



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Original Post Date: 02/10/2016

Amended Post Date:**

The following documents are included in the packet for the County Board on February 16, 2016:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Draft minutes from the January 19, 2016 meeting
- 3) Resolution 01-2016 Salary for County Clerk 2017-2020
- 4) Resolution 02-2016 Salary for Register of Deeds 2017-2020
- 5) Resolution 03-2016 Salary for County Treasurer 2017-2020
- 6) Ordinance 01-2016 Rezone in the Town of Mackford: Dennis J. Cotterill
- 7) Ordinance 02-2016 Rezone in the Town of Manchester: Rene A. Gellings
- 8) Ordinance 03-2016 Adoption of the Green Lake County Comprehensive Plan 2015 and supporting documentation link
- 9) Ordinance 04-2016 Adoption of the Green Lake County Farmland Preservation Plan and supporting documentation link
- 10) Ordinance 05-2016 Amending the Code of Green Lake County Chapter 159 Highways
- 11) 2015 Annual Reports
- 12) Out of state travel request from Sarah Guenther, Register of Deeds
- 13) Out of state travel request from Margaret Bostelmann, County Clerk
- 14) Legal opinion from Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow regarding Committee term limits
- 15) Documentation regarding Child Support Agency



Green Lake County Board of Supervisors
Meeting Notice

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors will convene at the **Government Center** in Room #0902 in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin on Tuesday, the **16th day of February, 2016 at 6:00 PM** for a regular meeting of the Board. Business to be transacted include:

AMENDED AGENDA*

County Board of Supervisors

Jack Meyers, Chair
David Richter, Vice-Chair

- Dist. 1 Jack Meyers*
- Dist. 2 Vicki Bernhagen*
- Dist. 3 Rich Slate*
- Dist. 4 Paul Schwandt*
- Dist. 5 Ben Moderow*
- Dist. 6 Joy Waterbury*
- Dist. 7 Michael Starshak*
- Dist. 8 Patricia Garro*
- Dist. 9 David Richter*
- Dist. 10 Sue Wendt*
- Dist. 11 Harley Reabe*
- Dist. 12 Maureen Schweder*
- Dist. 13 Nicholas Toney*
- Dist. 14 Debra Schubert*
- Dist. 15 Michael Stoddard*
- Dist. 16 Joe Gonyo*
- Dist. 17 Joanne Guden*
- Dist. 18 Richard Trochinski*
- Dist. 19 Gene Thom*

SEAL

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Reading of the Call**
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5. Minutes of 01/19/16 meeting**
- 6. Announcements**
- 7. Public Comment (3 minute limit)**
- 8. Correspondence**
- 9. Recognition of Supervisor Mike Stoddard by UW-Extension Committee**
- 10. Appearances**
- 11. Resolutions**
 - Res 01-2016 Salary for County Clerk 2017-2020
 - Res 02-2016 Salary for Register of Deeds 2017-2020
 - Res 03-2016 Salary for County Treasurer 2017-2020
- 12. Ordinances**
 - Ord 01-2016 Rezone in T-Mackford: Dennis J. Cotterill
 - Ord 02-2016 Rezone in T-Manchester: Rene A. Gellings
 - Ord 03-2016 Adoption of the Green Lake County Comprehensive Plan 2015
 - Ord 04-2016 Adoption of the Green Lake County Farmland Preservation Plan
 - Ord 05-2016 Amending Code of GLC Chapter 159 Highways
- 13. 2015 Annual Reports**
- 14. Committee Reports**
 - Administrative Committee – update on study regarding County Administrator position
- 15. Committee Appointments**
- 16. Out of state travel – Sarah Guenther, Register of Deeds and Margaret Bostelmann, County Clerk**
- 17. Committees to Report on March 15, 2016**
- 18. Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion**
- 19. And such other business as may properly come before the Board of Supervisors**
 - Discussion relating to Committee term limits
 - *Discussion relating to Child Support Agency remaining as a separate department or consolidating with another department and departmental structure
- 20. Adjourn**

The several committees of the Board may also meet for the purpose of discussing or acting upon matters which are the subject matter of the meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin, this 11th day of February, 2016

Margaret R. Bostelmann, Green Lake County Clerk

DRAFT

To be approved at the February 16, 2016 meeting

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR SESSION

January 19, 2016

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in special session, Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 6:00 PM in the County Board Room, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

The Board was called to order by Jack Meyers, Chairman.

Roll Called, Supervisors present – 18, Absent - 1 (Patti Garro – District 8)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Jack Meyers	1
Vicki Bernhagen	2
Rich Slate	3
Paul Schwandt	4
Ben Moderow	5
Joy Waterbury	6
Michael Starshak	7
David Richter	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Maureen Schweder	12
Nick Toney	13
Debra Schubert	14
Michael Stoddard	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Joanne Guden	17
Richard Trochinski	18
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

NOTICE: GREEN LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors will convene at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin on Tuesday the 19th day of January, 2016 at 6:00 PM for a special meeting of the Board. Business to be transacted includes:

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To be approved at the February 16, 2016 meeting

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES 12/15/2015 MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minute limit)

CORRESPONDENCE

APPEARANCES

- Andrew Phillips of von Briesen & Roper, s.c. – Different Administrative Structures of Counties and the role of County Boards in Each One
- Discussion and possible action related to County organizational structure

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL – Nav Ghimire, Agricultural Agent – UWEX

COMMITTEES TO REPORT ON February 16, 2016

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

OTHER MATTERS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

ADJOURN

The several committees of the Board may also meet for the purpose of discussing or acting upon matters, which are the subject matter of the meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 8th day of January, 2016.

Margaret R. Bostelmann
Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES

2. Minutes of December 15, 2015 were reviewed by the Board. **Motion/second (Stoddard/Trochinski)** to approve the minutes from December 15, 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next County Board meeting will take place on February 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM.
4. Chairman Meyers informed the Board of the updated mileage rates for 2016.
5. Bill Hutchison, IT Director, will be contacting all Supervisors currently using personal email accounts to switch to County email accounts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minute limit)

DRAFT

To be approved at the February 16, 2016 meeting

6. None

CORRESPONDENCE

7. None

APPEARANCES

8. Andrew Phillips of von Briesen & Roper, s.c. gave a presentation on Different Administrative Structures of Counties and the role of County Boards in Each One.

9. Discussion and questions followed the presentation.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL – Nav Ghimire, UWEX Agricultural Agent

10. Nav Ghimire, UWEX Agricultural Agent, is requesting approval for out of state travel for three occasions. The first is February 2-3, 2016 in Iowa for a Soil Health Conference, the second on March 21-23, 2016 in Nebraska for the North Central Region Water Network Conference, and the last is March 30-31, 2016 in Starkville, Mississippi for the Board of Directors for the Journal of Extension.

Motion/second (Schwandt/Guden) to approve the out of state travel request. **Motion/second (Starshak/Gonyo)** to amend the motion to include the 3rd date of travel which was not included in the original motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Voice vote taken on original motion as amended – all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT ON February 16, 2016

11. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

12. None

SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

13. None

ADJOURN

14. **Motion/second (Schubert/Richter)** to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

DRAFT

To be approved at the February 16, 2016 meeting

Liz Otto
Deputy County Clerk

DRAFT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-2016

Relating to: **SALARY FOR COUNTY CLERK 2017-2020**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of February, 2016 does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set the salary for County Constitutional Officers for four years prior to the date established to circulate nomination papers for such office;

WHEREAS, in 2013 a wage study was conducted using the counties of Adams, Marquette, Waushara, Fond du Lac Waupaca and Columbia as comparable and market data was developed by using the mid-point average of all counties;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary for the County Clerk of Green Lake County for the periods below shall be:

January 2, 2017 to December 31, 2017	\$68,576.53	2.947%
January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018	\$69,605.18	1.5%
January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	\$70,649.25	1.5%
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020	\$71,708.99	1.5%

Fiscal Note Salary Increase:

2017	\$1,963.10 increase
2018	\$1,028.65 increase
2019	\$1,044.08 increase
2020	\$1,059.74 increase

Roll Call on Resolution No. 01-2016

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 16th day of February, 2016.

County Board Chairman

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approved as to Form:

/s/ Dawn N. Klockow
Corporation Counsel

Submitted by Administrative Committee:

/s/ Jack Meyers
Jack Meyers, Chairman

/s/ D.J. Richter
David Richter, Vice-Chair

/s/ Harley Reabe
Harley Reabe

/s/ Michael Starshak
Michael Starshak

/s/ Paul Schwandt
Paul Schwandt

RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-2016

Relating to: **SALARY FOR COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS 2017-2020**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of February, 2016 does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set the salary for County Constitutional Officers for four years prior to the date established to circulate nomination papers for such office;

WHEREAS, in 2013 a wage study was conducted using the counties of Adams, Marquette, Waushara, Fond du Lac Waupaca and Columbia as comparable and market data was developed by using the mid-point average of all counties;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary for the Register of Deeds of Green Lake County for the periods below shall be:

January 2, 2017 to December 31, 2017	\$64,932.57	2.947%
January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018	\$65,906.56	1.5%
January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	\$66,895.16	1.5%
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020	\$67,898.59	1.5%

Fiscal Note Salary Increase:

2017	\$1,858.78 increase
2018	\$973.99 increase
2019	\$988.60 increase
2020	\$1,003.43 increase

Roll Call on Resolution No. 02-2016

Submitted by Administrative Committee:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain

/s/ Jack Meyers
Jack Meyers, Chairman

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 16th day of February, 2016.

/s/ D.J. Richter
David Richter, Vice-Chair

County Board Chairman

/s/ Harley Reabe
Harley Reabe

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approved as to Form:

/s/ Michael Starshak
Michael Starshak

/s/ Dawn N. Klockow
Corporation Counsel

/s/ Paul Schwandt
Paul Schwandt

RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-2016

Relating to: **SALARY FOR COUNTY TREASURER 2017-2020**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of February, 2016 does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set the salary for County Constitutional Officers for four years prior to the date established to circulate nomination papers for such office;

WHEREAS, in 2013 a wage study was conducted using the counties of Adams, Marquette, Waushara, Fond du Lac Waupaca and Columbia as comparable and market data was developed by using the mid-point average of all counties;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary for the County Treasurer of Green Lake County for the periods below shall be:

January 2, 2017 to December 31, 2017	\$64,932.57	2.947%
January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018	\$65,906.56	1.5%
January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	\$66,895.16	1.5%
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020	\$67,898.59	1.5%

Fiscal Note Salary Increase:

2017	\$1,858.78 increase
2018	\$973.99 increase
2019	\$988.60 increase
2020	\$1,003.43 increase

Roll Call on Resolution No. 03-2016

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 16th day of February, 2016.

County Board Chairman

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approved as to Form:

/s/ Dawn N. Klockow
Corporation Counsel

Submitted by Administrative Committee:

/s/ Jack Meyers
Jack Meyers, Chairman

/s/ D.J. Richter
David Richter, Vice-Chair

/s/ Harley Reabe
Harley Reabe

/s/ Michael Starshak
Michael Starshak

/s/ Paul Schwandt
Paul Schwandt

ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-2016

Relating to: Rezone in the Town of Mackford
Owner: Dennis J. Cotterill

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting on the 16th day of February, 2016, does ordain as follows:

That Green Lake County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 350 as amended, Article IV Zoning Districts (Official Map M-5 Ordinance No. 297-84) as relates to the Town of Mackford, be amended from A-1 Exclusive Agriculture District to R-4 Rural Residential District.

Parcel #010-00197-0000, W1202 Mackford Hill Rd, A part of the SW¼ of Section 10, T14N, R13E, Town of Mackford, ±3.7835 acres. To be determined by Certified Survey Map.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, in all other respects, said Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 350 as amended, Article IV Zoning Districts (Official Map M-5 Ordinance No. 297-84) be ratified.

Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee Recommends: X Approval Denial

Roll Call on Ordinance 01-2016

Ayes___, Nays___, Absent___, Abstain___.

Submitted by the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee:

Passed and Enacted/ Rejected this 16th day of February, 2016.

 /s/ Michael Starshak
Michael Starshak, Chairman

County Board Chairman

 /s/ Ben Moderow
Ben Moderow

ATTEST: County Clerk

 /s/ Harley Reabe
Harley Reabe

Approved as to Form:

 /s/ Rich Slate
Rich Slate

 /s/ Dawn N. Klockow
Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel

Nick Toney

Committee vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1

**Dennis J. Cotterill – W1202 Mackford Hill Road – Town of Mackford
Part of the SW¹/₄ of Section 10, T14N, R13E, Parcel #010-00197-0000**

**Request to rezone ±3.7835 acres from
A-1 Exclusive Agriculture to R-4 Rural Residential**

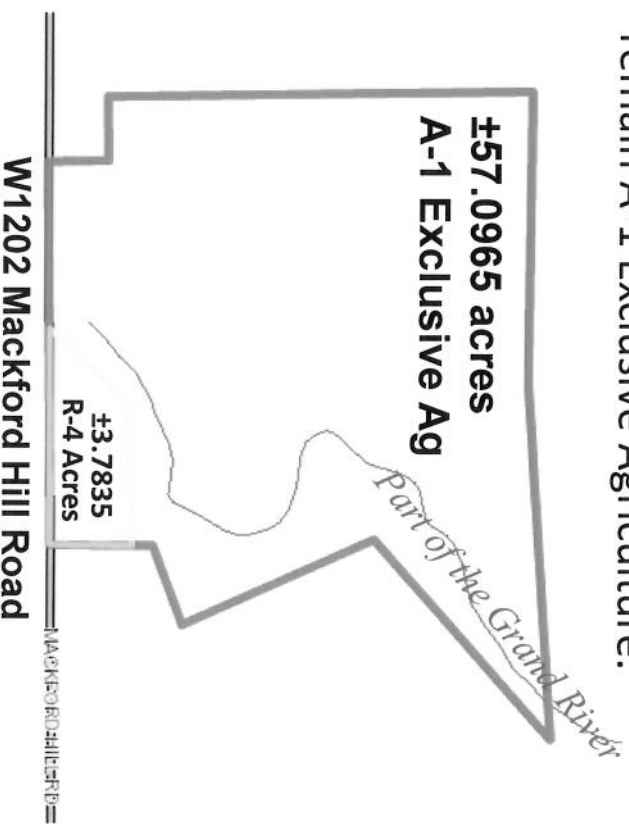
Existing Configuration:

±60.88 acres of A-1 Exclusive
Agriculture lands



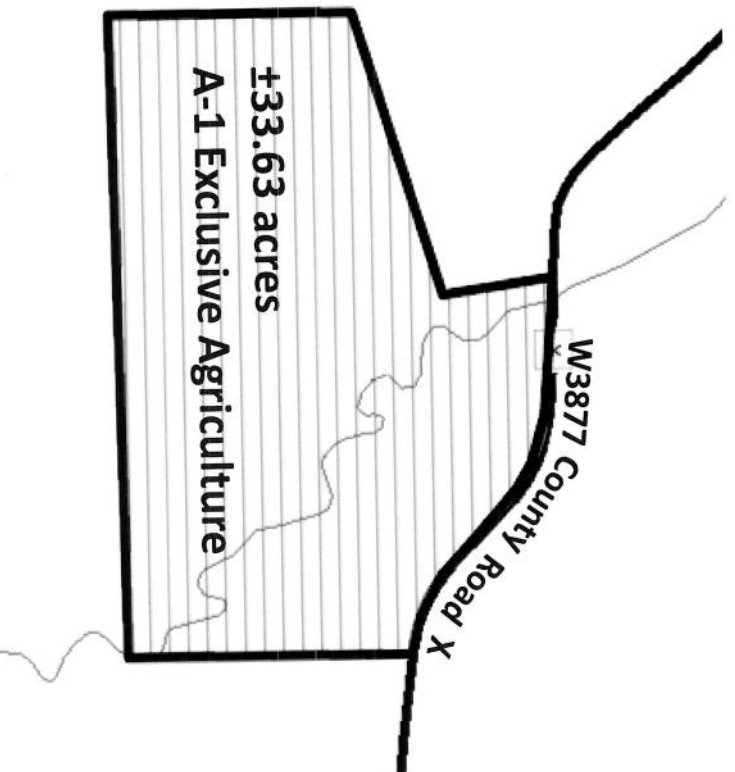
Proposed Configuration:

±3.7835 acre parcel rezoned from A-1
Exclusive Agriculture to R-4 Rural
Residential; the remnant parcel would
remain A-1 Exclusive Agriculture.

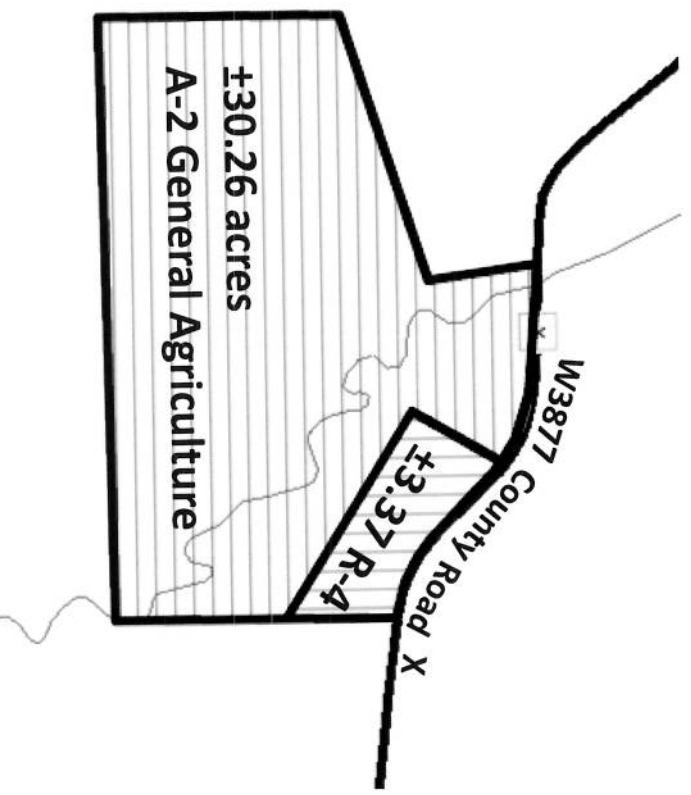


Rene A. Gellings, Property Owner - Steve Eisenga, Agent
W3877 County Road X, Town of Manchester, Parcel #012-00398-0000
Part of the SW ¼ of Section 21, T14N, R12E, ±33.63 total acres

Existing Configuration:
±33.63 acres of A-1 Exclusive
Agriculture lands



Proposed Configuration:
±30.26 acres rezoned to A-2 General
Agriculture and ±3.37 acres rezoned
To R-4 Rural Residential



ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-2016
Relating to the Adoption of the
Green Lake County Comprehensive Plan 2015

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of February 2016, does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.69(2) and (3), Green Lake County is authorized to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan as defined in Wis. Stat. §66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2).

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Wisconsin, had adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan as required by Wis. Stat. §66.1001(4)(a).

WHEREAS, the Green Lake County Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee, by a majority vote of the entire committee, recorded in its official minutes, has recommended to the County Board the adoption of the document entitled "Green Lake County Comprehensive Plan 2015," containing all of the elements specified in Wis. Stat. §66.1001(2).

WHEREAS, Green Lake County has held at least one public hearing on this ordinance, in compliance with the requirements of Wis. Stat. §66.1001(4)(d).

Roll Call on Ordinance No. 03-2016

Submitted by the Land Use Planning and
Zoning Committee:

Ayes __ , Nays __, Absent __, Abstain __

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 16th day
of February 2016

/s/ Michael Starshak
Michael Starshak, Chair

County Board Chairman

Nick Toney

ATTEST: County Clerk

/s/ Rich Slate
Rich Slate

Approve as to Form:

/s/ Dawn N. Klockow
Corporation Counsel

/s/ Harley Reabe
Harley Reabe

/s/ Ben Moderow
Ben Moderow

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED:

SECTION 1: The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Wisconsin, does, by enactment of this ordinance, formally adopts the document entitled “Green Lake County Comprehensive Plan 2015,” pursuant to Wis. Stat. 66.1001(4)(c).

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in contradiction of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: A copy of the Comprehensive Plan shall be distributed according to Wis. Stat. §66.1001(4)(b).

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors and publication as required by law.

WHEREAS, the Green Lake County Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee, by a majority vote of the entire committee, recorded in its official minutes, recommends to the County Board the adoption of the document entitled “Green Lake County Farmland Preservation Plan;” and,

WHEREAS, Green Lake County has held at least one public hearing on this ordinance, in compliance with the requirements of Wis. Stat. §66.1001(4)(d).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED:

SECTION 1: The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Wisconsin, does, by enactment of this ordinance, formally adopts the document entitled “Green Lake County Farmland Preservation Plan” as an addendum to the Green Lake County Comprehensive Plan 2015. Said plan is incorporated by reference herein and may be obtained upon request to the Green Lake County Land Use Planning and Zoning Department.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in contradiction of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: A copy of the Farmland Preservation Plan shall be distributed according to Wis. Stat. §66.1001(4)(b).

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors and publication as required by law.



Land Use Planning & Zoning Department

County Government Center
571 County Road A P.O. Box 3188
Green Lake, WI 54941

Phone 920-294-4156 Website: <http://www.co.green-lake.wi.us/>

Land Development Code Enforcement County Surveyor GIS Land Information

February 9, 2016

Dear County Board Supervisor:

Since March of 2014 the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee and Department have been working to update the Farmland Preservation Plan and County Comprehensive Plan as required by Wisconsin Statutes. The update process for these two (2) plans is entering the final phase.

This memo is to inform you that said Committee and Department are planning to have these two documents on the agenda of the County Board February 16, 2016 for your consideration. The information below explains where you can access these plans for your review prior to these meetings. These are large documents with the, Comprehensive Plan document being 146 pages and the Farmland Preservation Plan being 184 pages.

The Land Use Planning and Zoning Department at the direction of our governing Committee is making these documents available at the Green Lake County website by following the directions below.

To view the Farmland Preservation Plan:

- Go to www.co.green-lake.wi.us
- Click on Departments
- Click on Land Use Planning & Zoning
- Click on (blue tab) Farmland Preservation Plan
- Click on Farmland Preservation Plan DATCP certified (2015)

To view the Comprehensive Plan:

- Go to www.co.green-lake.wi.us
- Click on Departments
- Click on Land Use Planning & Zoning
- Click on (blue tab) Comprehensive Plan
- Click on 2015 Comprehensive Plan - Recommended

Please contact us with questions and for additional information. Thank you.

Land Use Planning and Zoning
Committee and Department

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2016

**Relating to Ordinance amending the Code of Green Lake County
Chapter 159 Highways**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 15th day of February, 2016, does ordain as follows:

The Code of Green Lake County is hereby amended by creating Article X, §159-29 to Chapter 159 Highways: (*Changes in italics*)

Article X – Miscellaneous Highway Regulations

§159-29 Obstructing Highways and Right-of-Ways with snow.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave or place any snow removed from private property in piles or rows upon the traveled portion of any highway open to public travel.*
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave or place any snow removed from private property in piles or rows in the highway right-of-way of any highway open to public travel.*
- C. All costs associated with Green Lake County removing snow that is left or placed in piles or rows in the highway right-of-way from private property, or damage to Highway equipment for removing snow that is left or placed in piles or rows in the highway right-of-way from property, will be billed to the property owner responsible.*

Effective upon passage and publication.

Roll call on Ordinance No. 05-2016

Aye____ Nay____ Absent____ Abstain____

Passed & Enacted/Rejected this 16th day of February, 2016.

County Board Chairman

Attest: County Clerk
Approved as to Form:

/s/ Dawn N. Klockow
Corporation Counsel

Submitted by Highway Committee with the recommendation to Approve/Disapprove.

/s/ Paul Schwandt
Paul Schwandt, Chairman

/s/ Ben Moderow
Ben Moderow, Vice Chair

/s/ Rich Slate
Rich Slate

Vicki Bernhagen

- D. Violation and penalty. Persons who violate provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a \$50.00 forfeiture for a first offense. Second and subsequent offenses shall result in the forfeiture doubling for each subsequent offense in a calendar year. (Example: 1st offense = \$50; 2nd offense = \$100; 3rd offense = \$200.) All forfeitures shall include taxable court costs and fees.*
- E. The Green Lake County Highway Commissioner or designee is hereby authorized to issue citations for violations of this Ordinance.*

2015 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Director received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) for director salary of \$20,097.25.

Director received an \$8,955.98 Emergency Planning & Community Right to know Act (EPCRA) Hazardous Material Grant. Director received a \$7,586.84 EPCRA Hazardous Materials Equipment Grant.

Director completed FEMA course IS-00014b Special Events Contingency Planning. Director also attended and completed Amber Alert Training on June 1-4, 2015 with other personnel from Green Lake County Agencies at the Green Lake Conference Center. Director is a member of the Tri County CART (Child Abduction Response Team). Director attended SIMCOM training on May 6, 2015, which dealt with Interoperability of communications. Director completed the Basic Esponder Course on August 26, 2015. Director updated hazardous material plans for 4 facilities in the county, recorded updates of 38 reporting facilities and 15 Planning facilities.

Director attended the County Fire Chief's Association meetings. Director is working on setting up training for fire departments and other Emergency Responders an Operations Level Hazardous Materials Class. Director assisted with the County Fire Department MABAS system in going on line this past March of 2015.

Director is working with Oshkosh Fire Department to assist us in Hazardous Materials incidents that our County Operations Level Team is unable to handle. They also will be part of our Railroad Emergency Response Plan.

Director has completed all state and federal requirements and has completed the planning calendar for next year.

Director and Sheriff are on a regional WISCOM committee, which deals with statewide communications interoperability and have attended the Regional meetings.

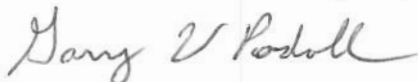
Director setup and attended National Weather Service Tornado Spotters class on April 20, 2015 at the Green Lake County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Director held Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meetings to go over hazardous material updates required by EPCRA and grants, which was completed and approved, by the state. Director is working with LEPC on local hazardous issues, which pertain to Green Lake County. Director and LEPC have been working with the public health on public health planning and also with the Coroner on getting final approval of the County Mass Fatality Plan. The Mass Fatality Plan was Official approved.

Director conducted and attended a Full Scale exercise on September 23rd, which involved a Mass Casualty Tornado Disaster at the Green Lake Conference Center. There were over 100 people that participated in the exercise.

Director is working with Sheriff and Dalton Fire Department on the Railroad Emergency Response Plan for the Dalton Area. We have met a number of times with the Amish Community on the plan. It is the hope to have it completed in the spring of 2016. Director completed the County Emergency Response Plan with Emergency Support functions. Plan should be ready for County adoption in 2016. It will match State and Federal Plans. Director is also working on finishing up the template for the municipalities in the county to us as their Emergency Response Plan.

Director was notified and responded to 8 Severe Weather calls and 2 Severe Thunderstorm Warnings that affected Green Lake County. Director responded to a Hazmat spill at Kwick Trip of Berlin and was notified of a number of small Hazardous Materials spills, through the state reporting system, which occurred in Green Lake County. Director is on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week.



Gary V. Podoll, Director
Green Lake County Emergency Management



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY GREEN LAKE COUNTY

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ANDREW J. CHRISTENSON
District Attorney

LISA M. VANDENBRANDEN
Assistant District Attorney

MITZI S. PUTZKE
Legal Clerk II

LYNN T. DUTCHER
Victim/Witness Program Coordinator

DATE: February 10, 2016

TO: Green Lake County Board of Supervisors

RE: 2015 Annual Report

Dear Supervisors:

Please accept this letter as my annual report to the committee regarding the review of the District Attorney's Office for 2015.

Case Analysis

There were 1076 referrals; this includes contested civil traffic/ordinance violations, cases only for review for charges, any criminal violation, death reviews, search warrants, and state civil prosecutions. The cases that stand out for purposes of public interest are 158 drug-related charges, 73 domestics, 78 OWI cases (civil, misdemeanor, and felony), 13 sex assault, 11 burglaries, and zero homicides. The remaining cases were various misdemeanor, felony, criminal traffic, juvenile, CHIPS, forfeiture traffic, and county ordinances.

For 2015 felony referrals, 130 were charged, 8 were declined, and 14 remain under review. The under-review referrals are awaiting further investigation or action by an attorney in my office.

For 2015 misdemeanor referrals, 421 were charged, 18 were declined, and 21 remain under review.

There were 26 juvenile delinquency cases and 30 CHIPS (children in need of protection or services) cases filed in 2015.

Much time and energy in 2015 was spent in preparation for a double-homicide case that went to trial beginning in January 2016. Court hearings in the case occurred on seven different days during 2015, including two motion hearings that took most of that day. Preparing motions, briefs, research, testimony, physical evidence, and arguments took an incredible amount of time in order to put forth the strongest possible case at trial. The Green Lake County District Attorney's Office was fortunate to have two assistant attorneys general assigned to work on the case. For a case of such complexity, it was imperative to have the perspectives and devotion of two additional attorneys.

Local Comparisons

In 2014 the surrounding counties of similar size, Waushara and Marquette, had similar caseloads. The following are number of cases filed in 2014:

Green Lake: 130 felony filings, 400 misdemeanor filings

Marquette: 102 felony filings, 298 misdemeanor filings

Waushara: 204 felony filings, 500 misdemeanor filings

Budget

The expenses incurred by the district attorney's office in 2015 were under budget by approximately 13% with 86.55% of the budget used. The cost for transcripts in 2015 was extraordinary, as numerous transcripts were needed in preparation for the double-homicide case and a contested CHIPS case. As these cases go to trial in 2016, the costs for expert witnesses will be incurred, and in 2016 I expect the budget for expert witnesses to be exceeded but supplemented by the carryover account.

Thank you for your continued support of the Green Lake County District Attorney's office, as the office plays an important role in protection of the safety of the community by holding offenders accountable.

Sincerely,



Andrew J. Christenson
District Attorney



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS

Sarah Guenther
Register of Deeds

Office: 920-294-4024
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January 8, 2016

Memo to County Board of Supervisors

From: Sarah Guenther, Register of Deeds

I want to extend my gratitude to the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors for all the support they have given me and my deputies this past year for our office.

