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IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

****Amended AGENDA****

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Conference Call 1-312-626-6799

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87929786043>

Meeting ID 879 2978 6043

Health and Human Services Center - Community Room

303 West Chapel St., Dodgeville, WI 53533

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Healthy and Safe Place to Live, Work and Play – Iowa County

The Mission of Iowa County Government is to protect and promote the health and safety, economic well-being, and environmental quality of our county by providing essential services in a fiscally responsible manner.

1. Call to order by Chairman John M. Meyers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call.
4. Approve the agenda for this January 21, 2025 meeting.
5. Approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting.
6. Special matters and announcements.
 - Committee Chair reports.
 - 2025 County Board / Committee Calendar
7. Comments from the public.
8. Recognition of Kristy Spurley on her retirement.
9. Land use changes from the Towns:
 - 1-0125 Clyde – Rezoning request by Mitch Blazek and Leslie Orosz
 - 2-0125 Dodgeville – Rezoning request by Paul Gaynor and White Oak Savanna LLC
 - 3-0125 Highland – Rezoning request by Windswept Acres and James Scullion
 - 4-0125 Ridgeway – Rezoning request by Joe Thomas, Greg Weier and Brandon Weier

10. Presentations By:
 - Facilities and Grounds Director, Jacob Tarrell, on Courthouse Landscaping and Veterans Memorial Improvement Plan
11. Public Works Committee
 - Consider Revisions to Policy 1120 Highway Transfer Program
12. County Administrator's report.
13. Chair's report.
14. Mileage and Per Diem Report for this January 21, 2025 meeting.
15. Motion to adjourn to February 18, 2025.

Megan Currie, County Clerk

Posted 1/15/2025 @ 1:00 pm

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DECEMBER SESSION OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS
OF IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The meeting was held in person and via electronic videoconferencing/
teleconferencing.

The Board of Supervisors met in the Health and Human Services Center Community Room in the City of Dodgeville on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable John M. Meyers, Chair of the Board.

The Board, in unison, led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll call:

Members attending in person: Douglas Richter, Ingmar Nelson, Dan Nankee, Darrell Kreul, Dave Gollon, Bruce Paull, Joan Davis, Dody A. Cockeram, Brad Stevens, Adam Stucki, Mike Peterson, Richard Rolfsmeyer, John Meyers, Tim Lease, Jerry Galle, Don Gander, Justin O'Brien, Mel Masters and Kevin Butteris.

Remotely: Don Leix

Excused: Curt Peterson

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Sup. Lease seconded by Sup. Rolfsmeyer to approve the agenda this December 17, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Sup. Nankee seconded by Sup. Cockeram to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2024 meeting with a change to correct the verbiage to Unified Community Services on the top of page 3. Motion carried.

Yes – 18

Abstain – 2 (Nelson and Davis)

Special matters and announcements.

- Committee Chair Reports: None.
- 2025 Discover Wisconsin Calendar (set-out).

Comments from the public: None.

Administrator Bierke recognized Cheryl Hartman on her retirement from Iowa County. She will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card from the County.

Motion by Sup. Davis seconded by Sup. Kreul to adopt Amendatory Ordinance 1-1224 thru 4-1224 as a group. Motion carried.

Yes – 19

Nay – 1 (Richter)

Amendatory Ordinance No. 1-1224 to zone 2.00 acres and 38.0 acres from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential in the Town of Arena.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 2-1224 to zone 5.94 acres from AR-1 Agricultural Residential and B-4 Industrial to all AR-1 Agricultural Residential, thus reducing an existing B-4 Industrial lot to 4.18 acres in the Town of Arena.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 3-1224 to zone 20.0 acres from A-1 Agricultural and AR-1 Agricultural Residential to all AR-1 Agricultural Residential in the Town of Brigham.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 4-1224 to zone 7.72 acres from B-2 Highway Business to all AR-1 Agricultural Residential in the Town of Highland.

