

AGENDA
WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: Courthouse – County Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

EXCUSALS: Supervisor Rozar

INVOCATION: Chairman Pliml

READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS/Re-APPOINTMENTS:

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

READING OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS, RESOLUTIONS. RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED BY COMMITTEES SHALL BE PRESENTED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE READING OF THAT COMMITTEE'S MINUTES

PRESENTATION OF LETTERS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

SET DATE FOR NEXT COUNTY BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, March 17, 2026

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
January 20, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

The Wood County Board of Supervisors composed of nineteen members convened in the Wood County Boardroom at the Courthouse in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Chairman Pliml called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Supervisors present: Brehm, Breu, Buttke, Clendenning, Hahn, Hamilton, Hokamp, Hovendick, Leichtnam, Penzkover, Perlock, Polach, Pliml, Rozar, Schulz, Thao, Valenstein, Voight, and Zurfluh.

Supervisor Rozar gave the invocation led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Schulz/Hamilton to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

There were no public comments.

There were no referrals.

Committee minutes presented: Operations.

RESOLUTION 26-1-1

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To consent to use of taxable revenue bond financing to be issued by the Public Finance Authority for a multi-jurisdictional project, a portion which is located in Wood County, Wisconsin.

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact to Wood County. This consent by the Wood County (the “County”) does not impose any liability, obligation or responsibility for the Bonds to the County.

Motion by Zurfluh/Breu to adopt Resolution 26-1-1. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 26-1-2

Introduced by: Heath & Human Services and Operations Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 Edgewater Haven Maintenance budget (54214) for the purpose of funding repairs for a water lateral failure not anticipated during the original budget process.

FISCAL NOTE: No additional cost to Wood County. The sources of funding will come from Edgewater’s retained earnings, the surplus from Edgewater’s 2025 capital projects funding, and Edgewater’s 2025 operating budget. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Function	Account Name	Debit	Credit
33900	Edgewater Retained Earnings	\$112,632.00	
57412	Edgewater Capital Projects	\$15,979.41	
54214	Edgewater Maintenance		\$128,611.41

Motion by Buttke/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 26-1-2. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services, Veterans Service Commission, Public Safety, Traffic Safety Commission, Conservation, Education, & Economic Development, Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Land Information Council, Citizens Water Group.

RESOLUTION 26-1-3

Introduced by: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Approve an amendment to the Town of Saratoga Official Zoning Ordinance.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County.

Motion by Hamilton/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 26-1-3. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Judicial & Legislative, Highway Infrastructure & Recreation.

Chairman Pliml indicated his intention on taking the next two resolutions with one vote. No objection heard.

RESOLUTION 26-1-4

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize out-of-state travel for the Highway Commissioner to attend the National Association of County Engineers annual training conference in Arlington, Texas April 11-15, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: Total to the County \$1,260

Motion by Buttke/Voight to adopt Resolution 26-1-4. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 26-1-5

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize out-of-state travel for the Highway Commissioner to attend the Transportation Development Association Fly-in March 4-5, 2026

FISCAL NOTE: Total to the County \$975

Motion by Buttke/Voight to adopt Resolution 26-1-5. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 26-1-6

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Approval of the 2026 Wood County Forest Annual Work Plan.

FISCAL NOTE: Potential loss of State Aid Revenues of \$59,040.08

Motion by Zurfluh/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 26-1-6. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 26-1-7

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To Amend the “Rules of Order” for the Wood County State Wildlife Area Advisory Committee.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 26-1-7. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee minutes presented: Property & Information Technology, Junior Fair Board, Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of Directors

The board, by consensus, changed the date of the June County Board meeting to Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 9:49 AM. Next scheduled county board meeting is February 17, 2026.

Trent Miner
County Clerk

REFERRALS FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2026 – COUNTY BOARD

- February 3, 2026: Resolution from Marathon County requesting more local control in the regulation of large scale wind and solar projects. Referred to CEED Committee and Planning & Zoning Director Grueneberg.
- February 9, 2026: Memo from Marathon County Conservation, Planning, & Zoning Director announcing the draft of the 2026 Marathon County Comprehensive Plan is available for review. Referred to CEED Committee & Planning & Zoning Director Grueneberg.

MINUTES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 3, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Rm 300

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Valenstein, Donna Rozar, Lance Pliml, Jake Hahn, Joseph Zurfluh

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chair Valenstein called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Rozar/Pliml to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Wellness Coordinator Peterson provided a monthly update on Wellness programming.
5. Finance Director Yang presented 3 resolutions amending the 2026 budget to include:
 - Sheriff Traffic Safety – BOTS Grant
 - Edgewater Administration – CBRF Design carryover
 - Maintenance Capital Projects – HVAC project carryoverMotion by Rozar/Pliml to approve the aforementioned resolutions and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Yang presented 9 resolutions amending the 2025 budget to include:
 - Corporation Counsel
 - Dispatch
 - Emergency Management
 - Land Conservation – DATCP
 - Parks – Administration
 - Parks – Capital Projects
 - Planning & Zoning – Land Record
 - Register in Probate
 - TreasurerMotion by Hahn/Zurfluh to approve the aforementioned resolutions and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
7. HR Director McGrath presented 2025 metrics based on turnover and usage of the recruitment and retention policy. Multiple documents denoting percentages and quantities were presented to the committee for review.

8. McGrath reviewed the current pay structure for the Clerk of Courts and Sheriff and the comparables coming in. These wages need to be set by the March meeting in order to comply with state statutes of having them set before the circulation of nomination papers. Once change being recommended was moving the Clerk of Courts to 2080 hours from 2015 hours, as this is the last constitutional officer at that rate. More information will follow next month.
9. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 10:00 AM.
10. Chair Valenstein adjourned the meeting at 10:27 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

Operations Committee
February 3, 2026

NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill Gendroning	WCF #15
JUSTIN CIBULKOWICZ	EDGewater
DENNIS POLACH	WCB-14
Joe Smith	Heaven
Pamela LANG	Finance
Darrin Steinbach	Finance
Riley Peterson	Wellness
Kim McGrath	HR
Kelli Szymanski	HR
Shawn Beela	WCSO
G ELLIS	WCSO
Charles Hoagster	WCSO
Tara Wesner	Private
Tara Wesner	Clerk of Courts
Heather Gehrt	Treasurer
Brian Vranovic	WCHSD
Tony Bastien	DISPATCH
Amy KAUF	IT
Nick Flanagan (Web Ex)	HR
Victoria Wilson (Web Ex)	P-3
Amy Kauf (Web Ex)	IT
Marissa Kornack (Web Ex)	Norwood
Tiffany Ringes (Web Ex)	Register of Deeds
Katie Webber (Web Ex)	Human Services
Brad Hamilton (Web Ex)	CB District 18



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OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK

Trent Miner

Letter of Comments – February 2026

	2024	2025
Outgoing Mail Pieces Processed	128,640	125,355
Marriage License Applications	351	361
Passport Applications Accepted	851	780
Timber Cutting Notices Processed	101	73
Elections Administered	4	2
Election Trainings Conducted*	7*	4*

- The above chart is the County Clerk’s office numbers for the year. I am adding a new item which is asterisked above, that being Election Trainings Conducted.

A lot of time is spent preparing for those trainings, such as deciding what topics to cover, preparing power points and hand out information, getting approval for certification hours from the Elections Commission, etc. Most of the trainings are 3-hours in length. The number above represent an approximate number of trainings I did in Wood County. I will start keeping better track of this going forward. I will also include the state-mandated trainings I am certified to do for Chief Election Inspector Baseline training and Municipal Clerk Core training. So, for 2026, I have conducted 5 trainings, just in those state mandated trainings. The state-certified trainings are scripted by the Elections Commission, but I always add to them to make them both more interesting and more indicative of the processes in the counties I am presenting to. I am thinking about doing another municipal clerk and chief election inspector training between the Spring Primary and the Spring Election if I have time. There has been a new rule on Election Observers promulgated by the Elections Commission and the State Legislature. Although not much has changed in that rule, I want to make sure they have the current forms and directions as we head into a busy year of elections.

- A couple of items to note. Marriage licenses were up for 2025, but that number seem sporadic at best. It goes up and crashes down again. Passport applications were down from our record number in 2024. The year started off strong but then the numbers started going down as the year went along. Part of it might be that the Portage County Clerk is now offering passport application acceptance in their office and we used to get a few from Portage County. Time will tell. Timber cutting notices were WAY down last year although the number is somewhat misleading. Of the 73 notices we processed, 25 of those were for Invenergy, the company that is doing that new solar array in the Town of Saratoga.
- I am starting to compile information about the feasibility of continuing to lease the mail machine after November of 2027 when our current lease ends.
- After the dust settled after the day of the deadline for turning in nomination papers, we ended up

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with primary elections in County Board Supervisory District 9 (3 candidates filed and we need to get down to 2 for the Spring Election) and in the Marshfield School District (7 candidates need to be pared down to 6). The county board also has a contested race in District 2 that does not require a primary. Myself, along with Chief Deputy DeKleyn did our first ballot design and programming which was pretty intense and involved, even being a small election. It went well, however, and we both learned a lot. The April election will be more intense in the programming room as we will have over 90 different ballot styles over 34 municipalities. The primary was only 21 ballot styles over 12 municipalities.