My deputies have been working very hard to get more records accessible online. I am pleased to report that the public, title industry, banks, attorneys, realtors and many other business partners can now view records online fully verified back to 1990. Since I took office in 2013 we now have 5 more years of fully accessible records.

This equates to more revenue coming in because records can be purchased and accessed online. Just since last year we have grossed \$5,000 more in revenue because of the work done by my deputies.

Our office provides protection to the citizens of Green Lake County through our Property Fraud Alert program. Citizens can sign up for the program. If a document is recorded in their name they will receive an alert.

This year we will be starting the Honor Rewards program to offer benefits to our veterans through collaboration with local businesses and the Veteran Service office.

I look forward to 2016 by serving the citizens of Green Lake County with more services and personalized customer service from myself and my staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Guenther", written over a horizontal line.

Sarah Guenther
Green Lake County Register of Deeds

REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Sarah Guenther  January 8, 2016

				GROSS REVENUE	COUNTY REVENUE
WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES				\$242,317.80	
County Share	20%	\$48,463.56			\$48,463.56
WDOR Share	80%	\$193,854.24			
RECORDINGS					
Real Estate	3,568			\$106,970.00	\$82,372.00
County Land Records Fees		\$28,112.00			
State Land Records Fees		\$24,598.00			
VITAL STATISTICS					
Births Certified - 1st Copy	463				
Add'l Certified copies	289			\$10,127.00	\$3,182.00
Fees Rmtd to State-Trust Fund	\$3,241.00				
Fees Remitted to State	\$3,704.00				
Deaths Cerified - 1st Copy	270				
Add'l Certified copies	2,136				
Fees Remitted to State	\$3,510.00			\$11,808.00	\$8,298.00
Marriages Certified - 1st Copy	223				
Add'l Certified copies	421				
Fees Remitted to State	\$2,899.00			\$5,723.00	\$2,824.00
Domestic Partnerships Filed	0				
Copies Certified	0				
Fees Remitted to State	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
TAPESTRY REVENUE				\$4,611.50	\$4,611.50
LAREDO COPY FEE				\$8,463.00	\$8,463.00
LAREDO REVENUE				\$16,719.25	\$16,719.25
COPIES				\$3,199.00	\$3,199.00
MISC. INCOME: Fax, Images, Overpayments, E>Returns				\$35.00	\$35.00
TOTAL GROSS REVENUE				\$409,973.55	
TOTAL COUNTY REVENUE					\$178,167.31



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

Dawn N. Klockow
Corporation Counsel

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January 4, 2016

Green Lake County Board of Supervisors
571 County Road A
P.O. Box 3188
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**Re: 2015 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE
OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL**

To the Honorable Members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors:

I am pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report for the Office of Corporation Counsel. From January through August 2015, the Corporation Counsel duties were performed by former Corporation Counsel Dianne Meulemans and interim Corporation Counsel Dan Sondalle. I began my appointment on September 1, 2015. This report is based upon information found in my office's files and the legal work I have received from September 1, 2015 through December 30, 2015.

As you are aware the Office of Corporation Counsel is an office created by the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes. The Corporation Counsel provides legal services to the Board and County Departments in all civil litigation matters and other matters as assigned by either ordinance or statute.

The Corporation Counsel is responsible under Wis. Stat. §51.20(4) to represent the interests of the public in involuntary mental commitments for both adults and juveniles. For the year 2015, this office prosecuted 27 new adult and 9 juvenile involuntary mental commitments.

To the best of my knowledge, the following is a department-by-department breakdown of the legal services provided by my predecessors to the County and its various Departments from January 1st through August 31, 2015. Items marked with an asterisk (*) are items that were pending upon my appointment to the Corporation Counsel Office.

Child Support

- Attended hearings for contempt, modification and paternity adjudication twice per month and as needed for warrant hearings.
- Assisted with drafting pleadings and orders.

Clerk of Circuit Court/Judge

- Legal opinion on whether Clerk of Court can serve as Register in Probate on a temporary basis

Coroner

- Drafted Hold Harmless/Confidentiality statement for intern.
- Disclosure of Records – DHHS to Coroner – legal opinion

County Board

- Attended monthly county board meetings
- Attended monthly committee meetings

County Clerk

- Assisted with Open Record Request, 14 CV 127. Approximately 80% of the Corporation Counsel's time from January – April 2015 was spent working on this litigation and record request file. (*** case remains open and is being defended by insurance counsel**)
- Assisted with Employee Administrative leave policy
- Drafted shared work environment agreement for County Clerk/Treasurer's offices.

Emergency Government – no services provided

GIS – no services provided

Health and Human Services

- *Administration*
 - Opinion on DHHS Board Member conflict of interest * **(now complete)**
 - Equal Rights complaint – Mascaretti v. Green Lake County
- *Aging and Long Term Care*
 - Recovery of guardianship costs from estate of D. Wachholz
 - Filed and prosecuted 11 guardianships
 - Attended monthly Watts review hearings for protective placements
- *Children & Family Services*
 - Filed three Termination of Parental Rights cases. * **(Two are complete.)**
- *Clinical Services*
 - See involuntary mental commitments above
- *Economic Support* – No services rendered
- *Health*
 - Assisted Ashley Rondorf with placarding two residences

Highway

- Assisted with driveway permit issues for CTH D/Kujawa property * **(now complete)**
- Assisted with question on Highway Shop #2 right-of-way question *
- Assisted with driveway runoff issues (Faucette property) * **(now complete)**
- Drafted culvert agreement for Peachy property

Information Technology

- Reviewed NeoGov contract

Land Conservation

- Assisted with an Open Records Request
- Assisted with drafting the Animal Waste Ordinance
- Worked with other parties on the Izaak Walton League transfer of property to Badger Mining. *(Currently working with counsel on transfer of land from the IWL to the County.)

Land Development (Planning)

- Action filed against Ruth Baszynski for a failed septic system. * (Case is now closed with the septic system replaced and the cost assessed to the property.)
- Filed action against August Neubauer for POWTS
- Filed action against Otto Oemig for POWTS
- Filed action against Amber McFarlin for POWTS

- Assisted with letters for POWTS for several properties *
- Reviewed application for DATCP certification

Maintenance

- Assisted with Service Animal Policy
- Completed Maintenance Investigation report on the use of county vehicle
- Assisted with the Fox River Maintenance/Restroom overhaul
- Drafted the Hunting in Parks Ordinance * (**now complete**)

Register of Deeds

- Reviewed Laredo software contract

Sheriff

- Assisted with CART MOU/Protocol Review *
- GRID search training opinion
- ICE Detainers opinion * (**now complete**)
- Assisted with drafting Exotic Animal Ordinance * (**now complete**)
- Assisted with Open Records request for animal thrill kill case
- Reviewed Intern application, guidelines and hold harmless agreement

Treasurer

- Filed several Proof of Claims for bankruptcy cases to protect the county's claims in bankruptcy estates
- Assisted with writing Tax Deed Notices

UW-Extension

- Reviewed 2015 fair contracts
- Reviewed Office Personnel policy

Veterans Services – no services rendered

Upon my appointment as Corporation Counsel, my legal assistant Angie Smit and I created a spreadsheet to track incoming litigation and legal assistance files. As of December 30, 2015, we created 71 files which were requests for legal assistance from the various departments, the County Board and its committees. These files represent legal work which required extensive research and a written opinion. As of December 30, 2015, we created 22 litigation files. These files combined equal an average of 23 files per month from September through December 2015. Below are the files that I opened beginning September 1, 2015, and ending December 30, 2015:

Circuit Court

- Register in Probate / JA Position Description
- Waiving of Annual Accounting - Guardianship - Probate Office

Clerk of Courts

- Collection Procedure - Clerk of Courts / Judicial (GAL & Atty past due accts)

Coroner

- Fatality Review Team - Confidentiality
- Release of Toxicology Report to family of deceased
- Legal Opinion - Resolution 8-2015
- Disposition of Unclaimed Property

County Board

- Supervisor to speak in public comment - county
- Memorandum- County Committee Structure, Administrative Committee
- Quinn, Paul - Access Agreement for Land-locked Parcel (P&I Committee)
- Opinion on Committee Structure - County Board

County Clerk

- Centurylink vs. Green Lake Co. Notice of Claim
- Diversified Benefit Service Agreement - County Clerk
- Review of Child Support Agency 2015 - County Clerk
- County Administrator form of government - County Clerk

DHHS

- Cahoon's Campground - code violations
- Testimony for DOJ - Melissa Sonntag
- Conflict with Dual Appointment of Board * (complete)
- Purchase of Service Agreement - Worker's Comp
- Reimbursement Program - TPR (DHHS)
- Release of Public Records to Sheriff's Dept.
- Opinion on Consent for Medication Forms (DHHS-BHU)
- In the Interest of CLS - Change of Venue
- Elder Abuse - I Team
- Do Kinship Care Providers need to apply for foster care license
- Financial responsibility for DHHS client - DHHS Behavioral Health Unit
- In the Interest of SES - change of Venue
- Release of independent evaluation in involuntary commitment - BHU opinion
- Memorandum of Understanding - Berlin School District - BHU unit
- Involuntary alcohol commitment process - BHU DHHS

District Attorney

- Collection letters - District Attorney's Office

Highway

- Near Miss Reporting Policy
- Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement
- Crawler Dozer - online auction
- Caterpillar Lift Truck - Terms and Conditions
- Bike Signage Agreement
- Review of Implements of Husbandry Ordinance (HWY)
- Collection letters - Highway Dept / Treasurer
- Highway Collections - Closed
- Review Solicitation for Price Quotes - Hydrostatically driven chip spreader
- Driveway Alteration Permit - Highway (Mary T. Deking Trust)
- Solicitation for Price Quotes – Highway

Information Technology

- Maintenance Renewal Authorization - Weidenhammer

Land Conservation

- Veolia Environmental Pick-up Services Contract

Land Development

- Meyers, Keith / Mulville - Land division violation
- Comprehensive Plan / Farm Preservation Ordinance
- WCCA Central District Shoreland Zoning Workshop
- POWTS violation letters
- MAS Rentals – Septic Violation letter

Sheriff

- Exotic Animal/Restricted Ordinance * **(complete)**
- Hunting on County park property * **(complete)**
- Collection letters - Sheriff's office / Treasurer – I am happy to report that I was able to collect on an long outstanding false alarm bill for a local Dollar General Store after sending a letter to the Corporate office in TN. We also were given the correct contact information for billing future false alarms.
- CART Child Abduction Response Team *
- ICE Holds * **(complete)**
- Codered Services Agreement - contract review
- Plowing Snow in to Highway ROW & Ditch - Sheriff's Office
- Notice of Claim - James T Walsh – Sheriff

Treasurer

- Closed Collections on behalf of Treasurer's office (HWY, Sheriff etc.)
- Title vesting, parcel # 016-00690-0100 - Treasurer/tax lister
- Revise Treasurer contracts with Towns for tax collection
- In Rem Tax foreclosure process

UW-Extension

- Hillbilly Silly Science Spectacular - Fair Contract
- Dizzy D. Balloon Twister - Fair Contract
- Face Painting - Fair Contract
- Alcohol sales at demo derby at county fair
- County Fair / Agricultural tourism activity
- Green Lake County Farm Bureau Fair Contract

The following litigation files were created beginning September 1, 2015, and ending December 30, 2015, with the exception of the files marked with an asterisk (*) which were pending files prior to my appointment.

Code		
Enforcement	Baszynski, Ruth *	Failed Septic System
County Clerk	Golden Rule Community CU vs. Bonnie Goodnature et al.	Mortgage Foreclosure
DHHS	In the Interest of LM	3 Party Petition/mental commitment
DHHS	In the Interest of BB	3 Party Petition/mental commitment
DHHS	In the Interest of RT	Guardianship
DHHS	In the Interest of CF	Guardianship
DHHS	In the Interest of DA	Guardianship
DHHS	In the Interest of DJ	Guardianship
DHHS	In the Interest of YL	Guardianship
DHHS	In the Interest of CD	Guardianship
DHHS	In the Interest of ZO	Mental Commitment
DHHS	In the Interest of SH	Mental Commitment
DHHS	In the Interest of SN	Mental Commitment
DHHS	In the Interest of SL	Mental Commitment
DHHS	In the Interest of DM	Mental Commitment
DHHS	In the Interest of NW	Mental Commitment
DHHS	In the Interest of BB	Private Guardianship
DHHS	In the Interest of WL*	Termination of Parental Rights

DHHS	In the Interest of BJ	Termination of Parental Rights
DHHS	In the Interest of EA*	Termination of Parental Rights

In addition to the above-referenced files, I regularly appear before the court on child support matters, as well as protective placement (WATTS) reviews. I have also attended County Board and committee meetings since my appointment. Furthermore, I provide guidance to county employees on questions that do not require extensive legal research or formal written opinions (no file opened), but require only a quick email or in-person consultation to answer questions ranging from whether to file a guardianship petition to reviewing agendas and meeting minutes for appropriate language, and many other questions as well. Therefore, it is difficult to report on all activities of my office. But, I can report that staff has been requesting my assistance regularly and will reach out for advice when needed.

It is a pleasure to serve the Green Lake County Board as your Corporation Counsel and I look forward to continuing my service in 2016. I have an open door policy for all County Board Supervisors and Green Lake County Staff, so please feel free to stop in to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Happy New Year!

/s/ Dawn N. Blockow

#4 Annual Report Sheriff's Department



GREEN LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2015

Sheriff
Mark A. Podoll

Chief Deputy
Mark P. Putzke

Detectives
Chad Holdorf
Patti Crump
Josh Ward

Sergeant
Jeff Kiener
Kevin Manning

Corrections Lieutenant
Joel Gerth

Corrections Administrator
De Anna Lueptow

Communications Administrator
Laura Polcyn

Administrative Assistant
Lori Evans

Patrol
Dustan Thompson
Jason Preuss
Karl Guenther
Mark Trochinski-Retired
Matt Vande Kolk
Scott Cody
Ted Kuklinski
Troy Schroeder
Ray Colhouer
Michael Prachel

LTE Boat Patrol
Michelle Behm
Matt Marchant
Corey Horn
Jesse Tipton
Brandon Henning

Court Services Unit
Steve Huber
Dan Steckbauer
Jesse Tipton
Thomas Guell
Matt Marchant

Recidivism Reduction Aide
Lynn Ryan

Corrections Sergeants
Lori Leahy
Vacant

Corrections
Joshua Denkert
Jessica Walker
Kelli Schueler
Matt Thill
Adam Quade
Ken Weiner
Megan Strahan
Mary Smith
Craig Leinweber
Catherine Cianciola
Tawnii Thompson
Steven Schonscheck
Jesse Tipton-PT
Heidy Reihbandt - PT

Master Control Aide
Jerry Krueger
Tom Nickel
Melissa Smit
Gregg Rasske
Quinn Thompson
Rachel Hietpas
Vacant
Vacant

Communications
Majken Fife
Charlene Novak
Laura Nelson
Rhonda Prill
Sheila Pulice
Dave Cornelius
Susan Streholski
Casandra Kohn
Ben Masters
Christina Hilscher-PT
Samantha Stobbe - PT
Margaret Beuthin - Part-Time

Clerk Matron
Beverly Zick -Retired
Denice Oft
Sara Radloff

Volunteers
Betty Malzhan
Dona Eury
Barbara Rost
Rita Gaylord
Ray Gaylord
Sue Wendt



Green Lake County Sheriff's Office 2007

**Sheriff
Mark A. Podoll**

**Chief Deputy
Mark Putzke**

Detectives
Chad Holdorf
Patti Crump
Tim Lueptow

Sergeant
Jeff Kiener Kevin Manning

Field Training Officers

LTE Boat Patrol
Jason Reysen
Larry Simon
Sheri Rahmer
Timothy Gerner

Courthouse Security
Troy Schroeder - Part-time

Patrol
Amy Mehling
Brady Konkkel
Dustan Thompson
Jason Preuss
Joshua Ward
Karl Guenther
Mark Trochinski
Matt Vande Kolk
Scott Cody
Ted Kuklinski
Thomas Guell

Corrections Administrator
De Anna Lueptow

Communications Adminstrator
Laura Polcyn

Administrative Assistant
Lori Evans

EMP/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Corrections
Bruce Walker
Jessica Walker
Joel Gerth
Kelli Monsivais
Lind Krause
Liz Pflum
Lori Leahy
Matt Thill
Mike Prachel
Sarah Guenther
Sarah Bender - Part-time
Vacant-Part-time Male Jailer

Communications
Chris Lyons
Charlene Novak
Dave Meyer
Jessica Schroeder
Laura Nelson
Rhonda Prill
Sheila Pulice
Sheri Rahmer
Susan Arndt
Richard Julien - Part-time
Laura Bell - Part-time
Vacant - Part-time

Volunteers
Betty Hoffman
Dona Eury
Mary Valenta
Naomi Hilger
Ray Gaylord
Rita Gaylord

Clerk Matron
Beverly Zick
Denice Oft

Secretary One Part-Time
Vacant



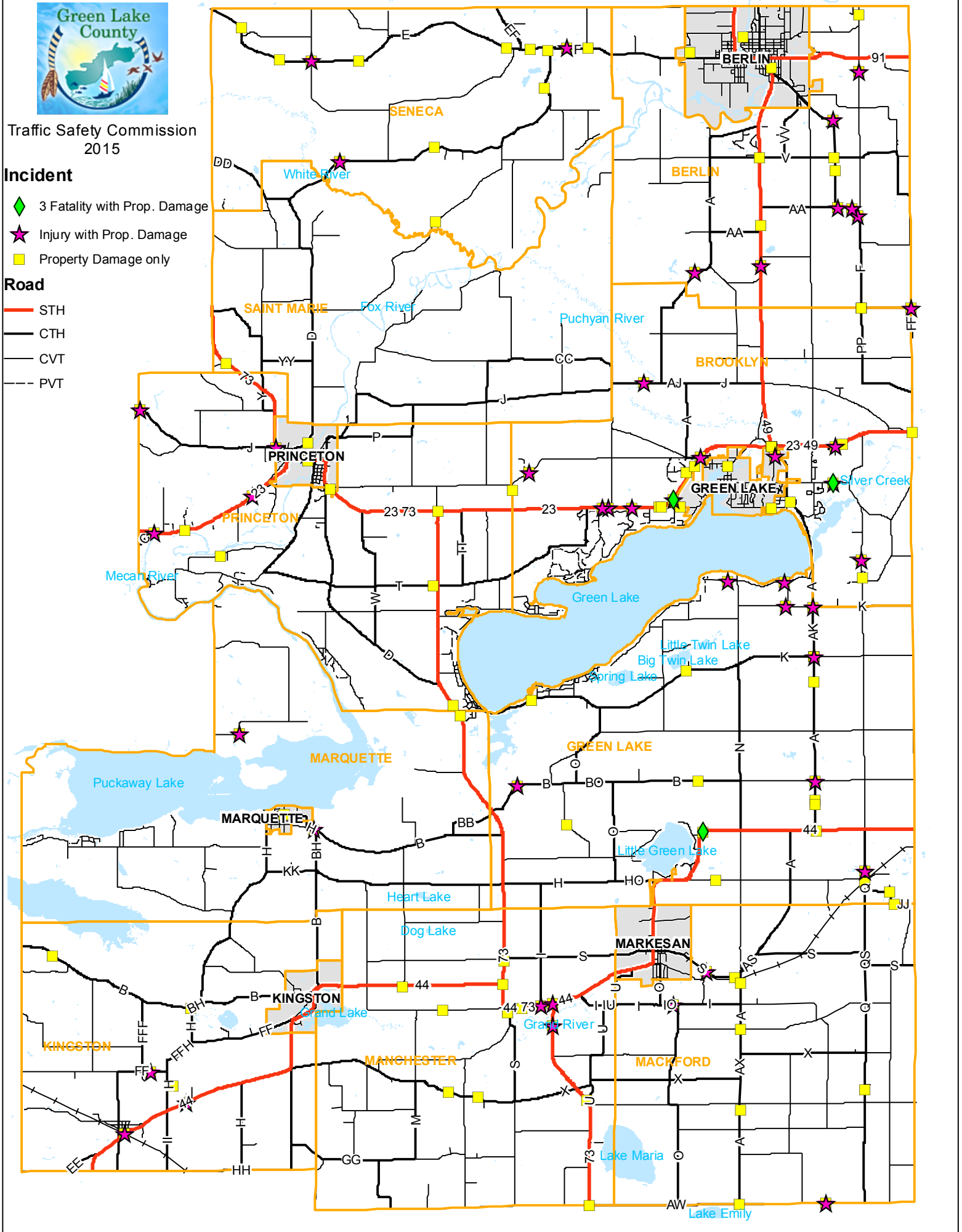
Traffic Safety Commission
2015

Incident

- ◆ 3 Fatality with Prop. Damage
- ★ Injury with Prop. Damage
- Property Damage only

Road

- STH
- CTH
- CVT
- - - PVT





Traffic Safety Commission
2015

Incident

▲ Car/Deer

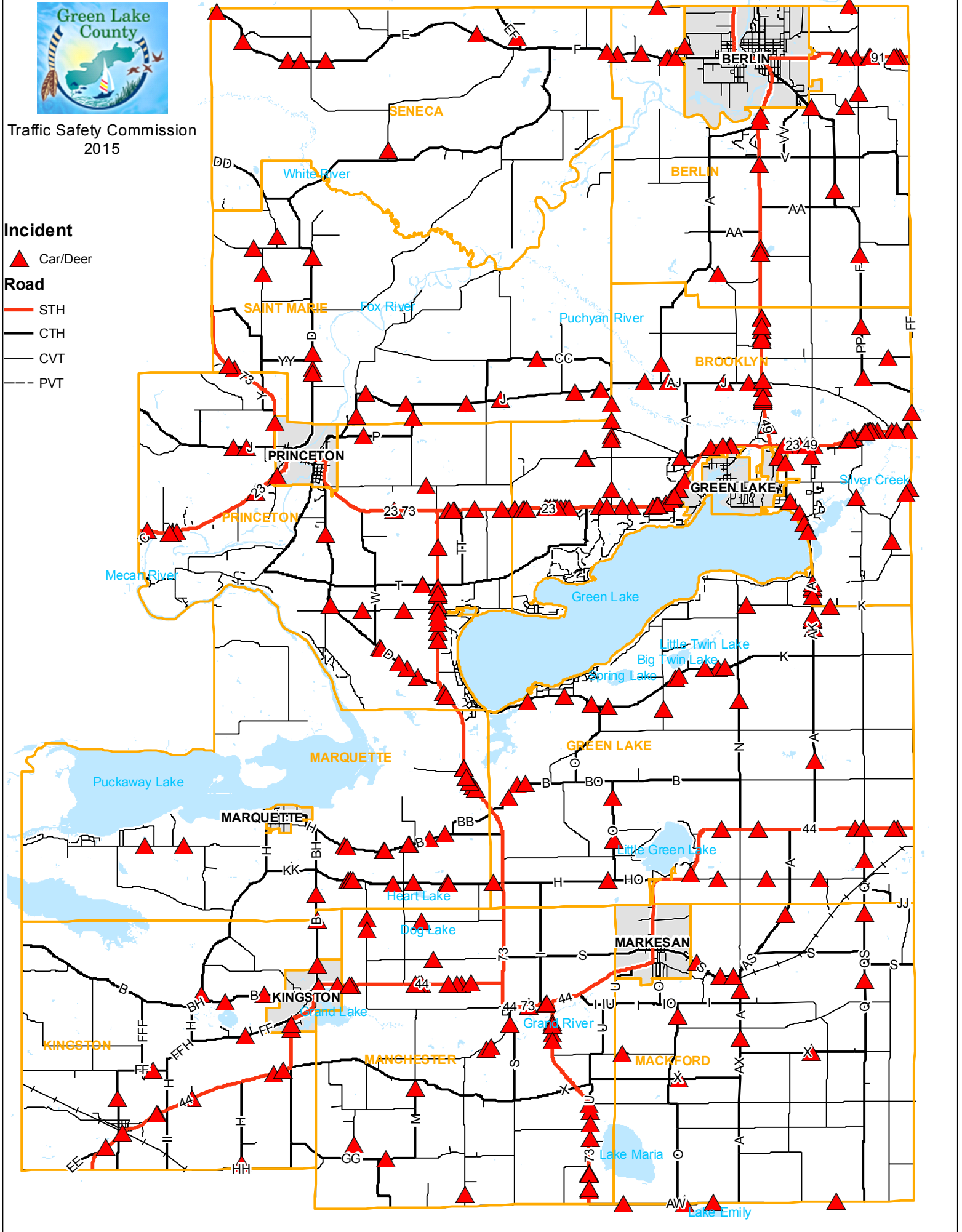
Road

— STH

— CTH

— CVT

- - - PVT



2015 CITATIONS & WARNINGS

TYPE	CITATIONS	WARNINGS*
341 - Vehicle Registration Violations	50	161
343 - License Volations	174	31
344 - Proof Insurance	444	80
346 - Rules of the Road (failure yield/passing)	34	88
346.31 - Turning and Stopping	0	10
346.37 - Traffic Signs, Signal, Markings	1	2
346.44 - Stops, Stopping and Parking	13	50
346.57 - Speeding	614	2288
346.62 - Reckless Driving and OWI	118	1
346.67 - Accidents	11	6
346.87 - Misc. Equip Vio, Weight Limits, Inattentive	122	356
943 - Trespassing	10	9
947 - Disorderly Conduct	5	0
95 - Animals	7	5
187 - Parks	2	0
125 - Alcohol Beverages	24	0
30 - DNR	35	38
Other	26	1
Boat Launch	145	0
Total	1835	3126

BY LOCATION	CITATIONS	WARNINGS
<u>Townships:</u>		
Berlin	238	471
Brooklyn	589	897
Green Lake	275	421
Kingston	27	47
Mackford	133	212
Manchester	124	321
Marquette	70	153
Princeton	134	266
St. Marie	15	25
Seneca	60	126
<u>City/Village</u>		
Berlin	72	104
Green Lake	45	40
Markesan	7	11
Princeton	20	21
Kingston	8	5
Marquette	2	3
<u>Lakes/River</u>		
Big Green	16	3
Little Green	0	0
Puckaway	0	0
Fox	0	0
Total	1835	3126

*Total Warnings by Violation

2015 GREEN LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Non Accident Related Calls for Service	3115
Accidents Car Deer	342
Accidents - Car Deer No Officer Sent	35
Accidents - PDO - Not Car Deer	100
Accidents - Injury - Not Car Deer	39
Accidents - Fatalities	3
Hit and Run	4
Total Calls For Service	3638

ACCIDENTS & INCIDENTS BY LOCATION:

City of Berlin	188
City of Green Lake	194
City of Markesan	75
City of Princeton	159
Town of Berlin	246
Town of Brooklyn	647
Town of Green Lake	339
Town of Kingston	154
Town of Mackford	160
Town of Manchester	170
Town of Marquette	126
Town of Princeton	403
Town of St. Marie	82
Town of Seneca	85
Village of Kingston	46
Village of Marquette	58
Green Lake Sheriff's Zone	497
Big Green Lake	7
Lake Puckaway	0
Fox River	2
Little Green Lake	0
TOTAL	3638

Civil Process

Papers Served & Attempts	572
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ARRESTS:

Juvenile Contacts (UCR)

Murder/Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assault, Rape, Sex Offenses	2
Assault/DC	3
Burglary/Robbery	0
Theft	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Vandalism	0
Controlled Substances	1
Family Offense	0
Weapons	0
Fraud/Forgery	0
Stolen Property	0
DUI	0
Alcohol Offenses	1
All Others	2
Total Juvenile Arrests	11

Criminal Arrests Adult (UCR)

Murder/Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assaults, Rape, Sex Offenses	6
Assault/DC	35
Burglary/Robbery	4
Theft	10
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Vandalism	7
Controlled Substances	65
Family Offense	9
Weapons	2
Fraud/Forgery	29
Stolen Property	0
All Others	155
Total Adult Arrests	323

Value of Property Stolen	155,717
Value of Property Recovered	22,196

GREEN LAKE COUNTY JAIL MONTHLY STATISTICS

MONTH/ YEAR	ADP	HUBER	HUBER/EMP INCOME	FEMALE	LOCK DOWN	MEALS	EMP	GL HUBERS TRANSFERRED
Jan-15	75	5	\$2,083.36	17	58	6169	0	4
Feb-15	64	3	\$1,784.57	12	52	4853	0	2
Mar-15	55	4	\$2,617.61	10	45	4582	0	2
Apr-15	57	6	\$4,157.72	13	44	4398	0	2
May-15	58	10	\$4,192.69	12	46	4555	0	2
Jun-15	54	3	\$2,922.96	9	45	4275	0	2
Jul-15	51	4	\$1,767.89	7	44	4264	0	2
Aug-15	49	4	\$2,117.90	9	40	3780	0	4
Sep-15	49	5	\$3,604.81	10	39	3740	0	2
Oct-15	46	6	\$3,516.83	10	36	3624	0	3
Nov-15	46	10	\$4,799.09	7	39	3616	0	4
Dec-15	43	6	\$3,026.13	7	36	3443	0	3
Totals	647	66	\$36,591.56	123	524	51299	0	32
Average	54	6	\$3,049	10	44	4275	0	3

ADP- Average daily population

Huber- Average number of hubers housed for that month

Huber Income- Amount paid by huber inmates for the month

Female- Average number of females held that month

Lockdown- Average number of male inmates held that month

Meals- Number of meals served that month

EMP- Number of inmates on electronic monitoring

GL Hubers transferred- Number of Green Lake inmates serving their sentence in another county as a huber transfer

**Green Lake County
County Board Annual Report
2015
Information Technology Department**

Submitted to the Honorable Chairman and Board of Supervisors for Green Lake County

Highlights of the IT Departments accomplishments during 2015:

1. The IT Department continued our service and support of all County employees with immediate attention to their computing needs - whether assisting by phone, email, in person, or remotely whenever called upon.
2. 2015 saw the IT department responsible for all computers, servers, printers, network devices, and extensive number of computing applications. All items are spread across different facilities that are interconnected for over 200 active computer users across all County departments, units, and agencies.
3. Performed numerous software upgrades and patches to continually improve the efficiency of County employees and their response to the public.
4. Remote access provided to more employees and their applications along with additional online services added for public access.
5. Continued protecting all PCs with on-site security patching services and anti-virus protection.
6. Performed all the IT financial and IT purchasing needs for the County.
7. Maintained the data backup system's infrastructure and operation.
8. Continually manage and deal with all departments ever growing data resource needs and requirements.
9. Managed all computing accounts setup and tear down for both new and leaving employees.
10. Many desktop PC hardware upgrades to improve employee's efficiency and reliability.
11. Completed work and planning to meet the IT needs of all departments for next year's budget. Gathered all the info, researched options, and

- accumulated quotes and figures for a detailed per department budget every year.
12. Maintained and extended the life of all computing hardware and software used throughout the County. We purchase high-quality equipment upfront and run it for as long as possible. We continually maintain and are proactive with future needs. We perform almost all repairs ourselves saving the county from expensive outsourced costs.
 13. Helped to facilitate increased usage by all departments of both the external and internal websites. All departments have direct, secure access to their key areas so they can quickly and easily communicate to the public and internally to employees.
 14. Continued maintaining key power protection for IT hardware at all sites.
 15. Continued inventory and tagging of all new IT equipment.
 16. On-going use of open-source alternatives to save future dollars. We use numerous open-source operating systems and software packages to save on both upfront licensing costs and future licensing and support costs.
 17. Completed multiple major upgrades and changes to all departments' individual records management systems. All departments at the county have both separate and shared software systems.
 18. Continued support of networking equipment at local police departments to enhance inter-agency resource sharing.
 19. Handled multiple IT needs and purchases for other departments which they either did not plan for or an outside agency mandated new IT needs upon them within the year.
 20. Providing and managing shared equipment for checkout by any County personnel to keep costs down by promoting the continued sharing of resources.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Hutchison
Green Lake County - Information Technology Director

GREEN LAKE COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS	3,213.79
SECURITY/LIGHTING	
ZOBEL PARK	863.58
KINGSTON PARK	150.9
SUNSET PARK	506.2
DODGE PARK	956.76
TOTAL:SECURITY/LIGHTING & ELECTRIC	2,477.44
MANDATED WATER TEST	27
TRASH	2,824.40
WASTE/SEWER	2,862.10
BOAT LAUNCH MAINTENANCE	1,081.29
BOAT LAUNCH PERMITS/FEE ENVELOPES	1,223.50
EQUIPMENT/EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	5,496.69
SIGNAGE	493.6
JANITORIAL/SANITATION	1,296.31
PLUMBING	2,183.61
PPE	116.14
TOOLS/CONSUMABLES	1,148.12
FUEL	3,074.82
WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT	1,000.00

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE

PRINCETON SNO BARONS	7,431.81
MARKESAN SNO DRIFTERS	6,746.41
GREEN LAKE TERRACE SNO STREAKERS	5,343.98
TOTAL	21,239.92

PARKS DONATIONS 6,850.00

BOAT LAUNCH FEES 36,728.62

Green Lake County

Child Support Agency

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

GREEN LAKE COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY

TO: THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GREEN LAKE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Thank you for this opportunity to present to you the 2015 annual report of the Green Lake County Child Support Agency.

AGENCY PERSONNEL in 2015:

TERRI L. STELLMACHER, Child Support Administrator
MARCIA L. KLEMAN, Child Support Specialist, II
JEANNE M. THEUNE, Child Support Specialist, II
ANGIE SMIT, Receptionist (1/4 time)
DAWN N KLOCKOW, Corporation Counsel

The Child Support Agency is a local Green Lake County operated agency, but is funded with federal, state, and county money, and operates according to state and federal law.

The mission of the Green Lake County Child Support Agency is to ensure that parents provide financial and medical support for their children, and by doing so, increases the economic self-sufficiency of single parent households and reduces taxes by reducing public assistance benefits.

2015 GREEN LAKE COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT PERFORMANCE

978 Child support cases in Green Lake County, as of December 31, 2015 (1,089 includes NIVD Cases, which means cases that have not applied for our services. We have to do the work on these cases, such as sending out wage assignments, but we do not receive any credit for the collections received, when looking at performance standards).

As of December 31, 2015:

CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS:

Green Lake County has 851 cases with a child support order, which is 93.52% of our cases. We rank 16th in the State of Wisconsin for this performance measure.

PATERNITY:

Green Lake County has a paternity establishment rate of 100%.

CURRENT SUPPORT COLLECTED:

Green Lake County collected \$2,222,178.70 in current child support during the child support fiscal year of 10/1/2014 through 9/30/2015. Green Lake County ranks 2nd in the State in the collection of current child support.

COLLECTION OF ARREARS:

During the child support fiscal year of 10/1/2014 through 9/30/2015, Green Lake County had 724 cases with arrears. We were successful in collecting an arrears payment on 595 of those cases, which is 82.18%. That is an increase of 1.47% from the previous fiscal year. Green Lake County is ranked 14th in the State of Wisconsin for this performance measure.

HEALTH INSURANCE OBLIGATIONS ENFORCED:

Green Lake County is ranked 6th in the State of Wisconsin, for enforcement of health insurance obligations at 47.12%.

In 2015, approximately 21 DNA Paternity tests were done in Green Lake County. In 2015, approximately 52 new cases were filed in the Clerk of Court's office, by the Child Support Agency.

In 2015, Green Lake County Child Support Agency reported to the State of Wisconsin, total monthly expenditures of \$265,664.89. The State and Federal Government reimbursed Green Lake County a total of \$229,523.95.

Green Lake County earned incentives of \$9,057.00, by making parents be responsible to add their children to health insurance policies available to them through employment. We also earned \$37,855.00 in general child support performance incentives.

We deeply appreciate the continued support and interest of this County Board of Supervisors. Through our united efforts we continue to meet our commitments to children and families of Green Lake County.

Sincerely,

JEANNE M THEUNE
Interim Administrator
Green Lake County Child Support Agency



Green Lake County Circuit Court

571 CTH A, P.O. Box 3188, Green Lake, WI 54941 (920) 294-4042

MARK T. SLATE
Circuit Court Judge

February 4, 2016

To The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Green Lake County, Wisconsin

I hereby submit the 2015 Annual Report for the Green Lake County Probate Office.

The Probate Office deals with matters under the authority of Chapter 851 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which creates the Office of Register in Probate. Our records date back to 1842.

In addition to probate, this office also maintains files pertaining to:

Chapter 48	Child in Need of Protection and Services
Chapter 51	Emergency Detention
Chapter 54 & 55	Guardianships and Protective Placements
Chapter 938	Juvenile Delinquency & Juvenile in need of Protection and Services

Except for the estate files, all records under the control of the Register in Probate are confidential.

On the attached pages, you will find a break down of each case/file type and, a brief description with the financial impact, if any, to the county.

This completes my report for the year 2015.

Very truly yours,

Samantha S. Calabresa
Register in Probate

ESTATES

In 2015, 57 cases relating to Probate were opened.

- 45 Informal Administrations
- 6 Special Administrations
- 3 Formal Administrations
- 1 Summary Proceeding
- 1 Determination of Decent
- 1 Ancillary Proceeding

As of December 31, 2015 there were 75 open Probate cases.

Probate Fees Collected in 2015: **County Share: \$26,122.70**

Probate fees consist of Inventory filing fees and copy and/or certification fees. This is an increase of over \$13,467.55 from last year. The main reason being, an estate that's inventory filing fee was \$12,517.18. If you do not include this amount, the 2015 fees would have been \$13,605.52 which is slightly above the average for the last few years.

TESTAMENTARY TRUSTS

Prior to July 1, 2014 Wisconsin State Statutes, required the Courts to monitor testamentary trusts. Testamentary trusts are trusts created in a Last Will and Testament and generally place money aside for a specific purpose. The change in the law now allows parties to decide if they want to have the Court continue to monitor the trust. Judge Slate determined that all trustees as well as the beneficiaries should be notified of the change in the law. Each person was then asked if they would like the Court to continue or discontinue monitoring of the trust. This was done in 2014, with follow-up on all cases in early 2015.

There are currently 11 that the Court will continue to review an Annual Accounting. The oldest is from 1939.

EMERGENCY DETENTIONS

2015 found the following Emergency Detentions:
27 Adult Emergency Detentions
9 Juvenile Emergency Detentions

Financially, Emergency Detentions do not affect this office. In 2012 all cases were referred to the State Public Defender for representation, thus removing the expense of Court Appointed Counsel for the County.

GUARDIANSHIPS

There were 15 adult Guardianships and 1 minor Guardianship filed in 2015.

We continue to hold yearly hearings for persons under Guardianship and Protective Placement as required by law.

Guardians are required to file an Annual Report of the Person each year and most are required to file an Annual Accounting of the person's assets each year.

In 2015 it was decided that the Guardianship files needed to be reviewed and brought up to date. We reviewed all of the Guardianship cases to determine which ones would be appropriate to waive an Annual Accounting and which ones should not. Once that was done, we sent letters to the appropriate Guardians of the Ward and all interested parties to ask if they wanted to waive the Annual Accounting. We received almost all of the waivers back, requesting the Annual Accounting be waived. We held a hearing for all of the Guardianship cases where waivers were requested to see if anyone would object to the waiving of the Annual Accounting. After all the hearings were held and no objections heard, we waived some of the Annual Accountings and sent out a copy of the Order to the Guardian and all interested parties for those cases.

In reviewing all of the cases we found some cases where no Annual Account had been filed in years, although they were required. Some files had notes that the Annual Accounts were waived, although there was no Court Order waiving them. In some cases, an Annual Account was just never filed and no follow-up was done. Other cases, Annual Accounts were being filed, when they were actually previously waived by the Court and not required to be filed.

Although it was time consuming, all Guardianship files are now brought up to date with proper accountings or waivers done in each one.

JUVENILES

ADOPTIONS

In 2015 we had 5 cases in which Adoptions took place.

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS (TPR)

In 2015 there were 10 petitions filed and 5 were granted Terminating Parental Rights. 5 cases are still ongoing in Court. This is a significant increase in the average number of TPR's. Usually, the Court handles only one or two TPR's a year. TPR's are very time consuming for all involved, from Corporation Counsel, Social Services and the Court. Lawyers are appointed for the parents and a Guardian ad Litem is appointed for the child. The parents can request a Jury Trial, which can last for days.

The increase in TPR's has consumed many hours by the Register in Probate, and 2016 is looking to be a continuation of 2015.

CHIPS (Children in Need of Protection and Services)

In 2015, there were 31 petitions filed for children in need of protection and services. Last year there were 33 petitions filed. This has been a significant increase in CHIPS cases as the previous years averaged only 19.

When a CHIPS petition comes in, a GAL is appointed for the child. This is required by statute if the child is under the age of 12. If the child is 12 or older, the Public Defender may also be appointed to represent the child.

If a parent contests the petition, Wisconsin State Statutes do not permit for the State Public Defender to represent them. So they must petition the Court to appoint an attorney. Most parents do not understand the process and it causes delays. If the two parents are not married it is common for a separate attorney to be appointed for each one. This becomes extremely costly to the County.

This year we have put in additional time on collecting money owed to the County for the attorney's appointed in CHIPS cases. We have sent numerous orders for payment and reminders to the parents. We have collected more this year than last year and have developed a system to be more efficient in collections. If no payments are being made the collections will be turned over to Corporation Counsel and they will be enforcing the payments as well. This benefits the County by recouping money spent on attorney fees.

In 2016 we anticipated recouping \$12,000.00 of attorney expenses. (attorney's appointed in CHIPS cases) This is an increase over 2015.

JIPS (Juvenile in Need of Protection and Services)

Last year, we received 7 petitions for Juvenile's in Need of Protection and Services. In 2014 we received only one petition. Once again, this has increased the case load for the Register in Probate.

DELINQUENCY

In 2015 we had 19 petitions filed. Delinquency filings were the same as in 2014.

A Delinquency is a criminal charge being brought against a Juvenile. Charges included: 1st Degree Sexual Assault of Child, Battery, Burglary, Criminal Damage, Disorderly Conduct, Forgery, Other Fraud, Operate Vehicle w/out Consent, Receiving Stolen Property, Theft of Movable Property, and Weapons/ Explosives.

2016 consisted of the following:

#	Name
6	Disorderly Conduct
3	1 st Degree Sexual Assault of Child
2	Theft
1	Weapons/ Explosives
1	Other Fraud
1	Receiving Stolen Property
1	Burglary
1	Operate Vehicle w/out Consent
1	Forgery
1	Criminal Damage
1	Battery

CASELOAD INCREASE FOR 2015 OVER AVERAGE

2015	Average	Type
7	3	JIPS
9	5	Juvenile Emergency Detentions
10	4	Termination of Parental Rights (TPR)
31	21	CHIPS



2015 Green Lake County Fair

August 6-9, 2015

"Race to the Fair"

County Board Report



Another year has almost come to end, along with the 2015 Green Lake County Fair. As always, we thank everyone for their support. The importance of agriculture in our community is a primary feature of the Fair. Fairs entertain and educate, but they also have economic, social and cultural impacts. While the economic impact of the fair can be generous, it is the social and cultural impacts that may leave the most lasting impression.



The following is taken from an article published in the Agri-View newspapers (10/23/15) by Lynn Grooms. *"County fairs are about achievement," said Larry Gaffey, general manager of the Walworth County Fair. They are about achievement especially concerning junior shows and exhibits where 4-H and FFA members and other youth showcase what they have nurtured or created. It's difficult to measure the impact that a county has on the culture of the communities surrounding it. But, it's important to young people—they learn responsibilities like caring for animals or they develop skills like woodworking," Gaffey said. The fair manager might agree with Scottish philosopher Thomas Carlyle, who said that "Nothing builds self-esteem and self-confidence like accomplishment."*

The Fair continues to offer educational experiences along with being a fun, safe, family-friendly countywide event. It is a way for youth (and adults) to showcase their project work and receive recognition for their efforts. For the youth, it also provides important opportunities for positive youth development and leadership skills that are used throughout their lifetime. The Fair also connects young people with their communities and helps them acquire skills they will use far into the future.



There was a total of 230 Junior exhibitors with 3,849 exhibits and 50 Open Class exhibitors with 883 exhibits. Premiums paid out totaled \$6,610. Photography and Cultural Arts exhibits continue to be the most popular area of project work. The wonderful exhibits were evidence of hard work and dedication by the youth and adults in Green Lake County. Best of Show Rosettes were awarded to Open Division exhibitors as well. Several State Fair Awards were given by judges to Junior exhibits. In order to be selected for State Fair, a county must provide a venue for exhibits to be judged. Only those that are given the opportunity to be judged at the County level are able to be chosen to exhibit their project work to a statewide audience.

The following Junior exhibitors were honored and privileged by having an entry chosen by the judges to be on exhibit at the Wisconsin State Fair held in early August:

Drew Muehlenhaupt-Woodworking
Calob Congdon-Crocheting
Nick Retzlaff-Mechanical Science
Grace Retzlaff-Clothing
Carter Newton-Natural Science
Calob Congdon-Knitting
Bailey Sternitske-Cultural Arts
Calob Congdon-Clothing Preview
Emily Eagen-Family Living



Calob Congdon-Demonstrations
Gretchen Petraszak-Photography
Calob Congdon-Photography
Bailey Sternitske-Photography
Sadie Goettl-Kai Lueptow
Samantha Becker-Home Environment
Rachel Petraszak-Cultural Arts
Alexander Douglas-Communications
McKenna Newton-Youth Leadership

In 1856, the state recognized the value of the fair as an aid in development and began to give state aid for premiums paid out by all organized agricultural societies presenting exhibitions. Each county fair is responsible to pay the balance of premiums to exhibitors. \$6,610 was paid out to Green Lake County Fair exhibitors in 2015 and state aid equaled \$4,335. The amount of state aid per county has fluctuated throughout the years.

Once again, the Youth Livestock Auction proves to generate an impressive total. There were 146 large and small animals sold for a total of \$165,392.79 from 59 buyers. The money generated from these sales help youth finance their animal projects for the following year.



A & P Amusements provided the family-orientated carnival entertainment. Revenues generated totaled \$7,826.00. As usual, commercial space was sold out well before the Fair opened. Commercial Space revenue totaled \$2,280.00.

Green Lake County service organizations (*Green Lake County Farm Bureau, Green Lake County 4-H, Green Lake County Dairy Promoters, Kiwanis Club of Markesan, Green Lake County Home & Community Education, Country Clovers 4-H Club, and the Green Lake County 4-H Leaders Association*) continue to raise over \$40,000 during the four-day Fair. These service organizations use the Fair as their primary fundraising source for their generous contributions throughout the year in Green Lake County.

Keeping on track with the Green Lake County Fair's Mission Statement, educational programming can be attended on many occasions throughout the Fair. A few of the educational opportunities offered at the 2015 Fair included "Build Your Own Rocket" Science Workshop, Nature's Niche (live animal program), presentation on Aquatic Invasive Species, Adventures with Ma & Pa (historical agriculture interactive museum), and the Wisconsin Spudmobile.



The Fairest of the Fair program was started in 2008. The Fairest would serve as a representative of the Green Lake County Fair with duties that include corresponding with local media, attending events throughout the county and serve as hostess at the Green Lake County Fair. The recipient would have a chance to enhance public relations, communication and presentation skills. This year's Fairest of the Fair competition continued its success. The planning committee received community support and monetary donations for the event held on May 16 at Christianos in Green Lake. Celyna Bennett and Megan Kwiesielewicz, 2014 Junior Fairests of the Fair, ended their reign and directed the event. Each participant was sponsored by local businesses. Selected to represent the 2015 Green Lake County Fair as Fairest of the Fair was Jessie Stibb (sponsored by Country Clovers 4-H Club) and Junior Fairest of the Fair representative, McKenna Newton (sponsored by Design Special Builders). Both of these young ladies did the Fair and Green Lake County proud!



2015 Green Lake County Jr. Fairest of the Fair, McKenna Newton and Fairest of the Fair, Jessie Stibb.



Rich Swanke of Princeton hosted the Truck and Tractor Pull on Thursday evening and the WTPA Pull scheduled for Friday evening was unfortunately canceled due to rain. The Demolition Derby, organized by the Fair, continues to be a fun-filled, exciting track event on Saturday evening. This year's event totaled \$8,440.00 in gate receipts.

The Fair would like to commend all the volunteers that gave of their time before, during, and after the Fair. Volunteers help out at the Fair Office, as Superintendents, gate tenders during track events, and countless other activities going on throughout the Fair. Without the assistance of these volunteers (consisting of youth and adults), from set-up to take-down, the Fair would not be the success it is. Volunteers are the most important resource community organizations have. The ability of people to work willingly together for the betterment of their community and themselves is a valuable resource.



According to the Staff/Volunteer Hours Report for 2015, the total of volunteer hours equaled 991. In 2015, the national average estimated dollar value of volunteer time was \$23.07 per hour (http://independentsector.org/volunteer_time) which translates to a total dollar value of \$22,862.37. Volunteer numbers and hours are approximate and may fluctuate from year to year based on events held. Staff hours are not used in the computation. The estimate of volunteer time helps acknowledge individuals who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference. The total number of volunteer hours also reflect the amount of community support the Fair receives.



The Fair established a charitable endowment with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation in 2009. The Green Lake County Fair Fund will support the future development of youth and the fair, along with general operations. Endowment funds are permanent charitable funds that provide long-term financial support. To date, four contributions have been made (Kinas Excavating, Inc., Markesan Chamber of Commerce, Norb Wianecki Agency-Princeton and Paul Splittgerber).

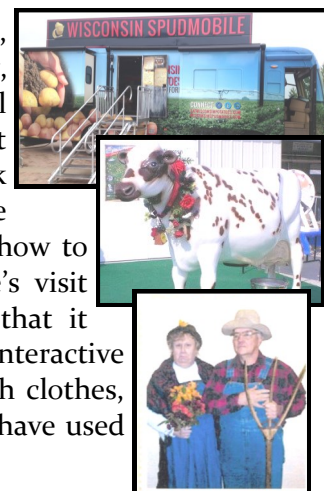
The Community Involvement Program (CIP) continues to attract business, organizations, and individuals who donate time, services/materials, and financial support to help offset Fair costs. The following is a list of 2015 CIP participants:

A.F. Gelhar Company
 Adams-Columbia Electric Coop
 All-Wood Cabinetry
 Alliance Laundry Systems
 Alliant Energy Corp Services, Inc
 American Legion Post 366
 Associated Veterinary Clinic LLC
 BMO Harris Bank
 Badger Mining Corporation
 Badgerland Financial
 Ballweg Implement Company, Inc.
 Berlin River Riders Snowmobile Club
 The Billboard/Green Lake Reporter
 Marge Bostelmann
 Brandon Meats & Sausage
 Century 21 Properties Unlimited
 China One
 Country Clovers 4-H Club
 Culligan
 Design Specialty Builders
 Fairburn/Jolly J's HCE Club

Farmer Grahn
 Farmers State Bank
 Flash, Inc.
 Gale Wiersma Rural Insurance
 Glover Metal Building Erectors, Ltd.
 "Golden Rule" Community Credit Union
 Grand River Workers 4-H Club
 Green Lake Greenways
 Green Lake Rotary
 Heidel House Resort & Spa
 Hometown Broadcasting
 Hong Kong King Buffet
 Horicon Bank
 Kinas Excavating, Inc.
 Kingston Lioness Club
 LAKE Real Estate, LLC
 Magnum Power Products
 Markesan Veterinary Clinic
 McDonald's-Ripon
 Modern Rentals, Inc.
 National Exchange Bank & Trust

Petraszak Excavating Ltd.
 Pulvermacher Enterprises, Inc.
 Dr. Eric Ratering, DDS
 Ray's Sanitation
 Ripon Electric
 Ripon Pick 'n Save
 Ross Motors
 Scott Construction, Inc.
 Second Time Around Shop
 David & Helene Severson
 Spaulding Chiropractic Health Center
 Spoehr Smits & Blazel Law Office
 Stahl Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
 State Farm Insurance-Caren Reich
 Stuart's Landscaping & Garden Center
 ThedaCare
 Sunrisers 4-H Club
 Total Overhead Door Systems LLC
 Waste Management-Fond du Lac
 White Lake Country Club
 Kurt A. Zemke, D.D.S.

One of the special events at the Fair this year included the Wisconsin Spudmobile, courtesy of Green Lake County Farm Bureau & Trembling Prairie Farms-Bobek Family, Markesan. The Spudmobile is the potato industry's most comprehensive educational and information resource center on wheels. It features eight different exhibits that take visitors on a journey from the farmer's field right to the dinner plate. The Bobek family provided cooked baby red potatoes for Fair visitors to taste test. "Addie" the life-size fiberglass milk cow also visited the Fair for children to experience first hand how to milk a cow. The Green Lake County Dairy Promotions Committee made Addie's visit possible to help promote the dairy industry and the wonderful dairy products that it produces. The Fair also hosted Adventures with Ma & Pa, a historical agriculture interactive museum. Fairgoers had the opportunity to play with antique toys, make rope, wash clothes, make shingles, and learn about hundreds of other tools people in Wisconsin would have used long ago. All of these special events were a huge success, enjoyed by many fairgoers.



Plans are already in the works for an exciting 2016 Fair which will be held August 4-7. The theme will be "Go For The GOLD!" We hope you are able to visit and enjoy "the best little Fair around."



"the best little Fair around"

Check out the 2015 highlights in slideshow format! Visit greenlake.uwex.edu, under the Fair heading, click on 2015 Fair Highlights & Annual Report. Hope you enjoy!

"The mission of the Green Lake County Fair is to provide positive youth development and leadership skills, along with promoting family and community involvement through education and tradition."

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**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

571 COUNTY ROAD A

SECURITY	4,211.36
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ADA	1,601
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MANDATED INSPECTIONS/SERVICE

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	2,795.00
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FIRE SUPPRESSION-JAIL KITCHEN	120.4
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FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM	350
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ELEVATOR INSPECTION	506
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ELEVATOR SERVICE	4,131.60
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CROSS CONNECTION VALVES INSPECTION	530
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STAR FIRE-ROD	1,280.00
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PERMITS TO OPERATE	300
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ELECTRICAL	2,612.86
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HVAC	9,970.54
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PLUMBING	975.32
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BUILDING	2,595.30
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ENVIRONMENTALS	922.81
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GROUNDS	1,889.94
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SIGNAGE	292.18
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JANITORIAL	15,006.27
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JANITORIAL SERVICES (571 COUNTY ROAD A/LAKE STEELE STREET-FOOD PANTRY	10,890.63
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PEST CONTROL

JAIL	595
571 COUNTY ROAD A	75
FOOD PANTRY/LAKE STEELE STREET	385
LAND CONSERVATION	165

TRASH

JAIL	2629.85
571 COUNTY ROAD A	2,946.78
FOOD PANTRY	1,469.79

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION	2,673.96
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1ST AID SUPPLIES (Now Loss Control Item)	1,463.96
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MAINTENANCE CONSUMABLES	945.73
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MAINTENANCE ARGON &CYLINDER RENTAL	457.6
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MAINTENANCE TOOLS/EQUIPMENT	14,726.93
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MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES	2,440.35
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MAINTENANCE PPE	1,673.28
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MAINTENANCE TRAINING	999.93
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MAINTENANCE FUEL

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	573.69
GROUNDS	710.72
FRI	133.95
GENERAL	2,442.76
LAKE STEELE STREET	69.95
TRAINING	187.02

FORKLIFT FUEL	17
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FOOD PANTRY	
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BUILDING	38.95
GROUNDS	161.1
PLUMBING	79.62
HVAC	7.99

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	
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BUILDINGS	3,968.43
ELECTRICAL	1.79
HVAC	73.18
PLUMBING	1,025.01
WATER CONDITIONING	272.8

MAINTENANCE SHOP/GARAGE	
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BUILDING	1,299.06
HVAC	80.23

FOX RIVER INDUSTRIES	
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ELECTRICAL	567.6
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SALE OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	1,130.90
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Land Use Planning & Zoning Department

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Land Development Code Enforcement County Surveyor GIS Land Information

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

County Board Supervisors:

This annual report is for the activities of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Department representing the following functions performed in this department:

Land Development	County Surveyor	Geographic Information System (GIS)
Code Enforcement	Land Information	

The land use activities for 2015 translated into continued strong revenues that again exceeded budget projections as shown on the department activity report included. Beyond the day-to-day activities of interacting with the public, the department has continued to work on updating the County’s land use ordinances. The process continued for updating the County’s Farmland Preservation Plan and Comprehensive Plan, which are two major land use tools of this department. These updates are required by Wisconsin Statutes that began in March of 2014 with the process being completed February of 2016 with County Board action. The Farmland Preservation Plan was reimbursed to 50% of its total cost but capped at \$30,000.

The **Code Enforcement function** maintained its consistent strong trend for issuance of various types of permits. The creation and adoption of parcel specific zoning maps has proven to be a valuable tool for department and public use, accessible through the County’s website. This department function has also made great strides in resolving outstanding land use and sanitary system violations. These resolutions have come about through the additional efforts of the full-time Corporation Counsel.

The **County Surveyor function** continues to provide assistance to other departments and the general public, as needed. All land surveys received pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes are electronically indexed and filed for use by the public via the County’s website. The County Surveyor provides oversight for the Public Land Survey System Corners that are re-established and/or perpetuated. These corners are the foundation for the County’s GIS activity therefore the County Surveyor’s Office is committed to completing this effort.

The **GIS function** continues to enhance and introduce the viewing capabilities of various county land records on the County’s website. The primary focus of the GIS function for the past many years has been County tax parcel mapping. In October of 2014 this initial task was completed. The parcel mapping continues in an ongoing phase of maintenance. The GIS function also works closely with other departments in developing electronic data to enhance their departmental functions.

The ongoing goal of this department is to develop relationships that will enhance the delivery of the best information available to serve our customers. The department looks forward to working with all Committees and the County Board to accomplish this goal.

Respectfully submitted, this February 8, 2016.

