LINCOLN COUNTY AD HOC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 28, 2025 - 1:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Bialecki at 1pm

Supervisors Present: Bill Bialecki, Norbert Ashbeck, Greg Hartwig, Marty Lemke
Supervisors Absent: Gene Simon

Department Heads Present: Dean Bowe, Jason Lemmer, Heather Marheine, Renee Krueger
Facilitator: Karl Green UW Extension

2. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

a. Approve Minutes 06.26.25

M/S Hartwig/Lemke to approve the minutes. Carried on voice vote.

3. Public Comment (will be limited to a total of 15 minutes)

No public in attendance

4. Discussion & Action

a. Update by Director of Finance regarding Bonding Schedule

Marheine provided the current bond(s) schedule and explained the upcoming defeasement proposal. Committee discussed the timelines and impact to tax payers based on project timelines.

b. Continuation of Facilitated Strategic Planning Activity by UW Extension

The facilitator used the timelines to engage in reverse planning and the committee identified the ideal timeline for beginning this fall with architectural design in order to propose a plan to the full board and, once approved, to secure bonding with the potential of breaking ground in April 2027 (project completion goal fall 2028).

The facilitator then provided a recap of the last meetings, identified possibilities and explored the strengths, weaknesses, concerns, and additional information needed for each site. As a result, the committee was able to gain consensus that the most cost-efficient option to meet the current service levels would be to rebuild on both current sites by transferring some day-to-day operations to the Merrill location but maintaining a smaller scale of operations at Tomahawk. The committee discussed efficiencies that could be created as a result, including moving the Forestry Department (minus the Irma Shop operations) to the new Merrill location.

c. Possible action regarding obtaining quotes for any potential plans as a result of discussion.

M/S Lemke/Ashbeck to authorize the Chair and Supervisor Hartwig to work with affected department heads and the previous architect to assess the current proposed site plan and draft a plan. Carried on voice vote.

d. Possible action directing request for funds for Architectural Design

M/S Hartwig/Bialecki to Direct the Finance Director to work with the Highway Commissioner to identify funding for the functional design. Carried on voice vote.

e. Discussion and Action regarding drafting report for County Board

No action

5. Adjourn

M/S Ashbeck/Lemke to adourn. Carried on voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm