a summary of the payments made by the different entities for the Dombrowski project. It looks as if the county will make a profit from this project and the money will go into the tax deed account to help pay for future contaminated sites. He will present a final summary when he has all the final figures. The Department of Commerce needs the official paperwork done by January 5, 2009.

Discuss Mortenson property right-of-way. The committee directed the treasurer to have the Corporation Council draw up a deed with a mutual agreement of an easement with the owner of the property north of the Mortenson tax deed parcel. It should be stated that the easement is for county employee access and future owner access only, not the public.

Review of redemption process. Lewis informed the committee that the Corporation Council feels they should institute a policy for tax deed redemption. There needs to be a step-by-step procedure that the committee can follow, so they will discuss this at the next meeting.

Discuss & act on which parcels will be taken by tax deed & set prices for future land auction. The possible tax deed parcels were discussed. The committee directed the treasurer to have the Corporation Council find out if Katherine Geckler has any obligation to maintain the parcel (Blue Moon Lane) to allow the owners with easements to access their property. The road does not meet specifications and the committee members don't feel that the county should take this property or we would, because of liability reasons, have to maintain it. The treasurer will also talk to the Corporation Council about the tax deed

parcels that are located in sanitary districts and what encumbrances we might acquire. Minimum bids on the tax deed parcels were set. (See attached sheet).

Public input. There was no public input.

The next meeting was scheduled for December 12th. Motion by Krug, second by Lewis to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wiinamaki, Secretary

**TAYLOR COUNTY
LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING
September 8, 2008**

Allen Beadles, Lester Lewis, David Krug, Bruce Strama, Larry Peterson, John Easterly, Bob Meyer, Roxanne Kahan, Marvel Lemke and Deb Wiinamaki were present. Chairman Beadles called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Krug, second by Lewis to approve the July 7, 2008 minutes. A motion was also made by Lewis, second by Krug to approve the amended agenda.

Review & approve bills. A bill from ADC for \$5175.00 was reviewed and is due to be paid as they have the job 75% completed. The payment will come from the Land Information Grant from the State. A motion from Krug, second by Lewis to pay the bill.

Discuss correspondence & meeting attendance. Meyer asked for approval for Easterly and him to attend the ADC workshops that will be held in Eau Claire on September 11, 2008. Lester made a motion for Meyer and Easterly to attend the workshops, second by Krug. Motion carried.

Strama received correspondence from the City of Medford regarding a meeting that is coming up September 15, 2008 to discuss the status of the alley between State Highway 64 and Maple Street. The property is held by the county for highway-right-of-way purposes, so we are not responsible for paying for special assessments on the property. It was discussed that we could deed the property to the State. Strama was going to get an opinion on it from Steve Anderson. Lewis will also speak to John Fales from the City.

Review corner requests. There were two corner requests. One in the Town of Goodrich and another in the Town of Roosevelt. A motion was made by Krug, second by Lewis to approve the corner requests. Motion carried.

Review and approve 2009 budgets. Review and act on Surveyer and Land Information Budgets. Motion was made by Lewis, second by Krug to approve the proposed budgets and send them on to the County Board. Motion carried.

Discuss and take action on purchase/lease of large format scanner/printer/copier. It was Meyer's understanding when he spoke to the committee at the last meeting that if you lease a machine, the county would not be responsible for the maintenance, however, that is not the case. After a short discussion it was decided that E.O. Johnson has a better maintenance agreement and have offices in close proximity to Medford. The committee first rescinded the motion they made at the July 7, 2008 meeting to lease a scanner/printer/copier. Lewis then made a motion to purchase the scanner/printer/copier from E.O. Johnson, to include a maintenance agreement, second by Krug. Motion carried.

Discuss land owned by Taylor County in the Town of Aurora. Dan Derks had approached Chairman Beadles about the 2.67 acres of land- 31.31.4W-11.2, Pt of SW1/4 SW1/4 Hwy & Area in SW Corner between Highways H & S. He claims he was offered the land at one time and is now interested in acquiring it. Lewis made a motion, second by Krug to refer this item to the Highway Committee. Motion carried.

