

Public Property & Law Enforcement
Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
County Board Room

Present: Donna Williamson, Norman Couture, Jerry Teague, Ken Wheeler and Gary Kabasa

Absent: None

Others: Pete Russo, Jeff Beirl, Heather Schutte, Mick Brennan, Dorothy Tank, William Metzinger, Terry Barningham, Sherry DeHahn, Richard and Phyllis Caya

1. Call to Order

Donna Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by J. Teague, second by P. Russo to approve the July 6, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Caya Property Addressing Issue – Discussion and Possible Action

Addresses up for discussion are 64326 County Highway C and 64346 County Highway C.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Caya were present at the meeting today to discuss addressing concerns regarding the pending sale of their property with two homes located in the Town of Marengo.

Dorothy Tank with Emergency Management provided the committee with handouts regarding the Caya property. *These handouts are on file in the County Clerk's Office.* There is a fiber optic line that runs to each house; therefore, an address/emergency number must be issued to each house resulting in two addresses for the property, per County guidelines.

Realtor Sherry DeHahn commented in order for the pending VA loan to be approved, the property can only have one address/emergency number. This sale is contingent on removing one address. Previous sales have been lost due to the property having two addresses.

William Metzinger, Assessor for the Town of Marengo, showed the committee the layout of the property and two homes. Mr. Metzinger commented the property is assessed as one parcel with two buildings. Further discussion followed.

Motion by K. Wheeler to have the second address removed, 64346 County Highway C, subject to the second building not used as commercial property. Second by Gary Kabasa. Discussion followed.

Roll call:

Yes – K. Wheeler and G. Kabasa

No – D. Williamson, N. Couture, J. Teague

Motion fails. D. Williamson requested Mr. and Mrs. Caya, Realtor DeHahn and D. Tank meet with Administrator J. Beirl to come to a resolution to this issue.

5. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff M. Brennan was present to review and discuss the Sheriff's report. Handouts were given to the committee and can be found on file in the County Clerk's Office. Jail population is down although the drug arrests still remain high. There was a motorcycle fatality and several car/deer accidents. 24-hour recertification completed for all deputies. Dave and Taylor filling in for dispatching. Bad River received authorization for two new squads. The Toyota transport van that was purchased back in January 2017, has over 40,000 miles on it. All officers are now equipped with OD kits.

6. Emergency Management Report – Dorothy Tank

D. Tank was present to update to committee on the floodplain properties. Another floodplain property was brought to her recently and was looking for direction from the committee. J. Teague stated they would have to review them on a case by case basis. Take information from the applicant and bring to the committee for review. Further discussion.

7. Health & Human Services Report – Terry Barningham

T. Barningham was present and provided the committee with the Human Services Report. This report is on file in the County Clerk's Office. Driveway has been repaired with recycled blacktop. Reminder there are four years left on the current lease of the building. Elevator was not working, but has been repaired. Tornado drill was done and will do fire drill in the future. Update on secured detention. No current problems with the building. Motion by G. Kabasa, second by P. Russo to approve the Health & Human Services report. Motion carried.

8. Capital Projects Update

J. Beirl updated the committee on the capital improvement projects. New garage facility and Courthouse heating system replacement have been delayed as planned. Installation of new control system for the Ashland County Jail has been completed. Replacement and modernization of the Courthouse elevator has been delayed. Upgrade and replacement of the Emergency Dispatch radio system is in process and close to completion. The expansion for the Forestry office building and insulate/heat Forestry garage have been completed. The Highway

equipment storage building will start soon. Forestry equipment storage facility addition – 2018 project. Courthouse parking lot has been completed. Courthouse roof has been scheduled for September of this year. J. Beirl would like solar panels added to the list by the committee. They would be potentially installed in 2018.

9. Other Business

J. Beirl updated the committee on the Ice Angel meeting that took place. Everything went very well and will have another meeting the end of August. He feels they should reach an agreement by the end of the year.

10. Review and Approval of Payment Vouchers

Vouchers were reviewed at this time. Motion by J. Teague, second by P. Russo to approve vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.

12. Adjournment

Motion by N. Couture, second by P. Russo to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather W. Schutte, Ashland County Clerk