Alan K. Shute
County Surveyor / Land Development Director

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND USE PLANNING ZONING DEPARTMENT**

FEES RECEIVED		December				YEAR TO DATE				BUDGET
		2014		2015		2014		2015		2015
		NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	
LAND USE PERMITS										
Residential	New	5	650	1	150	83	17,150	68	14,050	-
	Alterations	1	150	1	150	46	5,850	62	8,600	-
Commercial	New	1	150	-	-	11	1,500	35	5,000	-
	Alterations	-	-	-	-	5	950	4	500	-
Agricultural	New	1	150	-	-	19	3,550	31	4,800	-
	Alterations	-	-	-	-	9	1,750	9	1,850	-
Other	New	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Alterations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	New	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Alterations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Misc.	Denied/Refunded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Permit Renewals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		8	\$ 1,100	2	\$ 300	173	\$ 30,750	209	\$ 34,800	\$ 25,000
SANITARY PERMITS (POWTS)										
Residential	New	1	280	-	-	11	3,080	22	6,235	-
	Replacement	-	-	-	-	34	10,045	48	13,535	-
	Reconnect	-	-	-	-	2	560	2	560	-
	Modify	3	375	-	-	6	750	7	1,050	-
	Repairs	-	-	-	-	1	150	-	-	-
	Additional Fees	-	-	-	-	1	75	-	-	-
Commercial	New	-	-	-	-	1	280	3	860	-
	Replacement	1	280	4	1,270	1	280	5	1,625	-
	Reconnect	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	280	-
	Modify	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Additional Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	5	\$ 935	4	\$ 1,270	57	\$ 15,220	88	\$ 24,145	\$ 15,000
NON-METALLIC MINING PERMITS										
Annual Permit Fees		-	-	-	-	18	14,100	17	14,300	-
Total		-	\$ -	-	\$ -	18	\$ 14,100	17	\$ 14,300	\$ -
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT										
Special Exception		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variances		-	-	-	-	2	750	1	375	-
Appeals		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	\$ -	-	\$ -	2	\$ 750	1	\$ 375	\$ 2,000
PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE										
Zoning Change		2	750	-	-	21	7,875	14	5,250	-
Conditional Use Permits		-	-	-	-	5	1,875	6	2,250	-
Variances/Amendments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		2	\$ 750	-	\$ -	26	\$ 9,750	20	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000
MISC.										
Rental Weatherization		1	25	-	-	14	355	12	300	500
Wisconsin Fund		-	-	-	-	2	200	-	-	500
Misc. Fees		-	-	-	-	2	200	2	200	-
Total		1	\$ 25	-	\$ -	18	\$ 755	14	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
SURVEYOR										
Certified Survey Maps		4	690	4	705	18	3,630	22	3,855	4,000
Preliminary Plats		-	-	-	-	1	290	-	-	-
Final Plats		-	-	-	-	1	290	-	-	-
Total		4	\$ 690	4	\$ 705	20	\$ 4,210	22	\$ 3,855	\$ 4,000
GIS (Geographic Information System)										
Map Sales		-	-	-	-	-	317	2	165	500
Land Records Transfer		-	2,328	-	2,416	-	27,272	2	28,184	33,000
Total		-	\$ 2,328	-	\$ 2,416	-	\$ 27,589	4	\$ 28,349	\$ 33,500
GRAND TOTAL		20	5,828	10	4,691	314	103,124	371	113,824	\$ 85,500

Project Considerations

- 2015** Update Ortho-photography. DONE
Adopt Comprehensive Plan. IN PROGRESS
Cert and Adopt Farmland Preservation Plan. DONE DATCP CERTIFICATION 07/10/2015
PENDING COUNTY BOARD ACTION 2/16/2016
GPS Culvert Inventory. PZ and LCD and HWY IN PROGRESS LOCATIONS BY HWY and LCD.
GIS MAP LAYER BY PZ.
Amend Private Sewage Ord, delete animal waste. DONE, LCD/PZ
PLSS Corner, Highway Maintenance Project. DONE
PLSS Corner Project, re-establish and perpetuate. IN PROGRESS
WLIP Grant related to PLSS corner perpetuation. IN PROGRESS
WLIP Grant related to City of Princeton block corner control. DONE
Land Information Plan Update. Draft document DONE October 2015
Submitted to DOA November 2015.
Modernize Local Assessment Data, pilot project. IN PROGRESS.
Create POWTS maintenance database, statutory compliance. IN PROGRESS (65% complete)
- 2016** Obtain Certification and Adopt Farmland Preservation Zoning District.
Amend Zoning Ordinance, modify Article VII – CUP
Amend Zoning Ordinance, update matrix.
Begin development of digital, parcel based, land use permit filing system.
GPS Sign Inventory.
Create Conditional Use Permit (CUP) tracking system/database.
Create farmland preservation parcel based tracking for FP Program. LCD/PZ
Amend Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, per NR 115 revisions of 10/1/2014 and State 2015-2017 Budget Bill
Create Shoreland Protection jurisdiction area, impervious surface layer.
Create shoreland mitigation follow-up/tracking system
Amend Floodplain Zoning Ordinance (based on new DNR model). Dry land access.
Begin Assessor's Plat Program, modernize problem parcel areas.
Modernize Local Assessment Data, pilot project. IN PROGRESS.
PLSS Corner, Highway Maintenance Project. IN PROGRESS
PLSS Corner Project, re-establish and perpetuate. IN PROGRESS
WLIP Grant related to City of Princeton block corner control. DONE
WLIP Grant related to PLSS corner perpetuation. IN PROGRESS
Land Information Plan Update. Approval by Wis Dept of Administration
Road right-of-way mapping and ordinance.
Create POWTS maintenance database, statutory compliance. IN PROGRESS (% complete)

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION
2015 ANNUAL REPORT
TO
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Chapter 92 of the Wisconsin Statutes governs the Land Conservation Department. The Land Conservation Department provides engineering, technical design and conservation planning to landowners to help control soil erosion and protect water quality. The Land Conservation Department is under the supervision of the Land Conservation Committee. The mission statement of the Land Conservation Department is: "Our highest responsibility is to protect and enhance land and water resources that will sustain current and future generations."

Staff

Paul Gunderson, County Conservationist
Heidi Weishaar, Administrative Assistant
Thomas Jonker, Conservation Planner
Todd Morris, Soil Conservationist
Derek Kavanaugh, Soil Conservationist
Nikki Truymen, Soil Conservationist
Jordan Dornfeld, Land Conservation Intern

DATCP Grant Funding Received

The department received a \$140,184 grant from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for departmental operations and program management.

Farmland Preservation Program

This program's purpose is to preserve agricultural land and open space by promoting sustainable land use planning and development. A major component of the program requires landowners to be in compliance with soil and water conservation standards adopted by the Land Conservation Committee. The department has experienced a substantial increase in staff time directed toward the workload of the program due to the fact that each participant must be tracked with a unique id number that matches each qualifying parcel. Participants are eligible to claim a \$7.50 per acre income tax credit. \$284,509 in state tax credits was paid to 186 landowners.

Land & Water Resource Management Plan Implementation

Thirty-nine cost-share agreements were signed by landowners/producers to implement various Best Management Practices (BMPs). In 2015, over \$122,150 in state cost-sharing was paid to 31 participants. Cost-share rates for this program range from 50%-70% depending on the practice. Conservation practices installed/implemented under this program in 2014 were:

Critical Area Stabilization	25 ac.
Grade Stabilization Structure	1 no.
Nutrient Management	2,003 ac.
Lined Waterway	40 ft.
Sediment Basin	1 no.
Streambank Protection	470 ft.
Subsurface Drain	1,800 ft.
Terraces	2,205 ft.
Waste Transfer System	1 no.
Waterway	2,168 ft.
Well Decommissioning	1 no.

Construction Site Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Ordinance

Twenty-one construction site erosion control and storm water management permits were issued generating \$1,625 of revenue.

County Lakes

Green Lake - A community wide effort to develop a comprehensive lake management plan was initiated in 2011. A planning team consisting of Green Lake County Land Conservation Department, DNR, Green Lake Association, Green Lake Sanitary District, City of Green Lake, City of Ripon, Fond du Lac County, and several community members worked on developing a long-term lake strategy. The goal of the plan is to set objectives, and determine pollutant source-loading, so that major sources can be addressed effectively. The Green Lake watershed was selected for the National Water Quality Incentive Program through the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The program has dedicated funds for conservation practices to be installed in the watershed. Over 50 conservation projects were installed during 2015.

Lake Puckaway - A part-time lake coordinator was hired through a grant received in 2011. The position was terminated December 2014 by the Lake Puckaway Protection and Rehabilitation District. A new Lake Planning Grant was received in 2015 to update the current lake management plan. The current plan was approved in 2004, and is due from an update. Wisconsin DNR recommended plans are updated every 5 years (previously 10 years was recommended). Water monitoring has occurred regularly during the past 5 years.. Ongoing results of the water monitoring are providing a great insight to what the current dynamics are within the lake and the river system. Continued monitoring will be necessary to determine water quality trends throughout the system and to monitor changes.

A fourth annual bird nesting survey was conducted during the early summer to determine the number of endangered birds that are utilizing Lake Puckaway's habitat. To compensate for recent losses of nesting areas during the breeding season due to flooding, two floating rafts were installed in 2013-2015. Several birds used the rafts for loafing, and there was successful nesting in 2014. In 2015, Lake Puckaway hosted the largest population of nesting Common Terns in the state. Planning is currently underway to install permit nesting islands on the lake.

An offshore timber breakwater was installed near the center of the lake in 2012. The structure is 3 feet high, by 3 feet wide, by 300 feet long. It is intended to accumulate sediment, and provide for better fish habitat. This is an experimental structure, since it is the first time it has been attempted in a northern climate. Ice may prove to be a limiting factor in its success. The breakwater fared well through the 2012-2014 winter, however as added protection, 8 ice pilings were installed in front of the barrier to provide additional protection and visibility. Trees were added in 2014-2015. Continued monitoring will provide information how to improve the structures.

The native phragmites plantings program planned for 2015 was terminated by Lake Puckaway Protection and Rehabilitation District. There were various levels of success in 2014. Modification to the planting methods was planned for 2015.

The lake management plan continues to be implemented with the assistance of the Lake Puckaway Protection and Rehabilitation District, DNR, and Land Conservation Department efforts.

Automatic water level gauges were installed at Fish Camp (upstream of Lake Puckaway), above and below Princeton Dam. Readings occur at 15 minute intervals during ice-free periods. The gauges are removed during the winter to prevent damage to the electronics. These water level readings help to determine the hydrology of the area, and water level response to varying weather events. As a result of the water level monitoring efforts, a computer model has been created that can accurately (within 0.1 feet) predict the lake level by reading the online water readings from the USGS station in Berlin, WI. The model can show important inflection points, such as when the dam has no impact on water levels, and when water levels can be controlled via the locks.

Carp removal continued in the fall of 2015 with very limited success. Harvest numbers were greatly reduced from 2012-2014 numbers. This may indicate a declining carp population, but is in no way definitive. The decline in harvest may be attributed to many factors.

Several carp were fitted with internal sonic tags in 2011; carp movement was tracked throughout the system utilizing an existing radio network used to track sturgeon and walleye migration. The system records the location of a fish each time it passes a tracking station. A reevaluation of the radio tracking data indicates that most of the fish leave the lake during the fall at some point. Many of the fish have lost contact with the tracking stations for many months. Otoliths (ear bones) were removed from several carp, and will be used to establish an age structure of carp within the lake system. Some of the carp aged from Lake Puckaway were over 60 years old.

The walleye hatchery was operated for the sixth year, with several upgrades to the hatchery to ensure a higher success rate.

Aquatic plant monitoring stations were discontinued after 5 years of monitoring. This survey was previously supported by the lake coordinator, which was discontinued in 2014. Seventy-five pre-established survey points were surveyed 2010-2014 to determine if there is a shift in plant density and/or species composition. It also aids in determining if plant beds are expanding or receding over time.

Twin Lakes - A continued effort to control aquatic invasive species (AIS) within Big and Little Twin Lakes has had several successes. Native plant populations are thriving, and suppressing AIS in some of its historical range. Many of the remaining individual invasive plants are interspersed with natives, making them more difficult to treat, however they are not causing nuisance problems at current population levels. The infestation now consists of Curly Leaf Pondweed, and is primarily restricted to Little Twin Lake; however there is continued evidence that fragments of the plants are being carried by boat traffic through the channel connecting the lakes. Mid-summer survey showed good control of Curly Leaf Pondweed in both Big and Little Twin Lakes, however, unlike Big Twin Lake, Little Twin has experienced poor recovery of native plant populations. A strategy change for Little Twin Lake will be evaluated. In 2014 a comprehensive plant survey was conducted, and found improvements in the plant community since 2009, when treatment began. Green Lake County sponsored a grant application to the WDNR to develop a complete lake management plan, including an aquatic plant management plan. If funded, the new plan will include watershed modeling.

Spring Lake (Green Lake Township) – Spring Lake is included in the grant application for Twin Lakes in the 2016 grant cycle. Green Lake County sponsored a grant application to the WDNR to develop a complete lake management plan, including an aquatic plant management plan. If funded, the new plan will include watershed modeling.

Grand Lake – A community effort has been underway to determine a method to improve water quality and plant management in Grand Lake. Green Lake County sponsored a grant application to the WDNR to develop a complete lake management plan in 2016-2017. If funded, a consulting firm will conduct community surveys and monitor lake conditions during the 2015 growing season.

Fox River – A WDNR grant project was completed in 2015. The grant aided in establishing a citizen organization to represent the Fox River (Princeton-Berlin) on river-related issues. There was a strong stakeholder interest group from the Berlin area which founded the Fox River Improvement Association in 2011. The grant also funded limited water monitoring, and shoreland inventory along the Fox River. This inventory identified areas of erosion and wildlife habitat components. The findings will be used direct future work on along the Fox River.

Invasive Species Control and Education

In 2015, the LCD provided assistance to the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator (Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council) and collaborated on several projects. These projects ranged from providing booth space for an educational display at the Green Lake County Fair, to partnering with the Council to survey shorelines of the ten lakes with public access within Green Lake County. Additionally, an estimated 200,000+ purple loosestrife beetles were raised and released in Green Lake County with the help of volunteers and the Green Lake Sanitary District. Three Green Lake County libraries hosted informational booths during “June is AIS Awareness Month,” and all five have expressed interest in hosting pools for purple loosestrife beetle rearing in spring 2016. Two Clean Boats, Clean Waters interns spent 440 hours at boat launches on Green Lake, contacting 1,046 boaters on 563 separate watercrafts. Surveys looking for undocumented AIS were completed along two stretches of the Puchyan River north of Green Lake, where three common aquatic invasive species were found, vouchered, and sent to the state for recording. Surveys were also completed at the most-used boat launches on Green Lake, and at three other lakes: Twin Lakes, Spring Lake (Kingston township), and Spring (Spirit) Lake. The information gathered during all surveys was communicated to the respective lake associations and volunteer groups associated with each water body, and entered into the Wisconsin DNR data management program, SWIMS (Surface Water Information Monitoring System). Spiny water flea monitoring was done using fine mesh nets on Green Lake in fall 2015. The current grant runs through the end of 2017, when continuing grant funding will be applied for in fall of 2016 to continue these partnerships.

Wildlife Damage Program

The Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program is a program where, through local county implementation, farmers receive assistance with wildlife damage prevention and compensation for crops lost. This program is fully state funded with funds coming from a \$1 surcharge on hunting licenses.

2015 crop year deer damage claims of approximately \$63,670 was appraised for 8 farmers. Twelve farmers received abatement assistance. 300 shooting permits, harvesting approximately 210 deer were issued to farmers where over \$1,000 of deer damage occurred or was likely to occur. USDA Animal, Plant, Health, and Inspection Service – Wildlife Services (USDA-APHIS-WS) handles day to day administration and field management with the Land Conservation Department having overall administrative and financial management. All staff and Land Conservation Committee time spent on this program is reimbursed 100% from the DNR.

Clean Sweep

A one-day hazardous waste chemical collection was conducted September 11, 2015 with 215 participants. Approximately 21,850 total pounds of hazardous waste was collected. Also collected were 400 gallons of waste oil, 200 gallons of anti-freeze, and 3,539 fluorescent light bulbs. A list of disposal options for items not collected at the clean sweep was distributed as needed.

In addition, 850 tires were collected for a minimal fee. We collected \$1,897 from landowners and paid \$2,232 to Liberty Tire Recycling who we contracted with to pick up and recycle the tires.

\$10,000 in revenue toward this event was received from Waste Management and \$8,565 in revenue was received from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection. Total cost of the event was \$40,010.

Green Lake County Drainage Board

The board consulted with MSA Professional Services and DATCP to share information and discuss possible elevation discrepancy between the October 2001 Official Seneca-Warren Drainage District Specifications and the actual historic profile of the ditch. MSA feels that the specifications should be adjusted downward by an average of 2.28 feet for the reach between CTH D and

Lateral A. The board is considering action to change the formally established ditch profile.

In the Seneca-Warren Drainage District, the boards has addressed landowner concerns over assessed lands and assessment amounts, and have made some modifications to the district boundary.

The Town of Seneca also replaced a concrete bridge structure located on the Seneca-Warren Drainage Ditch on South Rd. with 2 CMP pipes.

The single landowner in Drainage District 4 has expressed interest in dissolving this district. The board is awaiting a petition to the court for this dissolution.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Approximately \$421,350 was paid to Landowners who installed/implemented practices in 2015. For Fiscal Year 2015, 11 new EQIP and NWQI contracts were signed, obligating approximately \$203,340. Cost-sharing for this program ranges from 50%-90% depending on the practice. Conservation practices installed/implemented in 2015 were as follows:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Total Units</u>
Access Road	280 FT
Brush Management	10.9 Acres
Contour Farming	13.5 Acres
Cover Crop	383.5 Acres
Critical Area Planting	2.7 Acres
Mulching/ Erosion Control Blanket	25,678.4 SQ YDS
Fence	5,201.6 FT
Forage and Biomass Planting	13 Acres
Grade Stabilization Structure	7 Structures
Grass Waterway	1,470 FT
Heavy use Area Protection	33,600 SQ FT
Lined Waterway	5,929 FT
Nutrient Management	2,016.5 Acres
Obstruction Removal	2.45 Acres
Prescribed Grazing	48.4 Acres
Residue Management - No-Till	743.6 Acres
Roof Runoff Structure	645 FT
Underground Outlet	1,408 FT
Vegetated Treatment Area	10,010 FT
Waste Storage Facility	2 Waste Storages
Waste Transfer	3 Waste Transfers

Conservation Education Efforts

The annual Conservation and Environmental Awareness Poster Contest for county students in grades K-12 was held in January with 72 poster entries received. Cash prizes were awarded to 18 students in various contest divisions. The award winning students were recognized during the April County Board of Supervisors meeting. Award winning posters were also displayed at the Green Lake County Fair.

An Arbor Day Breakfast celebration was held April 24th, 2015 with 80 participants. The event occurred at the Green Lake Conference Center with Ken Schroeder, University of Wisconsin – Extension Agricultural Agent for Portage County speaking on “Trees and Shrubs in Your Yard: How to Care For and Maintain Them”.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Gunderson
County Conservationist



Green Lake County Clerk of Circuit Court

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AMY S. THOMA
Clerk of Circuit Court

2015 ANNUAL REPORT - CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Board of Supervisors for Green Lake County.

Please accept this letter as the annual report for the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office.

STAFF

Clerk of Circuit Court - Amy S. Thoma
Deputy Court Records Clerk - Cindy Werch
Deputy Court Records Clerk - Sheri Rahmer
Court Records Clerk - Trina West (hired June 1, 2015)
Court Records Clerk (part-time) - Allison Kavanaugh (hired August 10, 2015)

The office of Clerk of Circuit Court is the custodian of record. Record keeping for the courts is governed by state statute and Wisconsin Supreme Court rule. These require that clerks maintain records of all documents filed with the courts, keep a record of court proceedings and collect various fees, fines and forfeitures ordered by the court or specified by statute. A sampling of the responsibilities, but not inclusive, include:

File circuit court cases and provide proper case maintenance of said cases through the Wisconsin Consolidated Courts Automation Program (CCAP). This includes preparation of court notices and distribution; review files as to the status of each case; preparation of court orders/judgments at the direction of the Circuit Court Judge; receipt filing fees, fines/forfeitures, court costs, and various surcharges.

Clerk hearings - swear in all witnesses called to testify; follow through on any court orders/directives given by the Circuit Court Judge; mark all exhibits offered and received into evidence and maintain said exhibits through the appropriate appeal time period.

Jury - annual change in juror lists; summons jurors; prepare vouchers for payment of jurors, bailiffs, and misc. expenses; submit an annual jury analysis pursuant to Wisconsin Supreme Court Rule 73.01.

Miscellaneous responsibilities - accept and process passport applications; file various tax warrants, liens, and satisfactions; monitor for collection reimbursements for Guardians ad Litem and Court Appointed Counsel.

I began my duties as Clerk of Circuit Court on January 5, 2015. This office had been working short staffed for approximately one year before I took office. During that time collections were not being actively pursued. One of my first goals was to bring past due matters up to date. I was able to hire a full-time Court Records Clerk who started on June 1, 2015. Her primary responsibilities are collections and I am happy to report that as of the end of 2015 we are now up to date on the majority of the collections work.

TAX INTERCEPTS

This office continues to collect debts owed via the State of Wisconsin Tax Intercept Program. A total of \$10,056.19 in tax intercept monies were collected in 2015. There were 420 debts turned over for tax intercept with 397 of these debts turned over in the 3rd and 4th quarters, as compared to 23 in the 1st and 2nd quarters when the office was working short staffed.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

An additional change in our office in 2015 was in credit card vendors. This office had previously contracted with Wind River Financial. The County incurred monthly finance charges through this vendor. For example, the County paid \$2,731.33 in finance charges in 2014 and \$1,690.51 through September 2015. We began using GovPayNet in September, which is at no cost, thus a savings to the County.

e-FILE/

Also a change in 2015 was the implementation of eFile through CCAP. By choosing this method of filing, attorneys and their delegees can file documents from the convenience of their home or office, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, thus saving time to bring the documents to our office or mailing the documents for filing. Once a case is electronically filed, they have access to all electronic case documents and receive immediate confirmation on the cases and documents they file, documents filed by the opposing party, and any documents signed by the court official. There is a \$5.00 fee, per case, to eFile. eFiling is currently available on Family and Small Claims case types and will one day become mandatory for all counties and on all case types. Our office is taking a proactive approach and implemented eFile before it becomes mandatory.

CASES FILED IN 2015

Case Type	2015	2014
Criminal Felony	130	144
Criminal Misdemeanor	281	252
Criminal Traffic	119	121
Traffic	1902	1788
Forfeiture	143	140
Juvenile Ordinance	7	1
Civil	122	133
Complex Forfeiture	2	5
Small Claims	357	382
Family	96	114
Paternity	18	65

PASSPORTS

This office continues to accept passport applications. Staff is required to complete a yearly certification with the National Passport Agency by completing an annual web based training. A total of 170 passport applications were processed in 2015. The processing fee is \$25.00 per application for total revenue of \$4,250.00. However, postage to mail the applications is \$5.75 and there were a total of 106 mailings for a cost of \$609.50.

JURY TRIALS

Six jury trials were held in 2015. Two of these trials were 5 days in length and two were 1 day. A 3 day trial was scheduled but settled one the first day and a 1 day trial was scheduled and also settled that day.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM and COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY COSTS

Guardian ad Litem are appointed in either family or paternity actions where there is a disagreement between the parents of the child(ren) as to physical custody, legal custody, or periods of placement. An attorney is appointed by the Court to represent the best interest of the child(ren). The cost of the Guardian ad Litem is generally split equally between the parents and re-payment is ordered back to Green Lake County. A Guardian ad Litem was appointed on 22 family/paternity cases in 2015.

Court Appointed Attorneys are appointed to represent defendants on criminal cases. The defendant must first have applied to the Public Defender's Office for representation and have been denied. A Court Appointed Attorney was appointed on 17 cases in 2015.

This office makes every effort to collect these fees. Unfortunately, the reality is that many do not have the financial means to pay for these services. However, beginning this year we will be using the services of Corporation Counsel to further assist in the possible collection of unpaid Guardian ad Litem fees.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy S. Thoma
Clerk of Circuit Court

**TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY**

I herewith submit the annual report of the Green Lake County Treasurer's office for the period of
January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

Report on General Activity in County Treasurer's office for 2015:

	TOTAL AMOUNT
General Receipts	15,266,634.71
General Property Tax Receipts	10,086,968.60
Tax Settlement	10,014,514.59
Withdrawals related to tax settlement	6,500,000.00
Total Interest Received on Investments	59,045.61
Withdrawal of Sales Tax funds for loan payment on bldg	912,700.42
Bond funds received	0.00
Total Interest and Penalty Received on Delinquent Taxes	223,385.26
Total General Maintenance Checks	17,228,668.06
Total Payroll Disbursement	6,242,008.51
Total Outgoing Wire Transfers for Payroll and Fees	4,407,051.06
Real Estate Transfer Fees	192,835.70
Total WI Sales Tax Payments - Quarterly	364.81
Total Sales Tax Wires	1,278,107.29
Investment Wires	6,649,998.01
Tax Settlement	9,819,249.43
Repayment of Bond Loan +Interest on Loan	1,271,699.17
Direct Deposit HS Funds	906,444.12

Report of activity by the Real Property Lister's Office for the Year 2015

Documents of transfer processed	1,320
Tax parcels affected by splits and/or combinations	314
Tax parcels affected by ownership and valuation changes	10,983
911/Fire Numbers processed/issued in 2015	24

Report of Cash Balance on Hand

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY
From January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

Cash Balance 1-1-15	50,560.28	
Receipts - 2015	48,383,670.69	
	48,434,230.97	
Disbursements - 2015		47,778,168.87
Required Cash Balance 12-31-15		656,062.10
		48,434,230.97

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A Amend, County Treasurer

**FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF TAX CERTIFICATES, WHICH REPRESENT DELINQUENT TAX,
HELD BY GREEN LAKE COUNTY AS OF:**

	31-Dec-14	31-Dec-15
TOWN OF BERLIN	22,475.81	28,138.61
TOWN OF BROOKLYN	98,427.13	61,594.63
TOWN OF GREEN LAKE	132,571.75	165,731.04
TOWN OF KINGSTON	27,798.79	11,060.16
TOWN OF MACKFORD	19,303.22	21,554.04
TOWN OF MANCHESTER	13,373.13	3,099.77
TOWN OF MARQUETTE	14,395.30	16,006.25
TOWN PRINCETON	150,439.13	150,477.30
TOWN OF ST MARIE	3,701.04	5,833.91
TOWN OF SENECA	12,203.18	16,450.98
VILLAGE OF KINGSTON	29,141.04	20,780.76
VILLAGE OF MARQUETTE	7,756.98	7,359.76
CITY OF BERLIN	119,257.80	146,618.74
CITY OF GREEN LAKE	44,081.14	52,856.98
CITY OF MARKESAN	85,279.18	100,882.17
CITY OF PRINCETON	47,322.93	69,603.90

TOTAL COUNTY DELINQUENT 12-31-2014

827,527.55 **

**\$46,883.16 in uncollected special assessments and charges included in figure

TOTAL COUNTY DELINQUENT 12-31-2015

878,049.00 **

**\$87,870.81 in uncollected special assessments and charges included in figure

ACTIVITY IN THE SALES TAX ACCOUNT DURING 2015

	PRINCIPLE	INTEREST	TOTAL SALES TAX
BALANCE 12/31/14	74,690.63	1,953,938.87	2,028,629.50
2015 COLLECTIONS	1,278,107.29	649.46	1,278,756.75
Loan Payments	-515,000.00	-518,669.17	-1,033,669.17
Bond Income	0.00		0.00
Over/Under +/-	0.00		0.00
BALANCE 12/31/15	837,797.92	1,435,919.16	2,273,717.08

SALES TAX INVESTMENTS

Institution	C.D. #	TERM	PRINCIPLE	INTEREST	DUE DATE
First National Bank	8629916	28 months	1,500,000.00	1.30%	10/10/16
L.G.I.P.			773,717.08		
TOTAL SALES TAX FUNDS INVESTED:		12/31/2015	2,273,717.08		

TOTAL SALES TAX REVENUE SINCE INCEPTION, PLUS INTEREST, IS HELD IN TRUST

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Green Lake County, Wisconsin

We herewith submit our Annual Report for the Veterans Service Office from January 1, 2015 to December 31,2015.

During the past year, 2015, this office has continued to experience a higher level of activity across many different functions. We look at this as a positive that indicates we were able to make the veteran population of this county aware of the services we provide and have them take advantage of the programs that are of benefit to them and to our county.

Following is a summary of the activities of our office for the past year.

During the period, this office affected approximately **4,165** personal and telephonic contacts and handled a total of **11,599** pieces of correspondence in the course of providing aid and assistance to the veterans, their dependents and their survivors of this county.

Providing transportation to the veterans of this county to various VA Hospitals and clinics has been an important service of this office and is vital in securing cost-effective health care for these veterans. Transportation was provided to VA facilities at Appleton, Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee and Tomah. A total of **175** veteran transports were made to VA facilities for outpatient and hospitalization appointments with an expenditure of **1,277** driver hours. The reimbursement to the county for transportation that was received from the VA hospitals and veteran's contributions total **\$7,195.88**

This office also provides veterans, their dependents and their survivors with assistance regarding Social Security, SSI, Medicare, insurance forms, Champus/ChampVA, Social Service programs, Retirement Benefits, Nursing Home applications and many other services when the need arises in conjunction with information needed to obtain veterans benefits.

Green Lake County CVSO Budget Analysis – Based on WI DOR 2013 Data
VA Expenditures \$8,656,000 CVSO Expenditures \$139,036 CVSO/VA Return on Investment – **6,126%**

FEDERAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

The following Federal benefits were received by the Green Lake County veterans, their dependents and their survivors.

Compensation Payments (for service-connected disabilities), Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Survivor Benefit Plan Payment, Disability Pension (Non service-connected causes), Death Pension (Non service-connected causes), Servicemen's Government Life Insurance, Education Benefits, Vocational Training and/or Rehabilitation, and Burial Benefits.

Total = \$4,644,000

Federal Department of Veterans Affairs guaranteed & insured home loans.

Totals; 19 New = **\$3,114,687** 53 currently Active = **\$21,376,032**

Veterans Administration Hospital Benefits, which include inpatient and outpatient appointments at VA Hospitals and clinics and prescriptions for Green Lake County veterans. **\$4,273,000**

STATE BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

The following State benefits were received by the Green Lake County veterans, their dependents and their survivors.

Housing Loans, Home Improvement Loans, Personal Loans, Medical Aid Grants, Part-Time Study Grants, Subsistence Aid Grants, Claims processing assistance, Appeals counsel, Discharge Reviews and other various benefits, programs and services. (This does not include services/benefits received through cooperating agencies or service organizations.)

The Veterans Service Office received the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs County Veterans Service Office Grant in the amount of **\$8,500**, for the purpose of extending and strengthening service to the veterans of this county.

The Veterans Service Office also received a grant in the amount of **\$1,808.95** from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs to assist in transporting veterans to VA Healthcare appointments.

The Wisconsin Veterans Home provides a retirement community and nursing home care for veterans and their families. Green Lake County currently has **7** members residing at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King WI.

COUNTY BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

The County Veterans Service Commission consists of Victor Shrock, Chairman; Robert Burdick and Anthony Soda, members; and Jon Vandeyacht, Secretary. Quarterly meetings were held to review grant applications and policy. The Annual Veterans Service Commission Conference at King, WI was attended by commission members. The Veterans Service Commission provided 1,926.82 Emergency Aid Grants to veterans and/or their families and also provided Holiday Meals to 9 families.

Total Service Commission Grants and Expenses = \$2,907.41

No funds were granted to cover burial of indigent veterans in the past year. Care of veterans' graves: (including providing of flag holders and rods.) **Total = \$1,248.40**

Respectfully submitted,

Jon D. Vandeyacht
Veterans Service Officer



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE CORONER

Amanda Thoma, Coroner

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT
OFFICE OF THE CORONER

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY

It has been a very progressive year for the Coroner's Office. All records have been placed online to ensure accuracy of revenue collected from funeral homes for death certificates and cremation permits, deaths investigated, autopsies performed, and the manner of death determined.

