

***THE COUNTY CHRONICLER***  
***POLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY***

**2005**

**OCTOBER**

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**OCTOBER 25**

**7:15 p.m.**

**Justice Center  
Balsam Lake**

**ELEVATOR  
DISCUSSION !**

Bring your ideas!

Bring your questions!

Everyone Welcome!

Joyle Anderson, Amery, will lead a discussion on the proposed elevator addition for the museum.

We will be electing three executive board members.

The terms of Dianne Dueholm, Art Young and Phyllis Gabrielson will be expired. Dueholm and Young are willing to run again. Phyllis Gabrielson would like to step down.

**Board of Directors meets at 5:45**



Join in the Halloween Treats  
At our October 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Thank you, Phyllis Gabrielson, for serving the Polk County Historical Society for many years, several as treasurer.

Thank you, Betty Jensen, for serving as director of the Little Red School house at the county fairgrounds.

Thank you, Muriel Pfeifer, Rosalie Kittleson, Martha Filip, Marilyn Reiten, Megan Olson, Mavis Kittleson and all the models who participated in the Red Hatter-Historical Society Wedding Dress Style show.

The September 15<sup>th</sup> event at Paradise Landing raised **\$1,025.00** for our elevator project.

Polk County Museum's website:

[www.communityhotline.com/polk-countymuseum/](http://www.communityhotline.com/polk-countymuseum/)

The attractive home page has revolving pictures of the inside of our museum in the upper left corner. You may click on one of the floors listed and it will open a page with pictures of the galleries of that floor.

*The County Chronicler* will also be available on this website.

Thank you  
Jolene Jones  
[jjsbs](#) Website Design

Balsam Lake's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Celebration:  
[www.balsamlakewi.com/centennial-celb.html](http://www.balsamlakewi.com/centennial-celb.html)

~Thank you to our summer help~

Polk County Job Service  
Carl Johnson  
Unity School  
Megan Olson  
LeRoy Schwan  
Nicole Hanson  
Marilyn Reiten  
Dave Knutson  
Larry & Linnea Phillipson  
Marge and Jo Ann Hallquist  
Muriel Pfeifer  
Doug Fuller  
Martha Filip

The sparkling clean museum was open and full of visitors for both days of Balsam Lake's festivals. Thank you for the good cleaning job, Rosalie. We took in \$100.

September 25, 1975

**Governor Patrick J. Lucey** today announced a \$35,120 grant to Polk County to convert the old county courthouse at Balsam Lake into a cultural heritage museum. Lucey said the facility will contain 45 galleries, when complete and could become a significant tourist attraction in northwest Wisconsin.

Thirty years ago our cultural heritage museum had its beginning. Thousands of visitors have toured, thousands of artifacts have been donated. This could not be possible without the support of individuals who give time and money.

The following have given donations to our elevator fund:

Indianhead Chorus	\$405
Amery Old Bats Red Hats	\$200
Mr. & Mrs. Delight Trotter	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Campbell	\$50
Balsam Lake Homeowners	\$1,000
Erling Jensen	\$200
Mark Jensen	\$50
Mildred Jerdee	\$100