Discuss status of Dombrowski clean-up. Peterson reported there will soon be final closure of the Dombrowski property. He went through the worksheet he presented and the county cost on the project. The monitoring wells are clean except by the service station. The consultant will be pulling the monitoring wells. The State will then close and write up

deed restrictions on the property. According to Peterson, he will be bringing in the final summary to the next meeting and this property could be ready for the next land sale.

Review and approve bill from Village of Gilman for Dombrowski sidewalk. The county received a bill in the amount of \$743.75 from the Village of Gilman for the installation of the new sidewalk in front of the Dombrowski property. Lewis made a motion to approve the payment, second by Krug. Motion carried.

Public input. There was no public input.

Discuss and act on request for County Surveyor to survey for Town of Westboro. Jeff Peterson, Town of Westboro representative, contacted Meyer to inquire if he could do a survey for the town as they want to put in a cul-de-sac near Skinner Lane. Meyer estimates that it would be a two day job and would be charging the town approximately \$1500-\$2000. Lewis made a motion to approve the county surveyor performing the work and charging the township. Second by Krug. Motion carried.

The next meeting date was set for October 31, 2008. The Environmental Assessment Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. and take the van to view the county property that will be taken for tax deed in December. Immediately after returning to the courthouse, the Land Information Committee meeting will be held.

Krug made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m., second by Lewis. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wiinamaki, Secretary

**TAYLOR COUNTY
LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING
July 7, 2008**

Allen Beadles, Lester Lewis, David Krug, Bruce Strama, Larry Peterson, John Easterly, Bob Meyer, Betty Blumenstein, and Deb Wiinamaki were present. Marvel Lemke arrived later. Chairman Beadles called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Lewis, second by Krug to approve the May 9, 2008 minutes with one correction. A motion was also made by Lewis, second by Krug to approve the agenda.

Review & approve bills. No bills.

Discuss correspondence & meeting attendance. No correspondence.

Review corner requests. There were no corner requests.

2007 WLIP Grant. John Easterly reported that the 2007 WLIP Grant was for \$12,749.00. Originally \$8700.00 was going to be used for parcel mapping and \$4000.00 to correct the address data base. However, the quote to hire ADC to develop a new grid book is \$5000.00 instead of the \$4000.00. A motion was made by Lewis, second by Krug to change the grant distribution. Motion carried.

According to Peterson, the new grid book should be ready to sell sometime in the Fall. Next time it will be completed in-house and updates should be very easy to do.

Discuss/approve purchase of large format scanner replacement. Meyer reported that the large format scanner is no longer working and the company that built the machine is no longer in business. Meyer recommended getting a large format scanner and copier all in one unit. There were two quotes-one from FRV Incorporated for \$13,808.36 and the other from Wide Format Solutions in the amount of \$16,802. Meyer left the meeting to call FRV regarding their maintenance agreement and upon his return, reported the maintenance is \$161.00/month. It is possible to lease a scanner/copier for \$282.00/month and after 3 years the county could own it for \$6,900.00. The county could own it outright after 5 years, which would amount to \$16,920.00. After much discussion, Lewis made a motion to lease the scanner/copier, seconded by Krug. Motion carried.

Update on closure of Dombrowski property. Peterson reported that the Department of Commerce indicated that the Dombrowski property is ready for closure. The METCO Consultant will make a CSM and plat map of the site and identify where all the wells are. The county has invested \$65,000 and has received \$25,000 back from the DNR and \$10,000 back from PECFA. Peterson stated that there is about \$85,000 in the county clean-up fund. Peterson told the committee he will bring in a final summary of what the County, DNR, and PECFA each paid. The property should be ready to be sold at the next land sale.

Discuss special assessment for sidewalk replacement for Dombrowski property and also a special assessment on tax deed property in the City. Beadles and Peterson reported that they were approached by Scott Copenhaver, Village of Gilman President, regarding special assessments that involve the Dombrowski property. The Village has put in new sidewalks and curb and gutter on Main Street and the cost to the county will be approximately \$400-\$500. They just wanted the committee members to be aware of this.