- I am helping out the Marshfield School District in their publications for the Spring Primary by including their out-of-county districts into our publication. If we didn't, they would have to publish the same exact notices with the exact same information in it in the same edition of the paper to include those municipalities. That would be senseless and a waste of time and money, so I am including it in mine.
- The Wisconsin County Constitutional Officer Conference is coming up in March in Madison, but I will not be attending. The timing is never good as we will be elbow-deep in Spring Election preparation, it really does not provide me with any knowledge I need to fulfill my duties, and I want to use those funds to allow Chief Deputy DeKleyn to attend the Wisconsin County Clerks Summer Camp in June, which we discussed last month.



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Office of
Finance Director

PaNya Yang
Finance Director

Date: 1/28/2026
To: Operations Committee
From: PaNya Yang
Subject: Monthly Letter of Comments

Departmental Activities

Finance Department Updates

1. ARPA Funds

As of December 31, 2025, we have roughly \$3.75 million remaining – the majority being \$3.0 million of park improvements/building. The smaller amounts consist of \$503,000 for the radio system updates, Land & Water Conservation of \$105,729 for various projects, and Planning & Zoning of \$94,572 for LiDAR. Funds must be expended by the end of 2026. I'll be reaching out to these departments for a status of ongoing projects.

2. 2025 Budgets

Darrin and I have been reviewing year-end budgets all month long. We worked with several departments on budget amending resolutions, which I've summarized below. We will have just a few more housekeeping resolutions in the next few months as we wrap up any remaining 2025 expenses and revenues.

3. Other Departmental Activities

- a. Step increases for eligible employees went into effect on the 01/09/2026 paycheck.
- b. W-2s will be processed and mailed/distributed before January 31st.
- c. 1099s have been processed and sent out.
- d. I signed up for the Local Government Leadership Academy – a collaborative effort between UW-Madison Division of Extension, the WCA, and Leadership Wisconsin, Inc. It is a nine-month cohort-based program. I am looking forward to the experience and working with other local government leaders.

4. Sales Tax Update

Our total 2025 sales tax revenue came in at \$8,469,660 – a surplus of \$169,660 from our budgeted amount of \$8.3 million.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
\$697,425.03	\$587,164.67	\$547,506.44	\$838,904.10	\$594,648.85	\$ 867,497.69
JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
\$761,499.31	\$719,135.88	\$907,123.98	\$552,045.16	\$682,774.39	\$ 713,934.81

\$ 8,469,660.31	2025 Sales Tax
\$ 8,300,000.00	2025 Budgeted
<u>\$ 169,660.31</u>	Surplus



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Finance Director

Agenda Items

Resolutions – Amend 2026 Budgets

1. Sheriff Traffic Police – BOTS Grant

This resolution seeks to amend the 2026 Traffic Police budget for receipt of unanticipated revenue of \$22,000 from the Bureau of Traffic Safety for additional seat belt enforcement from January 1st through September 30th of 2026. There is no fiscal impact.

2. Edgewater Administration – CBRF Design Carryover

This resolution seeks to amend Edgewater's 2026 Administration budget for the purpose of rolling over unexpended funds for architectural design services for the Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF). \$72,675 of the original \$200,000 was expended through 2025, leaving a balance of \$127,325. Samuels Group has been working on the design, and the work will continue into 2026. There is no fiscal impact. Available funding is from the 2024 budget surplus that was approved and retained in the Edgewater fund balance/retained earnings.

3. Maintenance Capital Projects – Courthouse HVAC Project Carryover

This resolution seeks to amend Maintenance's 2026 Capital Projects budget to carry over funds for the courthouse HVAC project that was in process but not completed at the end of 2025. The boiler project was funded with ARPA and jail contingency funds. ARPA funds of \$1.5 million were first utilized. \$2,128,149 of jail contingency funds were allocated for this project and a total of \$1,784,944 was expended in 2025. The amount to carry over into 2026 is \$343,205.

Resolutions – Amend 2025 Budgets

1. Corporation Counsel

This resolution seeks to amend Corporation Counsel's 2025 budget for unanticipated expenditures of personnel costs related to the retirement of the former Corporation Counsel. The source of funding will be unanticipated revenues from Court Fees of \$6,000 and Local Department Charges of \$5,300 for a total of \$11,300.

2. Dispatch

This resolution seeks to amend Dispatch's 2025 budget for additional expenditures not anticipated during the budget process. Dispatch Manager, Tony Bastien, applied for and received a grant of \$363,849.94 from the Department of Military Affairs for equipment and system upgrades. Therefore, the source of funding will be unanticipated grant revenue from the Department of Military Affairs.

3. Emergency Management

This resolution seeks to amend Emergency Management's Admin budget for 2025 for additional expenditures not anticipated during the budget process. EM received unanticipated revenues of \$358,858 from the Legacy Foundation for the purchase of a vehicle barrier system and \$13,050 in donations for purchases of emergency kits. The additional expenditures total \$366,481 and will be covered with the unanticipated miscellaneous revenues mentioned earlier.



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4. Land & Water Conservation – DATCP

This resolution seeks to amend Land & Water Conservation’s 2025 DATCP budget for the purpose of funding expenditures not anticipated during the budget process. This budget incurred additional expenditures for nutrient management farm education incentives. The source of funding will be unanticipated state aid revenues of \$7,054 and available DATCP fund balance of \$11,104.64 for a total of \$18,158.64.

5. Parks Administration

This resolution seeks to amend Parks’ 2025 Administration budget for additional expenditures of \$28,335 not anticipated during the original budget process. A new vehicle was purchased to replace one that was involved in an accident. An insurance recovery payment of \$22,500 was received. Additional expenses also incurred for management of Cera Park. County forest revenue exceeded its original budgeted amount by \$59,000. Therefore, there is sufficient unanticipated revenue to cover the budget overage of \$28,335.

6. Parks Capital Projects

This resolution seeks to amend Parks’ 2025 Capital Projects budget for additional expenditures of \$244,917 not anticipated during the original budget process. Expenses were incurred for the Powers Bluff Trailhead Shelter building, which is a multi-year project. Grant reimbursement will not be received until completion of the project. Grant reimbursement for the South Park storm shelter was received in 2025, which is sufficient to cover the unanticipated expenditures of the Powers Bluff trailhead shelter project.

7. Planning & Zoning – Land Record

This resolution seeks to amend Planning & Zoning’s 2025 Land Record budget for ARPA-related project expenses not anticipated during the budget process. The ARPA Ad Hoc Committee meeting had previously approved ARPA funding for Land Record’s LiDAR project of \$242,425 of which \$63,000 was expended in 2025. The source of funding is previously approved ARPA funds.

8. Register in Probate

This resolution seeks to amend Register in Probate’s 2025 budget for additional personnel expenditures of \$2,200 not anticipated during the budget process. Register in Probate received additional revenues above the original budgeted amounts for Ordinance Violations and Court Fees & Costs for a total of \$9,646. The source of funding is unanticipated revenues from Court Fees & Costs.

9. Treasurer

This resolution seeks to amend Treasurer’s 2025 budget for additional expenditures of \$7,500 not anticipated during the original budget process due to add-on software costs. The source of funding is unanticipated tax increment revenue received from the City of Marshfield for the closure of TID #5-Mill Creek.



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HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

January 30, 2026

To: Wood County Operations Committee

From: Kimberly McGrath, Director- Human Resources

Subject: Human Resources (HR) Monthly Letter of Comments – January 2026

Human Resources Activity

	January 2026	2026 Year-to Date
Applications Received	103	103
Positions Filled	8	8
Promotions/Transfers	2	2
New Hire Orientations	7	7
Terminations, Voluntary	5*	5
Terminations, Involuntary	0	0
Retirements	2	2
Turnover Rate	.65%	.65%
Exit Interviews	2	2

*One of these is casual

Human Resources Narrative

General Highlights

1. The first ever Wood County Employee Engagement Survey was completed this month. This project is the result of a strong partnership with Mid-State Technical College (MSTC), specifically the Workforce Development Department, who we have been working together with for the last six months on this initiative. Employees received their survey link (or QR code) on January 16th and the survey closed on January 30th. Over the next few months, MSTC will analyze the survey data and create a variety of reports - these will be shared with departments for review and action planning.
2. We received our 2025 Health Plan Cost vs Plan Funding report. Our loss ratio for the 2025 plan year was 109% meaning that actual claims slightly exceeded the cost projections for the year. Our Health Plan remains strong going into 2026. It shall also be noted that we had a higher than typical number of high-cost claimants in 2025; 14 plan members exceeded the stop-loss threshold of \$125,000. (For comparison's sake: in 2024, 6 members exceeded the threshold.)
3. Annual Safety Training was communicated to all employees last month and was due January 16, 2026. All current, non-healthcare employees were required to review the updated training electronically and submit a Certificate of Completion. At this point, approximately 105 certificates remain outstanding.

Meetings & Trainings

1. Attended the Operations Committee meeting on January 6th.
2. Attended an annual “Check-In” video call with our rep at WCMIC (County Mutual) on January 9th.
3. Attended Public Safety Committee on January 12th.
4. Attended County Board on January 20th.
5. Attended the monthly conference call with The Horton Group on January 27th to discuss various benefit topics.
6. Attended the Wisconsin Public Employer Labor Relations Association (WPELRA) Annual Training Conference in Madison on January 29-30th. Topics included Resilience through Responsibility, Legal Updates, Leadership, Collective Bargaining Agreements, State Legislative Update, and Navigating Change.
7. Held individual staff and team meetings to discuss and provide updates on the department’s identified 2026 goals.
8. Team members attended various webinars related to benefits, employment law, and compliance.

Benefits

1. Submitted medical insurance enrollment information to BlueWater Benefits Consulting for preparation and filing of 1095-C forms. Distribution will be handled internally again this year to reduce the cost of printing and mailing. Distribution will occur in late February.
2. Processed Family and Medical Leave requests, address changes, beneficiary designations, qualifying events, benefit elections or contributions for new hires, terminations, and cancellation/reporting of benefits.
3. Processed and prepared monthly COBRA remittance, EBC admin fees, and stop loss admin fees.
4. Assisted multiple employees with questions related to FMLA, leaves of absence, retirement, and benefit claims concerns.
5. Processed COBRA notifications for dependents on the health plan reaching age 26.

Recruitment

1. Updated the Status of Open Positions, Headcount Sheet (FTE Control), New Hire, and Termination spreadsheets daily.
2. Assisted multiple departments with interviews and selection process.
3. Reported new hires with the Wisconsin New Hire Reporting Center.
4. Posted multiple vacancies on Cyber Recruiter and other pertinent employment sites based on the Request for Hire submitted. Closed multiple positions in Cyber Recruiter upon successful acceptance of an offer and notified all remaining applicants of position status.
5. Communicated with multiple applicants, employees, and supervisors regarding varying positions.
6. Continue to work with Edgewater, Norwood, and Human Services to review and update/pause/re-instate subscriptions with Indeed. Continually looking into different options to ensure we are reaching out to interested candidates in a timely manner.
7. Scheduled multiple post-offer, pre-employment drug tests with multiple testing locations for applicants offered employment.

The following chart shows position activity during the month. Positions that are filled are dropped from the list the following month.

<u>Refilled Position</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Replacement	Branch I	Legal Admin Assistant – Floater	Position posted; deadline 1/26/26
Replacement	Clerk of Courts	Court Clerk	Position posted; interviewed conducted, references completed, offer extended and accepted, filled 1/26/26

Replacements	Edgewater	CNA, RN, LPN, and Dietary Assistant – (Multiple)	Ongoing recruitment- positions posted, applications reviewed, interviews, references, backgrounds, onboarding. Deadline 3/9/26
Replacement	Health	Public Health Admin Specialist	Position reclassified, filled internally 6/7/26
Replacement	Highway	Mechanic II	Position posted; deadline 2/2/26
Replacement	Highway	Truck Operator	Position posted; deadline 2/9/26
Replacements	Human Services	Mental Health Case Manager (CCS Service Facilitator) – 2 - WR	Positions posted, interviews conducted, references/background completed, offers extended and accepted, one filled 11/10/2025 2 nd position filled 1/12/26
Replacement	Human Services	Children’s Waiver Case Manager	Position posted; interviews conducted, references/background completed, offer extended and accepted, filled 1/5/26
Replacement	Human Services	Case Manager/Social Worker – Ongoing	Position posted; deadline 1/26/26
Replacement	Human Services	Case Manager/Social Worker – IA	Position posted; deadline 2/9/26
Replacement	Human Services	Mental Health/SUD Therapist	Position posted; deadline 2/9/26
Replacement	Human Services	Family Interaction Worker	Position posted; deadline 2/16/26
Replacement	Human Services	CCS Service Facilitator	Position posted; deadline 2/23/26
New positions (3)	Human Services	CLTS Support & Service Coordinators (I & II)	Positions posted; deadline 2/9/26
Replacement	Human Services	EMH/APS Coordinator	Position posted; deadline 2/16/26
Replacement	IT	Network Analyst	Position posted; deadline 1/25/26
New Position	Maintenance	Building Automation Specialist	Position posted; deadline 1/26/26
Replacements	Norwood	Mental Health Technicians, Dietary Aides, RN, and LPN	Ongoing recruitment- positions posted, applications reviewed, interviews, references, backgrounds, onboarding; deadline 1/27/2026
Replacement	Parks	Medical 1 st Responders	Position posted; deadline 2/2/26
New position	Sheriff/Human Services	Mental Health Case Manager	Position posted; interviews conducted, filled internally 2/9/26
Replacement	Sheriff	Administrative Asst II	Position posted; interviews conducted, filled internally 1/19/26
Replacement	Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff – Establish Eligibility List	Position posted; deadline 1/11/26. One position filled 12/8/25. Written testing scheduled for 1/31/26
Replacement	Sheriff	Office Supervisor	Filled internally 12/26/25
Replacements	Sheriff	Correction Officers	Position posted; deadline 4/6/26

Safety/Risk Management

1. Managed open claims with Aegis/Charles Taylor throughout the month.
2. Corresponded with various insurers regarding claims and pending litigation.
3. Attended Norwood Safety Committee on January 13th.

NEW Workers' Compensation Claims (2)

1. 1/5/26 – Human Services – Employee was involved in MVC with private vehicle while returning from home visit
2. 1/8/26 – Child Support – Employee slipped on ice on sidewalk across from Courthouse

OPEN Workers' Compensation Claims (7)

1. 2/12/25 – EM – Employee slipped on ice, fell on L side hauling debris to bin at EM Shop (surgery required)
2. 9/26/25 – Land Conservation – Employee suffered L shoulder/neck pain and soreness after MVC (initially reported as first aid only)
3. 10/27/25 – Edgewater Haven – Employee strained R bicep/arm while lifting resident
4. 12/13/25 – Sheriff's – Employee suffered pain/swelling to R hand after going to ground while taking combative juvenile into custody (restitution will be requested)
5. 12/22/25 – County Board – Elected official slipped and fell on snow/ice outside Courthouse
6. 12/26/25 – Edgewater – Employee injured R side of body slipping on ice while leaving work
7. 12/26/25 – Human Services – Employee injured lower back slipping on ice in Centralia lot

CLOSED Workers' Compensation Claims (4)

1. 7/7/25 – Highway – Employee strained R knee while entering truck (late report)
2. 10/17/25 – Sheriff's – Employee suffered R arm/shoulder pain and bruising at school function
3. 11/3/25 – Human Services – Employee sprained R ankle after stepping in hole on city street
4. 11/11/25 – Maintenance – Employee sprained L foot/ankle after stepping on uneven floor in underground parking

First Aid Injuries (2)

1. 1/8/26 – Clerk of Courts – Employee had scrapes and bruises after falling on sidewalk in front of Courthouse
2. 1/14/26 – Highway – Employee bruised L elbow after falling at Pittsville shop

Property/Vehicle Damage Claims (1)

1. 1/20/2026 – Sheriff's – Squad backed into other vehicle in Norwood parking lot (est. damage \$437.61)

Liability Claims

Various mailbox claims were received throughout the month. All claims were investigated by Highway Department and Safety/Risk.

OPEN EEOC/ERD Claims (3)

1. 2/14/22- Former Norwood employee submitted a claim alleging violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act (EEO), experiencing discrimination based on creed/religion. We received a Notice of Complaint on February 16, 2022. Chubb Insurance assigned external counsel to Jackson Lewis. Our position statement was drafted, finalized, and submitted to the EEOC on April 15, 2022. No recent activity.
2. 12/13/24- Former Clerk of Courts employee submitted a claim alleging violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act (EEO), experiencing discrimination based on national origin and sex. County Mutual assigned external counsel to Lindner Marsack. Our position statement was drafted, finalized, and submitted to the EEOC on January 21, 2025. No recent activity.
3. 6/4/25- Former Human Services employee submitted a claim alleging violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act (EEO), experiencing discrimination based on pregnancy and sex. County Mutual assigned external counsel to Lindner Marsack. Our position statement was drafted, finalized, and submitted to the EEOC on June 18, 2025. No recent activity.