Presentations by:

- A. Employee Relations Director, Allison Leitzinger on Iowa County Employee Self Service Software.
- B. Recipients of the Iowa County Recreation Grants:
 - 1. 4-H Iowa County (2023 Grant).
 - 2. Ridgeway Farmers Market (2023 Grant).
 - 3. Mineral Point Historical Society (2024 Grant).
 - 4. Taliesin Preservation (2024 Grant).
- C. UniverCity student presentation on the Sharing of Highway Equipment.
- D. Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Jenna Vondra on Advertising Campaign by the Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce.
- E. Executive Director, Kristen May on Iowa County Fair's use of Marketing and Advertising Funding.
- F. Land Conservation Director, Katie Abbott update on use of ATC Environmental Impact Fee Recreation Grants and SWIGG Study Follow Up Grants.

Motion by Sup. Gollon seconded by Sup. M. Peterson to approve Amendatory Ordinance 5-1224 to revise the Iowa County Zoning Ordinance No. 400.01. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sup. M. Peterson seconded by Sup. Lease to authorize the County Clerk to publish in January and March a Class 1 Notice notifying the public that dog licenses

and rabies vaccinations are required under the Wisconsin Statutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Health and Human Services Committee

Motion by Sup. Paull seconded by Sup. Nelson to approve the following as a group:

1. Resolution No. 6-1224 to Establish A Project Account Called: Children and Families Fund Account.
2. Resolution No. 7-1224 to Establish A Project Account Called: Holiday Project Account.
3. Resolution No. 8-1224 to Establish A Project Account Called: Vulnerable Adults Account.
4. Resolution No. 9-1224 to Establish A Project Account Called: Food Pantry Fund Account.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sup. M. Peterson seconded by Sup. Nelson to approve Resolution No. 10-1224 Recommending Transfer of Funds in 2024 from the American Rescue Plant Act Fund to Highway Fund for Reconstruction of Highway T. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Possible Broadband BEAD Grant letters of support and need for a special meeting. Motion by Sup. Gollon seconded by Kreul to have a special meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. including a closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator – Reminded supervisors of the upcoming conference to be held.

Chairman Meyers recognized Clerk Spurley as she will be retiring on January 5, 2025.

Mileage and Per Diem Report for this December 17, 2024 Session of the County Board was presented.

20 members 437 miles and Per Diem \$1,317.79

Motion by Sup. Nankee seconded by Sup. Cockeram to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sup. Nelson seconded by Sup. Stucki to convene in closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Possible offer to purchase from SWTC for the land on the corner of 18/23-old jail site). Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Entered closed session at 8:04 p.m. with Larry Bierke, Dave Morzenti and Kris Spurley.

Motion by Sup. Masters seconded by Sup. O'Brien to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously

Entered open session at 8:17 p.m.

Motion by Sup. Gollon seconded by Sup. Masters to accept SWTC offer to purchase the land in the amount of \$269,000 on the corner of 18/23-old jail site and designate County Board Chair and County Clerk as signees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sup. Lease seconded by Sup. Gollon to adjourn to January 16, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



John M. Meyers, Chairman



Kristy K. Spurley, County Clerk

Amendatory Ordinance 1-0125

To the Honorable Iowa County Board of Supervisors:

Whereas a petition for a land use change has been made by Mitch Blazek and Leslie Orosz;

For land being in the NW ¼ of Section 16, Town 8N, Range 2E in the Town of Clyde affecting tax parcels 006-0207.01, 006-0209.01 and 006-0210.01;

And, this petition is zone 41.49 acres from A-1 Agricultural to RB-1 Recreational Business.

Whereas notice of such petition has been properly advertised and notice has been given to the **Clerk of the Town of Clyde,**

Whereas a public hearing, designated as zoning hearing number **3463** was last held on **January 2, 2025** in accord with said notice, and as a result of said hearing action has been taken by the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee to **approve.**

Now therefore be it resolved that the official county zoning map be amended as recommended by the Iowa County Planning and Zoning Committee.

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee.