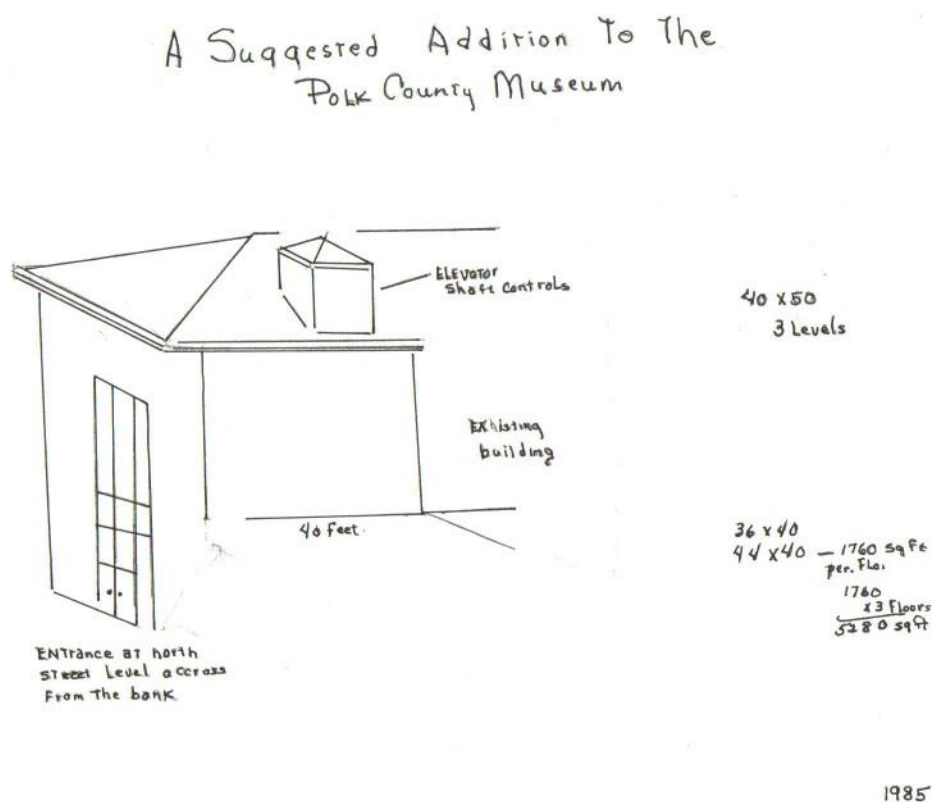
## A REVIEW OF PAST IDEAS CONCERNING AN ELEVATOR IN THE POLK COUNTY MUSEUM

Board of Directors, January 22, 1985

There was some discussion on the needs for the future, such as, an addition to the building, an elevator and a new roof.<sup>1</sup>

Board of Directors, January 15, 1986

Willis Erickson passed out sheets concerning the building of an addition to the museum. The board expresses their approval of continuing a study of this proposal.



October, 2005 - Jim Gisch has suggested an elevator in the present building on the north side. The entrance would be similar to Willis Erickson's.

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<sup>1</sup> Elsie Chell, substitute secretary., minutes kept at Polk County Museum, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin

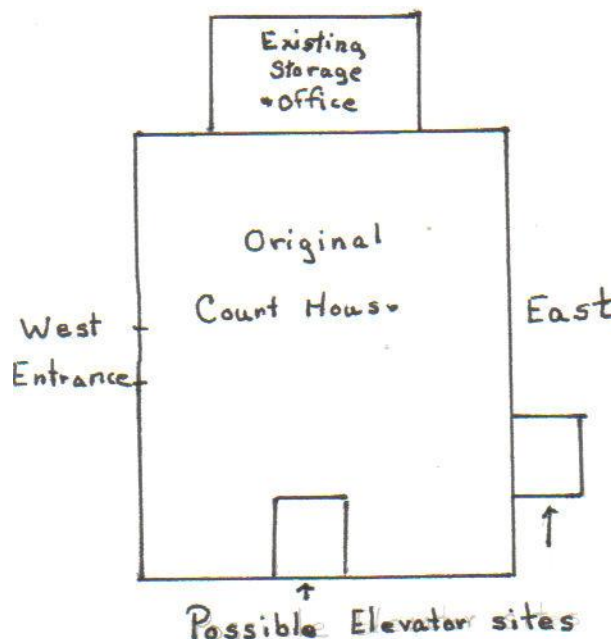
Board of Directors, September 28, 1993

The acquiring of the elevator was discussed. It was estimated the cost to be from \$80,000 to \$110,000. Otis's estimate was \$43,000 + shaft and installation. The copying machine was \$2,900 with supplies for a year. Garrish made the motion to send a letter to Mrs. Deaver including a draft of a picture of the plans for the elevator and to inquire if she wished to spend \$80,000 up to \$110,000. This letter will be composed by Willis E., and Myron D. The motion was seconded by Peck, carried.

General Meeting, September 28, 1993

Mrs. Deaver sent a check of \$40,000 for the elevator, which was returned to her. A letter of inquiry will be sent to her as to whether she wishes to give \$80,000 to \$110,000, which is the range anticipated for the cost of the elevator.<sup>2</sup>

Otis Elevator came to the museum to look at the possibility of installing an elevator at the south door entrance. The Otis representative said that the cost of removing the present stairways and installing an elevator would be more than if an elevator would be installed outside of the building. He recommended the east side of the building, entering the building through the Native American Room.<sup>3</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> Rucille Peterson, Secretary, minutes kept at Polk County Museum, Balsam Lake.

<sup>3</sup> Conversation with David Knutson, who accompanied Willis Erickson at the on site meeting with the Otis Elevator representative.