Other

1. Created and distributed the Monthly Manager Resource, titled “Responding to Requests for Office Equipment and How They Might Interact with Requests for Accommodation” to all Wood County managers and supervisors.
2. First quarter Random DOT selections sent, deadline March 3rd.
3. Posted multiple announcements on LinkedIn and Facebook throughout the month. These include job advertisements, employee recognition, and other relevant community-focused announcements.
4. Worked with Unemployment Insurance (UI) to provide additional information regarding multiple claims. Worked with various departments to compile information needed.
5. Received and processed multiple invoices for HR, Safety & Risk, and Wellness.
6. Facilitated New Hire Orientation on January 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.
7. Conducted exit interviews on January 9th and 13th.
8. Responded to multiple verifications of employment.
9. Replied to requests from surrounding counties with varied information.
10. Met with several County employees and managers individually over the month to listen to concerns, provide advice, counsel, resources, and appropriate follow-up.



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Heather L. Gehrt

LETTER OF COMMENTS—FEBRUARY 2026

- Attended Wisconsin Counties Association weekly calls on Mondays in January.
- I attended the Operations Committee meeting on January 6.
- I sent out a Request for Proposal for our Title Reports for tax deed properties to four vendors. All responses were due back by January 16. Two companies responded, one we have previously used, and a new company. The new company came back with pricing \$40 below the price per report that the previous company we used did. We have about 57 reports, so that saved the County around \$2,280.
- I attended United Way Board training/retreat on January 27.
- I have been verifying and creating .xml files of each municipality to send to the DOR of the 2025 Assessment Rolls and 2025 Tax Rolls.
- January collections are almost completed and the first year for the municipalities went well on the new system. A few municipalities had some hiccups that delayed some online deposits, and some pet license issues arose but will be fixed prior to settlement.
- I have been asked by UW Green Bay to again teach a full day class to students in the Municipal Clerks & Treasurers Institute Program regarding tax roll preparation, tax collections, and settlements in July.



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Employee Wellness

Riley Peterson

Letter of Comments – January 2026

- The cash payout incentives report for the 2025 Wellness Program has been finalized. We had a total of 178 employees who earned a cash incentive. To summarize, there were 89 participants who qualified for the Gold package, 47 participants who qualified for the Silver package, and 42 participants who reached the Bronze package. The payouts were included on their first January paycheck.
- The 2026 onsite biometric screenings are under way. There have been 2 screenings completed thus far, one at Riverblock and the other at the Courthouse. There are 6 more screenings scheduled and will be held at the various Wood County locations.
- The weekly occurrence of working with new hires and/or employees who have previously not enrolled in the Wellness Program has started. I've been working with them to create their wellness portal accounts so they may begin the process of completing the qualifying activities and become more involved with wellness.
- The Quarter 1 challenge will begin in February. The theme for this challenge will be based around improving blood pressure. The topic for this challenge was chosen based on the 2025 aggregate report and due to February being National Heart Month. Participants will learn how different lifestyle choices impact their blood pressure and will be asked to record healthy blood-pressure-supporting habits throughout the challenge.
- Health Coaching (the 3rd qualifying activity) is available earlier this year in hopes to talk to participants closer to their biometric testing date and to have the ability to complete their 3 qualifying activities earlier.
- A resources tab has been added to the 2026 wellness portal. This section includes resources on financial security, gym membership discounts, EAS, Tobacco and vaping.



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Reviewed by: _____ PY _____, Finance Dir.	

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 Treasurer (51520) budget for additional expenditures that were not anticipated during the original budget process:

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The source of funding is unanticipated revenues from Tax Increment Revenues. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
51520	Treasurer		\$7,500
41120	Tax Increments	\$7,500	

WHEREAS, the Treasurer’s Department incurred unexpected 2025 expenditures for software costs, and

WHEREAS, revenues in excess of anticipated amounts budgeted to the Treasurer’s Department will be sufficient to fund the additional expenditures, and

WHEREAS, Rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the Treasurer (51520) department budget for 2025 by appropriating \$7,500 of unanticipated revenues from Tax Increment Revenues (41120), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. 65.90 (5), the County Clerk is directed to post a notice of this budget change within 15 days.

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To Amend the 2026 Edgewater Administration (54219) budget to include expenditures for the CBRF architectural design which was in progress but not completed as of December 31, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: No Cost to Wood County. The source of funding is from previously approved 2024 Edgewater Haven budget surplus.

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	DEBIT	CREDIT
54219	EW Administration		\$127,325
33900	EW Retained Earnings	\$127,325	

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2025, the Wood County Board of Supervisors approved the Resolution from the Health and Human Services and Operations Committee to approve architectural design services for a Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) on the Edgewater Haven Campus which will not exceed an amount of \$200,000.00, in which would be funded through Edgewater Haven’s 2024 Budget Surplus, and

WHEREAS, Edgewater Haven has engaged with The Samuels Group for CBRF architectural design, and

WHEREAS, The Samuels Group has been developing the architectural design of the CBRF and work will continue through 2026, and

WHEREAS, The Samuels Group has billed Edgewater Haven for a total of \$72,675.00 for services incurred in 2025, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that CBRF design costs will total \$127,325 for 2026, and

WHEREAS, rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual cost will exceed the budget at the function level”, and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the 2026 Edgewater Haven Administration (54219) budget by appropriating \$127,325 of unexpended 2024 budget surplus for the CBRF architectural design from Edgewater Haven's retained earnings (33900) account, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. 65.90 (5), the County Clerk is directed to post a notice of this budget change within 15 days.



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Reviewed by: _____ PY _____, Finance Dir.	

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 Emergency Management Admin (52520) budget for additional expenditures that were not anticipated during the original budget process:

FISCAL NOTE: No additional cost to Wood County. The source of funding is unanticipated revenues from donations and the Legacy Foundation. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
48500	Donations	\$7,623	
48900	Other Misc. Revenue	\$358,858	
52520	Emergency Mgmt. Admin		\$366,481

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Admin budget incurred additional expenditures that were not anticipated during the original budget process due to the purchase of a vehicle barrier system and emergency kit supplies, and

WHEREAS, payments received from Donations and the Legacy Foundation will be sufficient to cover the unanticipated expenditures, and

WHEREAS, Rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the 2025 Emergency Management Admin (52520) budget by appropriating \$7,623 of unanticipated revenues from Donations (48500) and \$358,858 of

unanticipated revenues from Other Miscellaneous Revenue (48900), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis Stats 65.90(5) the County Clerk is directed to post a notice of this budget amendment change within 15 days.

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 Dispatch (52601) budget for additional expenditures that were not anticipated during the original budget process:

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The source of funding is unanticipated grant revenues from the Department of Military Affairs (DMA). The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
52601	Dispatch		\$363,849.94
43528	State Grants	\$363,849.94	

WHEREAS, the Dispatch function incurred unexpected 2025 expenditures for equipment and system upgrades, and

WHEREAS, unanticipated Department of Military Affairs (DMA) grant revenues were received and will be sufficient to fund the additional expenditures, and

WHEREAS, Rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the 2025 Dispatch (52601) budget by appropriating \$363,849.94 of unanticipated DMA grant revenues from State Grants (43528), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. 65.90 (5), the County Clerk is directed to post notice of this budget change within 15

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Reviewed by: _____ FY _____, Finance Dir.	

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To provide for unanticipated revenue from the Bureau of Traffic Safety, housed with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of State Patrol, to finance additional patrol for seat belt enforcement from January 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026

FISCAL NOTE: The costs to be funded in the 2026 budget are in lines 101-2504-52140-000-115 (Traffic Police Overtime). The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
52140	Sheriff Traffic Police		\$22,000.00
43521	State Aids Traffic	\$22,000.00	

WHEREAS, it is a benefit to the citizens of Wood County to provide additional traffic patrol within the boundaries of Wood County over the 2026 operational year, and

WHEREAS, the Wood County Sheriff's Department overtime budget is restricted in nature and would be compensated \$22,000.00 for additional patrol for seat belt enforcement through the Bureau of Transportation Safety (BOTS) 2026 seat belt grant, and

WHEREAS, Wood County will be the fiduciary of the Bureau of Traffic Safety (BOTS) Grant and the Sheriff's Department will be responsible for all programmatic reporting requirements outlined in the grant award and seeing that grant funds are administered according to the approved application materials and certifications, and

WHEREAS, Wood County Sheriff's Department will allocate a portion of the \$22,000.00 awarded grant funds to Marshfield Police Department, Grand Rapids Police Department, Nekoosa Police Department, Port Edwards Police Department and Pittsville Police Department to assist with the additional traffic patrol within the boundaries of Wood County, and

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WHEREAS, Rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that “an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level”.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the Wood County Sheriff Traffic Police budget (52140) for 2026 by appropriating \$22,000.00 of unanticipated revenue from the State Aids Traffic (43521) revenue account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis Stats 65.90(5) the County Clerk is directed to post a notice of this budget change within 15 days.