I, the undersigned Iowa County Clerk, hereby certify that the above Amendatory Ordinance was _____ approved as recommended _____ approved with amendment _____ denied as recommended _____ denied or _____ rereferred to the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors on **January 21, 2025.** The effective date of this ordinance shall be **January 21, 2025.**

Megan Currie
Iowa County Clerk

Date: _____



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Planning & Zoning Committee Recommendation Summary

Public Hearing held on January 2, 2025

Zoning Hearing 3463

Recommendation: **Approval**

Applicant(s): Mitch Blazek and Leslie Orosz

Town of Clyde

Site Description: NW ¼ of S16-T8N-R2E also affecting tax parcels 006-0207.01; 0209.01; 0210.01

Petition Summary: This is a request to rezone 41.49 acres from A-1 Ag to RB-1 Rec Bus and for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Tourist Cottage (short-term rental).

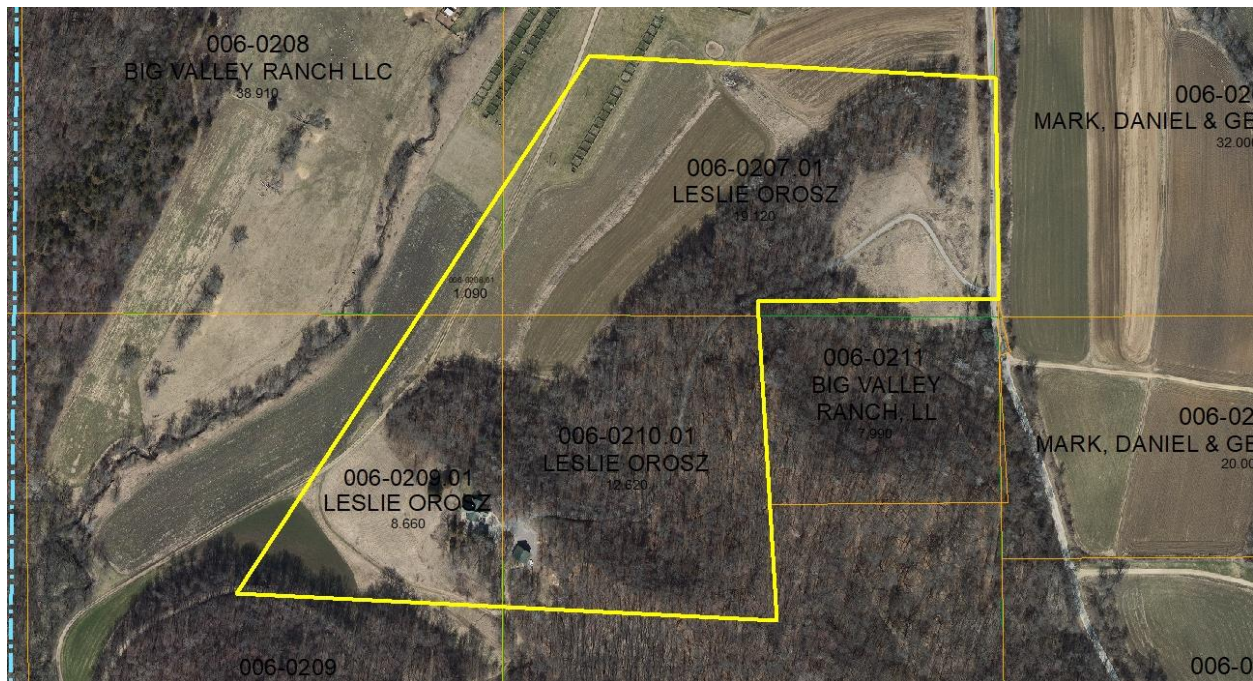
Comments/Recommendations

1. The proposal is to use an existing residence for short-term rental only, which is considered a Tourist Cottage under the Iowa County Zoning Ordinance.
2. The RB-1 district is being requested because the A-1 district does not allow a Tourist Cottage.
3. Per Section 11.0 of the Iowa County Zoning Ordinance, the following standards are to be considered when deciding on a zoning change:
 - 1) The petition is consistent with the Iowa County Comprehensive Plan and the comprehensive plan of any Town affected by said petition.
 - 2) Adequate public facilities and services (including sewage and waste disposal, water, gas, electricity, schools, police and fire protection, and roads and transportation, as applicable) will be available as required by the petition while maintaining adequate levels of service to existing development.
 - 3) Provisions of public facilities to accommodate the petition will not place an unreasonable burden on the ability of affected local units of government to provide those services.
 - 4) The petition will not result in significant adverse impacts upon surrounding properties or the natural environment, including air, water, noise, stormwater management, soils, wildlife and vegetation.
 - 5) The land associated with the petition is suitable for the proposed development and said development will not cause unreasonable soil erosion or have an unreasonable adverse effect on rare or irreplaceable natural areas.
 - 6) The petition will not be used to legitimize a nonconforming use or structure.
 - 7) The petition is the minimum action necessary to accomplish the intent of the petition, and an administrative adjustment, variance, or Conditional Use Permit could not be used to achieve the same result.
 - 8) The petition will not result in illegal "spot zoning" (i.e. use is inconsistent with surrounding properties and serves only a private, rather than public interest)
4. The associated Conditional Use Permit for a Tourist Cottage (short-term rental)