Wiinamaki requested that the county pay up the special assessments for the Mayotte tax deed property in the City. Taylor County has received numerous tax bills and has not been

paying them. She indicated it could be years before the county sells the strip of land and asked for the committee's approval to clear up all the special assessments on the land with the total cost being approximately \$187. A motion was made by Krug, second by Lewis to pay for the special assessment on the Mayotte tax deed property. Motion carried.

Strama discussed the letter from the City dated June 9, 2008, regarding its intent to levy special assessments on county property located along Broadway Avenue. The property was bought in 1935 for highway right-of-way purposes. The State Statute reads that if property is held for highway right-of-way, the county is not responsible for special assessments. The committee members felt Meyer should do a survey of the land but he reported that he already did it a number of years ago when this same issue was brought up. Meyer and Strama will talk to city officials and present survey maps and a copy of the State Statute 66.0705 in response to the letter.

Update on possible tax delinquent property. Peterson reported on the significant contamination at the Hannibal Gas Station. He asked the treasurer to check to see if there are delinquent taxes on the parcel, because he feels it could ultimately become tax deed property.

The next meeting date is set for September 8, 2008.

Krug made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Lewis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wiinamaki, Secretary

**TAYLOR COUNTY
LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 9, 2008**

Allen Beadles, David Krug, Bruce Strama, Larry Peterson, Bob Meyer, John Easterly, Roxanne Kahan, Betty Blumenstein and Marvel Lemke were present. Chairman Beadles called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

A motion was made by Beadles, second by Krug to approve the March 28, 2008 minutes with changes.

Review & approve bills. No bills.

Discuss correspondence & meeting attendance. No correspondence.

Review corner requests. There was one corner request in the Town of Hammel. A motion was made by Krug, second by Beadles to approve the corner request. Motion carried.

Update on the Mortenson property. No action.

Discuss upgrade of the Optical Jukebox. Lemke explained that the current jukebox is 10 years old and full. We need to upgrade the system. The quote for the upgrade is \$10,686.86. The cost includes hardware, software, maintenance and installation fees. Travel time and expenses are not included in this price. A motion was made by Beadles to upgrade the hardware, software, maintenance and installation at the approximate cost of \$10,686.86. Krug second the motion. Motion carried.

Discuss & act on purchase and/or repair of large format scanner in the Surveyor's office. Meyer explained that the current Large Format Scanner is almost 10 years old and currently not working. We can try to fix it, but there will be a fee to find out what is wrong with it and parts may not be available as the company that built the machine is out of business. We can purchase a used one for \$1,000 to \$1,500.00, which is an older model and scans slower. Marathon County purchased a demo scanner. We can go and see how that works. A demo scanner is around \$8,000.00. If we purchase a new one it could be around \$10,000.00. A demo scanner is available every 6 months. Blumenstein said that she has funds in the Inter Dept Credit line item 101.51540.0000.5563 that can be used for the purchase of the replacement large format scanner. A motion was made by Krug to obtain proposals for the Large Format Scanner and call a special meeting to review proposals for the purchase of the Large Format Scanner. Beadles second the motion. Motion carried.

Public Input. Peterson explained to the Committee that closure papers have been submitted for the Dombrowski site. The Webster pig farm is being monitored again for closure by the DNR. The Webster general store property is clean per DNR testing.

Peterson told the Committee that they are just about done with digitizing. They didn't address everything in the county. Also, that there was a Zoning/Law Enforcement meeting yesterday discussing signs for every address. These committees approved \$201,000.00 of the Power Line money for the sign purchase, post and installation in the entire county with the exception of the City and Villages, except Lublin. Lublin would have signs. The matter will be taken to the full County Board for approval.

Blumenstein explained that the company hosting our website for GIS information is upgrading their software. There were a few issues. The WebGuide 3 is better.

Closed session. A motion by Beadles, second by Krug to go into Closed Session per s.s. 9.85(1)(c) for the purpose of evaluating the surveyor. Roll call. Motion carried.

Open session. A motion by Krug to go into Open Session. Beadles second the motion. Roll call. Motion carried.

A tentative date for the special meeting is set for Friday, June 13, 2008.
The next meeting date is set for Friday, July 11, 2008.

Beadles called a recess until 10:00 am.

Land Sale Auction started at 10:01 am.

City of Medford – Henry Mahanke property
(3 parcels sold together) - No Sale

Krug made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Beadles. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.

Respectfully submitted;
Roxanne Kahan, Acting Secretary

**TAYLOR COUNTY
LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 28, 2008**

Allen Beadles, Lester Lewis, David Krug, Bruce Strama, Larry Peterson, Bob Meyer, John Easterly, Roxanne Kahan, Steve Anderson, Mary Quante and Marvel Lemke were present. Chairman Beadles called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

A motion was made by Lewis, second by Krug to approve the February 8, 2008 minutes.

Review & approve bills. No bills.

Discuss correspondence & meeting attendance. Meyer attended a Surveyor's Conference in the Dells.

Review corner requests. There were 3 corner requests in the Towns of Maplehurst and Aurora. Motion by Krug, second by Lewis to approve. Motion carried.

Discuss Ventrelli-Frankiewicz property – W2890 County Rd C, Medford, WI. A few years ago (2004), the Health Department was called about a property that had animals in it. Ventrelli was living there at that time. There was a court order to clean up the property. The owner abandoned the property leaving the animals in it. The animals had to be euthanized. The property is currently up for tax deed as the taxes have not been paid for 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 tax year. An email was received from Mike Frankiewicz (Ventrelli's son) regarding the tax amount for these years. Several emails have been sent to Frankiewicz to contact the Assessor regarding the value of the property and also the amount of back taxes owed. The committee had directed the Chief Deputy Treasurer to send an email to Frankiewicz explaining that he can contact the Town of Browning regarding the taxes for the last two years to see if they can be lowered.

Discuss when the land sale will be held and review the properties to determine the minimum sale price. There was a lengthy discussion regarding 3 small lots in the City of Medford taken tax deed. Legal descriptions are 239-1.1.3 Wisc Central Railroad 3rd Addition Lot 1 Block 1 Ex W 210' thrf, 239-1.2.5 Wisc Central Railroad 3rd Addition Lot 2 Block 1 Ex W 210' thrf, and 239-1.3.3 Wisc Central Railroad 3rd Addition Lot 3 Block 1 Ex W 210' thrf. Motion by Lewis, second by Krug to auction the three parcels together. Motion carried. A motion by Krug to set a minimum bid to \$500. A motion by Lewis, second by Krug to set an amended bid to \$250.00. Motion carried. It was decided to have the next meeting on May 9th at 8:00am with the land sale at 10:00 am to sell above described parcels.

Discuss & take action regarding the Taylor County & Northwestern Lumber Co. 2004 taxes. While printing the last notice for the 2004 delinquent taxes, we had the Taylor County notice print for parcel number 251-01322-0000. The parcel is accruing curb & gutter charges per year. This parcel was taken tax deed in 2004 and special charges keep accruing on it. The Committee decided to defer on this matter until there are new owners on the parcel adjoining who may be interested in buying the parcel.

The Northwestern Lumber Co parcel number 030-00359-0001 has no mailing address. This parcel also has 2004 delinquent taxes and it is up for tax deed this year. This was brought to the committee for informational purposes only.

Discuss address mapping/census update. Peterson reported that the census data is done except for the Town of Medford. April 30, 2008 is the deadline date to have the census disk sent in. MSAG, & ANI/ALI hasn't been done. Someone from Emergency Government needs to do this. Emergency Government will also need up-to-date data.

They can get this from the Land Information Office. At this point in time, the Sheriff's Department doesn't have any digitized addresses. Peterson reported that there has been approximately \$300 spent to do this project. This has been done with grant monies.

Closed session. A motion by Lewis to go into Closed Session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Krug second the motion. Motion carried.

Open session. A motion by Lewis to go into Open Session per Wisconsin Statute 19.83 to act on matters discussed in closed session. Krug second the motion. Motion carried.

A motion by Krug was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 am. Lewis second the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting was set for May 9, 2008 at 8:00 am., with the land sale auction at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted;
Roxanne Kahan, Acting Secretary

**TAYLOR COUNTY
LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2008**

Allen Beadles, Lester Lewis, David Krug, Bruce Strama, Larry Peterson, John Easterly, Roxanne Kahan, Betty Blumenstein, Steve Anderson, Dan Renzoni, Tim Roiger, Randy Hartl and Andy Brost were present. Chairman Beadles called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

A motion was made by Lewis, second by Krug to approve the December 7, 2007 minutes.

Review & approve bills. John Easterly said that a flip phone was purchased by the surveyor's department.

Discuss & act on redemption requests for property taken by tax deed. Mr. Hartl asked for redemption of his property. A motion was made by Krug to accept the redemption amount & redeem property to Mr. Hartl. Second by Lewis. Motion carried.

Andy Brost was present to discuss the property that is connected to his lot in the City of Medford. He expressed interest in Lot 1 and part of Lot 2. It was suggested to Mr. Brost to come to the County auction in spring of 08 and bid on the property.

Discuss Richard B. Mendenhall property. Ed Schlosser, Chairman from the Town of Westboro had called and asked that this would be put on the Agenda. Tim Roiger was present for the Town of Westboro. Ed Schlosser felt that the property should be condemned. It was suggested that the Town of Westboro board could do the condemnation of this property & necessary clean-up. The property taxes are delinquent for the tax year of 2004, 2005 and 2006. We will be starting up the tax deed process on it this year. If not paid in December 2008, the County can take tax deed.

Discuss Taylor County plat book production. A long discussion on producing the plat book in-house verses out sourcing. Mr. Renzoni stated that this was the single stream of income for 4-H. It was decided to have more discussions in the future regarding the production of the plat book in-house verses out sourcing & discussion with the Land Information Committee would be held prior to the next publication of the plat book.

Corporation Counsel to discuss update on the Mortenson law suit. Anderson told the committee that he answered the lawsuit. There are 2 claims — have the court order the county to redeem his property. He is claiming 'writ of mandamus' when he came in to redeem his property. The second claim is to have the County sell his property and he gets the balance after the county expenses. Or if the County keeps the property, he wants the balance. He is claiming that it is a 'Homestead property'. He alleges that he resides there several months out of the year and he also states he has a house there. Currently, this case is in front of Judge Fox.

Corporation Counsel to discuss tax deed —vs- In Rem process. Anderson reported to the committee what other counties are doing. He checked with 9 counties.

Clark, Marathon and Lincoln Counties are using the Tax Deed Process. Price County — uses the In Rem process on parcels with homes and the tax deed process for land.

Chippewa, Sawyer, Barron and Oneida Counties are using the In Rem Process.

The counties that are using the Tax Deed Process have ever had any complaints or problems. If we went with In Rem process it would be more time consuming for the Corporate Counsel.

Discuss correspondence & meeting attendance. Meyer is at an annual meeting in the Dells.

Review corner requests. There were 3 corner requests in the Towns of Taft, Cleveland and Westboro. Motion by Lewis, second by Krug to approve. Motion carried.

Update on the Webster Store and on Webster property on North side of County

Road M. Peterson stated that the DNR girl is monitoring the Webster property. The Webster store — will be recommended for closure. Readings are within the limits. There are problems with the Pig Farm across the road. A monitoring well is missing and needs to be reinstalled. This site is still very contaminated.

Discuss Parcel of Land in SE ¼, NE ¼ of Section 7, T33N, R3W. Owner came to the Jump River Town Board meeting. She claims she is paying taxes on 20 acres. It was suggested that she can file a claim with the Town Board of Review for back year tax. The Assessor can walk the Jump River Board of Review through this process. The County has no involvement with this procedure.

The next meeting was set for March 28, 2008.

A motion by Lewis, second by Krug to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am.

Respectfully submitted;
Roxanne Kahan, Acting Secretary