	<i>Total</i>
Deaths for Green Lake County	216
Deaths Investigated	132
Autopsies Performed	7
Death Certificate Revenue	\$4,840.00
Cremation Permits Revenue	\$13,810.00

I appreciate all of the support you have provided the Coroner's Office this past year and look forward to continuing to serve Green Lake County citizens this upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Amanda Thoma
Coroner

2015 Annual Report to the County Board of Supervisors

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AGRICULTURE



Nav Ghimire
Agriculture Agent

In 2015, Nav Ghimire continued his programming focus on two main areas - fresh market vegetable production and nutrient management for soil and water conservation. Apart from the focused program, other programs offered to clients were pesticide application training and home horticulture. Ghimire had a total of 267 face to face educational contacts through meetings, walk-ins, farm visits, trainings, and Tri-County Produce Auction visits.

Vegetable Production with Amish Growers

A total of 84 Amish growers participated

in the fresh market vegetable program through twilight field day, grower's meeting, and on-farm technical assistance. A vegetable newsletter along with fact sheets was also mailed to growers every two-weeks during the production season. In a follow-up evaluation survey conducted at the end of production season, farmers reported an average increase of 10% in the quantity of their vegetables as a result of program participation. An University of Wisconsin report shows that a 10% increase in vegetable production per acre means a \$468 increase in growers' average net income per acre. The 19 growers who reported increased vegetable quantity increased their total net income by \$76,752 farming a cumulative 164 acres. As a result of the previous year's good agricultural practices (GAP) trainings, 15 growers also received third party audited GAP certification for their farms.

Nutrient Management Program

The nutrient management program was offered to 21 grain and livestock producers with two main educational activities: nutrient management education and Soil Nutrient Application Planner (SNAP-Plus) training. An agriculture newsletter was also sent to 400 farmers in the county every three months. In a follow-up evaluation survey, seven farmers reported an average savings of \$18/acre in nutrient management cost by applying the educational information they learned. These farmers documented a total nutrient cost savings of \$103,698 on a cumulative 5,761 farm acres.

Agency-Farmer Interface Coalition Meeting

In recent decades, mechanization and technology advances have been accompanied by increased use of fertilization practices. The regulatory measures have been designed to take advantage of improved technology while avoiding the potential environmental harm. Two different meetings were

conducted in 2015 to understand the views of farmers and local, state and federal agencies regarding the soil and water conservation practices in the Fox River Watershed area. During the end of the session evaluation survey, participant reported a gap in agencies' understanding of local farm management practices, farmers' priorities, culture, tradition, and principles of operation. The evaluation also highlighted the lack of farmer understanding of, and opportunities to participate in, the agencies' research and educational program design and agricultural policy planning.



Pesticide Application Training

Wisconsin requires certain licenses or certifications to be held by commercial or private pesticide applicators, pesticide application businesses or pesticide dealers that sell restricted-use pesticides. This training was designed for growers and pesticide applicators. Topics covered were pesticide regulations, handling and storing pesticides, restricted areas to use pesticide, calibrating equipment, and workers safety standards.

Home Horticulture Education

At the request of the county citizens, one-on-one technical assistance was provided to people in the area of disease and insects of kitchen garden and fruit trees. Two workshops were also conducted in the area of container gardening - one at Princeton Library and one at Berlin Hospital.

COMMUNITY, NATURAL RESOURCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Jay Dampier
Community, Natural Resource &
Economic Development Educator

In 2015, Jay Dampier’s educational programming focused on three main domains, 1. Strengthening Organizations, 2. Grant Writing, and 3. Downtown and Business District Market Analysis.

Strengthening Organizations

Jay provided assistance, facilitation and training to individuals from Green Lake County organizations in order to strengthen these organizations to be more effective in achieving their missions. One example includes Jay leading a facilitation planning process for a local organization. Early in the process Jay helped the organization identify and evaluate operational priorities. Specifically the organization’s board identified that their top priority was to update and develop the Executive Director Position Description since some changes in staffing were anticipated. Jay delivered a comprehensive training on the key components of a position description, provided examples of thorough position descriptions, and then facilitated a group process which led to the development of a draft position

description. The organization successfully hired a new Executive Director using the developed position description.

Jay also provided educational support for two newly forming organizations as they each considered applying for incorporation in the State of Wisconsin and applying for IRS 501(c)3 status. To address the group’s educational needs Jay lead workshops for board members outlining all the application steps, and post-approval reporting requirements. After the sessions, the first group decided to postpone their application, and focus on developing member benefits – which include educational outreach. The second group developed a mission statement, preliminary bylaws and priority list and then applied and became successfully incorporated, and obtained 501(c)3 status.

Grant Writing Workshop

Jay developed the “Green Lake County Grant Writers Workshop” and offered it to local members of non-profit organizations. Twenty nine people participated the 6-hour workshops. In order to make the workshop a rich adult learning experience, Jay video interviewed two local grant writing experts and

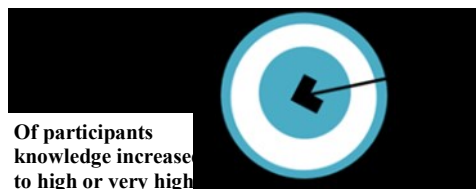
incorporated video clips of their perspectives into the program. Overall, participants learned new knowledge with some of them starting to apply this new knowledge in their grant writing efforts.

Downtown and Business District Market Analysis

Jay worked with City of Princeton’s Community Development Authority (CDA) as they strive to enhance Princeton’s economy and quality of life. Together Jay and the CDA identified that in order for the CDA to move toward meeting its goals, the members needed to understand the current business mix and climate in



the community. To this end, a commercial business inventory and survey was developed by the CDA with Jay’s educational contribution. Additionally, Jay teamed up with a colleague in Grant County and conducted a First Impressions exercise between Cuba City and Princeton. Volunteers from the two somewhat similar communities conducted unannounced visits and then will report their findings in early 2016. The First Impressions program helps communities learn about existing strengths and weaknesses through the eyes of the first-time visitor and provides a structured opportunity to learn about strengths and weaknesses of similar communities. Future work will include efforts to broaden market analysis and First Impressions work to other Green Lake County communities.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



John de Montmollin
4-H Youth Development Educator

4-H Camp

4-H Camp was once again a huge success in 2015. Over 50 Green Lake County youth attended the three-day camp at beautiful Camp Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. As in past years, youth counselors planned, implemented and evaluated the camp program.



Super Saturday

Super Saturday took place on January 31, 2015, at the Green Lake County Government Center. Over 50 youth and adults took part in activities ranging from Cloverbud projects to Woodworking. There were 13 different fun-filled sessions for the youth to select from. Many projects created were then exhibited at the Green Lake County Fair.



MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance)

The Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) program was developed to teach youth about the best practices in raising livestock. Recent evaluations have shown that this program has:

- Improved consumer perception of youth shows.
- Improved management and health practices of youth.
- Improved life skills of record keeping, decision making, and animal care of youth.

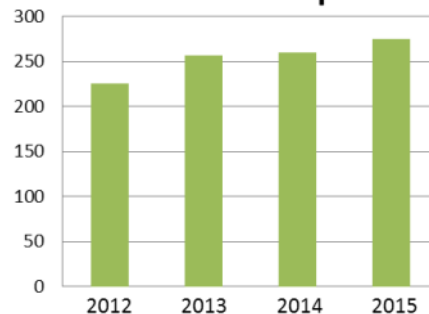


All youth who wish to participate in the Green Lake County Fair Auction are required to participate in an MAQA session. Over 100 youth participated in the MAQA program in 2015.

4-H Membership

Green Lake County 4-H membership continues to grow. In 2015, 282 youth enrolled in 4-H which is the largest membership total in over a decade.

Green Lake County 4-H Membership



To make the Best, Better!

The Impact of 4-H by Samantha Becker 2015 4-H Key Award Recipient

When I think of 4-H I don't think about the projects specifically involved. I think about the skills learned from those activities. When I think of skills, I think of accomplishments for my life.

Two accomplishments I feel have had a major impact for me would be leadership and community service. I would not be where I am today without them. They have made me a well rounded person. To many people community service is a drag to do, but to me community service helped me understand how much people or even animals are in need of someone else's sense of caring and kindness. To be able to see that I am making a difference in many others lives has made me see it as a rewarding, non selfish, and fun activity to do. Also leadership has guided me towards what I love and like to do. Being able to show adults I'm not just a fun loving teenager is important to me as well as being able to be a role model for the younger 4-H community.



Through many organizations and roles in 4-H such as, being a camp counselor, club officer, project leader, showing at the fair, applying for awards, and running certain activities, has taught me I can be who I want to be. With 4-H, I am able to be a strong leader and a strong person. I plan on applying these skills that I have accomplished through the past four years of 4-H to my last two years in high school, as well as in college. I wouldn't be where I am now without 4-H. I'd like to say thank you for this award, and it is a great honor to receive the Wisconsin 4-H Key Award.

FAMILY LIVING



Katie Gellings
Family Living Educator

Resource Lessons with United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS)

There is an increasing Hispanic/Latino population within Green Lake County. A partnership was formed between Katie Gellings and UMOS to address an identified educational gap for an underserved population of Migrant families. These families tend to have diets high in unhealthy fats and a higher incidence of diabetes. UMOS provides families with opportunities for seasonal work, which can cause financial instability and insecurity. The objective of the programming effort was to empower Migrant families to make financially responsible decisions and healthier choices for their families. In 2015, 31 Hispanic/Latino parents participated in 30-minute lessons on food resource management and sugar in beverages at the UMOS center in Auroraville.



Financial Literacy Workshops at Green Lake County Correctional Facility (GLCCF)

The level of financial literacy among inmates is much lower than that of the typical American consumer. Katie Gellings offered monthly Financial Literacy Workshops to

inmates at GLCCF, in partnership with MPTC Instructor, Maureen Betz. Topics included budgeting/money management, identity theft, Rent Smart, credit and debt, Get Checking, and employment forms. A total of 51 inmates were educated during the hour-long workshops in 2015.

Wellness Wednesdays at Green Lake County Correctional Facility (GLCCF)

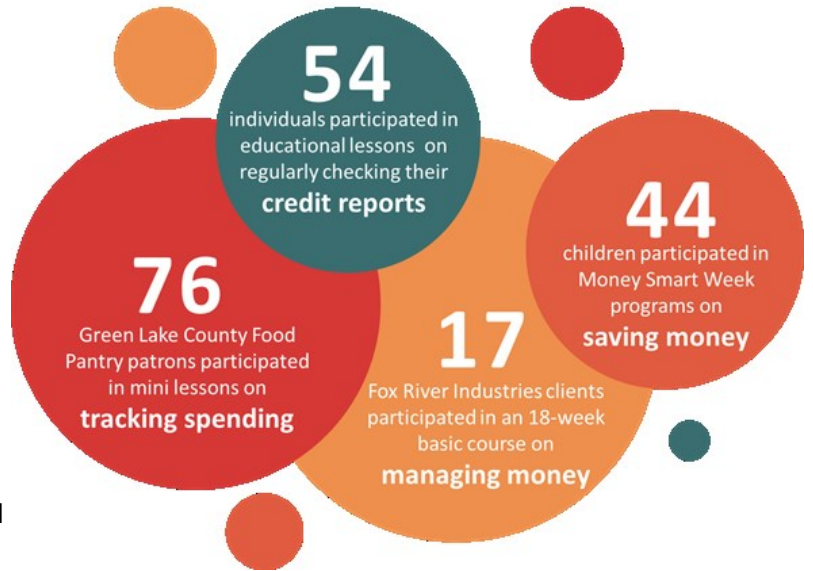
Health interventions that target such vulnerable populations can benefit overall public health and save taxpayers money. Katie Gellings offered a monthly wellness group called Wellness Wednesdays at GLCCF to 87 inmates in 2015. The 30-minute lessons included the topics of portion control, physical fitness, stress management, food label reading, stretching food dollars, sugar in beverages, cholesterol, and chronic disease prevention.



Food Preservation Series

Buying produce in season when it is cheap and plentiful for preservation can be an economical way to stock

the pantry. Those who preserve foods at home know the exact ingredients in each jar of food, which can drive nutrition and health benefits. In 2015, Katie Gellings provided 156 individuals with the



education necessary to acquire and maintain proper food preservation skills. Individuals attended educational demonstrations at public libraries, farmers markets, and lunch 'n learns.



Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) of Green Lake County

In 2015, HCE's newest community service project was making and frosting 1,200 cupcakes for the Fraternal Order of Police Luncheon in October. There were 211 individuals in attendance for a successful day of learning in a social setting at the 2015 Our Day. The Wisconsin Bookworms™ program provides free books to preschool children who may not otherwise be able to own them, and gives children the experience of having someone read to them. In 2015, HCE was able to raise funds to buy books for and read to over 168 children in Green Lake County.

WNEP (Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program)



UW-Extension administers the federally-funded Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP). WNEP is a major educational program within the UW-Extension Family Living programs. WNEP staff includes: Amanda Miller, Coordinator; and Pamela Nelson and Kris Schaeffer, Nutrition Educators. WNEP is funded as a multi-county unit, covering services in both Green Lake and Fond du Lac Counties. WNEP partners with various agencies, schools, and community groups to provide evidence-based nutrition education to families and individuals of all ages who are on or qualify for FoodShare. In 2015, WNEP reached a total of 1,094 teaching contacts in Green Lake County. With a primary focus on obesity prevention, a majority of participants were taught about nutrition and dietary quality (82%), food safety (17%), and food budgeting (2%). An additional 2,400 people received education through newsletters and print materials. Highlights include, but are not limited to, youth programming at ADVOCAP Head Start, Boys and Girls Club, Clay Lamberton Elementary, and United Migrant Opportunity Services.

National Nutrition Month at ADVOCAP Head Start

The partnership between WNEP and ADVOCAP Head Start spans more than 25 years and involves offering classes to both the Head Start students and the parents of young

children. To celebrate National Nutrition Month in March, WNEP reached 402 teaching contacts at Head Start during a two-part series. Preschool children were introduced to MyPlate and offered samples of new fruits and vegetables for the first time. Of the 10 classroom teachers evaluated, 56% reported a change in student variety and amounts of fruits or vegetables eaten at school or home.

Student behavior changes included: “the children are using the colors of the rainbow as a way to taste more. They get excited if their friends do to”, “the children talk about trying new foods at meal time. They remember to try things, even if it’s just a taste”, “the students say that they have to try a new food, because they might like it”, and “the children are more willing to try new foods.” Teacher behavior changes included: “using new phrases to have children try new foods, like touching it to their tongue first”, “that it is okay if a student doesn’t like a food right away, but to keep trying”, “I will talk more about eating fruits/vegetables and continue to encourage and recognize my taste testers”, “I now remind my students that they need to try something more than once before they know if they will like it”, “I use the phrases sometimes and always foods”, and “I now talk more about healthy food choices in the classroom.”



Healthy Habits Program at Boys and Girls Club

The Healthy Habits program is an 8 week series that is intended to

incorporate healthy living and active learning as a part of the Boys and Girls Club. In partnership with the Family Living Educator, WNEP provided nutrition education during 5 of the lessons, teaching 52 contacts about healthy eating using fun, interactive activities specially designed for the afterschool environment.

Food Day at Clay Lamberton Elementary

WNEP provided a 3 part series to five 2nd and 4th grade classrooms, teaching a total of 579 contacts. “Food Day” is a series of lessons for elementary students that teach about the importance of eating more real, fresh foods, cutting back on processed foods, and advocating for a healthier community. WNEP has coordinated classes with the School Meal Service Coordinator, who offers healthy snack options on the day of. October 24 is national Food Day.

Serving Up MyPlate at UMOS

WNEP formed a partnership with United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) to provide nutrition education to Hispanic/Latino children in the K-5 classrooms at the Berlin summer school site in 2012 and the Markesan summer school site in 2014. This past year, three classrooms at both sites participated in a 5 part series called “Serving Up MyPlate.” It is a curriculum that integrates nutrition education into math, science, english, and health by introducing the importance of eating from the 5 food groups using the MyPlate icon. A total of 188 teaching contacts at Berlin and Markesan UMOS were taught in 2015.



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- ◆ Financial Management
- ◆ Food Budgeting
- ◆ Nutrition Education

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- ◆ Tri-County Leadership Initiative
- ◆ Assist Non-Profit Organizations
- ◆ Community Needs Assessment
- ◆ Facilitating Meetings
- ◆ Facilitating Organizational Development

Agriculture



- ◆ Nutrient Management
- ◆ Fresh Market Vegetable Produce
- ◆ Grain & Forage Production
- ◆ Commercial & Home Horticulture

4-H and Youth Development



- ◆ 4-H Community Clubs
- ◆ Leadership Development
- ◆ Citizenship
- ◆ Prevention Education for Youth
- ◆ Volunteerism
- ◆ Hands-On Opportunities for Youth

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY
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REPORT # 18
2015 ANNUAL REPORT
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY

2015 FISH & GAME LICENSES	Gross License fees remitted to State	\$1,557.90
	License fees remitted to County	\$125.10
	Interest	\$0.16
2015 DOG LICENSES	License fees collected	\$9069.50
	License fees remitted to State	\$480.03
2015 MARRIAGE LICENSES	114 Marriage Licenses @ \$75	\$8,550.00
	Waivers 21 @ \$25	\$525.00
	Fees remitted to State (114 @ \$25)	\$2,850.00
2015 DOMESTIC PARTNER LICENSES	0 Domestic Partner License @ \$75	0
	Waivers 0 @ \$10	0
	Fees remitted to State (0 @ \$25)	0
2015 PAYROLL	Total County Payroll	\$8,932,268.52
	219 employees (average) W2's (262)	
2015 ACCOUNTING	5766 Checks sent	\$17,290,017.45
	Receipts (cash and A/R)	\$48,412,536.76
2015 MAILINGS	Postage County Offices	\$40,562.92
	Municipal Mailings - Fees to County (Real Estate Tax Bills)	\$4,843.68

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret R. Bostelmann, County Clerk



GREEN LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

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Report No. _____

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors, Green Lake County, Wisconsin.

We herewith submit our 2015 Annual Report for the Highway Commission for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

The Green Lake County Highway Commission is responsible for year round upgrading, repairing and maintenance of 229 miles of County Trunk Highways and 70 miles of State Trunk Highways to ensure safe and efficient roadways for all travelers.

The Highway Commissioner directs the department consisting of 22 full-time employees, and 1 part-time employee. Operations are quartered in two locations. The main facility is located in the City of Green Lake with the second facility located in the Town of Manchester.

Some areas of specific responsibility include

- Reconstruction (grading/excavating, pulverizing existing pavement, placement of base materials, erosion control, paving, and marking & signing)
- Chip sealing
- Crack sealing
- Snow removal, ice prevention
- Sign installation and repair
- Guard rail and reflector maintenance
- Culvert replacement
- Bridge maintenance and inspection
- Drainage (clearing and cleaning culverts)
- Equipment repair and maintenance
- Issue permits (driveway, work in right-of-way, oversize, multi-trip, IoH)
- Natural disaster assistance (fallen trees and debris removal and barricading)
- Support Law Enforcement when requested during accidents, fire, etc.

2015 BUDGET SUMMARY

The following 2015 costs have not been audited and are subject to change.

Administration:

Account provides administration and general support of highway operations. Expenses include salaries of the Highway Commissioner, County Supervision, 80% of State Patrol Supervision, Administrative Assistant, and a Part-Time Secretary. Other expenses include general office supplies, registrations and conventions, and auditing.

- 2015 cost \$257,937.78
- 2014 cost: \$361,266.69
- 2013 cost: \$444,124.97
- 2012 cost: \$302,037.27
- 2011 cost: \$354,664.43

Bridge:

Account provides bridge services for maintenance and inspections and bridge construction. The CTH D Bridge over the White River was replaced in the Town of Seneca, and design on the CTH I Bridge over the Grand River was started in 2015, both are part of the Local Bridge Program.

- 2015 cost: \$ 40,873.98
- 2014 cost: \$ 83,511.12
- 2013 cost: \$ 13,101.36
- 2012 cost: \$ 29,421.98
- 2011 cost: \$ 7,837.73

Shop Operations:

Account includes all shop indirect labor. Also includes wages for light duty due to injury/sickness, and any wages associated with year-end inventory.

- 2015 cost: \$ 41,902.29
- 2014 cost: \$ 45,214.84
- 2013 cost: \$ 51,680.63
- 2012 cost: \$ 96,559.37
- 2011 cost: \$101,659.59

Machinery Operations:

Account includes all expenses of operating equipment, including preventative maintenance and repairs, mechanic wages, fringe benefits, and depreciation.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Labor/Fringe	138,606.97	130,820.32	157,447.32	150,587.20	141,679.57
Overhead	82,819.43	66,282.59	123,715.30	142,004.47	87,678.73
Repairs/Maint	304,638.05	400,128.91	409,697.76	373,226.17	361,143.86
Depreciation	<u>181,855.11</u>	<u>182,631.73</u>	<u>212,430.82</u>	<u>231,600.70</u>	<u>257,545.05</u>
	707,919.56	779,863.55	903,291.20	897,418.54	848,047.21

Building & Grounds Operations:

Account includes all expenses of operating and maintaining buildings and facilities used lighting, storage, office, and machinery. A new brine maker was purchased in 2015 costing \$11,490.00. Costs are allocated based on usage and square footage. Costs are subject to change after auditing.

- 2015 cost: \$110,299.33
- 2014 cost: \$ 91,673.21
- 2013 cost: \$119,658.33
- 2012 cost: \$ 65,008.54
- 2011 cost: \$ 66,346.80

Equipment Acquisition:

Equipment purchases totaled \$276,449.66, which included a 2015 Western Star Tri-Axle with Casper equipment-plow, wing, spreader, and underbody scrapper; and a 2016 F250 Superintendent Pickup. All equipment is stored at either the Green Lake or Manchester location.

General Maintenance:

Account includes mowing, tree and brushing, patching, crack sealing, chip sealing, shoulder repairs, litter and debris removal, emergency repair work, traffic control, and vegetation control along highways.

- 2015 cost: \$1,092,747.05
- 2014 cost: \$ 819,486.44
- 2013 cost: \$ 918,983.26
- 2012 cost: \$ 841,529.34
- 2011 cost: \$ 926,892.20

Winter Maintenance:

Account accumulates all winter activities for snow and ice removal. The cost of winter maintenance varies from year to year depending on the winter severity and is based on a calendar year verses winter season.

- 2015 cost: \$ 412,592.88
- 2014 cost: \$ 671,311.10
- 2013 cost: \$ 860,198.31
- 2012 cost: \$ 560,146.87
- 2011 cost: \$ 599,873.39

Road Projects:

Account includes reconstruction projects and overlays as follows:

2015 Reconstruction:

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| 1. CTH Y, 1 mile (STH 73 to Black Creek Rd)
Town of Princeton and Saint Marie | \$553,842.10 |
| 2. CTH A, 0.8 miles (CTH I to Tichora Rd)
Town of Mackford | \$238,220.32 |

2015 Overlays:

1. CTH PP, 3 miles (CTH F to Fond du Lac Co.) Town of Brooklyn	\$222,936.92
2. CTH H, 1.7 miles (Puckaway Rd to Town Line) Town of Marquette	\$167,233.71
3. CTH B, 2 miles (Hilltop Rd to CTH H) Town of Marquette	\$170,198.71

- 2015 cost: \$1,352,431.76
- 2014 cost: \$1,026,923.10
- 2013 cost: \$1,230,077.48
- 2012 cost: \$1,553,775.67
- 2011 cost: \$1,179,134.42

2016 Rehabilitation and Reconstruction estimated costs: \$1,530,000.00

1. CTH M, 3.5 miles from CTH X to County Line Rd, estimated cost: \$1,330,000.00
2. CTH YY, 1.0 mile from CTH Y to CTH D, w/double chip seal, estimated cost: \$200,000.00

Inter-Department, Cities, Towns, & Villages:

Account includes work that has been completed for inter-county departments and other municipalities. Costs include fuel.

- 2015 cost: \$380,234.09
- 2014 cost: \$420,763.90
- 2013 cost: \$361,156.55
- 2012 cost: \$387,056.57
- 2011 cost: \$546,721.88

Railroad Consortium:

Account represents a donation to the railroad for maintenance and repair.

- 2015 cost: \$25,000.00
- 2014 cost: \$25,000.00
- 2013 cost: \$25,000.00
- 2012 cost: \$25,000.00
- 2011 cost: \$25,000.00

Insurance Allocation:

Each year Highway pays a portion of insurance expenses back to the General Fund which includes General Public Liability, Equipment, Buildings, and Workman's Compensation.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
GPL	24,237.46	9,234.76	5,576.40	10,642.10	16,616.25
Equipment	11,953.03	12,288.68	14,746.28	14,746.28	13,024.64
Buildings	8,795.32	8,684.96	6,342.89	6,342.89	8,136.47
Workman's Comp	<u>30,926.94</u>	<u>18,886.13</u>	<u>34,358.78</u>	<u>34,358.78</u>	<u>28,893.20</u>
	75,912.74	49,094.53	61,024.35	66,670.56	66,670.56

Respectfully Submitted,

AMY M. BROOKS, P.E.
Highway Commissioner



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
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Fidlar Educational Symposium May 23-25, 2016
In Davenport IA

I am requesting approval from the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors to attend this out of state conference. I did receive approval from my Administrative Committee November 2, 2015. I am following protocol and requesting the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors approval. This has been budgeted for, and the only cost to the county is a 2 night stay estimated cost \$164 and travel to Madison. Travel from Madison to Davenport, all meals will be covered by Fidlar Technologies.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Guenther
Green Lake County Register of Deeds

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From: Fidlar Technologies <marketing@fidlar.ccsend.com> on behalf of Fidlar Technologies <marketing@fidlar.com>
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 9:03 AM
To: Guenther, Sarah
Subject: Save the Date for the 9th Annual Educational Symposium!



Save
the Date

Ninth Annual Fidlar Educational Symposium

We are excited to announce the dates for the
Ninth Annual Educational Symposium:

May 23rd - 25th!

Please mark your calendars.

Stay tuned for a formal invite in 2016!



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
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February 2, 2016

Green Lake County Board of Supervisors
Green Lake County
Green Lake, WI 54941

RE: Request for Out of State Travel

Dear Supervisors,

I have been invited to attend a conference sponsored by The State and Local Government Benefits Association in San Antonio, Texas. The State and Local Government Benefits Association (SALGBA) is a national organization whose purpose is to provide its members with educational and collaborative support. The focus of the Conference is on Health Care.

Registration, travel, lodging and meals costs are provided by the WCA Group Health Trust. There is no cost to the county for this conference. This has been approved by the Administrative Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Margaret R. Bostelmann
County Clerk



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LEGAL OPINION
MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Committee

FROM: Dawn N. Klockow

DATE: January 22, 2016

RE: County Board Committee Term Limits

Honorable Members of the Administrative Committee:

At the November 2, 2015, meeting I was directed to provide a legal opinion regarding term limits for committee members. I am pleased to present this legal opinion for your consideration.

Green Lake County, as a body corporate¹ in the state of Wisconsin may do such acts as are necessary and proper for the exercise of the powers and privileges granted to it by the State. Wis. Stat. §59.01(2013-14). And, a county as a corporate body, has a perpetual succession and the same board continues from year to year, despite the fact that new members may be elected every two years. *Perry v. State*, 9 Wis. 19 (1859). Under Wisconsin Statute a county may exercise any organizational or administrative power subject to limitations of the Wisconsin constitution and any items of statewide concern enacted by the legislature. Wis. Stat. §59.03(1) (2013-14). This is known as “administrative home rule.” Under administrative home rule, the county can only control matters of purely municipal, corporate concern. *2A McQuillin Mun. Corp.* §10.18 (3rd ed.).

One of the purely municipal, corporate concerns consistent with administrative home rule would be the ability of the County Board to set how it will operate (usually called the Rules of Order). Inherent in county board operation is the ability to designate its committees. And although the Board has the power to authorize its chair

¹ The designation of a county as a “body corporate” distinguishes a county from a municipal corporation. This distinction makes a county an arm of the state; therefore, making a county a quasi-municipal corporation with many attributes of a municipal corporation. *1 McQuillin Mun. Corp.* §2:54.

to appoint “before June 1 in any year committees from the members of the board, and the committees so appointed shall perform the duties and report as prescribed in the resolution”², the statute is silent on term limits. I haven’t found any statutes that limit the terms committee or commission members. I have only found statutes that set the initial terms of members.³

Robert’s Rules of Order (which has been adopted by the Board) defines a committee as “a body of one or more persons, elected or appointed by an assembly . . . to consider, investigate, or take action on certain matters, or to do all of these things.” *RONR (11th ed.)*, p. 489, ll. 20-25. Robert’s Rules of Order recognizes that “a reasonable rotation in office is desirable in almost all organizations” and Robert’s Rules suggests that language may be added in the bylaws to limit eligibility to serve consecutive terms in the same office. *RONR (11th ed.)*, p. 448, ll. 11-13, p. 574, ll. 35-36 and p. 575, ll. 1-2.

Because the statutes are silent on term limits for members of county board committees, and term limits are not prohibited by Robert’s Rules of Order, it is my legal opinion that the County Board may impose term limits for membership or appointment to its authorized committees. I found two examples from Washington County for limiting the terms of the County Board Chair and committee chairs that failed to pass its county board in 2015 and have included them for your information.

Even if the County Board would vote in the negative for instituting term limits within its Rules of Order, the Board as a whole could de facto limit terms on the elected committees by not reelecting board supervisors who have been on one of the elected committees for a lengthy time. The Chair also has the power to de facto limit terms by not reappointing board supervisors to committees when a particular supervisor has served on a committee longer than a particular Chair believes is appropriate.

I trust that this opinion answers your questions. If you have further questions, I would be happy to answer them or provide an addendum to this legal opinion.

² Wis. Stat. §59.13(1) (2013-14).