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Reviewed by:	NF _____	, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by:	PY _____	, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 Land Water Conservation Department of Agriculture, Trade, Consumer Protection (DATCP) (56122) grant budget for additional expenditures not anticipated during the original budget process.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The source of the funding is unanticipated DATCP State Aid grant revenues and use of DATCP grant fund balance. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
43586	State Aid	\$7,054.00	
34112	Fund Balance – DATCP	\$11,104.64	
56122	DATCP Grant		\$18,158.64

WHEREAS, the Land Water Conservation DATCP grant (56122) budget incurred unexpected additional 2025 expenditures for nutrient management farmer education (NMFE) incentives, and

WHEREAS, unanticipated DATCP State Aid revenues and the existing DATCP grant fund balance are sufficient to fund the additional expenditures, and

WHEREAS, Rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the 2025 Land Water Conservation DATCP grant (56122) budget by appropriating \$7,054.00 of unanticipated revenues from DATCP State Aid (43586) and

\$11,104.64 of existing DATCP fund balance (34112), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. 65.90 (5), the County Clerk is directed to post notice of this budget change within 15 days.

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Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.		

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 Planning and Zoning Land Records (56320) budget to reflect additional expenditures funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

FISCAL NOTE: No additional cost to Wood County. The source of funding is American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
43300	Other Federal Grants	\$63,000	
56320	Land Records		\$63,000

WHEREAS, the ARPA Funding Ad Hoc Committee has previously authorized funding for the Planning and Zoning Land Records LiDAR project, and

WHEREAS, payments received from ARPA funding will be sufficient to cover the additional expenditures for the approved project, and

WHEREAS, Rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the 2025 Planning and Zoning Land Records (56320) budget by appropriating \$63,000 of ARPA funding from Other Federal Grants (43300).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis Stats 65.90(5) the County Clerk is directed to post a notice of this budget amendment

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Reviewed by: _____	NF	, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: _____	PY	, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 budget for Corporation Counsel function (51320) for purpose of funding higher than anticipated personnel costs.

FISCAL NOTE: The source of funding is unanticipated revenues from Corporation Counsel Court Fees (46140) and Corporation Counsel Local Department Charges (47413). The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
51320	Corporation Counsel		\$11,300.00
46140	Court Fees	\$6,000	
47413	Local Department Charges	\$5,300	

WHEREAS, Corporation Counsel’s budget incurred additional expenses for personnel costs not anticipated during the 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, unanticipated revenues from Court Fees and Local Department Charges are sufficient to cover the overage in expenditures, and

WHEREAS, rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that “an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level”, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the Corporation Counsel (51320) budget for 2025 by transferring \$6,000.00 of unanticipated revenues from Corporation Counsel Court Fees (46140), and \$5,300.00 of unanticipated revenues from Corporation Counsel Local Department Charges (47413), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. 65.90 (5), the County Clerk is directed to post a notice of this budget change within 15 days.

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Reviewed by: _____, Corp Counsel	
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.	

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 Register in Probate (51215) budget for additional expenditures not anticipated during the original budget process:

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The source of funding is unanticipated revenues from Court Fees & Costs. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
51215	Register in Probate		\$2,200
46144	Court Fees & Costs	\$2,200	

WHEREAS, the Register in Probate Department incurred unexpected 2025 expenditures for personnel costs, and

WHEREAS, revenues in excess of anticipated amounts budgeted to the Register in Probate Department for Court Fees & Costs will be sufficient to fund the additional expenditures, and

WHEREAS, Rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the 2025 Register in Probate (51215) budget by appropriating \$2,200 of unanticipated revenues from Court Fee and Costs (46144), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. 65.90 (5), the County Clerk is directed to post notice of this budget change within 15

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Reviewed by:	PY _____	, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 Parks and Forestry Department Administration Budget (55210) for additional expenditures that were not anticipated during the original budget process.

FISCAL NOTE: No additional cost to Wood County. The source of funding is unanticipated revenues from Insurance Recoveries (48440) and County Forest Revenue (46813) accounts. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
55210	Parks and Forestry Admin		\$28,335
48440	Insurance Recoveries	\$22,500	
46813	County Forest Revenue	\$ 5,835	

WHEREAS, the Parks and Forestry Administration Budget has incurred unanticipated expenditures due to purchasing a replacement vehicle that was involved in an accident, and from taking over management of Cera Park, and

WHEREAS, revenues from Insurance Recoveries and Forestry timber sales exceeded the 2025 budget and will offset the unanticipated expenditures, and

WHEREAS, Rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that “an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level”, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the Parks and Forestry Administration Budget (55210) for 2025 by appropriating \$22,500 of unanticipated revenues from Insurance Recoveries (48440) and \$5,835 of unanticipated revenues from County Forest Revenue (46813), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stat. 65.90(5), the County Clerk is directed to post a Class 1 notice of the budget change within 15 days.

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Reviewed by: _____	, Corp Counsel	
Reviewed by: _____	, Finance Dir.	

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 budget for the Parks & Forestry Capital Projects function (56913) for expenditures not anticipated during the original budget process.

FISCAL NOTE: No additional cost to Wood County. The source of funding is unanticipated revenues from Parks State Aid (43576). The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Account	Account Name	Debit	Credit
56913	Parks & Forestry Capital Projects		\$244,917
43576	Parks State Aid	\$244,917	

WHEREAS, the Parks Capital Projects expenditures function (56913) costs were not anticipated or budgeted for during the 2025 Parks and Forestry budget process, and

WHEREAS, current capital projects with pending grant reimbursement are multi-year projects, and

WHEREAS, awarded grant reimbursement is not received until project completion, and

WHEREAS, unanticipated grant reimbursement received in 2025 is sufficient to cover the unanticipated expenditures, and

WHEREAS, Rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that “an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the 2025 Parks & Forestry Capital Projects (56913) Budget by appropriating \$244,917 of unanticipated revenues from Parks State Aid (43576), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Wis. Stat. 65.90(5), the County Clerk is directed to post a Class 1 notice of this budget change within 15 days.

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Reviewed by: _____ PY _____, Finance Dir.	

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2026 Maintenance Capital Projects (57119) budget to include expenditures for the Courthouse HVAC project that was in process but not completed on December 31, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The source of funding is previously approved and unspent jail contingency funds placed in the capital projects fund balance:

Function	Account Name	Debit	Credit
34113	Capital Projects Fund Bal.	\$343,205	
57119	Maintenance Capital Projects		\$343,205

WHEREAS, Resolution 25-4-3 was passed at the April 15, 2025 County Board meeting to approve the use of jail contingency funds of \$2,128,149 to fund the remaining unfunded portion of the courthouse heating system, and

WHEREAS, a total of \$1,784,944 was expended in 2025 leaving an unappropriated amount of \$343,205 to be used on 2026 expenditures, and

WHEREAS, Rule 5.03 of the Wood County Board of Supervisors states that “an amendment to the budget is required any time the actual costs will exceed the budget at the function level”, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the 2026 Maintenance Capital Projects (57119) budget by appropriating \$343,205 of unexpended jail contingency funds from the Capital

Projects Fund Balance (34113), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis Stats 65.90(5) the County Clerk is directed to post a notice of this budget change within 15 days.

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, February 17, 2026

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

MINUTES HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 22, 2026
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Edgewater Haven Nursing Home – Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Laura Valenstein, Marie Topping (WebEx), Rachel Stankowski (WebEx), Leslie Kronstedt

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dr. Tim Golemgski

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list.

1. Chair Rozar called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and declared a quorum present.
2. There were no public comments.
3. The consent agenda was reviewed. Motion by Buttke/Thao to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Human Services Director Vruwink informed the committee of space needs in the River Block building. He has had preliminary discussions with Facilities Manager Van Tassel on how best to better utilize existing space with a preliminary cost estimate of \$25,000. Vruwink is not asking for any funding at this point in time, but wanted to make the committee aware of future space needs and possible remedies.
5. Edgewater Haven Administrator Cieslewicz reported that the architectural design plan is still being worked on for the Edgewater CBRF project. An initial meeting with the state has occurred and the Samuels Group will present an initial design at the next HHS Committee meeting before submitting final plans to the state.
6. Cieslewicz presented a resolution amending the Edgewater Haven budget to fund the CBRF architectural design. Motion by Buttke/Hokamp to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Cieslewicz and Accounting Supervisor Schlagenhaft reviewed the bad debt numbers from 2025. Because it went over the budgeted allowable, the excess needs to be approved by the committee. Motion by Valenstein/Thao to write off the excess bad debt amount of \$9,323.72. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Norwood Administrator Kornack updated the committee on the water management project and various issues being resolved for the final plan. The hopes, with no

guarantee, are that the plans are completed in the next few weeks. Internal review of the plans will occur before going to bid.

9. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 5:00 PM at the Wood County Annex & Health Center Classroom.
10. Chair Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact Sue Smith at 715-421-8928 (W) or 715-213-8493 (Cell) or ssmith@co.wood.wi.us

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – SUE SMITH, RN, MSN, CPM

- **Safe Haven Baby Box:** Fundraising continues. United Way of South Wood and Adams Counties is assisting with collecting online donations.
- **Opioid Settlement:** We are receiving back signed contracts for each of the successful opioid settlement applicants for funding. We are also collecting end of year reports for the 2025 programs, which we will compile for the county's required annual report on opioid spending.
- **Strategic Planning:** We are making progress with our strategic planning. We are in the process of finalizing goals and then developing objectives and strategies to help us meet each goal. We are happy to have Donna participating with us!
- **National Public Health Accreditation site visit** occurred December 5 and 8 via Zoom. We continue to wait for the results of the visit. In addition, we received notification that WI Department of Health Services will pay this year's accreditation fee for us using grant funds.

SUPERVISOR OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT – KRISTIE RAUTER EGGE, MPH

- Staff continue to develop WCHD's next Strategic Plan and held staff input sessions.
- Updated WCHD's Workforce Development Plan with data from employee input survey and competency assessments.
- Staff presented to Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) statewide substance use committee on policy & advocacy.
- Staff attended deliberative inquiry training through Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service (WIPPS).

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Work

- Staff developed reports in ESSENCE data software to monitor real-time emergency department trends in Wood County.
- Staff met with Medical College of Wisconsin staff to discuss local health departments' CHAs and CHIPs.

Financial Security

- Received a \$10,000 grant from Marshfield Clinic & Security Health Plan to reduce food insecurity in Wood County.
- Staff attended Wood County Child Care Task Force and presented on the CHIP.
- Staff met with childcare partners to discuss data measures for the CHIP childcare goal.

Central Wisconsin Regional Farmers Market Collaborative

- Staff completed and submitted USDA year 1 grant progress report noting that we are on track at about 38% of grant completion.
- We hosted an in-person Central WI Farmers Market Collaborative leaders meeting with one of every market member's leader in attendance.
- We on-boarded our Hmong Farmer Ambassador, Menay Her, as a partner to help work with Hmong vendors and farmers.
- Staff attended a Wisconsin Nutrition Incentive Network in-person training and facilitated a panel discussion Q & A at the workshop.
- Staff facilitated a fiscal sponsorship agreement between local non-profit and Stevens Point Winter Farmers Market to assist with donations for their nutrition incentive program.
- Registration opened for the statewide 2026 Market Manager Workshop.
- We are configuring a role as regional hub coordinator for the statewide double up food bucks initiative.
- Staff created marketing plans and organizational task charts to help keep markets organized during the 2026 season.
- Staff are working alongside the Marshfield Farmers Market Co-operative board to host their first Winter Market of the season on January 10 at the 2nd Street Community Center in Marshfield; the market hours are 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Saturdays through the end of May. We assisted with press releases, radio interviews, signage layout, and printing needs.
- We are continuing to explore solutions to market management capacity needs for all markets in the area through creative partnerships and internships

Access to Care

Work continued on increasing prenatal care, analyzing data and requested additional data from state partners.

Substance Use

- **LifePoint Program:**
 - Four people participated in the LifePoint Program in December and additionally supported 42 others with supplies and resources to support their health and wellbeing.
 - The WCHD team was able to set up our space in Marshfield to begin a new satellite LifePoint site beginning in January 2026. The program will be offered for two hours each week unless it falls on a holiday.
- **Naloxone Direct Program:**
 - Two staff completed the Naloxone Direct Training of Trainers in December. Wisconsin DHS also notified awardees that they would no longer be providing NARCAN® nasal spray but will be providing a generic alternative of the 4mg nasal spray with the same effectiveness in reversing opioid-related poisonings. WCHD received our first shipment of 3mg nasal spray, 4mg nasal spray, and 0.4mg intramuscular (IM) naloxone. A naloxone distribution plan is being updated to indicate how each formulation of the medication will be distributed.
 - WCHD trained staff from Auburndale School District and H2N/HOLA on Overdose Prevention and Naloxone Administration. As a follow up to the Auburndale training, Pamela Lee was invited to present to students at Auburndale School in 2026.
 - This year we trained 140 people at 20 trainings and distributed 115 naloxone kits (230 doses of nasal spray). Roughly half of the people trained were receiving a refill of naloxone, meaning they previously had naloxone, but may or may not have been properly trained to administer it. In total, WCHD distributed 420 naloxone kits to community residents, visitors, partners, and first responders (this total does not include naloxone distributed through public health vending machines).
- **State Opioid Response (SOR) 4.0:** Healthy People Wood County- IMPACT applied for and was awarded \$17,000 through the SOR 4.0. Projects through this funding include:
 - Drug Security and Disposal – Drug takeback events (\$1,000), Prescription drug lock boxes and bags (\$9,500)
 - Public Awareness & Community Events – Public Awareness Campaign (\$1,000)
 - Risk Reduction Projects – Drug Checking Technologies (\$5,000), Overdose Prevention Education and Awareness campaign (\$500)
- **Opioid Settlement:** The Wood County Board of Supervisors approved the recommended award distribution of Wood County Opioid Settlement Dollars to seven organizations for a total of \$362,414.74. Awarded agencies and projects are:
 - Wood County Health Department: Prevention – IMPACT at Work (\$25,000)
 - Wood County Criminal Justice Department: Opioid Relief Efforts (\$63,237)
 - Vivent Health: ROOT: Risk Reduction, Outreach and Opportunities Together (\$61,033)
 - Three Bridges Recovery Wisconsin, Inc.: Peer Support and Community Outreach Recovery Project (\$70,587)
 - Children's Wisconsin: Family Outreach and Support Services (FOSS) (\$66,778.87)
 - Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools: Investing in Prevention: Strengthening School Based AODA Services to Prevent Substance and Opioid Misuse (\$66,778.87)
 - Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department: Peer Support Team (\$9,000)2025 Opioid Settlement projects are wrapping up and a final project report will highlight project outcomes from the first year of funding.
- **PATCH:** Coordinator did mid-year check-in with teens. Had two enrichment nights focusing on self-care and resilience. Two teens presented on PATCH to the youth justice team. All teens had a training on Peer-to-Peer workshops; we'll be doing our second workshop February 6 with the Nekoosa High School and we set a date for Podcast Consulting.
- **Public Health Vending Machines:** Stocked Deterra Drug Deactivation kits and Xylazine Test Kits (3pack) to some of the machines. Ordered Handwarmers/ChapStick, hats and socks for the winter kits with grant from Marshfield Clinic. A new tracking tool will be used to track our 2026 data.
- **MACY Board:** The MACY Board met on December 17 to discuss several important agenda items. The coalition applied for and received State Opioid Response funding to support its prescription drug initiatives. This funding will help cover staff time dedicated to prescription drug-related tasks, support take-back events and provide community lock boxes for securely storing medications. The board also discussed potential dates, times, and locations for future meetings. Additionally, the Wood County Opioid Grant's Find Your Balance Project is nearing its conclusion, with final reporting scheduled for January. The board received updates from the Marshfield Columbus Leadership Alliance (MCLA), the Mental Health Task Force, the Drug Task Force, and the Finance Committee.
- **MACY Drug Task Force:** The task force met on December 2. The Marshfield Police Department discussed plans to conduct alcohol age compliance checks in December. The coalition also considered additional alcohol-related initiatives to include in the action plan, such as distributing fridge locks and educational materials to parents and alcohol-serving establishments. The team brainstormed ideas for community events to promote awareness and education around substance-related issues. They decided to hold off on creating subcommittees for different substances until the task force has grown, prioritizing capacity building this year. Additionally, the task force discussed potential recruitment ideas, including reaching out to high school members, youth participants, pharmacy staff, and representatives from United Way.
- **MACY Mental Health Task Force:** The mental health task force met on December 8. During the meeting, the task force discussed future events for the "Let's Keep Talking" community series. This series consists of community presentations held at the Marshfield Public Library. The topics discussed included: QPR (question, persuade, refer), relationships, mental health services focused on anxiety and relationships, current mental health crisis services, drug trends and "hiding in plain sight", technology and social media use, online safety, sleep hygiene, eating issues and nutrition,

isolation and loneliness, MCLA students sharing on "find your balance", and a presentation from the drug task force. These topics aim to enhance community awareness and support regarding mental health issues.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – BEN JEFFREY, R.S.