was approved with the condition that the zoning change is approved by the County Board.

Town Recommendation: The Town of Clyde is recommending approval.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval.



Amendatory Ordinance 2-0125

To the Honorable Iowa County Board of Supervisors:

Whereas a petition for a land use change has been made by Paul Gaynor and White Oak Savanna LLC;

For land being Lot 1 of CSM 1544 in Section 4, Town 6N, Range 3E in the Town of Dodgeville affecting tax parcel 008-0845.02;

And, this petition is zone 3.144 acres from RB-1 Recreational Business to AR-1 Agricultural Residential, thus reducing an existing RB-1 Recreational Business lot to 23.786 acres.

Whereas notice of such petition has been properly advertised and notice has been given to the **Clerk of the Town of Dodgeville,**

Whereas a public hearing, designated as zoning hearing number **3464** was last held on **January 2, 2025** in accord with said notice, and as a result of said hearing action has been taken by the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee to **approve** with the condition that the associated certified survey map is duly recorded within 6 months.

Now therefore be it resolved that the official county zoning map be amended as recommended by the Iowa County Planning and Zoning Committee.

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee.

I, the undersigned Iowa County Clerk, hereby certify that the above Amendatory Ordinance was _____ approved as recommended _____ approved with amendment _____ denied as recommended _____ denied or _____ rereferred to the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors on **January 21, 2025**. The effective date of this ordinance shall be **January 21, 2025**.

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Planning & Zoning Committee Recommendation Summary

Public Hearing held on January 2, 2025

Zoning Hearing 3464

Recommendation: **Approval**

Applicant(s): Paul Gaynor – White Oak Savanna LLC

Town of Dodgeville

Site Description: L1 CSM 1544 in S4-T6N-R3E also affecting tax parcel 008-0845.02

Petition Summary: This is a request to zone 3.144 acres from RB-1 Rec Bus to AR-1 Ag Res and for a Conditional Use Permit to continue the existing approved uses on the remainder of the RB-1 lot (23.786 acres).

Comments/Recommendations

1. The proposal is to divide off an existing house on a 3.144-acre lot for residential use. Currently, it has been used for short-term rental as part of the RB-1 operation.
2. If approved, the AR-1 district would allow one single family residence, accessory structures and limited ag uses but no animal units as defined by the zoning ordinance without a Conditional Use Permit.
3. Per Section 11.0 of the Iowa County Zoning Ordinance, the following standards are to be considered when deciding on a zoning change:
 - 1) The petition is consistent with the Iowa County Comprehensive Plan and the comprehensive plan of any Town affected by said petition.
 - 2) Adequate public facilities and services (including sewage and waste disposal, water, gas, electricity, schools, police and fire protection, and roads and transportation, as applicable) will be available as required by the petition while maintaining adequate levels of service to existing development.
 - 3) Provisions of public facilities to accommodate the petition will not place an unreasonable burden on the ability of affected local units of government to provide those services.
 - 4) The petition will not result in significant adverse impacts upon surrounding properties or the natural environment, including air, water, noise, stormwater management, soils, wildlife and vegetation.
 - 5) The land associated with the petition is suitable for the proposed development and said development will not cause unreasonable soil erosion or have an unreasonable adverse effect on rare or irreplaceable natural areas.
 - 6) The petition will not be used to legitimize a nonconforming use or structure.
 - 7) The petition is the minimum action necessary to accomplish the intent of the petition, and an administrative adjustment, variance, or Conditional Use Permit could not be used to achieve the same result.