³ For example: Highway Committee term of one year unless changed by the County Board; Veterans Service Commission – 3 year term; Board of Adjustment – 3 year term.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Date of defeated: 7/14/15

Date of publication:

VOTE

2015 RESOLUTION 33

Washington County Board of Supervisors – County Board Chairperson Term Limit

WHEREAS, County Board Supervisors are elected to a two year term in even numbered years pursuant to §59.10 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Chairperson of the County Board is elected by the Board at the April Organizational Meeting in even numbered years pursuant to §59.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, with each election of the County Board, there are returning supervisors and newly elected supervisors with varying degrees of experience serving as an elected official; and

WHEREAS, newly elected supervisors may bring fresh ideas and differing perspectives on county policies, programs and operations to Board leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, seasoned supervisors, having the benefit of serving on various committees, may bring extensive expertise and knowledge of county policies, programs and operations to Board leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the benefit of having both seasoned and newly elected supervisors serving in Board leadership roles, limiting the number of terms a supervisor can serve as the County Board Chairperson will allow an opportunity for all supervisors to seek leadership roles; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that it is the policy of the Board to allow all supervisors access to Board leadership roles by limiting the number of terms a supervisor may serve as the County Board Chairperson to four consecutive, two-year terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a supervisor that serves as the County Board Chairperson for four consecutive terms may again seek election as the County Board Chairperson after a one-term break (two-year hiatus).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Attorney is instructed to revise the County Code as necessary to implement this policy for the 2016-2018 session.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Date of defeated: 7/14/15

Date of publication:

VOTE

2015 RESOLUTION 34

Washington County Board of Supervisors – Standing Committee Chairperson Term Limit

WHEREAS, County Board Supervisors are elected to a two year term in even numbered years pursuant to §59.10 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, with each election of the County Board, there are returning supervisors and newly elected supervisors providing varying degrees of experience serving as an elected official; and

WHEREAS, newly elected supervisors may bring fresh ideas and differing perspectives on county policies, programs and operations to Board leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, seasoned supervisors having the benefit of serving on various committees may bring extensive expertise and knowledge of county policies, programs and operations to Board leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the benefit of having both seasoned and newly elected supervisors serving in Board leadership roles, limiting the number of terms a supervisor can serve as the same standing committee chairperson will allow an opportunity for all supervisors to seek leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, the Board has recently revised its committee structure by designating six (6) standing committees: Administrative; Human Services; Health, Aging and Long-Term Care; Public Safety; and Public Works with the Chairpersons of each committee elected by the Board making up the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, the new committee structure will be implemented at the 2016 Organizational Meeting of the 2016-2018 session of the County Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that it is the policy of the Board to allow all supervisors access to Board leadership roles by limiting the number of terms a supervisor can serve as the same standing committee chairperson to four consecutive, two-year terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a supervisor that serves as a standing committee chairperson for the same standing committee for four consecutive terms may again seek election as that standing committee chairperson after a one-term break (two-year hiatus).

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County
Green Lake County Health & Human Services Board

Ladies and Gentlemen of the County Board and Health & Human Services Board Members:

We respectfully submit for your consideration the 2015 Annual Report for the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS).

Attached you will find Unit-specific reports outlining services provided by the Department. Each Unit has provided an excellent overview of their respective unit responsibilities, services provided and related data. Since it is not possible to include everything accomplished in this type of report, I would encourage each of you to visit Health & Human Services in Green Lake and Fox River Industries in Berlin for a tour and more detailed review of the services provided and programs available.

Difficult times require creative ways to continue to do our work despite cuts to state funding in critical areas. The Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services is part of numerous collaborative efforts with other counties and departments. This will continue in 2016 and beyond as we continue to find ways to sustain services in the most cost-effective manner possible. The past several years' annual report went into great detail regarding the various collaborative efforts with other counties we engaged in.

- The Central Wisconsin Health Partnership (CWHP) consisting of now six counties: Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Waupaca and Waushara along with LaClinica in Wautoma. LaClinica is a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center providing primary and dental care to low income families in this region. The goal of CWHP is to improve health by increasing access to behavioral health services. With the Governor's initiative to expand mental health services for those counties wishing to collaborate, this makes the CWHP a perfect venue.

Additional initiatives/projects this upcoming year include:

- Paperless electronic records: This will be accomplished by migrating from our current CMHC/MIS to Netsmart's MyAvatar software which will allow for electronic signature, scanning of documents into client records and a consumer portal for those wishing to access portions of their record. This system will also aid in our crisis response as it

will be remotely accessible. The "go live" date is April 2015.
My new paragraph: Paperless electronic records: The agency transitioned to Netsmart's MyAvatar software system for record keeping and billing. There have been a lot of ups and downs in the transition. We are still finalizing some of the program aspects but staff are actively utilizing the system.

- Expanding supported employment services to developmentally disabled individuals that will enable more people to be placed in jobs in the community.
- Assisting residents to apply for insurance benefits via the Marketplace and Badgercare. Many adults with children currently on Badgercare who earn over 133% of the federal poverty level (FPL) will now have to apply for health care at the Marketplace. Those childless adults who earn less than 100% of the FPL will for the first time be eligible to apply for Badgercare. Green Lake County began with only one health plan - Dean Care but this has expanded to include four additional health organizations: Arise, Unity, Anthem and United Healthcare.

Administrative staff are in the process of updating the intake flow process to better serve those needing services from the Department. We are trying to make the process efficient and as friendly as possible. With these changes, we will be able to capture all information needed to capture more revenues for services. If consumers do not have insurance, they will be referred to the Economic Support Unit or the Marketplace so that they can attain insurance to cover the cost of their services.

- Community Wellness Coalition made up of many community partners working on health and wellness areas identified in the Community Health Improvement Project known as the CHIP. One example of collaboration involving this Coalition was the incorporation and ongoing meeting of people seeking solutions following the Heroine Summit held in Berlin this past Fall.
- Interagency meetings involving schools, law enforcement, other county departments and board members as well as a host of other agencies, was reinstated in 2013 and will continue indefinitely. These meetings provide a forum to share resources and ideas as well as training on a variety of topics such as; what are the roles of each agency in a particular situation; how do we identify and deal with opiate users; homelessness and the like.

Our ability to provide quality services to the residents of Green Lake County is a tribute to the Health and Human Services Board, County Board and a very talented and dedicated staff of professionals. We look forward to the challenges ahead and the opportunity to continue to provide services which best meet the needs of Green Lake County.

There have been numerous staff turnovers in 2015 which we were able to continue providing quality services to the residents of Green Lake County.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Van Ness
Acting Director

2015 ANNUAL REPORT
ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

The Administrative Unit consists of the Director, Deputy Director, Administrative Assistant, two Account Clerk Specialists, a Receptionist, Data Entry Specialist and two Secretaries. These staff perform a variety of functions for the Department including, but not limited to, information and referral of the general public to appropriate staff; billing for services provided and collecting payments from consumers and third party payers; reporting expenditures to the State for reimbursement; inputting client notes, service activity logs, court reports, state reports and general correspondence; inputting and transmitting a variety of data to the State via several reporting systems; and maintaining management of the closed client files, contract files, and personnel records. Staff within the Unit also maintain and record meeting minutes for the Health & Human Services Board and the various sub-committees.

During 2015, there were numerous staff changes. At the end of 2015, the Administrative Unit now consists of the Director, Administrative Assistant, Account Clerk Specialist, Accounting Specialist, three Receptionist/Data Entry Specialists and a Secretary. With these transitions, we are striving to become more efficient in the administrative duties and services provided. Staff changes in 2015 include Director, Deputy Director, Accounting Specialist and two Receptionist/Data Entry Specialists. Through all this transition, we continued to provide quality services.

The Department went “live” in April with the MyAvatar software program. There have been numerous challenges which we are still trying to get resolved and anticipate this being complete in early 2016.

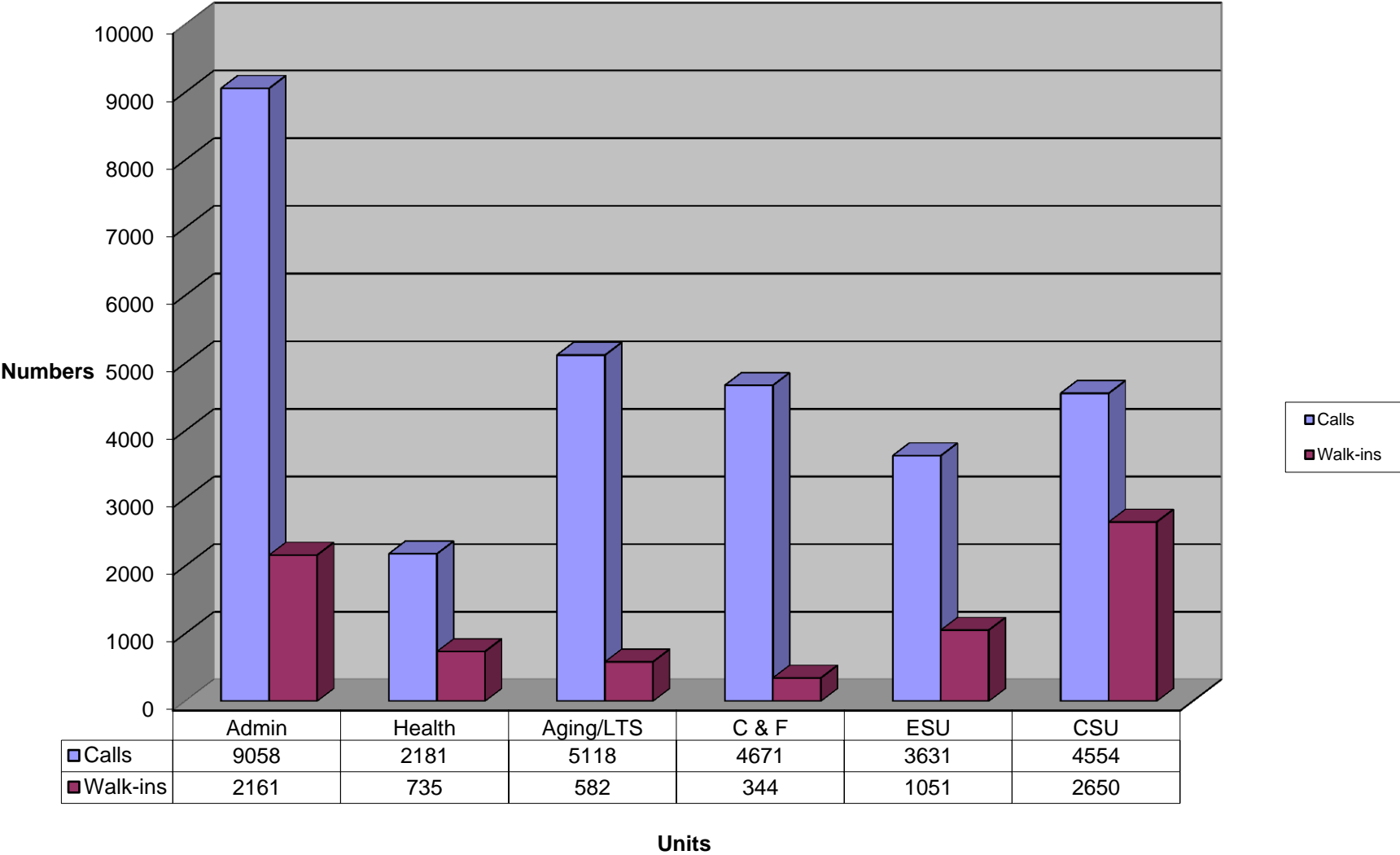
As shown on the enclosed chart, public usage of services provided at the Human Services Center totaled 39,736 contacts (29,213 phone contacts and 7,523 walk ins) in 2015. This is a slight drop from 40,638 contacts in 2014. Part of the decrease remains to be for the calls that are being routed to the Call Center for Economic Support Unit services (numbers are in the Economic Support Unit Report) and the number of people/families utilizing the food pantry and directly accessing the Aging Disability Resource Center. Access to these services are accounted for in the Aging/Long-Term Care Unit Report.

The Administrative Unit continues to adapt to the various demands for information and managing of that information in a way that staff and clients have access to needed services. Staff changes include a new Secretary and Data Entry Specialist. Technology has been utilized where appropriate to make staff more efficient and effective in meeting demands for services. The planning and implementation of the My Avatar system continued through 2015. Administrative support staff have assisted with planning and preparation for this new software. We went “live” with the new program in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Ness
Acting Director

2015 Agency Activity



2015 Annual Report
Aging and Long Term Care Unit

The Aging / Long Term Support Unit provides services to Elderly and Disabled residents of Green Lake County. The staff is divided into program areas largely defined by funding source, however, the programs overlap in many areas, and the combined unit is able to maximize these resources to the advantage of all of the people we serve.

There were 11 staff in the Aging and Long Term Care Unit during 2015 including the Unit Manager, 2 Resource Specialist Social Workers, the Adult Protective Services Worker, three Meal Site Managers, the Nutrition/Volunteer Coordinator, the Elderly Benefit Specialist, the Disability Benefit Specialist, and the Aging Disability Resource Center Coordinator.

Aging and Disability Resource Center

Green Lake County operates the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in a consortium with Adams, Marquette and Waushara Counties. This consortium is funded by the State to provide a single point of entry to Long Term Care Services and Information and Assistance for residents of the four counties. Aging and Disability Resource Centers are the first place to go to get accurate, unbiased information on all aspects of life relating to aging or living with a disability. The ADRC provides information on a broad range of programs and services, helps people understand the various long term care options available to them, helps people apply for programs and benefits, and serves as the access point for publicly-funded long term care. Green Lake County continues to employ the ADRC Coordinator, who works with the multi-county committee that contracts with the state to assure ADRC service provision. Additional ADRC staff are employed by each county and duties are shared across county lines.

DISABILITY BENEFIT SPECIALIST

The Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) position provides assistance for persons ages 18 to 59 who have any kind of disability, in applying for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Like the EBS, the DBS assists people with Medicare, to find the best Medicare Part D prescription drug plans for their individual needs.

The DBS program is overseen locally by the Aging Unit Supervisor and technical assistance is provided by attorneys at Disability Rights of Wisconsin (DRW), whose office is based in Madison. DRW is a private non-profit organization that fights for the rights of disabled people across Wisconsin. DRW has a contract with the State of Wisconsin to provide technical assistance to the Disability Benefit Specialist across the State. DRW provides monthly training through meetings and web casts with all DBS positions across the state. Each DBS also has a weekly phone conference with the assigned attorney to provide assistance with day to day questions.

In 2015 a total of 131 new cases were opened, 108 cases were closed, 55 cases were carried over and a total of 210 cases were served. A conservative estimate of the economic impact of the DBS program in Green Lake County for 2015 shows that is brought in over 1 million dollars to the local economy. The DBS carries an average case load of 60 cases at any one time.

HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS

The ADRC has actively offered community health and disease prevention education programs, with an emphasis on fall prevention and chronic disease self management. In 2015 5 classes were held in Green Lake County. There were 36 individuals who participated in workshops offered through the Health Promotion Programs. The workshops offered were: Living Well with Chronic Conditions, Healthy Living with Diabetes, Mind Over Matter, and Stepping On.

AGING PROGRAMS

The County Aging Unit is the Agency designated by the County Board and authorized by the Older Americans Act to continue to develop, support, assist, and evaluate County-based programs for older adults (over age 60) with the purpose of fostering independence and enhancing the quality of life for older adults in the county.

All Federal money from the Older Americans Act, Title III, is distributed to the state, which gives it to the regional Area Agency on Aging and then to the Counties. The amount each County receives is determined by a set formula. Included in the formula is the number of elderly, low-income elderly and isolated elderly individuals within the County.

Federal Title III-B money is used for various service programs such as elderly health screening, transportation, the elderly benefit specialist, and program development for Senior Centers. Matching local funds and required In-Kind assistance provides the rest of the resources for the Aging programs. In 2015, volunteers provided 688.5 hours equal to **\$11,539.57** In-Kind match for Title III-B programs. Federal Title III C-1 & 2 must be used for elderly nutrition. See below for more information on the elderly nutrition and matching In-Kind amounts.

CONGREGATE NUTRITION PROGRAM (C-1)

The Nutrition Program assists older individuals to live independently by promoting better health through improved nutrition. It reduces the isolation of older individuals through nutrition related and supportive services. It prevents malnutrition and promotes good health through nutrition education, screening and intervention. The Aging Unit Nutrition/Volunteer Coordinator is trained as a certified ServSafe Professional Food Manager/Nutrition Director and oversees both the Congregate and Homebound Meal Programs.

In 2015, 7083 meals were served at three Mealsites: Berlin Senior Center, Dartford Bay Apartments - Green Lake, and Grand River Apartments - Markesan. The meals are prepared by Berlin Senior Center Kitchen (Berlin only) and the rest by Feil's Catering from Randolph.

Menus are prepared a month in advance and approved by a contracted state approved Nutritionist to ensure that they meet the USDA dietary requirements.

Volunteers play a vital role in all our C-1 programs; twenty-five (25) volunteers donated approximately 1,725 hours in the Nutrition Program. These hours equal **\$12,508.06** in In-Kind Dollars. In-Kind includes activities such as setting tables, serving food, clean-up tasks, and doing paperwork and are a requirement of the Older Americans Act to earn funds for the meal programs. Donations at **\$4.00** per meal received in this program were **\$23,650.14.***

HOMEBOUND MEAL PROGRAM (C-2)

In 2015, 14,221 meals were served throughout the County to persons who are unable to go to the meal sites for health related reasons. Requests for Homebound meals come from hospital discharge planners, meal site managers, units of Health and Human Services, doctors, and families and enable the older person to remain in his or her own home as long as possible. Requests are referred to the Resource Specialist who meets with each new enrollee to conduct a thorough nutritional assessment; these are updated annually. The meal delivery program is also a part of a support system that checks on the elder person four to five days per week depending on their location. Drivers are trained to watch for changing needs and to alert the Resource Specialist/Nutrition Director as necessary.

Donations at **\$4.00** per meal received in this Program were **\$62,721.87.***

* Subject to Audit

TITLE III-D PROGRAM

In 2015 this program provided funding for nutrition services, medication management and adult health screening. Eating Healthy for Successful Living for older Adults was also funded in Green Lake County. 12 seniors attended and enjoyed the classes.

TRANSPORTATION

One of the greatest needs for the elderly and/or handicapped person is transportation. The Aging Unit receives and administers the 85.21 State Grant monies, \$81,740.00 in 2015. Service priorities are MEDICAL TRIPS, NUTRITION-RELATED ACTIVITIES, WORK-RELATED ACTIVITIES, and SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. Handicapped and older adults were provided 26,262 trips in 2015 with 85.21 funding.

TEFAP - (THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

The Food Pantry is operated by the Aging/Long Term Care Unit of the Department of Health and Human Services and is available to any indigent person/family in an emergency situation. The Food Pantry is funded by TEFAP, FEMA and private donations from fundraisers and local donors.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program/Food Pantry operates the first, second, and fourth Thursdays each month, and the third Tuesday evening. The Food Pantry currently has 31 volunteers who staff the days the food pantry is open. The volunteers also help pack food bags, pick up donations and food that has been purchased at Feeding America or local grocery stores.

Eligible residents of the County may attend once each month. Throughout 2015, the Food Pantry served an average of 259 households, and 535 individuals per month. Each household was provided an average of 45 pounds of food for a month. The bags include such things as fresh potatoes, carrots, margarine, cheese, cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, peanut butter, and soup, etc. In 2015 the food pantry was able to provide turkeys and hams for the holiday season.

ELDER ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROGRAM

The County Aging and Long Term Care Unit has been designated as the lead Agency in the Elderly Abuse Reporting System. Services provided to elders in crisis include Relocation and Shelter costs, Medical care, Legal Services, Supportive Homecare, Guardianship evaluations, and Outreach. These services are offered to older adults to help them resolve abusive or neglectful situations. The Adult Protective Services Social Worker investigates abuse and neglect referrals.

There were a total of twenty-seven (27) **Elder Abuse** investigations in 2015, with ten (10) Elder Abuse cases substantiated. The remaining cases were either unsubstantiated (8) or unable to be substantiated (9) for a variety of reasons. The most frequent concern was self-neglect, followed by material / financial abuse. (Also see Adult Protection / Guardianship in Long Term Support Section).

In 2007, a parallel system for Abuse and Neglect investigation and reporting for **Vulnerable Adults** was instituted by state law. The Adult Protective Services worker is the lead for this system also. The reporting requirements are very similar to the Elder Abuse system. In 2015, there were 4 **reports** of abuse to **Vulnerable Adults**; 2 were substantiated, 1 unsubstantiated, and 1 unable to substantiate.

In either system, investigations are handled in different ways depending on the initial referral and assessment. Some cases will go directly into the Court system due to a need for a Protective Placement. These can result in a 72-hour placement with guardianship assessment for competence. Other cases may involve various support systems including: family members, physicians, homecare, banks, attorneys, and law enforcement, and may take months for each case to be resolved.

ELDERLY BENEFIT SPECIALIST PROGRAM

The Elderly Benefit Specialist coordinates information and counseling regarding the public benefit program to individuals **sixty** years of age and older. Case records are maintained and all are kept confidential. Monthly reports are completed and forwarded to the State.

The Elderly Benefit Specialist also attends ongoing training programs, maintains public relations, does public speaking, writes media releases, performs Outreach services at Senior Centers, Mealsites, Community Meetings, and contributes articles Bi-monthly to the Senior publication, the Senior Sentinel.

Outreach services may include providing Medicare Part D or Senior Care appointments. Moreover, Social Security, SSI, Medical Assistance, Spousal Impoverishment, Medicare, Medicare Part D, Medicare Advantage and Supplemental Insurance may be reviewed along with Information and Referral services.

In 2015, there were 382 Open Cases, and 92 hours of training. Through these efforts, the Elderly Benefits Specialists' program saved Green Lake County elderly clients \$68,432.00 for the Senior Care program, \$262,168.00 for MA QMB/SLMB, \$1,399,029.00 for Medicare Programs, \$120,791.00 for Food Share, \$366,093.00 for EAP, Fraud or MAPP Programs, \$87,228.00 for SS/SSI Disability and \$79,150.00 for other programs in the Aging Unit. This is a total savings of \$2,382,891.00 for the elderly citizens of Green Lake County.

There were 1473 Information and Referral and 349 Medicare Part D inquiries to the Aging Unit and 204.5 hours of Outreach Services and 29 hours of presentations at the various Senior Centers and meal sites.

FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Under the Federal Family Caregiver Grant, the Volunteer Coordinator identifies and meets with caregivers who are elderly, including grandparents who are raising grandchildren. A monthly support group, training, loan library, respite care and information and assistance are available for caregivers. We served fifteen **(15)** caregivers in 2015 through this program.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Volunteers for programs in the Aging Unit are recognized for their services at the Volunteer Luncheon in April. In 2015, over 150 persons were invited and given a small gift of thanks. The volunteers serve in all the programs listed for this Unit. They are most valuable; we could not serve the public without them.

The Senior Sentinel is a bi-monthly newsletter, which is published and delivered to over **950** households. The articles that appear in this publication help elders keep up-to-date with current information about our services and programs. The UW Extension Office and the Nutrition program provides healthy recipes and health tips. Notices are published concerning Immunizations, Foot Care Clinics, up-coming programs, Food Pantry news, Support Group dates, TRIAD meetings and Benefit Specialist updates. Articles are also submitted by the local senior centers. The publications let the community know what is happening at each center. Information is also published regarding Health Promotion classes, Energy Assistance, Homestead Tax Credit, Social Security and how to contact your legislators, as well as volunteer opportunities, and menus for the Senior Nutrition Program.

Each year in August, the Commission on Aging sponsors a countywide Senior Picnic. In 2015, **180** elders from throughout the County, along with 10 staff and volunteers, attended the County Senior Picnic at St John the Baptist Catholic School Gym in Princeton.

LONG TERM CARE UNIT

COMMUNITY OPTIONS PROGRAM (COP)

Throughout 2015, **one (1)** individual received COP funds. These funds were used to purchase group home care, monitoring and supervision. 2015 was the final year for the COP Program.

ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT PROGRAM

During 2015, we received **\$5434.00** in Alzheimer's Family Caregivers Support Program (AFCSP) funds. These funds provided a variety of services to **two (2)** individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's disease.

SUPPORTIVE HOME CARE

Throughout the year, two **(2)** individuals received Supportive Home Care (SHC) funded services, including housecleaning, yard work, meal preparation and assistance with laundry, lifeline, etc.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES/GUARDIANSHIPS

The Adult Protective Services Social Worker performed **twelve (12)** guardianship studies for adults in 2015. These consisted of Temporary, Permanent and Successor Guardianships. In addition, thirty-seven **(37)** Protective Placement reviews were completed. All reviews require a brief summary hearing on each of these placements to ensure that the continuation of the placement is appropriate, least restrictive and most integrated into the community. The Adult Protective Services worker submits a report to the court and attends each review hearing. The Protective Placement reviews consisted of one **(1)** due to Infirmities of Aging, eighteen **(18)** associated with Developmental Disabilities, six **(6)** with Mental Illness and thirteen **(12)** due to Degenerative Brain Disorder or other incapacities. Placements were monitored in nursing homes, Community Based residential Facilities (CBRF), State Centers for the Developmentally Disabled, Adult Family homes, and private homes or apartments. In addition, Power of Attorney documents and advanced planning information is regularly requested and assistance provided as needed. (Also see Elder Abuse/Neglect)

2015 Annual Report Behavioral Health (Clinical Services) Unit

2015 was a year of transition for the Behavioral Health Unit. All the staff of the Behavioral Health Unit did a stellar job at meeting the mental health needs of Green Lake County in spite of lack of leadership, being understaffed, and participating in the 24/7 on-call mobile crisis intervention services program.

The Behavioral Health Unit construct for 2015 was: of a unit manager, six counselors, one mental health case manager, three part-time psychiatrists (child and adult specialties) a psychiatric nurse, and a part time psychologist who provides clinical supervision. All of the counselors have Master's Degrees in a Mental Health related field and bring a variety of strength based skill sets to our service array. Each person brings a wealth of knowledge in the mental health field and a renewed excitement towards providing services to the consumers we serve in Green Lake County.

As a team we are also joining the shift in updating the units name to the Behavioral Health Unit to reflect what the state of Wisconsin has encourage over the last several decades. This alignment with state and national practices helps affirm the unit's focus on health and recovery support for consumers.

As the unit we continued to provide community outreach training, mobile crisis intervention services, and growth within program service arrays throughout the year. We also continue to be committed to consumer participation within programs, and providing health and wellness recovery groups as a source of mental health treatment. The clinicians and psychiatric nurse have been cross trained to work in several of the unit programs including the 24/7 on-call mobile crisis intervention services program.. We are focused on health and wellness, education, and prevention when engaging consumers in all Behavioral Health programs.

Crisis Intervention

Dr. Jon Mathew, PhD (Licensed Psychologist) oversaw clinical supervision for the behavioral health unit until November. Dr. Kent Berney (Forensic Licensed Psychologist) joined the behavioral health unit team in November. Dr. Berney brings a plethora of experience including former Director of Psychology at Winnebago Health Institute, supervisor for the Forensic Psychiatric Residents at UW-Madison Medical School and a professional demeanor that allows staff to learn and professionally from his supervision. During the year of 2015 our unit served 337 crisis calls. There is an excellent commitment by the behavioral health unit's staff to provide community based crisis services. This partnership includes collaboration between Behavioral Health Unit crisis staff, schools, hospitals, and law enforcement professionals in Green Lake County.

The following is a summary of crisis intervention services:

- 0 adults were diverted from psychiatric facility to a diversion facility
- 260 adults were served through crisis diversions to the community
- 36 adults were placed on an emergency detention/psychiatrically hospitalized (2 of those were detox)
- 61 children were served through crisis diversions to the community
- 30 adults utilized our services after crises

As a state certified crisis intervention provider the behavioral health unit continues to partner with, schools, local law enforcement, and area hospitals to provide the most appropriate level of community based crisis treatment. The unit crisis workers have the ability to provide crisis counseling on a walk-in basis or go mobile to the most appropriate location to provide crisis assessment, safety planning and response (e.g. Emergency Rooms) 24/7. The current emphasis is on providing a comprehensive assessment and response plan by the on-call crisis worker when determining safety of individuals when being called by law enforcement.

There has been 4 to 5 clinical staff (3 to 4 positions short) that rotates, handling crisis calls during and after business hours. When a counselor meets in-person with a consumer in crisis they are able to engage the person on what resources/supports they are most in need of to create a safe crisis response plan in the least restrictive environment. This collaborative effort between multiple systems allows a partnership to provide Green Lake County residents with the most appropriate level of care, in the safest situation in the least restrictive setting. When determined that most appropriate level of care is a psychiatric hospitalization, an emergency detention is initiated by the crisis worker and law enforcement.

We also contract with a crisis diversion facility, Summit House in Oshkosh, WI for the few that need safety supervision, but do not need hospitalization. We have also established a relationship with Berry House in Fond du Lac, WI as a community based diversion option for residents in need of structured transitional supports and supervision around mental health needs upon discharge from a psychiatric facility.

Outpatient Counseling

During 2015, 410 clients were served in the outpatient unit. Including the CCS, CSP, CLTS and Mobile Crisis, Green Lake County Behavioral Health Unit has served over 3% of the population of Green Lake County.

Dr. Laurens Young, MD is currently serving as Green Lake County's Medical Director and also sees consumers for psychiatric services. He is currently seeing consumers two days a week to meet the needs of our residents and will reduce his time to one day a week as time continues. Dr. Baldomero, MD continues to provide child psychiatric services one day every other week. Dr. Tausch MD also provides psychiatric services weekly.

The Behavioral Health Unit has been certified by the State of Wisconsin as a TeleHealth provider. Many rural areas are utilizing the shift to expanding the use of technology to bring specialized services to rural communities that would otherwise not have been available. This approach also increases access for our residents to quality care in a timely manner. As this new program service develops Dr. Gail Tasch, MD will be 8 hours a week of psychiatric services along with Dr. Young MD through Telehealth for Green Lake County. With this added approach to providing quality care in our unit we are expecting consumers to be able to see a psychiatrist in less than a month.

Combined our psychiatrists provided services to over 280 clients in 2015. Doctors are able to see clients within 2 months from request for services and often times sooner as scheduling space opens up. Appointments with a therapist that are non-emergencies are -2-3 weeks out. Emergencies are seen immediately on a walk-in basis for needed services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Intake counselors are available to speak with anyone on a walk-in basis to our unit as a crisis intervention session or simply to support a consumer in filling out intake paperwork to see a counselor, or as a support to talk with consumers on various resources throughout the county and how to access needed services.