Radon Awareness Month

January is radon awareness month. Radon is a naturally occurring gas that is radioactive and can cause lung cancer. About 1 out of 10 homes in Wisconsin has high radon levels. Radon test kits are available for \$10 from the Wood County Health Department during the month of January. Kate Carlson completed three educational trainings on Radon within Wood, Adams, and Juneau Counties during the month of December. More trainings are scheduled during January.

New Businesses and Consultations

A consultation was completed for J&S Processing in Marshfield.

Complaint Investigations

Six complaint investigations were completed in the month of December.

- A complaint was received regarding bedbugs in an apartment complex. Environmental health staff have been in communication with property management and professional treatment has been scheduled.
- A caller reported several maintenance issues not being taken care of in a rental home. No public health hazards were identified.
- A complaint was received regarding bedbugs in a licensed lodging facility. Environmental health staff completed an onsite complaint inspection. Professional treatment has been scheduled.
- A caller reported a licensed restaurant reusing food containers to package pick up orders. Environmental health staff completed a complaint inspection and went over single-use packaging for to-go orders.
- A complaint was received regarding maintenance issues in a rental home that have not been fixed in a timely manner by the landlord. Environmental health staff have spoken with the landlord to recommend addressing some of the issues. No current public health violations were noted.
- An anonymous complaint was received regarding a licensed facility baking food in a residential kitchen. Environmental health staff completed an onsite complaint inspection. No food was found to be made in a residential kitchen.

HEALTHY SMILES FOR WOOD COUNTY REPORT – NICOLE BURLINGAME, RDH

The sealant program is in progress in the elementary schools, placing 1382 sealants on 253 students and doing 1336 fluoride treatments. One oral screening and fluoride treatments for 194 children in Wood County Head Start Centers have been completed. Two more screenings and fluoride treatments will be provided during the remainder of the school year.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE SUPERVISOR REPORT – ERICA SHERMAN, MSN, RN, IBCLC

Parents as Teachers (PAT)

Unfortunately, this year's annual PAT holiday gathering was cancelled due to weather conditions. We continue to work with Human Services to support the work of Parent Cafes and with Children's Wisconsin to support Play & Learn group connections.

Communicable Disease

- We are seeing an increase in respiratory illnesses, including hospitalizations, locally. Statewide respiratory illness levels are very high and continue to increase with influenza levels at very high and COVID at moderate and increasing. Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has confirmed the first pediatric respiratory illness-associated deaths in two children from Wisconsin for the 2025-2026 season. One death is a result of [COVID-19](#) and the other is from [influenza](#).
- Measles cases and outbreaks continue throughout the United States. Wisconsin has not seen any measles cases since September.

Emergency Preparedness

The Health Department hosted a national Texas A&M Engineering Extension (TEEX) training on medical countermeasures and mass dispensing, which focuses on how communities rapidly distribute life-saving medications or vaccines during large-scale public health emergencies, strengthening coordination and shared readiness. Participants included public health nurses, local emergency preparedness partners as well as representatives from across Wisconsin. The Emergency Preparedness Coordinator is working with partners to plan a medical countermeasures mass dispensing exercise for late 2026, which will allow agencies to practice these capabilities in a realistic setting.

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) REPORT – CAMEN HOFER, RD, CD, IBCLC

- WIC has filled the two vacant positions: Bailey Nystrom started as the 0.8 FTE Program Assistant/Breastfeeding Peer Counselor in December and Amanda Herman starts as the casual 2 days per week WIC Nutritionist/Health Educator on Monday, January 5.

Caseload for 2025 (Contracted caseload 1676)

	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Active (initial)	1517	1531	1532	1528	1504	1471	1398	1387	1364	1381	1398	1362	1356
Active (final)	1529	1534	1541	1527	1508	1478	1416	1395	1398	1384	1411	1371	
Participating	1518	1534	1540	1527	1504	1479	1408	1395	1392	1383	1409	1368	1356

WOOD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT
January 2026

Director Update by Brandon Vruwink

Advocacy efforts continue around the SNAP Administrative Cost Share changes. On January 8, 2026, NACo and the National Association of County Human Services Administrators, along with other national partners, sent a letter to leadership within the House of Representatives and the United States Senate requesting action to delay the cost shift. The request is to delay the change until FY 20230. I have included a portion of the letter which sums up the request: "This delay would support successful implementation of new federal policy changes, provide states and counties adequate time to reduce Payment Error Rates, and preserve investments in staffing, training, and systems essential to program integrity. While current law allows states with a PER above 13.33 percent in FY 2025 or FY 2026 to delay benefit cost sharing until FY 2030, applying this start date uniformly would avoid uneven treatment and ensure accountability is based on post-implementation data." As a county, we are prepared for the increase in our 2026 fiscal year. We proactively budgeted for the increase for the last quarter of this year. However, the significant increase will fall to Wood County and all counties beginning the 2027 fiscal year.

I detailed the advocacy efforts on the federal level above; there are also advocacy efforts at the state level that are ongoing. There is currently a bill before the state legislature that would provide additional funding to DHS, with the intention of adding an appropriation to cover counties' cost increases from October 1, 2026, through the end of the state fiscal year on June 30, 2027. If this bill were to pass, it would offer relief to counties for the first half of next year. I will closely follow this bill and advocate for our position with our legislators. I will continue to keep the H&HS Committee updated on these efforts, as it has significant budget ramifications beginning in 2027.

Effective January 1, Forest County is no longer a member of the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium. As of this writing, the state has not removed the Forest County cases from our caseload; however, we are not required to process the cases. The state is planning a complete transfer out of our caseload on January 14. While the Forest County caseload was relatively small (about 2000 cases), the transition process has taken the state longer than we expected or they had hoped. To clarify, we are no longer processing the Forest County cases and are not responsible for their workload. We are now officially an 11-county consortium moving forward.

With the creation of three additional Children's Long Term Support Coordinator positions in the 2026 budget, we are evaluating our space needs within the River Block Building. We have coordinated with the Maintenance Department to consider options for creating additional offices with the least possible disruption and at the lowest cost. I plan to update the committee at our January meeting.

As we close out 2025, we are beginning to evaluate our final budget numbers. As we get more details and pay our December expenses, we will have more precise numbers on where we finished the year. The early review offers some good news for the county, as our return will be higher than we projected in July. The main reasons are higher census at both Edgewater Haven and Norwood, along with lower costs and a larger WIMCR payment within the Community budget.

Administrative Services Update by Mary Schlagenhaft

Administrative Services Team members attended various meetings specific to their job duties during the month. These included, but not limited to:

- Divisional budget meetings conducted, continued communication on budget
- Edgewater claims billing "Triple Check Meeting" participating: Claims Specialist, Therapy Provider, Business office management team MDS Coordinator
- Additional accomplishments: ongoing EHR SmartCare learning, cross training, workflows and processes reviewed and updated as need
- Preparation for 2026 needed tracking worksheets and 2025-year end close out

Accounting and Accounts Payable Team

- Submitted November 2025 state aids reports
- WIMCR Cost Settlement Training- attended via Webex
- Contracts coordinator had sent out 38 2026 Contracts
- Worked with ADS Administrator and Asst Manager with some contract updates (CW Solutions & Civil Rights)
- Updated 2026 Vouchers
- Setup 2026 authorization workbooks for each CLTS staff and submitted over 1,100 CLTS authorizations to be entered in Forward Health
- Updated 2026 tracking of CLTS enrollment and waitlist numbers
- Added 8 new enrollments for CLTS (6 from waitlist)
- Updated TSSF time studies for 2026
- Prepared, printed, and copied 2026 Budget Reports for supervisors, all divisions
- Edgewater BO- updating some billing processes and working on efficiencies with the changes within the department
- NW & EW worked on asset additions/retirements/inventories
- Admin Asst Manager- training on manager's reports

Support Services Team

All appointments accounted for through 11/2025. We currently have a system in place to review and communicate with clinicians twice a week ensuring all appointments have service notes and errors or missing notes are identified and to notify OPC Manager

Records Released:

Behavioral Health Records Released: 88
 Family Service Record/Background checks released: 30
 Records pending/in progress: 10
 Total Completed: 118

Other Unit Information

- Support Services Staff updates- no vacant positions
- Attend Open Records Requests meeting- w/Corp Counsel, laws and guidance
- Attend JET (Judicial Engagement Team) meeting: Deputy Dir/FS team, Probate clerk, DA's Office
- Attend Smartcare superuser mtgs & SHS WI users mtgs
- Work with Behavioral Health Administrator to finalize Streamline 5-year contract
- HIPAA:
 - 1- phi HIPAA incident; email address error- phi disclosed
 - 2025 HIPAA Log submitted to Corporation Counsel: 7 investigations affecting 14 clients phi

Ongoing

- Privacy/Security: in progress- SRA risk mitigation 7 of 11 completed; partnership with *MetaStar- BH Connect* ; DHS funded
- Participate in HIPAACOW Privacy Notice- workgroup
- IMS/TCM migration to Laserfiche- in progress- retention list was provided to IT- 4/1/2025. IT began granting permissions to designated staff for viewing draft of repository
- ShareTru confidential document repository: 4 Admin Services staff are testing in various BH and FS programs
- Records Retention: Completion of destruction of past retention client documents
- FS MFLD records 4th floor - up to date
- RB- FS and CCS records destruction/move to vault up to date
- RB Foster Care provider records in progress- training staff on retention guidelines

Claims & Accounts Receivable, Client Interactions

- Ongoing progress for Minimum Monthly Payment policy and process continues. First batch of applications were sent out during December holiday season.
- Added additional payers for 835 files
- Monthly A/R review to determine collectability at Community & Norwood locations
- Attended Monthly BH and Claims meeting for continuity in claim/service documentation needs
- Mailed Financial Policy for Minimum Monthly Payment to current clients for HSRA grant during December holiday week. Will process as they come in.