Amendatory Ordinance 3-0125

To the Honorable Iowa County Board of Supervisors:

Whereas a petition for a land use change has been made by Windswept Acres and James Scullion;

For land being in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Town 6N, Range 1E in the Town of Highland affecting tax parcels 012-1123 and 012-1123.1;

And, this petition is zone 1.21 acres and 2.01 acres from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential.

Whereas notice of such petition has been properly advertised and notice has been given to the **Clerk of the Town of Highland,**

Whereas a public hearing, designated as zoning hearing number **3466** was last held on **January 2, 2025** in accord with said notice, and as a result of said hearing action has been taken by the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee to **approve** with the condition that the associated certified survey map is duly recorded within six months.

Now therefore be it resolved that the official county zoning map be amended as recommended by the Iowa County Planning and Zoning Committee.

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee.

I, the undersigned Iowa County Clerk, hereby certify that the above Amendatory Ordinance was _____ approved as recommended _____ approved with amendment _____ denied as recommended _____ denied or _____ rereferred to the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors on **January 21, 2025**. The effective date of this ordinance shall be **January 21, 2025**.

Megan Currie
Iowa County Clerk

Date: _____



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Planning & Zoning Committee Recommendation Summary

Public Hearing held on January 2, 2025

Zoning Hearing 3466

Recommendation: **Approval**

Applicant(s): Windswept Acres and James Scullion

Town of Highland

Site Description: SW/SW of S2-T6N-R1E also affecting tax parcels 012-1123; 1123.1

Petition Summary: This is a request to zone 1.21 acres and 2.01 acres from A-1 Ag to AR-1 Ag Res.

Comments/Recommendations

1. The proposed 1.21-acre lot is an enlargement of a legal nonconforming A-1 lot.
2. The A-1 district has a minimum 40-acre lot size so rezoning is required to legally create the proposed lots.
3. If approved, each lot would be eligible for one single-family residence, accessory structures and limited ag uses, but no animal units as defined in the zoning ordinance without a CUP.
4. The associated certified survey map has been submitted for formal review.
4. Per Section 11.0 of the Iowa County Zoning Ordinance, the following standards are to be considered when deciding on a zoning change:
 - 1) The petition is consistent with the Iowa County Comprehensive Plan and the comprehensive plan of any Town affected by said petition.
 - 2) Adequate public facilities and services (including sewage and waste disposal, water, gas, electricity, schools, police and fire protection, and roads and transportation, as applicable) will be available as required by the petition while maintaining adequate levels of service to existing development.
 - 3) Provisions of public facilities to accommodate the petition will not place an unreasonable burden on the ability of affected local units of government to provide those services.
 - 4) The petition will not result in significant adverse impacts upon surrounding properties or the natural environment, including air, water, noise, stormwater management, soils, wildlife and vegetation.
 - 5) The land associated with the petition is suitable for the proposed development and said development will not cause unreasonable soil erosion or have an unreasonable adverse effect on rare or irreplaceable natural areas.
 - 6) The petition will not be used to legitimize a nonconforming use or structure.
 - 7) The petition is the minimum action necessary to accomplish the intent of the petition, and

an administrative adjustment, variance, or Conditional Use Permit could not be used to achieve the same result.

- 8) The petition will not result in illegal "spot zoning" (i.e. use is inconsistent with surrounding properties and serves only a private, rather than public interest).

Town Recommendation: The Town of Highland is recommending approval

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval with the condition that the associated certified survey map is duly recorded within 6 months of County Board approval.



Amendatory Ordinance 4-0125

To the Honorable Iowa County Board of Supervisors:

Whereas a petition for a land use change has been made by Joe Thomas, Gregory Weier and Brandon Weier;

For land being in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 33, Town 6N, Range 4E in the Town of Ridgeway affecting tax parcels 024-0598, 024-0598.B and 024-0598.03;

And, this petition is zone 3.94 acres from A-1 Agricultural to AR-1 Agricultural Residential and 8.864 acres from A-1 Agricultural and B-2 Highway Business to AR-1 Agricultural Residential.