Our unit takes a whole system approach in serving residents in Green Lake County and we understand how each aspect of a person's life can impact quality of life in others (e.g. mental health, financial, housing concerns, childcare, employment, etc.).

Community Support Program (CSP)

The CSP provides intense community services to people with severe and persistent mental illness. Staff provides counseling, support, transportation, case management, representative payee, medication management, crisis services and more. Without this community based mental health service, it would be difficult for many individuals to remain at home and in their communities.

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)

The Comprehensive Community Services program is a strength-based consumer driven psychosocial rehabilitation recovery program that is based in the community. This program is constructed to utilize consumers identified strengths in the support of their goal directed recovery process. This is a Medicaid funded program which requires each individual enrolled in the program to have Medicaid, and a Diagnosis (mental health diagnosis, substance abuse e.g depression, bi-polar etc.), be motivated to work on self-identified recovery goals, and utilize a collaborative team based model which emphasizes natural supports in recovery.

This client-centered approach provides consumers the opportunity to select who will be on their recovery team which can be composed of family, friends, staff persons or other natural community supports. Included in this team are the person's mental health professional and a

service facilitator. CCS works closely with the Children & Family Unit to help provide services to keep children in their homes instead of foster care placement. Or to help return a child back to their home with the proper supports. This program also created a strong connection with schools as teams that serve child partner with schools in providing needed supports toward goals.

The program model provides an excellent opportunity for Green Lake residents to experience a collaborative community based approach to mental health recovery. We have built the number of counselor that can provider for this program through functional screening and service facilitation. We also have a full time mental health case manager that is experienced and dedicated serving CCS consumers. Following our commitment to consumer driven care this year saw the development of consumer inclusion in program development. A consumer subcommittee was developed to provide direct program feedback to the program.

We are also currently in a Regional CCS Consortium that has been approved by the state of Wisconsin. The Regional CCS Central Wisconsin Health Partnership (CWHP) includes six surrounding counties working together. Due to approval of our certified region medically necessary services are approved to be reimbursed at a rate of 100% for the services we provide CCS consumers. The Regional CCS Consortium meets as a subcommittee on a monthly basis.

Recidivism Reduction Program

The purpose of this program is to reduce the re-entry of consumers into the criminal justice system. It is fully funded by a grant and is in its sixth year.

Direct behavioral health services to consumers in the jail RR program are provided by one Mental Health Professional from the behavioral health unit at DHHS. This counselor provides immediate crisis interventions, assessments, individual and group counseling to inmates at the Green Lake County Jail, as well as to those on probation/parole. This counselor also facilitates an aftercare Recovery group in the community for individuals coming out of jail that benefit from the model of continued care after their release from jail.

This year also included the addition of a peer led recovery group within the jail setting. This group is based on the Treatment Community philosophy.

There are several facets to this program which involve education, (obtaining an HSED/GED), probation and parole, health and wellness, stress and coping, employment education, job training, after care supports in the community and several other life skill opportunities (jail garden project, etc.). It also includes classes on parenting and financial skill building.

This program works on linking inmates with available resources and facilitating any family/community supports necessary to support their successful re-entry into Green Lake County communities.

Aftercare Coordination Program

As the behavioral health unit continues to provide crisis prevention/intervention services for county residents, it also continues to provide crisis linkage and follow-up post psychiatric hospitalization. Starting at the end of 2012 there is a designated staff member to provide coordinated linkage and follow-up for each individual that is placed by the court system on a 90 day settlement or 6 month commitment order for mental health or AODA treatment. This focus is of critical importance to our unit as the individuals being severed by the aftercare coordinator have entered our unit due to reported harm to themselves (e.g. reported suicide threats or attempts, substance abuse, or inability to care for themselves due to mental health etc.) or harm to others. Helping them stabilize and re-enter their communities with their highest level of functioning of great importance to our providers.

Wellness & Recovery Group

The Wellness & Recovery Group adds an aftercare component to the Recidivism Reduction treatment-focus program provided at the Green Lake County Correctional Facility. Wellness & Recovery group meets weekly for 75 minutes at an accessible community location (historically, Berlin Public Library) and is a treatment resource for ex-offenders in recovery. Group is co-facilitated by two dual-diagnosis clinical therapists and emphasizes recovery education for AODA and dual diagnosis individuals. A curriculum outline is available, however the group includes a strong group process component and the curriculum is designed to be flexible and responsive to the needs of the group population. This is an open group accepting clients on a self-referral basis as well as referrals from Probation & Parole and parents referred through CHIPS. Group topics include: personal responsibility, mental/ emotional health, substance abuse and recovery, healthy relationships, communication and boundaries, cognitive self-change, and problem solving. Group facilitators are knowledgeable in providing information and referrals to appropriate community resources to help ex-offenders re-integrate into a community lifestyle.

Drug Court Program—Treatment Component

The Green Lake County Behavioral Health Unit provides two treatment specialists to participate in the steering committee for the development of a collaborative Drug Treatment Court alternative program. These treatment providers maintain responsibility for assessing treatment needs for individuals referred to the Drug Court Program. That provider then follows the individual through the treatment court providing clinical therapy and participating in treatment court reviews and staffing. Treatment providers also add clinical perspective and addiction & recovery education to the Drug Court team as they develop program policies and cross-system responses to participant needs. These treatment providers maintain current knowledge of level-of-care assessment and are able to make referrals for individuals who need a higher level of care at any point during their participation. Drug court team, in addition to treatment providers,

includes representatives from Probation & Parole, peer specialist, District Attorney and public defender, law enforcement, correctional facility, and a specialized Drug Court Judge.

Recovering Together—Women's' Group

The Green Lake County AODA program is beginning a gender-specific AODA recovery program that addresses the unique therapy needs of women. The program relies on a relational-cultural model that incorporates mindfulness practices and trauma-informed treatment modalities. During 2015, the group was in planning stages with a goal to be implemented in early 2016. The group will serve 6-10 women at a time.

Children's' Long Term Support Waiver

The Children's Long Term Support Waiver (CLTS) is a Medicaid Waiver program for children with developmental or physical disabilities or Severe Emotional Disturbances (SED). Children qualify for the waiver through Medicaid eligibility and use of a functional screen. The families then meet with a caseworker to develop a person-centered ISP that draws on the strengths and needs of the child and their family to identify specific complementary supports that would not be otherwise covered by Medicaid. Examples of such supports include: Autism/ Behavioral in-home treatment, accessible home modifications, sensory supplies/ therapeutic aids, respite care-going and specialized, and support & service coordination.

CART—Tricounty Child Abduction Response Team

Green Lake County DHHS is a partner stakeholder in the development of the tri-county Child Abduction Response Team (CART) serving Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara County. The CART is in development stages during 2015 and the entire tri-county team participated in a national certification training focused on coordinating timely and effective interdisciplinary responses to missing child situations. The Behavioral Health Unit designates one therapist as a clinic representative to be present in these trainings and to support appropriate responses of clinical crisis staff should this type of a crisis situation arise.

IOP Intensive Out Patient Group

12 week evidence-based group therapy focused on developing coping skills, implementing relapse prevention strategies, identifying co-occurring issues and creating space for valuable peer feedback. Our program offers intensive counseling to persons who are experiencing consequences related to substance abuse whether the substance is drugs or alcohol.

Roundtable Discussion

In November 2015, the clinic staff organized and facilitated a roundtable discussion bringing together medical professionals, public health workers, law enforcement, mental health and substance abuse treatment staff, school professionals, and the recovery community to bring awareness regarding the increase of prescription drug abuse and the unique issues that go along with this type of drug abuse. The event included presentations by treatment staff and an individual in recovery as well as a facilitated discussion of cross-systems goals for future prevention & intervention activities.

In March we started a new software system called AVATAR. This system assists in interfacing the clinical services to billing services. We are still working out the kinks; however it will make the process of servicing the community and billing for our services more efficient.

Behavior Health Unit 2016 program development areas:

Wellness and Recovery Support Group

Aftercare Wellness and Recovery Support Group Berlin Area

Regional Comprehensive Community Services Certification

Central Wisconsin Health Partnership

Wellness Coalition Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Heroin Awareness Campaign

Dementia Capable Systems

Crisis Diversion Center Development

Interagency Meetings

Drug Court Program/ Grant Development

School Transformation Advisory Committee

Head Start Committee, Consultation Partnership

AWARE Mental Health Work Group

Aviator/Netsmart Medical Records Implementation

**2015 Annual Report
Children & Family Services Unit**

2015 was a year that there was only one staff change. There were only vacant positions in the Unit. The Unit is comprised of the Unit Manager, the Initial Assessment Worker (Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations), and the Juvenile Court Intake Worker, three (3) Dispositional Social Workers, a Medical Assistance Targeted Case Management Social Worker, the Community Response Social Worker, an In-Home Therapist and Coordinated Services Team worker. The Community Response Worker (CRP) left the agency and we re-hired the CPR worker.

In the spring semester of 2015 two (2) undergraduate field placement students were with the agency. The undergraduates included one (1) from Marian College and one (1) from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Two Master(s) students' one from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and a second from the collaborative at the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh joined the agency for placement. In the fall semester of 2015, one (1) undergraduate field intern was with the agency from Marian College.

The Children & Family Services Unit is responsible for the provision of a number of programs and services available to individuals and families in the community. The following is a brief summary highlighting activities in 2015.

The Unit staff continued to engage in several new initiatives that started in prior years: the Permanency Roundtables; the Community Response/Quad Counties Family Resource Network; Alternative Response; and the Intensive Safety Services program. Staff participated in new training initiatives which included Family Find and Supervising Safety.

Access

The ACCESS staff for the Unit received 425 referrals that were logged into the eWISACWIS system. These numbers include the Juvenile Court Intake referrals, Community Response, Child Abuse/Neglect Reports, and Child Welfare Intakes and other Service requests. The Unit received a total of 245 reports of Child Abuse/Neglect. Of these, 79 were screened in for a response from the Initial Assessment Worker. 166 reports were screened out. The screened in reports had a total number of 149 children that were identified as potentially being child victims. The screened in reports by maltreatment type were: 36-Physical Abuse; 73-Neglect; 35-Sexual Abuse; and 5-Emotional Abuse. 180 Service Reports were received. Of these, 142 were screened in. These were comprised of 75 Child Welfare Reports, 59 Juvenile Justice Reports, 5 Kinship Care applications, 1 for court ordered study, 1 adoption related, and 1 re-open closed case and 2 for drug affected Infants.

Juvenile Court - Delinquency

In 2015, Juvenile Court Intake received fifty-eight (58) new referrals. This is down by 3 referrals from 2014. Nineteen (19) Delinquency petitions were filed and Seven (7) Juvenile in Need of Protection & Services petitions were filed.

Green Lake County staff has noticed the same trend that has been experienced State-wide which is that fewer juveniles are being referred to the Court Intake offices. State statistics indicate a downward trend in the number of youth in detention as well as in the Institutions which led to the closing of Ethan Allen and Southern Oaks in 2011.

No (0) new youth were placed in the Severe Juvenile Offender Program in 2014. No adult court waivers were filed. One (1) youth was placed in residential care and subsequently ordered to Lincoln Hills in 2013. This youth continued in Lincoln Hills in 2015 was transferred to Rawhide Boys Ranch. This youth was released in June 2015. A second youth was under the Department of corrections. This youth was Court-ordered to the Corrective Sanctions Program.

This youth was presently placed in a Group Home facility and subsequently returned home. This youth has been sent into Lincoln Hills for violations of rules as well as was placed into the facility for a thirty (30) day evaluation. One youth was placed under a Chapter 51 Emergency Detention, and then subsequently committed to the Department; the youth was placed at WMHI. The youth was later transferred to Rawhide Boys Ranch.

One (1) Summer Youth Group was held in June 2015. This year three staff from the Green Lake County DHHS collaborated to facilitate the group. The youth that engaged in the Summer Youth Program participated in Equine Therapy through Mihala's Hope. There were six (6) males that participated and completed the group. Additionally they participated in group therapy activities which focused on prevention, group process, and problem-solving as well as social skill development. The group was 9 weeks in duration.

The Intensive Supervision worker for the unit facilitated a court ordered groups on "Teens in Action". Twenty (20) youth participated in this curriculum both in group and one-to-one.

Juvenile Court staff is on-call twenty-four hours per day for the purpose of Juvenile Intake/Detention, Child Abuse/Neglect and Energy Assistance.

Electronic Monitoring/GPS Monitoring

Seven (7) youth were on monitors in 2015. All seven (7) were males. One (1) adult female was also put on GPS. The agency began to use the EM in lieu of out-of home placements.

Mediation

In the second half of 2013, the Green Lake County DHHS staff began Court Mediation services for the Family Court. This service has continued for the Court. The duties were split between one staff in the Behavioral Health Unit and the Juvenile Court Intake Worker. However due to the extended leave of the Behavioral Health Manager all the mediations were completed by the Juvenile Intake Worker. Thirty (30) mediations were completed in 2015.

Child Abuse/Neglect/Child Welfare

The Child Welfare System continued to undergo major changes in 2012 as the State continues to improve service delivery subsequent to the Federal Review conducted in 2010. As stated earlier, Seventy-nine (79) Initial Assessments were conducted. By years end, 31 Child in Need of Protection and Services Petitions were filed.

Due to the rise of prescription drug abuse, opiate/heroin addictions on the rise, two (2) adult females were placed in Community Based Residential Facilities until the children were born. Of the 245 Child Abuse/Neglect referral received by the agency in 2015, 29 were under the Drug Effected Children (DEC) protocol.

Parenting

The Family Training program provided services to twenty-four (24) families with a total of thirty-eight (38) parents and fifty-four (54) children in 2015. They provided both parent training and education, parent aide services and in-home therapy. In 2015, the Crisis Intervention slots were continued. These slots are primarily utilized in an effort to return children to their parental homes post removal or prevent the removal in an emergency situation.

In addition to the parent training contracted through Family Training Program, an agency staff (Dispositional Worker) worked with thirteen (13) families on an individual basis. Additionally agency staff co-facilitated two (2) Strengthening Families groups in the spring 2015 & fall 2015. After the staff person with Extension changed positions, Unit staff continued the program. The agency contracted with Lutheran Social Services for parent training for one (1) family with two (2) parents and ten (10) children.

In-Home Therapy/Targeted Case Management/Comprehensive Community Services

The In-Home therapist has taken a lead role in the development of the Targeted Case Management (TCM) program. Whenever possible, TCM is billed to help recover the cost of the services provided. The In-Home therapist is cross-trained to facilitate Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) teams as well as perform Children's Functional Assessments. The In-home team is augmented by a TCM case manager as well as other mental health professionals. At year end, twenty-four (24) cases of TCM were being billed.

Foster Care/Kinship Care

Foster Care, Kinship Care, Group Homes and Residential Care facilities are used for children who are unable to reside in the home of their parents or guardians. The State changed how foster homes are now licensed and have set up Levels of Care as well as an evaluation tool for the Level of Need. All the unit staff is certified to perform the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment (CANS). In 2014, Seventeen (17) total children were in foster care. In 2015, this number went up considerably. Two (2) youth were in residential treatment; two (2) youth were in treatment foster care; seventeen (17) children were in foster care; twenty (20) children were in court-ordered relative care; six (6) children were in Kinship Care; One (1) child was under a subsidized guardianship. Four (4) children were subject to Termination of Parental Rights petitions.

Courtesy Supervision

Courtesy Supervision for both Child in Need of Protection and Services as well as Juvenile Justice Cases were performed for other Wisconsin Counties. This included Kenosha, Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Rock, Portage, Columbia and Marquette. We are providing courtesy supervision for an out of home placement for the State of Washington. In addition to courtesy supervision, home checks to confirm safe environment as well as licensure were conducted.

Community Response Grant

Our agency continued to lead a Quad County consortium which developed/facilitated the Family Resource Center grant. The program services Green Lake, Waushara, Marquette and Adams County. One Hundred Thirty (130) families were referred to the Community Response Program.

Contractual Services

The Unit In-Home Therapist also served families through Mental Health Crisis planning and services. This worker worked in conjunction with an Independent Contractor, Wellhoefer Counseling to provide in-home therapy services to youth and their families and KD Counseling Services.

The Lutheran Social Services agency was awarded grant funds through an Intensive Safety Services program funded by the State in 2012, 2013, and 2014. This program has served two (2) families in Green Lake County which included two (2) parents(s) and ten (10) children in 2015. The program is designed to prevent the removal of children from their home.

Mentoring

Our agency sub-contracted with Community Options, Inc to take over the management of the mentoring program in 2010. That agency has continued to provide mentors to our children/youth. We had a total of six (6) mentors serve children in 2014. Twenty (20) children were served. One (1) youth who graduated the foster care system was also served.

Coordinated Services Program

After a successful grant application, Green Lake County began the Coordinated Services Initiative in April 2014. The target population for this grant is children and families with multiple needs who are served in the Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice system, Mental Health and AODA service system. Twelve (12) of children/youth participated in the program in 2015. Presently there are fifteen (15) teams open. Outreach has been done to other agency staff, schools, inter-agency groups and the Boys and Girls Club.

Prevention/Education

Children & Family Services Unit staff have presented public presentations in the community on agency services and programs as well as training topics to groups. Presentations have been on the topic of child abuse and neglect, shaken baby syndrome and community service as well as Community Response. Staff has also been involved on committees on the local level such as the Family Resource Council, the ADVOCAP/Headstart Policy Council, and the WCSHA Children & Families Sub Committee. Unit staff has participated on the SART (Sexual Abuse Response Team), CART (Child Abduction Response Team, Child Death Review Team, and the Drug Endangered Children team.

Licensing

Green Lake County ended the year with eleven (11) licensed level II foster homes. At the year's end, the agency had one (1) active level I licensed home. Three (3) additional homes are certified for respite care.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Sleezer
Children & Family Services Unit Manager

2015 ANNUAL REPORT
ECONOMIC SUPPORT UNIT

~ Providing and Coordinating Resources to Strengthen Families ~

Access to resources and quality customer service are the main focus of the Economic Support Unit. Our goal is to provide accurate, timely, and effective financial and case management support services for all our customers.

Five Economic Support workers and a Unit Manager make up the Economic Support Unit for Green Lake County. The expertise in our unit goes back to January 2001 to current.

Presently, our Economic Support Unit is serving over 1970 Green Lake County households. Customers may be receiving assistance from Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, Family Care, FoodShare, Wisconsin Shares, and Energy Assistance. This is a 2% caseload increase from last year. This is a continuous trend we have seen for the last five years.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

~ The Economic Support Programs serve to provide financial stability for low income households and those experiencing a financial loss~

The Economic Support services are necessary to meet an emergency need such as homelessness or medical needs. Each program serves a specific population and has different income guidelines and requirements. The self-sufficiency of Green Lake County households and individuals is the program goal. The number of customers requesting financial assistance from Economic Support Programs continues to grow each year. Requests for the programs continue to grow due to the current economic conditions.

Caseload Growth

2010	1443 households receiving assistance
2011	1593 households receiving assistance
2012	1828 households receiving assistance
2013	1883 households receiving assistance
2014	1947 households receiving assistance
2015	1970 households receiving assistance

Requests for program assistance are made by contacting Green Lake County Health & Human Services and speaking to the intake worker or by coming into the agency. Customers may also use the ACCESS website at www.access.wi.gov to learn about the programs, apply and update their status online. Customers also have the option of calling our Call Center at 1-888-256-4563 to request program assistance.

The 2012 Mandate required counties to form consortia. A total of 10 consortia were formed in Wisconsin. Green Lake County joined 9 other counties to form East Central Income Maintenance Partnership (ECIMP). This “partnership” in less than six months created a Call Center (CCA) that was to handle all incoming Income Maintenance calls within the 10 counties.

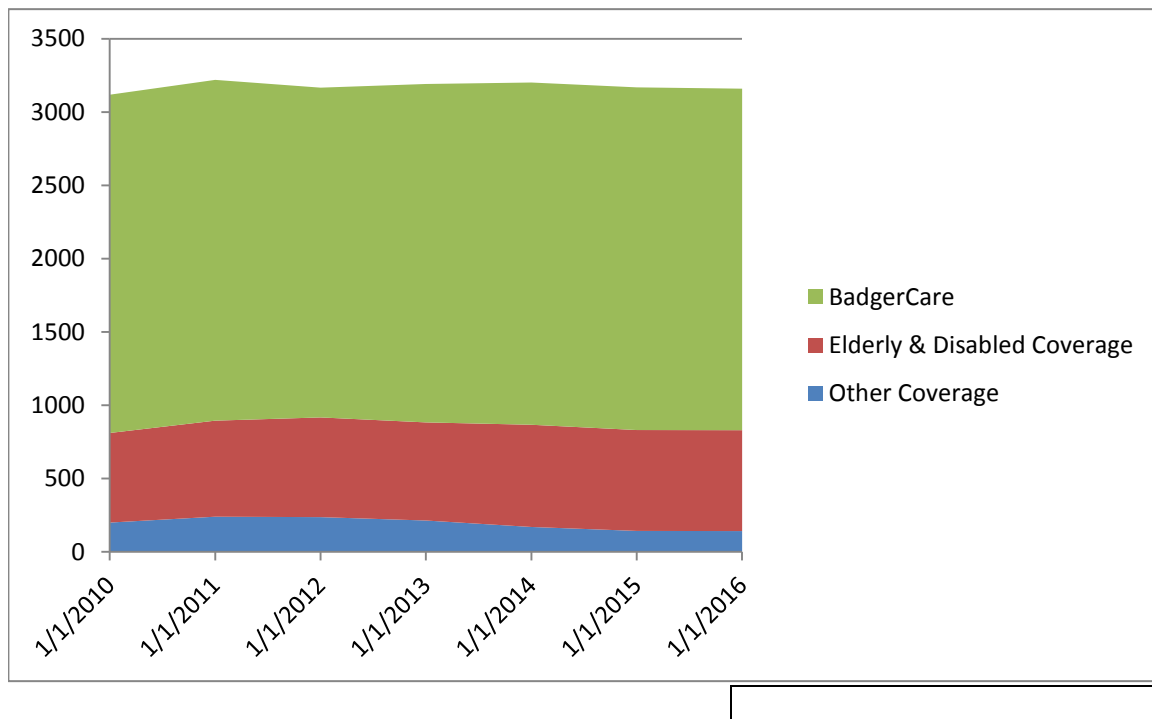
January 1st, 2016 Sheboygan County decided to elect to leave ECIMP to join another Consortia.

Each county is responsible for “staffing” the CCA. Green Lake County staffs CCA with 1.4 FTE. This FTE count has increased again this year with the increase of caseload for Green Lake County. ECIMP’s CCA took 21,961 calls in the month of December. The number of calls received in CCA has increased. However, with the increase in call volume, Green Lake County and ECIMP have maintained and exceeded the required performance standards.

Medical Assistance is a State and Federally funded program that provides low income customers comprehensive, affordable healthcare. Numerous individual programs are included under the umbrella of Medical Assistance including: BadgerCare, Medicaid Purchase Plan, Family Planning Waiver, Medicare Beneficiary and Family Care. Each Program has its own specific non-financial criteria for eligibility. Most Medical Assistance customers must participate in a HMO.

The following chart shows the number of participants certified by Green Lake County and the coverage type for each year.

Members Certified by County/Tribe and Coverage Type Each Year



FoodShare- is a Federal Program that provides a monthly FoodShare allotment to low income customers. Eligibility is based upon income, household composition and shelter expenses. The eligible customer receives a QUEST card that is used to purchase food. April 1, 2015, able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) were required to meet a work requirement to be eligible for FoodShare. To meet this requirement the FoodShare Employment and Training program (FSET) is available. This program is administered by Forward Services Corporation. If recipients of FoodShare fail to comply with the work requirement for three months they will be found ineligible for FoodShare for three years. Similar to the Medical Assistance Programs, FoodShare participation continues to increase. The FoodShare average caseload in 2015 for Green Lake County was 1094 households (2,278 participants). The Calendar year-to-date monthly average FoodShare benefit for Green Lake County was \$213,913. The total FoodShare benefit given in 2015 excluding December was \$2,353,048.

Wisconsin Shares-Child Care- is a program that provides child care subsidies for low income working families to assist in their payment of child care expenses. The subsidy payment is made to the child care provider, with the family responsible for the co-payments. In 2015, the monthly average of families receiving assistance was 63 households / 92 children. This is a 9% increase of children receiving this benefit.

Energy Assistance- is a program that provides a one time payment during the heating season to low income customers who need help paying their heating costs. The energy payment is made directly to the fuel supplier. In 2015, 832 households applied, 770 were approved, and \$380,532 was the total paid out in Energy Assistance. (\$312,698 in Energy Assistance, \$44,443 in Crisis Assistance, \$4,653 Non-WHEAP Additional Services, and \$18,738 in Heating Unit Activity) The number of applications and the applications that received benefits decreased by 8% in 2015. The entire State of Wisconsin saw a decrease in 2015. The reason for caseload decrease is uncertain. I speculate that the warmer winter months contributed to the decrease.

WISCONSIN WORKS (W-2)

~The W-2 program focuses upon alleviating the specific employment barriers a family member may have~

In 2013 the W2 contract was awarded to Forward Service Corporation (FSC). FSC is co-located in the Advocap building with the Job Center. The W-2 program focuses upon alleviating the specific employment barriers a family member may have by providing intensive case management and service coordination. The W-2 program determines how a customer's strengths can be enhanced, employment obtained and maintained with an emphasis on stabilizing the household income and guiding the family to self-sufficiency. W2 participants typically receive other services or participate in other programs with Green Lake County.

In 2015 FSC provided W-2 services to 72 participants.

Emergency Assistance- is a limited program designed to meet the immediate needs of an eligible family facing current emergency due to fire, flood, homelessness or impending homelessness. This program is a sub-program of W2. This program will be handled by FSC as with all other W2 services.

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT - FOX RIVER INDUSTRIES

Overall Services Provided:

Fox River Industries (FRI), an agency of Green Lake County DHHS located in Berlin, Wisconsin, provides a variety of services to individuals residing in and around Green Lake County. The goal of FRI is to provide quality consumer services on a daily basis in our Prevocational Services, Adult Day Services, Supported Employment, Protective Payee, and Transportation Services units. While the primary target population is adults with developmental disabilities, FRI also serves individuals with chronic mental illness, W-2 participants, students, and young adults transitioning into community jobs. These services are provided to enable these individuals to optimize their abilities and to live and work in the least restrictive setting possible.

In 2008, Green Lake County transitioned to Family Care, contracting primarily with Care Wisconsin of Madison. Following is a description of services provided through Fox River Industries.

Supported Employment Program:

The FRI Supported Employment (SE) program serves individuals who experience barriers to obtaining and maintaining community employment. This department consists of a 40 hour/week SE Coordinator and a 35 hour/week Job Coach, as well as part time help from other FRI departments as needed to maintain effective community job supports. Supported Employment services include functional assessments, work trials, job development, job placement, and ongoing support/training for the duration of the individual's employment. In most cases, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) funds the initial supported employment services with FRI SE providing the long term supports necessary for each individual to maintain employment. Ongoing supports for Family Care members are funded through the Care Management Organization.

As political pressure to reduce center based employment services continues to escalate, the demand for community based jobs, and the SE services needed to match qualified employees with these jobs, continues to grow at an increasing rate. In 2015, 36 consumers held 45 integrated community jobs at 29 different employers, 19 consumers are currently receiving job development services, and the waiting list for DVR services has been reduced from 19 last year to 5 at present. Long-term supports such as job coaching, employer relations dialogue and skill building often continue indefinitely for individuals receiving SE services, even after initial DVR funding is exhausted. 2015 DVR revenues through November 30 were over \$54,000 (against a budget of \$45,000).

Prevocational Services Program:

The FRI Prevocational Services program provides opportunities for individuals with barriers to employment or limited employment experiences to learn job readiness skills and other related social skills to enhance their ability to obtain and maintain employment in the future. Skills focused on include following directions, maintaining attention to task, accepting constructive advice on how to do the job, etc.

A wage study is completed annually to determine consumer wages based on the same kind of work done by a non-disabled employee with at least one year of experience. This method insures that the consumers receive a fair wage and insures that rates are comparable to local industry. Federal and State special commensurate wage certificates are issued as a result of these wage studies, with each license expiring in alternating 2 year cycles, at which time FRI reapplies for another two year term.

Currently there are approximately 51 consumers receiving pre-vocational services in the workshop: 32 full-time, 16 part-time, and three seasonal. At this time there is no waiting list for these services. We currently have

3 Production Aide positions running 3 consumer groups, with the Lead Bus Driver helping out as production needs dictate. We also have a Production Supervisor and a Material Handler rounding out our production staff.

The workshop continues to have three main sources of revenue: Alliance Laundry Systems, Wilson-Hurd, and cob corn squirrel feed sales. In addition, we perform smaller packaging/assembly/sewing jobs on a repeating basis for JP Luther and assembly and packaging for Generac Mobile Products (formerly Magnum Power Products). FRI continues to sell corn to Fleet Farm, Havegard, Javic Wholesale (for Steins Garden and Gift), Wisconsin Garden and Pet Supply, Berlin Kitz, & Pfeil Hardware, Reinders, and several smaller outlets in the Green Lake County area. Squirrel corn business was once again very strong in 2015 with sales projected sales at \$172,000. In our pressroom we continue to print for many of the Green Lake County offices, and other smaller jobs in the community.

In 2015, Fox River Industries negotiated a rate for a new service, Community Based Prevocational Services, with Care Wisconsin. This service will offer a 10 week curriculum with a 4:1 ratio, with 4 hours of classroom time each week. Programming will occur mostly in community based settings, and will focus on skills designed specifically to allow participants to explore community employment options. The desired outcome for FRI is to generate interest in community employment for participants in this program. FRI then will support these individuals in seeking a DVR referral at this time. Center based and community based prevocational services are reimbursable for Family Care members.

On July 22, 2014, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, commonly referred to as WIOA, was signed into federal law. This legislation focuses on transitioning students and young adults (up to age 25), with a strong emphasis being placed on community employment for everyone. Going forward, FRI will need to gradually shift resources from center based production to community based employment as programming demands shift and participant needs/desires change.

Adult Day Services Program:

Adult Day Services programming at FRI promotes inclusion and independence for adults with disabilities. Our goal is to assist those we serve in acquiring, maintaining, and improving the skills needed for individuals to live in a community setting.

