

# Board Votes To Prohibit Commercial Game Farms

SPARTA, Wis. — The Monroe County Board Tuesday voted 22 to 7 to prohibit fenced commercial-game farms in which game or birds are bred or stocked for hunting with bow and arrow and firearms.

The ordinance applies only to the 10 towns in Monroe County which have game laws prohibiting game farms.

The towns affected are Little Falls, Sparta, Leon, Wells, Jefferson, La Grange, Tomah, Oakdale, Wilton and Ridgeville.

The adoption of the amendment ends the 18-month controversy which developed when Chris Kelly and Dennis Cortese of Chicago sought a game farm permit for land north of Sparta.

By the same vote the board created a nine-member board to supervise the Monroe County Day Care Center for Retarded Children at Sparta, the Monroe County Opportunity Center, a sheltered workshop for the handicapped at Tomah, the Monroe County Guidance Clinic and the drug and alcohol abuse program.

The unified board is one of two options provided by the state budget bill and requires that the committee name a full-time director and three coordinators for the programs.

The board directed County Clerk David Hering to forward a copy of a resolution to State Sen. Raymond Johnson, R-Eleva, and State Rep. Robert Quackenbush, R-Sparta, soliciting their opposition to a Senate bill which proposes raises in salary for the

clerk of courts.

Chris Stefferud, chairman of the finance and personnel committees, told the board that in Monroe County the bill would provide for an 82 per cent raise in the salary of the clerk of courts. He said she is currently receiving \$840 a month and under provisions of the bill her salary could be increased to \$1,181 to \$1,538 a month.

A resolution to create a seven-member park commission for Monroe County was deferred for further study to the October meeting. If the commission would have been created, one of its first jobs would be to supervise the development of the ski hill and winter recreation area on county-owned land north of Sparta. Sparta Boy Scouts, members of the Sparta High School Ski club and other volunteers have developed a ski hill with a rope tow at the area. A chalet has also been built by volunteers.

The board authorized the Monroe County highway department to widen and improve the road leading to the area, and the property and purchasing committee was authorized to extend electricity to the site. Supervisor Herbert Guthrie of Oakdale asked that a survey of costs be presented to the board before further authorization for expenditure of funds be made.

The board approved a proposal for spending revenue sharing funds. These include \$18,274 as a part of a radio communications

system in highway trucks and other vehicles; \$30,000 for highway equipment; \$3,000 for courthouse needs; and a work-study program for the University of Wisconsin-Extension office.

Monroe County Resource Development Agent Leonard Anderson proposed a revenue sharing program where a \$50,000 fund was set up for cost sharing for environmental protection projects which ended when the Rural Environment Assistance Program (REAP) was stopped by the federal government.

He said this would be a big boost in the proposed projects to restore Lake Tomah, the Angelo Dam and Perch Lake in Sparta, in assisting land owners to control sediment which flows into these man-made lakes.

Board Chairman Adolph C. Heilman reappointed Herbert Guthrie, Oakdale, and Mrs. Helen Stark, Sparta, as Monroe County's representatives on the Coulee Region Community Action Program and John Williams, Norwalk, to the zoning board of appeals.

Salaries of Dr. H. H. Williams and Dr. D. C. Beebe of Sparta, attending physicians at the Monroe County Hospital and Rolling Hills, were increased from \$300 to \$500 a month, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1973.

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