Whereas notice of such petition has been properly advertised and notice has been given to the **Clerk of the Town of Ridgeway**,

Whereas a public hearing, designated as zoning hearing number **3467** was last held on **January 2, 2025** in accord with said notice, and as a result of said hearing action has been taken by the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee to **approve** with the condition that the associated certified survey map is duly recorded within 6 months.

Now therefore be it resolved that the official county zoning map be amended as recommended by the Iowa County Planning and Zoning Committee.

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee.

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Megan Currie
Iowa County Clerk

Date: _____



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Planning & Zoning Committee Recommendation Summary

Public Hearing held on January 2, 2025

Zoning Hearing 3467

Recommendation: **Approval**

Applicant(s): Joe Thomas, Gregory Weier, Brandon Weier

Town of Ridgeway

Site Description: SE/SW of S33-T6N-R4E also affecting tax parcels 024-0598; 0598.B; 0598.03

Petition Summary: This is a request to zone 3.94 acres from A-1 Ag to AR-1 Ag Res and 8.864 acres from A-1 Ag & B-2 Hwy Bus to AR-1 Ag Res.

Comments/Recommendations

1. This petition involves adding some land from Mr. Thomas to Mr. Greg Weier and adding some land from Mr. Greg Weier to Mr. Brandon Weier. The result is to be two AR-1 lots.
2. The B-2 portion of Mr. Brandon Weier's lot was for a farm machinery repair business dating back to 1973, which has long since been out of business.
3. If approved, each lot would allow one single family residence, accessory structures and limited ag uses including up to 3 animal units as defined by the zoning ordinance on the larger lot but none on the smaller lot without a Conditional Use Permit. This petition includes a CUP to allow up to 6 animal units on the larger lot.
4. The associated certified survey map has been submitted for formal review.
5. Per Section 11.0 of the Iowa County Zoning Ordinance, the following standards are to be considered when deciding on a zoning change:

- 1) The petition is consistent with the Iowa County Comprehensive Plan and the comprehensive plan of any Town affected by said petition.
- 2) Adequate public facilities and services (including sewage and waste disposal, water, gas, electricity, schools, police and fire protection, and roads and transportation, as applicable) will be available as required by the petition while maintaining adequate levels of service to existing development.
- 3) Provisions of public facilities to accommodate the petition will not place an unreasonable burden on the ability of affected local units of government to provide those services.
- 4) The petition will not result in significant adverse impacts upon surrounding properties or the natural environment, including air, water, noise, stormwater management, soils, wildlife and vegetation.
- 5) The land associated with the petition is suitable for the proposed development and said

development will not cause unreasonable soil erosion or have an unreasonable adverse effect on rare or irreplaceable natural areas.

- 6) The petition will not be used to legitimize a nonconforming use or structure.
- 7) The petition is the minimum action necessary to accomplish the intent of the petition, and an administrative adjustment, variance, or Conditional Use Permit could not be used to achieve the same result.
- 8) The petition will not result in illegal "spot zoning" (i.e. use is inconsistent with surrounding properties and serves only a private, rather than public interest).

Town Recommendation on the zoning change: The Town of Ridgeway is recommending approval.

Staff Recommendation on the zoning change: Staff recommends approval with the condition that the associated certified survey map is duly recorded within 6 months of approval.



AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Title: Policy 1120 Proposed Updates

☒ Original

☐ Update

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEAD

DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM (Please provide detailed information, including deadline):

Policy 1120 is programmed to be reviewed every two years. When reviewing this policy, staff would like the Committee and Board to consider increasing the incentive pay for transferring miles of county highway to townships. Changes are reflected in Red.

RECOMMENDATIONS (IF ANY):

Consider the attached draft policy.

ANY ATTACHMENTS? (Only 1 copy is needed)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please list below:

Draft 2025-2026 County Highway Transfer policy 1120 is attached.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should a township agree to accept a county highway, the Capital Improvement Fund would compensate them with a one time payment. This proposal increases that payment.

LEGAL REVIEW PERFORMED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

PUBLICATION REQUIRED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

STAFF PRESENTATION?:

☐ Yes

☒ No

How much time is needed? _____

COMPLETED BY: Larry Bierke

DEPT: County Administrator

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEETING DATE: 12-30-2024

AGENDA ITEM # 5

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Motion to revise the payment amount to \$50,000 and review every five years to Executive Committee.