FRI currently provides a variety of health, social, and support services to program participants in a protective setting as we attempt to meet the specific needs of each individual we serve. These services include education, therapy, exercise and recreation. Specific skill areas currently being emphasized through classes include Social Appropriateness, Cooking and Nutrition, Money Skills, Academic Skills (such as numbers and letters identification), Community Appropriateness Skills, and Safety Skills.

Activities of daily living are a big component of the day services program. Therapy and exercise programs are necessary fundamentals to maintain consumers' quality of life. The exercise program, provided to a majority of our consumers, includes weight lifting, aerobics, and endurance training. This service also encompasses personal care needs.

Community inclusion is a key element in Adult Day Services programming. Examples of outings include trips to the zoo, parks, retail stores, athletic events, and libraries, along with weekly bowling and swimming trips. Volunteering is also highly valued in our program as a form of community inclusion. Day Services program participants currently volunteer at Theda Care, several local area libraries, and the animal shelter in Green Lake.

3 Certified Nursing Assistants, a Teacher, and a Services Coordinator currently staff our Day Services Program. Services are currently provided to approximately 45 consumers between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Friday. Adult Day Services are billable for Family Care members.

Transportation Services:

Disabilities Services, Inc. (DSI – a private non-profit corporation created to support DD services) has been providing vehicles for the developmentally disabled and elderly of Green Lake County since 1978. The 16B2 (now 5310) grants fund 80% of the cost of the vehicles with State Department of Transportation (DOT) funding, with DSI/Green Lake County paying the remaining match of 20%. Over the years, DSI has purchased 30 vehicles at a worth of over \$950,000 and an actual 20% match amount of \$190,000. Current vehicles are primarily used by Fox River Industries, Southern Green Lake County Senior Transport, and City of Berlin Senior Center for elderly and handicapped transportation.

In 2015, DSI applied for 4 vehicles under the 5310 vehicle grant program. The application was successful, but due to program resource limitation, DSI was awarded only two of the 4 requested vehicles. Priority for this cycle was given to Southern Green Lake County Senior Transport and the Berlin Senior Center. These two transportation service providers will each receive a new minivan in 2016, and DSI will re-apply for two vehicles in 2016 for delivery in 2017.

Also in 2015, DSI applied for and was awarded a New Freedom grant for Operating Project expenses in the amount of \$61,027. This grant opportunity became available under section 5310 in 2014 and can be used to supplement 85.21 operating expense dollars for qualifying elderly and disabled transportation service programs. This award will arrive quarterly in 2016 to offset expenses as they occur during the year.

Transportation service expenses are included in the Prevocational and Adult Day Services Family Care billing rates. Transportation is billed as a fee for service for non-Family Care program participants.

Protective Payee Services:

In 2009 FRI added protective payee services to the list of services provided. This collective account, administered and run through FRI, continues to grow. It currently serves over 90 consumers and receives frequent new referrals. This program employs one full-time individual and is supported with assistance from other department staff as needed. Protective Payee services are billable partially through Care Wisconsin (Family Care members only), with the remaining members self paying for services.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

2015 Health Unit Annual Report

The mission of the Health Unit is to “Assure the health of Green Lake County by promoting and protecting health and preventing disease.”

OUR VISION--

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY:
HEALTHY PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT**



Health Unit Staff: Back row, Renee Peters, , Birth-3/Family Support, Tracy Soda, PHN, Ashley Rondorf, Environmental Health Specialist, Shari Krause, Public Health Program Specialist, Kari Schneider, PHN, Melanie Simpkins, RN, MPH, Health Educator and Accreditation Coordinator. Front Row: Caitlin Witt*, UW-Oshkosh Accelerated Nursing Nursing Student, Kathy Munsey, RN, Health Officer, Makiko Thomas-Omori *, Summer Intern Jeri Loewe, PHN, Marilyn Voeltner, Volunteer.

*Throughout the year, we mentor students from various schools including UW-Oshkosh, Marian University, UW-Madison and more. Mentoring interns is one way to provide them with opportunities to increase their knowledge of public health as practiced in the community setting and they can grow and develop their skills. This is a great way for us to contribute towards a competent workforce!

Our 2015 Programs and Services:

Disease Control and Prevention

Public Health Nurses are required by statute to follow up on acute and communicable diseases. Using the WI Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) we are able to monitor trends and track outbreaks as they occur. Below are some of the diseases we followed in 2015, along with previous year comparables. In 2012 we were seeing huge numbers of pertussis or whooping cough statewide. A huge vaccination campaign was implemented and you can see how that has improved the number of cases for that disease.

Frequency of Reported Diseases in Green Lake County	2012	2013	2014	2015
Blastomycosis	-	-	1	-
Brucellosis	-	1	-	-
Campylobacteriosis	4	4	6	2
Chlamydia	38	41	42	47
Cryptosporidiosis	2	1	2	2
E-Coli (Shiga Toxin)	-	-	-	3
Ehrlichiosis	2	1	1	5
Giardiasis	1	2	3	-
Gonorrhea	3	-	2	2
Ebola Monitored Traveler	-	-	1	1
Hepatitis A	1	-	-	-
Hepatitis B	2	3	-	1
Hepatitis C	8	13	12	16
Influenza (hospitalized)	1	7	9	6
Legionellosis	-	-	1	-
Lyme Disease	18	39	28	20
Measles (Rubeola)	-	-	-	1
Mycobacterium (non-tuberculosis)	3	2	-	5
Parapertussis	1	-	-	-
Pertussis (whooping cough)	21	10	2	-
Q Fever	-	-	1	-
Salmonellosis	3	7	4	5
Shigellosis	-	-	1	-
Invasive Strep Disease	1	1	2	4
Syphilis	2	-	-	1
Latent TB infection	2	-	3	1
Varicella	8	2	3	2
TOTAL	121	134	124	124

Public Health Preparedness

In September of 2015, we completed a full-scale exercise working closely with Gary Podoll, Emergency Management Director, local law enforcement, our coroner, fire departments, hospitals, nursing homes, Red Cross and

surrounding counties to test our ability to handle mass fatalities and open a Family Assistance Center for survivors. The exercise had a tornado hitting Green Lake with 5 fatalities and many victims. We tested our surge capacity of our hospital and our fatality management capabilities of other partners. Past exercises have not stretched the capacity of our county to deal with mass fatalities and the family assistance needs that accompany such an event. New players were included in the drill. We had 112 participants from 6 different jurisdictions and provided “Just In Time” training for all to assist us in our mission. The drill went very well and we had over 45 people get trained on the Esponder communication system as well as the WI Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR) to enhance our response to events.

We also spent a great deal of time training on how to respond to an Ebola traveler and received additional grant funding to do so. We had one traveler from Liberia that we had to monitor this year.

We have also joined Region 6 of the Health Care Coalitions. This is a partnership with hospitals, First Responders, Fire, EMS and more. This group meets monthly in an effort to coordinate preparedness activities.



Above is one of many “fatalities” found by first responders during the full-scale tornado exercise on September 23, 2015. Health & Human Services set up a Family Assistance Center to help survivors during the event. Over 110 individuals participated in the drill to test our readiness for a mass casualty event.

Immunizations for Children and Adults

We continue to have monthly immunization clinics in Green Lake, and one at Care 4U clinic in Dalton every other month to accommodate the large number of uninsured in that part of the county. This has proven to be an effective outreach strategy for immunizations. We continued to have flu clinics in all communities in the fall as usual. Overall, 1447 vaccines were given to 1113 individuals.

Childhood Lead Testing

There is no safe level of lead in the human body; even very low levels of lead exposure can negatively affect health throughout the lifespan.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention changed their definition of lead poisoning as a blood lead level of 5 or greater in May of 2012. Children with a lead level of 5 or greater are provided with follow-up and consultation by a Public Health Nurse. Follow-up may include phone calls, home visits, consultation with the primary health care provider and a home lead risk assessment by the Health Department's Environmental Health Specialist. In 2015, 166 blood lead tests were completed, 15 had a level over 5, compared to 16 in 2014.

<p>2015 Blood Lead Testing Total Number of Tests: 166 Children <5 ug/dl = 151 Children >5 ug/dl = 15 Home assessments = 1</p>
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Mother, Child and Family

There were 180 births in Green Lake County in 2015 down from 195 births in 2014. We had 1 birth to girls under age 18, compared to 0 last year. We also had 11 babies that were considered "low birth weight" (weighing less than 5lbs, 8oz), unchanged from previous year. In 2015, the percentage of women who smoke during pregnancy did decrease to 18.8% (28% in 2014, 25% in 2013). However, we had 7 infants

born premature, 3 of those mothers smoked during pregnancy. Five infants were transferred to Neonatal Intensive Care Units. This is an area that we continue to target by offering the First Breath program, a smoking cessation program for pregnant women at our WIC clinics.

We continue to utilize the **"Life Course Model"** as promoted by the Family Resource Council through our Maternal Child Health grant. This year 12 education sessions incorporated the model. Through the Healthy Babies Coalition which is a partnership with Green Lake, Marquette and Waushara Counties, we sponsored training to educate local providers and families on the Life Course Model and ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences) with a special emphasis on parenting with a history of opiate addiction and how it can effect a child's growth and development. Over 100 people attended the conference in April.

Nutrition WIC

WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

WIC helps income-eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, those who recently had a baby, and infants and children up to five years of age who are at health risk due to inadequate nutrition.

Green Lake County served over 500 clients in 2015. In addition, breastfeeding education was available to all WIC clients. WIC provides a breastfeeding peer mentor which is an invaluable resource to new mothers. The State of WI contracts with Family Health La Clinica in Wautoma to provide WIC services to Green Lake, Marquette and Waushara counties. This summer, they started using electronic benefit cards instead of the paper vouchers. This has added an extra educational component to the program, but increased convenience for the client.

Kari Schneider and Shari Krause attend all WIC clinics to provide immunizations, information and assist with signing families up for dental and immunization follow-up appointments.

Birth to 3

Birth to 3 is Wisconsin's early intervention program for families of infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities. The Green Lake County Health Unit has been designated by the county board to be the administrative agency in our county for this mandated program. The county is required to maintain a base level of funding for this program. Some families do have a cost share for services depending on their income. Medicaid and Private Insurance are billed for services when available and with parental permission.

In 2015, 40 new children were referred to the program compared to 45 in 2014. Referrals came from a number of sources including: physician, family member, social worker, WIC, UMOS, school districts, and WI Sound Beginnings. Seventeen of those children received services through an Individualized Family Service Plan. Thirteen children were found to be developing within age appropriate levels. Eight families declined services after their evaluation. One child moved to another county and was referred to school based services given age at the time of referral. These children along with those who had previously been in the program brought the total number of kids served to 31 in 2015. In addition to those with significant developmental delays, there were several children with specific diagnoses including: lead poisoning, hypotonia, significant prematurity, cerebral palsy and delays related to non-accidental injury.

Renee Peters is the Program and Service Coordinator/Educator. Contracted service providers include Jenny Hoffman, Occupational Therapist from Rehab Resources in Beaver Dam. Kristen Mertens provides Speech and Language therapy and comes from CHN in Berlin. Jody Streeter is the Physical Therapist from Walk of Ages in Fond du Lac.

Child Find is an important component of Birth to 3, as we want to assure that all children that may be eligible for services are referred in a timely fashion. In **2015** our outreach consisted of:

Spring Child Development Days – We participated in our area school districts Child Development Day by providing an informational display with brochures and providing assistance as requested.

Brochures – Brochures are available at our county WIC clinics as well as in the lobby of Health and Human Services and in the Public Health Unit. Brochures are also included in the New Parent Packet shared by our Public Health Nurses.

Interagency Agreements – Agreements are in place with each county school district and UMOS (United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc.) and Advocap-Head Start.

Renee also collaborates as a committee member of the Head Start Advisory Committee, Green Lake County Family Resource Council and Healthy Babies Coalition of Green Lake, Marquette and Waushara Counties.

Family Support Program

The State provides each county with a yearly allocation to support families who care for their disabled children in the home. The Program recognizes that meeting the needs of children who have severe disabilities may place hardships on a family's emotional, physical and financial resources. The Coordinator for the Family Support Program is Renee Peters.

In 2015, 12 children had a Family Support Plan written for a variety of goods and services. The Program was able to fund specialized equipment, respite, autism consult, shoe lifts, conferences related to a diagnosis, transportation, nutritional supplements, home modifications, individualized recreational opportunities, therapeutic materials, and medical supplies not covered by insurance.

Tobacco Control and Prevention

Green Lake County continues as a member of the "Five Counties for Tobacco Free Living," a coalition that includes the counties of Fond du Lac, Marquette, Waushara and Washington, however, the tobacco compliance checks are now being done by Fond du Lac County and 7 retailers sold to minors in 2015.

Healthy Teeth Healthy Lives Program

The Dental clinic served 98 individuals in 2015. Clinics are held 1- 2 times a month at our agency as well as summer outreach sites at the Boys & Girls Club and a UMOS Migrant Child Care Center in Berlin. Clients need to be on Medical Assistance or Badger Care or have no insurance– in which case a small grant received from Salvation Army is used to pay for the service. Carrie, the dental hygienist, provided cleanings to children and uninsured adults. If they need any additional work done, a referral is then made to Family Health La Clinica. We added Head Start as an outreach site in 2014 and Carrie was able to go to Prairie View Head Start to provide services for the children. Head Start staff are very happy with the convenience of having Carrie come to their site. We will continue to strategize on how to decrease “no shows” since this has been a problem. We have also outreached to local dentists to let them know of our service, since most do not take clients on Medical Assistance.



Kathy Munsey and summer intern Makiko Thomas Omori at the Mission of Mercy dental clinic in Fond du Lac in June 2015.

All staff helped serve 1428 patients for the Mission of Mercy dental clinic in Fond du Lac. Over \$1 million in dental care was provided.

Other Public Health Contacts for 2015	Totals
Blood Pressure Checks	69
Breastfeeding Education	29
Dental	225
Communicable Disease/TB Testing	653
Environmental Issues	36
General Health Promotion	329
Immunizations Given	1113
Immunization information	2296
Infant & Child Health (WIC contacts)	1248
Lead Tests & Follow-up	67
Mental Health	33
Postpartum Visits/Contacts	212
Public Health	448
Reproductive Health	39
Senior Health	78
STD follow-up	90
Tobacco Education/First Breath	10
Wellness Checks	85
Worksite Wellness	494
TOTAL	6763
PRESENTATIONS/EDUCATION CONTACTS	
Blood Borne Path Training	78
Berlin School Wellness	44
Employee Wellness Fair	35
Healthy Babies Coalition Conference	100
Heroin Summit	200
Lunch and Learns	128
Safety and Wellness to TRIAD	35
Preparedness for Tornado Exercise	112
Diabetes Education	226
Provider/Partner Meeting on Lyme	18
Parenting Class & Breastfeeding	28
Nutrition Presentations	381
Women's Health Events	200
Economic Development	169
Worksite Wellness Outreach	10,206
MCH Life Course	95
Amish Culture and Safety	24
Other	19
Total	12,098

Food Safety & Recreational Licensing Program

The Tri-County Health Consortium, consisting of Ashley Rondorf, Environmental Health Specialist (EHS) Green Lake, Jon Jilek, EHS for Marquette County and Mary Robl, Registered Sanitarian, EHS and Program Director from Waushara County Health Department. They are responsible for maintaining the Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Program. As agents of the state, this program licenses and inspects food facilities, swimming pools, hotel/motels, school food programs, campgrounds, kennels, recreational education camps, tattoo, body piercing, and bed and breakfast establishments. Mary took over as program director when Jayme Schenk, previous director accepted the job of Health Officer for Marquette County. During 2015 there were approximately 800 inspections performed in the Tri-County area. Inspections are performed to ensure that facilities are in compliance with applicable regulations to promote health and safety for consumers.

*Tourist Rooming House (TRH) inspections are deemed low-priority facilities per WI DHS

Facility Type	Number of Inspections 2015	Total Number of Facilities
Restaurants and Retail Food	151	136
Campgrounds	11	13
Swimming Pools	21	21
Hotel/Motels/TRH	79*	120
Summer Camps	3	3
Tattoo Shop	0	0

directive and are inspected every other year.

Environmental Health

Tri-County also deals with a wide variety of environmental issues that arise within the consortium. Investigations into nuisance complaints, housing issues, water quality issues and animal bites are some of the problems encountered. The Environmental Health division

of the Health Department is responsible for enforcing the Health and Sanitation chapter of the Green Lake County ordinance to ensure that citizens are not exposed to hazardous conditions that could affect their health.

Environmental Issues Addressed

Animal Bites—36
Water test kits Distributed—7
Housing Inspection Cases—7
Nuisance/Other—6
Radon Test Kits Given Out--14

Worksite Wellness/Employee Health Program

Melanie Simpkins, RN, MPH coordinates the employee wellness program using funds provided by Group Health Trust. The initiatives are a method to help reduce healthcare costs by having healthier employees. This is accomplished in a variety of ways. In 2015 we had over 25 outreach activities including a health fair, individual health screenings, lunch and learns, Healthy Monday Tips, summer challenges, walking contests and more. Over \$5000 was given back to employees in the form of prizes, gift cards, gas cards and cash when they participated. We are very grateful to GHT for providing the funds to help keep our employees happier and healthier with the activities we share.



The 2015 Employee Wellness Fair had a nautical theme and touched on topics such as healthy eating, alcohol use, exercise, boating safety, family wellness and much more.

The Green Lake County Wellness Coalition (GLCWC)

took charge of completing the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) in 2013 and continues to work on implementing the plan. The coalitions three “Action Teams” were very busy looking at various ways to improve the health of Green Lake County. One of the 3 action teams, ***Mental Health/Substance Abuse*** decided their key issue was the increase in heroin and opiate abuse in the county. Members which include Theda Care, Agnesian, local schools, law enforcement and more, joined forces to sponsor a second “Heroin Summit” in Markesan which was held in April. A presentation was given to all 6-12th graders at Markesan High School and included Green Lake H.S. students and an evening session was held for community members with over 200 people attending to hear the message. Many local organizations had tables set up in the commons to provide resources on counseling services, domestic abuse services and much more. The work will continue in 2016 as we educate the community about this growing problem. We now have drug drop boxes in all 4 communities. We are also collaborating with Berlin High School to train more individuals on mental health first aid. The Central WI Healthcare Partnership which includes 5 surrounding counties is also working on improving services for mental health issues.

The ***Nutrition Team Action Team***, led by Tracy Soda looked at ways to make fresh produce more available to those using WIC & Senior Vouchers at local farm markets. Nutrition education classes for senior citizens and Boys & Girls club were provided as well as education to diabetics through the Diabetic Health Fair sponsored by Theda Care--Berlin.

The third action team is the ***Physical Activity Team*** and they worked hard on presentations to local governing boards to explain the benefits of having physical activity opportunities in their community. The presentation talked about “Health In All”, nutrition, the use of green spaces, bike paths, sidewalks and dual use for

schools. In 2015 they presented to the Berlin School Board, Green Lake School Board and Green Lake City Council. Jeri Loewe is a member of the Berlin School Wellness Coalition and works with them to improve physical activity opportunities for the children as well as improve the environment.

Our efforts paid off since we improved from ranking 62nd out of 72 counties in 2014 to 53rd in 2015. The group continues to stay engaged and is active within many areas of the county.

The Green Lake County Wellness Coalition meets monthly and is open to anyone interested in improving the health of Green Lake County. Additional information is on our website: www.glcwc.org.

Accreditation

Healthy WI 2020, the state health plan would like all health departments to be accredited by 2020. We have appointed Melanie Simpkins as our accreditation coordinator, have assigned the 12 Domains to staff and have been continuously working on this process.

2015 Staff Changes:

Judy Kasuboski, who had worked for the county for 23 years, retired in February. We are very grateful for all she did especially all her work with pregnant women and children in the WIC program. In addition, the WI Well Women’s Program essentially ended and Jackie Westover, the coordinator left to pursue a career in social work. Jackie worked for the county for over 13 years. Marilyn Voeltner, our long time health educator and volunteer moved to Oshkosh and we were very sad to see her go after 13 years of dedicated service to the county. These 3 vacancies provided us with an opportunity to revamp our unit to be more efficient and effective. We decreased the Public Health Nurse position hours in order to create a part-time Public Health Program Specialist position. It has worked out very well so far. We will continue to evaluate the changes.

Submitted by Kathy Munsey, RN, Health Officer

Rich Slate

January 12, 2016

Green Lake County Chairperson
Attention: Jack Meyers
N665 Fountain Lane
Dalton, WI 53926

Dear Chairperson Meyers,

“For the benefit of our citizens we dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of fiscal responsibility, quality service, innovative leadership and continual improvement in our County’s government.”

Sound familiar? It is Green Lake County’s Mission Statement, adopted in March of 2014. After attending the Joint Committee meeting of the Personnel Committee and the Judicial Law and Emergency Management Committee on January 5, 2016, I wonder if it was all just lip service.

The reason I wonder is at that joint committee meeting, a motion to “leave the Child Support structure as is” passed on a 4-3 vote. That means about 1/5th of the County Board approved a policy decision that may have a long-lasting fiscal impact on the County’s financial resources.

Clearly the Personnel Committee and the Judicial Law and Emergency Management Committee disagree on the issue. According to Green Lake County administration rules, the Personnel Committee “trumps” the Judicial Law and Emergency Management Committee. In this case, shouldn’t that lead to a thorough review of the department structure?

Another issue is the conflicting information concerning the “self-sufficiency” of the department. It has been stated more than once that the Child Support department makes “the County a substantial amount of money, which completely covers the cost of (Child Support’s) budget as well as revenue on top of that.”

However, the 2014 County audit shows that the Child Support department spent \$31,664 of the taxpayer’s dollars to support their budget shortfall. Past audits also show the Child Support department consistently runs “into the hole” and had an all-time high negative fund balance of \$119,871 in 2010.

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Over the last five (5) years, the county has spent over \$100,000 of the taxpayer's money on this "self-sufficient" department. Only a government agency can get away with running at a negative deficit and proclaim to make money.

The bottom line is that the Joint Committee's actions allowed a small minority of the board to approve a policy decision that may have a substantial financial impact on the county. That also means that more than half (63%) of the County Board had no input whatsoever in this very significant policy decision.

I respectfully request that as Chairperson, you place the issue concerning "reviewing the restructuring of the Child Support department" on the next County Board agenda. I also believe it is in order to present a resolution to the County Board that mirrors the motion concerning the restructuring of the Child Support Agency that passed at the January 5, 2016 Joint Committee.

Put it to a vote. Let's at least look like we acknowledge Green Lake County's adopted credo: "*Change is necessary if we are to survive as an entity.*"

Sincerely,



Rich Slate

Enclosures: Green Lake County Mission Statement
2010 and 2014 Audit Summaries

Cc: County Clerk Marge Bostelman (by email)
County Board Members (by email)

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY WISCONSIN

OUR VISION

To be THE County in Wisconsin in which to live, work and raise a family.

OUR MISSION

For the benefit of our citizens we dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of fiscal responsibility, quality service, innovative leadership and continual improvement in our County's government.

OUR PRINCIPLES

As a political entity responsible both to its citizens and its employees, we will:

1. Provide our citizens with innovative, functional, and reliable services at a cost and quality level consistent with their needs.
2. Support the enhancement of the value of private properties.
3. Provide an environment which encourages communication, personal growth and creativity.
4. Support equal opportunity for all individuals.
5. Maintain a safe, healthy work place for all County operations.
6. Encourage integrity and professional conduct from County employees and officials.
7. Conduct County operations ethically within the framework of the law.
8. Actively contribute to and promote commercial and industrial growth throughout the County.

OUR FINANCIAL GOALS

We are committed to provide our citizens the best value for their tax dollars. Our specific goals for doing so are:

1. Utilize available state and federal grant programs.
2. Accumulate a capital outlay account for planned, long-term capital expenditures.
3. Minimize long-term debt not to exceed (3) percent of total equalized valuation of property in the County.
4. Maintain a restricted reserve account of at least fifteen (15) percent of the total operating budget.

OUR OPERATING OBJECTIVES

The following objectives underlie our performance and guide our actions:

MARKET LEADERSHIP

1. Encourage the media to promote Green Lake County as a positive place for economic development.
2. Promote the natural resources of Green Lake County as a recreational center and a great place to live.
3. Be a leader in progressive, flexible County government by providing best value throughout County operations.
4. Have an Economic Development Plan to guide the planning, development, and improvement of the County's economic status.
5. Utilize the Green Lake County Economic Development Corporation in cooperation with Tri-County Regional Economic Development Corporation to promote and attract business to Green Lake County.

EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

1. Encourage initiative, innovation and productivity by appropriately recognizing and rewarding employee performance.
2. Invest in employee training and development on a continuing basis.
3. Evaluate the performance of each employee on an annual basis.
4. Provide for the orderly succession of leadership.
5. Provide employees with the opportunity for advancement commensurate with their abilities.
6. Maintain a safe, clean and healthy environment in the work place.

SOCIAL-COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

1. Support existing county businesses.
2. Encourage employee involvement in community activities.
3. Invest in social, cultural and educational activities within the county.

CREDO

Change is necessary if we are to survive as an entity. As a team of individuals, we can improve all facets of our County Government and the lives of the citizens of Green Lake County.

(SEAL)

/s/ Jack Meyers
Jack Meyers, Chairman

/s/ Margaret R. Bostelmann
Margaret R. Bostelmann, County Clerk

March 2014

Roll Called, Supervisors present – 18, Absent – 1 (Don Peters - District 2)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Districts</u>
Jack Meyers	1
Don Peters	2
Eugene Henke	3
Paul Schwandt	4
Ben Moderow	5
Margaret Whirry	6
Michael Starshak	7
Carter Richter	8
David Richter	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Maureen Schweder	12
Nicholas Toney	13
Debra Schubert	14
Michael R. Stoddard	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Joanne Guden	17
Richard Trochinski	18
Gene Thom	19

Resolution No. 9-2014 Green Lake County Mission Statement.

Motion/second (Schubert/Thom) to adopt Resolution No. 9-2014.

Supervisor Starshak thanked all of the supervisors on the Chairman's Committee for their hard work in creating this document. Supervisor Reabe pointed out several errors in punctuation and language.

Motion (Thom/Reabe) to amend Resolution 9-2014 to correct punctuation and language errors.

Roll call on motion to amend – Ayes – 18, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Peters), Abstain – 0. Motion carried.

Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution No. 9-2014 as amended – Ayes – 18, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Peters), Abstain – 0. Resolution 9-2014 passed as adopted.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 Nonmajor Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2010
 (With Summarized Financial Information for December 31, 2009)

	Special Revenue Funds		Debt Service Fund	Total	
	Child Support	Commission on Aging		2010	2009
Revenues					
Taxes	\$ -	\$ 89,408	\$ 272,755	\$ 362,163	\$ 319,181
Intergovernmental	263,580	281,468	-	545,048	529,441
Public charges for services	4,433	85,975	-	90,408	83,158
Miscellaneous	-	132	-	132	18,697
Total Revenues	268,013	456,983	272,755	997,751	950,477
Expenditures					
Current					
Health and human services	280,772	408,667	-	689,439	677,449
Debt service					
Principal	-	-	217,695	217,695	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	55,060	55,060	220,428
Total Expenditures	280,772	408,667	272,755	962,194	897,877
Net Change in Fund Balances	(12,759)	48,316	-	35,557	52,600
Fund Balances (Deficits) - January 1	(107,112)	59,337	10,225	(37,550)	(90,150)
Fund Balances (Deficits) - December 31	\$ (119,871)	\$ 107,653	\$ 10,225	\$ (1,993)	\$ (37,550)

GREEN LAKE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014
(With summarized financial information as of December 31, 2013)

	Special Revenue Funds		General Debt Service Fund	Total	
	Child Support	Commission on Aging		2014	2013
Revenues					
Taxes	\$ 31,664	\$ 124,708	\$ 257,949	\$ 414,321	\$ 409,172
Intergovernmental	241,261	277,023	-	518,284	561,413
Public charges for services	3,670	85,279	-	88,949	93,683
Total Revenues	276,595	487,010	257,949	1,021,554	1,064,268
Expenditures					
Current					
Health and human services	254,868	478,072	-	732,940	724,296
Debt service					
Principal	-	-	220,000	220,000	1,607,164
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	12,429	12,429	101,534
Total Expenditures	254,868	478,072	232,429	965,369	2,432,994
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures					
	21,727	8,938	25,520	56,185	(1,368,726)
Other Financing Sources					
Long-term debt issued	-	-	-	-	1,435,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	21,727	8,938	25,520	56,185	66,274
Fund Balances - January 1	1,511	265,362	9,281	276,154	209,880
Fund Balances - December 31	\$ 23,238	\$ 274,300	\$ 34,801	\$ 332,339	\$ 276,154

01/19/16

Dear Chairman Meyers and Committee Chairmen Joe Gonyo and Gene Thom,

I'm writing to ask that the County Board and subcommittees to revisit a recent decision, that was made in a joint meeting of the Personnel Committee and Judicial Law Committee on January 5, 2016, concerning whether or not to restructure the Child Support Unit.

In that meeting a 4 to 3 vote was cast in favor of keeping the Child Support Unit as it has always operated with minimal savings to the taxpayer.

I'm concerned about whether or not that vote was a legitimate one and whether or not the decision was made according to proper procedures.

It's my understanding that if the proper procedure had been followed the following scenario would have taken place:

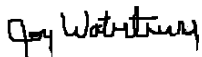
1. The Judicial Law Committee would have voted to send recommendation to the Personnel Committee.
2. The Personnel Committee would have reviewed that recommendation and sent its recommendation to the County Board.
3. The County Board would then have the final say in approving or denying the recommendations.

What actually took place:

1. The 7 members of the two sub-committees (JLEEM and Personnel) made the final decision in the joint meeting without bringing the matter before the County Board.

The joint meeting was a great idea for discussion of this topic and perhaps should have been limited to discussion only. Now there is a question as to whether the final decision was the responsibility of the joint committee or if the matter should have been referred to the County Board. We need to revisit the topic to allow the matter to come before the proper governing committees, in the proper sequence, and allow the full County Board to inquire and do its duty to make the final determination on the matter.

Thanks for listening,



Joy Waterbury
County Board Supervisor District 6

cc email