Board of Directors, August 22, 1995

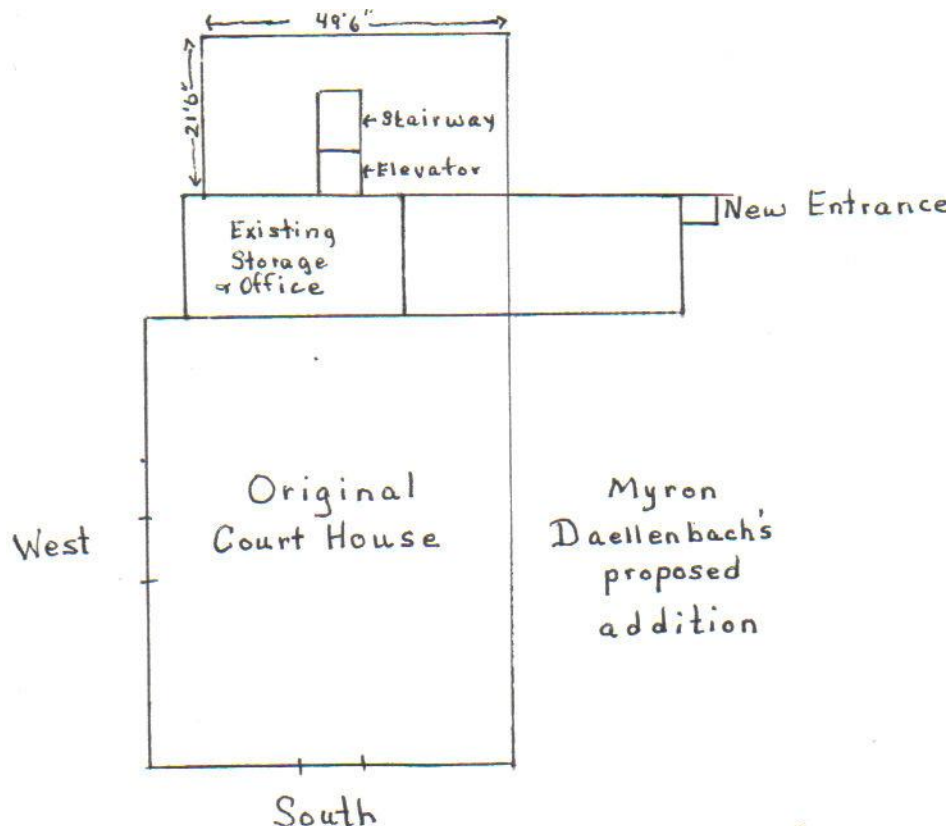
There was some discussion of the building project. Costs and plans need to be more closely evaluated.<sup>4</sup>

Board of Directors, September 26, 1995

Building Project. Bob suggested that someone make a sketch so that we know where the doors are located. Willis said he already has one. Bob noted that these kinds of projects are running about \$100 a cubic foot with costs increasing if there are special features. This would total around a half million dollars for three floors – maybe \$600,000, without much of anything else.

Board of Directors, October 24, 1995

Building Project. Bob and Myron have measured for the size of the new addition to the museum.<sup>5</sup>



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<sup>4</sup> Rucille Peterson, Secretary, Minutes kept at the Polk County Museum, Balsam Lake, WI

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

Board of Directors, July 23, 2004

Walter Brager: Mr. Brager represents the Deaver/Park foundation and is our contact for grant requests for what we call the Deaver fund. He was in town recently and had requested a tour of the museum with Rosalie, Darrell and Joyce Anderson to discuss the elevator addition. The foundation would provide matching funds of \$100,000. He expressed that they have two requests; that it bear the Park name and that the addition be large enough to provide a room to store paper documents in a climate controlled environment. He was pleased with the proposed location of the addition. The members went outside to look at the site and after a period of discussion the meeting broke up with no formal adjournment.<sup>6</sup>

August 10, 2004

Eugene Krueger, architect and Joyle Anderson, construction contractor and Darrell and Rosalie Kittleson met at the museum in Balsam Lake. Krueger inspected the museum structure including the coal room. Krueger concluded that a one story building could be constructed over the coal room. He also suggested that the addition should not be constructed using the present foundational cement footings but should be built adjacent to them.

August 17, 2004

Chuck Haslerud, elevator representative, Eugene Krueger, Joyle Anderson, Jim Gisch, Darrell and Rosalie Kittleson met at the museum in Balsam Lake. It was agreed that the a four story addition, containing an elevator should be build butting up to the north of the original building and east of the storage addition. The proposed addition should connect to a single story addition built above the existing coal room. The entrance would be on the east wall of the single story. The single story could also contain handicapped restroom(s).