2025-2026 Highway Transfer Program

Date Originated: 02/21/2023
Date of Modifications: 09/19/2023
Policy Number: 1120

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a program for which Iowa County begins to compensate townships for accepting jurisdictional transfers of specific County highways.

At the time of adoption, Iowa County maintained 366 miles of County Highways. Based on the amount of available funding for improvements, the county takes 120 years to replace all 366 miles. The funding needed to improve this timeline is unrealistic and not sustainable. As a result, Iowa County must make decisions based on traffic use and highway location when scheduling reconstruction activities and investing County tax dollars.

Under state aid formulas, which ever local government maintains responsibility for a highway gets annual assistance from the state in support of that highway. For Counties, the formula is based on a total expenses per mile share-of-cost method through averaging of 6-year rolling costs. As the formula for counties is based on a share of transportation related expenses, Iowa County is currently maxing out its' aid available due to tax levy caps and therefore no longer benefitting from maintaining all 366 miles of highway. At the Township level, the amount of aid is based on a per mile of maintenance payout. Due to the level of County funding, there are specific highways that are never likely to see any improvements completed by Iowa County. These highways will continue to degrade.

Townships where these County highways are located may find it beneficial to accept a jurisdictional transfer and begin collecting additional per mile state aid. Iowa County would like to pursue a policy of allowing jurisdictional transfers for low volume highways to townships and will incentivize said transfers in order to reduce the number of highway miles under County jurisdiction.

2. ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:

This policy applies to all County highways listed in this policy and the townships they are located in.

3. POLICY:

Functional classification is a process by which streets and highways are grouped into classes or systems according to the character of service they are intended to provide. In basic terms, a highway can be functionally classified as:

- Arterial are designations for roads serving to provide mobility such that traffic can move for one place or destination to another quickly and safely with little interruption.
- Collector are designations for roads serving to link Arterials and local roads to each other and provide some duties of each class.
- Local are designations for roads primarily serving to provide start / end of route access to homes, businesses, or other similar properties.

Generally, Arterial roads are state or federal high volume highways and interstates, Collector roads are County or Regional Trunk Highways, and Local are Municipal (City, Town, or Village) streets or roads providing access at start or end of travel locations.

A. Therefore, per Functional Classification definitions; County Trunk Highways with a designation of Low Volume or Local Roads are of a Town Road status and would qualify for this program. Of the Iowa County Trunk Highway system 28.2% (103.3 Miles) are identified as Low Volume or Local Roads, and; therefore would be eligible for this program. Of this road listing, Iowa County has identified the following Low Volume or Local Road classification County Highways as having the lowest reconstruction priority and are hereby eligible for this program:

