STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

In the Matter of the Petition of

GENERAL DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN, HELPERS AND INSIDE EMPLOYEES UNION LOCAL NO. 288

Involving Employes of

DOUGLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Case VIII
No. 10388 ME-202
Decision No. 7331

Appearances:

Lewis, Hammer, Heaney, Wehl and Halverson, Attorneys at Law, by <u>William D. Watters</u>, and <u>Orval Anderson</u>, President, for the Petitioner.

Joseph McDonald, District Attorney, for the Municipal Employer.

DIRECTION OF ELECTION

The above named Petitioner having petitioned the Wisconsin Employment Relations Board to conduct an election pursuant to Section 111.70 of the Wisconsin Statutes, among certain employes of the above named Municipal Employer; and a hearing on such petition having been conducted at Superior, Wisconsin, on October 6, 1965, by Commissioner Zel S. Rice II; and the Board having considered the evidence and being satisfied that a question has arisen concerning representation for certain employes of the Municipal Employer named above;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

DIRECTED

That an election by secret ballot shall be conducted under the direction of the Wisconsin Employment Relations Board within sixty (60) days from the date of this Directive in the collective bargaining unit consisting of all maintenance employes, janitors and elevator operators employed in the Douglas County Courthouse, excluding all other employes, who were employed by the Municipal Employer on October 6, 1965, except such employes as may prior to the election quit their employment or be discharged for cause for the purpose of determining whether or not a majority of such employes

desire to be represented by General Drivers, Warehousemen, Helpers and Inside Employees Union Local No. 288 for the purposes of conferences and negotiations with the above named Municipal Employer on questions of wages, hours and conditions of employment.

Given under our hands and seal at the City of Madison, Wisconsin, this 22nd day of October, 1965.

WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

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Morris Slavney, Chairman

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MEMORANDUM ACCOMPANYING DIRECTION OF ELECTION

The Union petition requested that the collective bargaining unit consist of all engineers, janitors, custodians and maintenance employes. In the course of the hearing, it became clear that there are no engineers or custodians employed and that the employes involved are janitors and maintenance employes. The Employer contended that the elevator operator should also be included in the unit. The Building and Grounds Committee of the Douglas County Board of Supervisors employs the janitors, maintenance employes, and the elevator operator, and no other employes. All of these employes are hired by the Building and Grounds Committee and are under the supervision of that Committee. All seven employes constitute a department within the jurisdiction of the Building and Grounds Committee and the Board finds that the elevator operator should be included in the unit.

The other issue involved is whether Jerry Archambeau is a supervisor, and therefore excluded from the eligibles in the bargaining unit. The evidence revealed that he does maintenance and janitorial work seven of eight hours a day. During these seven hours he performs the same type of work as most of the other members of the bargaining unit. Archambeau assigns the other janitor and maintenance employes to their duties but he does not have the power to hire or fire. He can make recommendations on hiring and firing, but has never done so. While it would appear that some of his duties might be supervisory in nature, any action

he might take is subject to approval by the Building and Grounds Committee. Therefore, it is clear that Jerry Archambeau is a working foreman and the Board finds that he is an employe of the bargaining unit and eligible to vote in the election.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 22nd day of October, 1965.

WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

Commissioner