Board of Director's Meeting, August 24, 2004

Elevator: Meetings between Chuck Haslerud, representing the elevator company, Eugene Krueger, the architect and Joyle Anderson, representing the PCHS have been very productive. The proposed elevator would be in the NE corner and would come through storage rooms on the first and second floors and through the pantry room in the basement. Doors have been measured and they are wide enough for wheelchairs.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Patty Young Secretary, minutes held at the Polk County Museum, Balsam Lake.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

## **Polk County Historical Society Board Meeting September 27, 2005**

Members present: Carl Johnson, Phyllis Gabrielson, Ralph Ladue, Dianne Dueholm, Art Young, Merle Bergren, Jim Gische, Darrel Kittleson, Leroy Schwan

President – Muriel Pfeifer

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order by President Muriel Pfeifer at 5:46 P.M.

Agenda Additions: Museum attendance, Finance Committee, Jim Gisch report

**Secretary's report:** Phyllis Gabrielson moved to approve secretary's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Johnson. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report** was given by Lois Hoff. Jim Gisch moved to approve Treasure's Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrell Kittleson. Motion carried.

**Director's report** was presented by Rosalie Kittleson.

The museum closed for the season on September 5, 2005; the style show was September 15, 2005; Rosalie Kittleson, Darrell Kittleson and Elise Wood attended the NW Region Convention in Rice Lake on September 12, 2005; Church closet near to done; Bids were taken for painting the exterior of museum – the county board needs to approve; Dave Knutson will be picking the globes and lamps up at Menards for the new street lamp; The Leader, The Ledger and the Amery will cover a story on the \$1000 donation received; Mary Howitz donated a player a piano – it was sold for \$200; Hugh Anderson Foundation has called twice, Rosalie Kittleson applied for \$20,000 Capital grant and \$5,000 for the education program.; a grant request to Polaris is still outstanding; Amery Community Foundation meeting next month, asking for a “wish” grant. Helen Swanson has asked to donate her husband's military suite; Indianhead Chorus will be donating funds for the elevator – Rosalie Kittleson and Jim Gisch will be accepting the donation; Proposed Budget 2006 was presented by Rosalie Kittleson and approved by the Polk County Board, no increase in the budget.

**Correspondence:** Mr. Dwight Trotter sent a thank you card and \$100 donation after his visit to the museum.

**Old Business:** Elevator fund projects

- a. Red Hat Tea – Muriel Pfeifer presented the board with a \$1, 025.00 donation from the profits from the Red Hat Tea Society.
- b. Fundraising for 2006. Muriel Pfeifer asked the board if a finance commitment should be formed. No motion made.

**New Business**

- a. Darrell Kittleson presented a proposal for the elevator fund raising, Dan

Powers, owner Wagon Landing Tree Farm sent correspondence in regards to a \$5 matching fund/donation for tress (Christmas) sold to patrons who mention the Polk County Historical Society and/or the elevator fund.

Advertising would be via the newspaper, Polk County Information Center and displays in local business.

Motion to have a funding raising event with the Wagon Landing Tree Farm made by Ralph LaDuke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Johnson, motion carried.

b. Muriel Pfeifer asked about forming a Finance Committee, Darrell Kittleson suggested the President appoint a committee. Muriel Pfeifer will call members to lead the committee.

c. Board members who are up for reelection in November are Dianne Dueholm (will be running again), Phyllis Gabrielson (will not be running again, Muriel Pfeifer asked if she would nominate someone for the position) and Art Young (will be running again).

d. New By-law changes will be voted on at the general meeting. Luck Historical Society will be accepted upon approval/passing of the By-laws. Muriel Pfeifer suggested that Rosalie Kittleson assist the Luck Historical Society with any questions they may have.

e. Donation to WPCA (Amery radio station), the society received a request for a donation. Discussion was held if donations should be made by individuals or in the name of the Historical Society. Motion made by Ralph LaDuke to donate as individuals and not by the Historical Society, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leroy Schwan. Motion carried.

f. Direct Mailing to local businesses (A thru L of businesses) Muriel Pfeifer suggested that because Hurricane Katrina the mailing should be held off until November. Rosalie asked for help with addresses and stuffing envelopes. Muriel offered the use of her church. Discussion held on the expense of postage.

g. October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Open house, request for volunteers. Leroy Schwan offered to help at the museum and Nicole Hanson volunteered for the Lansdale School.