1. CTH B from STH 80 to CTH J – Town of Eden 6.04 Mi..
- ~~2. CTH CC from CTH C to STH 14 – Town of Arena 0.45 Mi..~~
3. CTH D from CTH S to STH 39 – Towns of Mineral Point and Waldwick.4.02 Mi.
4. CTH DD from STH 39 to CTH D – Town of Mineral Point.3.74 Mi.
5. CTH DD from CTH D to Durkin Road – Town of Waldwick 7.90 Mi.
6. CTH DD from Durkin Road to CTH K – Town of Moscow 1.40 Mi..
7. CTH DDD from CTH W to CTH DD – Town of Waldwick 2.72 Mi..
8. CTH G from CTH E to Roaster Road – Town of Mifflin 6.08 Mi..
9. CTH G from Roaster Road to 1.0 miles north of Roaster Road – Town of Linden and Town of Mifflin 1.0 Mi..
10. CTHG from 1.0 Miles North of Roaster Road to STH 18 – Town of Eden and Village of Cobb 1.90 Mi..
11. CTH HH – from Blue Ridge Road to CTH H – Town of Arena 4.50 Mi..
12. CTH HH from CTH K to Blue Ridge Road – Town of Brigham 3.85 Mi. .
13. CTH HK from CTH H to the Town Line – Town of Brigham 1.68 Mi..
14. CTH HK from CTH K to the Town Line – Town of Moscow 2.69 Mi..
15. CTH IG from CTH G to STH 80 past Iowa-Grant school district – Town of Mifflin.4.04 Mi.
16. CTH M from CTH Q to STH 130 – Town of Dodgeville 5.13 Mi..
17. CTH NN from the Town Line to STH 130 – Town of Clyde 2.96 Mi..
18. CTH NN from CTH N to the Town Line – Town of Pulaski 1.21 Mi..
19. CTH P from CTH I to STH 80 – Town of Highland 4.49 Mi.
20. CTH P from CTH Q to CTH I – Town of Highland 3.13 Mi.
21. CTH PP from CTH I to CTH P – Town of Highland 2.78 Mi.
22. CTH QQ from STH 39 to the Town Line – Town of Linden 1.12 Mi.
23. CTH QQ from STH 39 to the Town Line – Town of Mineral Point 2.02 Mi.
24. CTH T (South) from CTH K to USH 18/151 – Town of Brigham 5.58 Mi.
25. CTH U from CTH DD to STH 39 – Town of Waldwick 2.54 Mi.
26. CTH Y from ~~from~~ CTH YZ to Ridgevue Road – Town of Dodgeville 3.70 Mi.
27. CTH Y from Ridgevue Road to CTH H – Town of Ridgeway 3.37 Mi.
28. CTHY from STH 23/151 to Blotz Road – Town of Mineral Point 3.74 Mi.
29. CTH Y from Blotz Road to STH 191 – Town of Dodgeville 1.80 Mi.
30. CTHY from STH 191 to USH 18/151 – Town of Dodgeville 1.85 Mi.
31. CTH ZZ from STH 23 to the Town Line – Town of Dodgeville 6.30 Mi.
32. CTH ZZ from the Town Line to CTH Y – Town of Ridgeway 0.60 Mi..
33. A net total of 104.33 miles +/- eligible for transfer.

- B. Iowa County is prepared to transfer any of the highways from 3(A) to a township level of government located within Iowa County beginning in 2023.
- C. Iowa County will incentivize the transfer of these highways to townships with the payment of ~~\$30,000~~ \$50,000 per mile. Payable immediately after road transfer.
- D. Townships shall also begin receiving funding annually from the State of Wisconsin General Transportation Aid program for said lane miles once transferred to their jurisdiction.
- E. Townships participating in this program will receive annual payments from state aid and a one-time payment from Iowa County. How they invest these funds are entirely up to them.
- F. The following County Trunk Highways classified as Low Volume or Local Roads, would be proposed to remain as County Trunk Highways due to their countywide significance; and are therefore, not eligible in this program:
 - 1. Various roads within Blackhawk Lake Park from the Park Entrance to the Group Camp, Public Camp, Boat Landing, and Beach as identified in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cobb-Highland Commission and Iowa County dated in 2021 – +/- 4.0Mi.
 - 2. CTH Z from STH 191 to CTH YZ, Road to / from the County Quarry – Town of Dodgeville 2.19 Mi.
 - 3. A net total of 6.19 miles +/- ineligible.

4. REFERENCES:

Wisconsin State Statute Sections - General Municipality Law § 66.1005 Reversion of Title; State Trunk Highways, Federal Aid § CH 84.0; Wisconsin General Transportation Aid Program § 86.30; and Platting Lands and Recording and Vacating Plats § 236.43 Vacation or Alteration of Areas Dedicated to the Public.

5. PROCEDURES:

- a. Should a township listed under 3(A) decide they would like to pursue a jurisdictional transfer, they shall contact the Iowa County Highway Commissioner. The Highway Commissioner will create the paperwork needed for the Township and County to approve.
- b. The Highway Commissioner will collect the signed document from the Township and present it to the County Board for approval.
- c. Once the jurisdictional transfer is approved by both governmental entities, it shall be filed with the state of Wisconsin and properly recorded along with the revisions of their respective system maintenance mileage for General Transportation Aid payments.
- d. The incentive payment from Iowa County shall be issued within seven days after the Iowa County Board has adopted the jurisdictional transfer.

This “Highway Transfer Program” will be reviewed and updated every ~~two~~five years.