h. Sale of piano and other sales. Rosalie Kittleson asked which fund the proceeds from the sale of the player piano should go to. Motion by Phyllis Gabrielson that the funds should go to the elevator fund. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leroy Schwan. Motion carried.

i. Nominating Committee, Muriel Pfeifer asked Phyllis Gabrielson to nominate someone for her position, Merle Bergren will assist her.

j. David Knutson addressed the board requesting funds of \$150 to cover some of the expenses of attending the Wisconsin Regional Historical Conference in Rhinelander on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Carl



Johnson approving a \$150 to David Knutson and Darrell Kittleson for expenses. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dianne Dueholm. Motion carried.

k. Jim Gisch addressed the board with cost of gas and maintenance of the Historical Markers. Rosalie Kittleson said that last year it had been decided that the Society would charge \$25 per sign. No motion made.

Jim Gisch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Carl Johnson, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

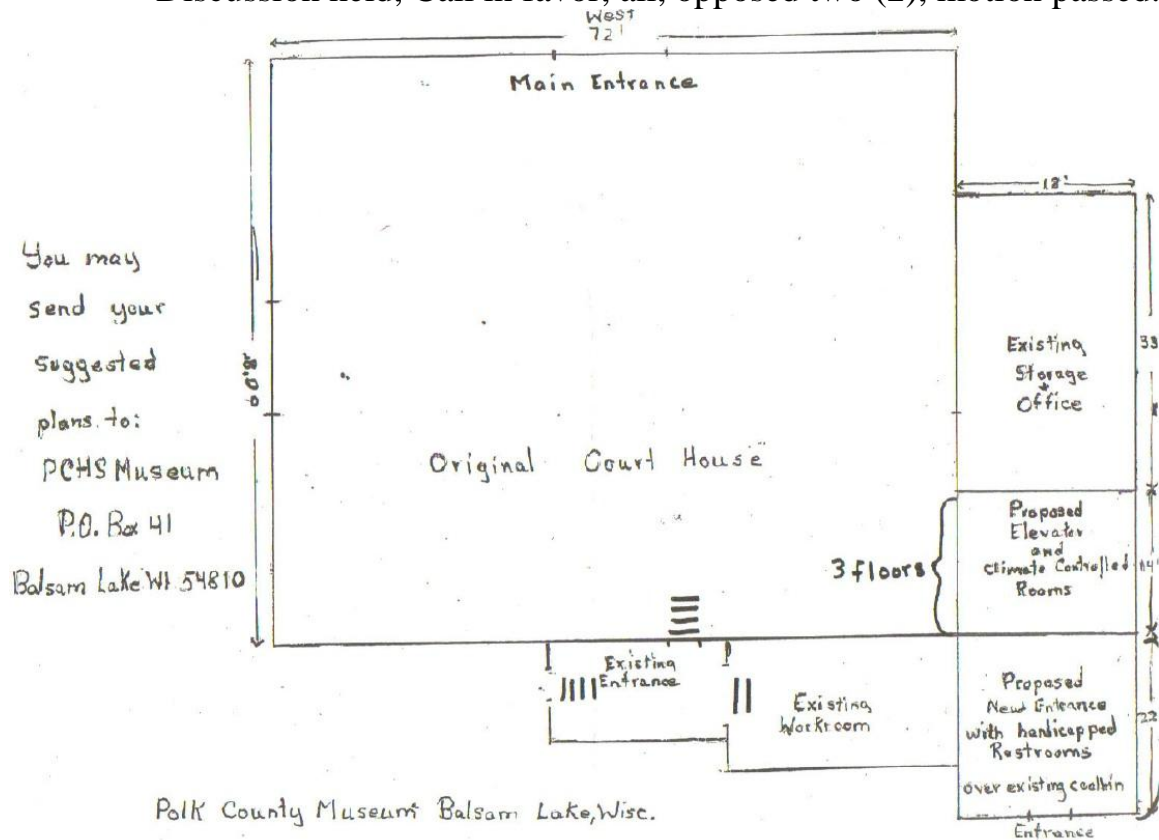
Nicole Hanson

### General Meeting of Polk County Historical Society held on September 27, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:20 P.M. by President Muriel Pfeifer.

Motion to accept the By-law changes made by Dianne Dueholm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Young, Motion carried.

Discussion held, Call in favor, all, opposed two (2), motion passed.



Polk County Museum Balsam Lake, Wis.

Proposed New Addition - Elevator + Handicapped Restrooms