Insurance Claims created and submitted for current reporting period

- Norwood: 253 claims billed: \$1,435,223
- Edgewater: 105 claims billed, \$768,630
- Community: 6,694 claims submitted in the amount of \$670,894. Cash Receipts \$496,510

Service Admission Intakes - by Location

- NHC Admissions: 27 hospital, 2 LTC
- Edgewater: 13
- Community
 - 18 Intakes for new clients conducted. (Current wait lists for all services at OPC)
 - 1,029 appointments scheduled, 669 attended (65%)

Final 2025 TRIP Monies:

- Norwood: \$36,189
- Community: \$31,377

Family Services Update by Jodi Liegl

Out of Home Care Numbers: As of the end of December, we have the following number of youth court ordered in restrictive placements:

Type of Facility	Number of Youth	Cost Per Day Range
Group Homes	1	\$300/day
Residential Treatment Centers	2	\$772.78 - \$1,000/day
Secure Detention	0	\$150 - \$500/day
Corrections	1	\$501/day
Mental Health Hospital (pending accepted placement)	0	\$1632/day with some MA reimbursement
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Centers (out of state)	1	\$1,350 - \$1,500/day

In the month of December, we had one youth serve two days in secure detention.

Foster Care License Changes for Relatives and Like-kin: Effective December 1, 2025, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) implemented significant changes to DCF Ch. 56 Foster Home Care for Children statutes and processes. These changes were directed toward requirements of relative and like-kin caregivers. Conversations surrounding the need for changes started years ago and has been implemented due to the increase in placing children with their relatives or people they have a substantial relationship with, rather than strangers. Prior to the implementation of the changes, all foster homes underwent the same process. Relatives and like-kin providers would first complete the Kinship eligibility paperwork and process and then transition to the foster care licensing paperwork and process. This process was redundant and time consuming, often taking months. These delays impacted the financial support to caregivers and permanency for the families. Changes include the reduced number of required home visits by the licensing worker, information required from the caregiver, and the length of the written assessment. The background check process remains the same, and the expectations surrounding convicted crimes in the backgrounds of the caregivers also remains the same.

It is important to note that when placement of a child is needed, there are required checks to ensure the safety of the environment and caregivers. These changes do not impede the safety of children, rather reduce systemic barriers while streamlining the process for relative and like-kin caregivers. A priority for 2026 is to reduce disrupted placements for children in out of home care. We know that disruptions create significant harm and additional trauma to children by exacerbating their existing trauma, increasing mental health issues and behaviors, disrupting their education and other services, delaying permanency, as well as creating profound distress, a sense of loss and abandonment, distrust, and fear of forming secure relationships increasing their risk for attachment disorders and difficulties forming secure, healthy relationships.

The changes implemented by DCF change the way Kinship and Foster Care Coordinators conduct their daily responsibilities. Most caregivers will now proceed directly to the foster care licensing process, rather than doing the Kinship process first. Coordinators work with caregivers to become licensed within a couple weeks of placement. This will create additional capacity for workers to connect with and support caregivers when placement occurs. These changes pair well with the First Placement Project process that is being implemented, with the goal of ensuring children are placed with someone with whom they have an existing relationship and connection to at initial placement. With the increased ability to support caregivers, we hope to reduce disrupted placements leading to better outcomes for children.

Personnel: We continue to recruit for two vacant positions: a child protection initial assessment worker and a child protection ongoing worker.

Employment & Training Programs Update by Lacey Piekarski

FoodShare Employment & Training (FSET): From November through December, 969 individuals were referred to the regional FSET Program. Of those referred, 403 total customers enrolled, averaging 41.5% enrollment.

In CY2025, FSET customers gained 945 new jobs. Wages averaged \$16.18/hour, averaging 31.55 hours/week (*regional data*). To begin 2026, FSET has established partnerships with 104 employer partners throughout the region to strengthen employment connection for customers.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services created FSET videos of customers who gained skills, training and confidence to start new careers and build brighter futures. To view the NorthCentral FSET regional video, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urJ5j7SSRjw&t=4s>

Community Resources Update by Olivia Lloyd

Transportation: In December, the Transportation program provided 483 bus rides. Of these rides, 125 were for employment, and 72 were for medical. The program also provided 70 volunteer rides. Of these, 24 were for employment, and 44 were for medical. In 2025, the Transportation program provided 8105 bus rides and 1123 volunteer rides. The application for the 85.21 program grant was submitted in December.

WHEAP: The 2026 heating season began October 1, 2025. Through December Wood County has provided Energy Assistance services to 1357 households. The program has also provided HVAC services to 39 households.

Community Elves: The Community Elves program had another successful year. The program provided gifts for 789 Wood County children, a 13.8% increase from last year. 156 community members, businesses and WCHSD staff donated to the program or sponsored children. We received thousands of gifts and a staggering \$15,803.05 in monetary donations. These donations were used to provide family requests and hygiene/cleaning supplies baskets, and helped fulfill wishes of children who were not sponsored. We are thankful for the incredible generosity of our community and staff members for donating gifts, money, and time to the program.



Edgewater Haven Update by Justin Cieslewicz

Census Update: In the month of December, we had 13 admissions and 2 readmissions. Current Memory Care census is 17 residents. Census comparison to last year:
 December 2024 – 43.35 average census with 8.48 rehab
 December 2025 – 47.42 average census with 6.48 rehab

December 2024 – Admissions 10/Discharges 12/Readmissions 12/Deaths 2
 December 2025 – Admissions 13/Discharges 9/Readmissions 2/Deaths 5

December shown to be successful in total census. Edgewater Haven averaged a 94.84% occupancy rate for the month.

Personnel Update: Open positions of writing this:

Nursing: Licensed Nurses: 1 full-time nurse, 1 part-time nurse, and 2 full-time CNAs

Norwood Health Center

Norwood Health Center Update by Marissa Kornack

I returned from maternity leave in early December and want to extend my deepest gratitude to Human Services Director Vruwink and Assistant Administrator Haanstad for their work and leadership in my absence. Not that I'm surprised, but the Norwood team also did great work. I am so thankful to work with colleagues and a team who handled things so wonderfully, and made my return to work as smooth as could be expected.

Following the recertification survey of the hospital unit at the end of August, the Life Safety Code waivers we submitted as our plan of correction were officially accepted in December by the CMS regional office. I believe the lengthy approval timeline was related to the government shut down that occurred this fall. That acceptance officially closed the matter, and we are deemed re-certified for another two/three years.

The ADRC Meals on Wheels/congregate meals contract extension was signed for just 2026. The one-year contract extension will allow us to assess feasibility of signing a new three-year contract next year following the drastic drop in meals in 2025 related to the ADRC's budgetary funding reductions.

Norwood Nursing Department by Liz Masanz

For nurses, we currently have one agency nurse covering an open weekend position. We also had a 100% RN position open in December that we are recruiting for.

Ashley O'Keefe came and did an infection control walk-through. She is our infection control support person from DHS. She completed an ICAR assessment in the building with Liz to help identify areas that may need improvement. She will be sending her recommendation back to Liz.

Admissions Unit: The average census for the month of December was 7.58 and 8.17 for the year. The average length of stay for December was 9.17 and 8.65 for the year. There were 27 admissions and 24 discharges, for a total of 346 for the year.

Nikki Cottrell, our occupational therapist for the inpatient unit, is enrolled in the SUDS program to become a certified substance use therapist. For human service staff, this is a 6-month online program where there will be supervision involved. This will bring some additional services and support to the building with clients with substance use issues.

Long Term Care: The long-term care unit had two admissions and two discharges in December, with an average census of 12.80 on Crossroads and 13.87 on Pathways, and 12.24 and 13.15 for the year respectively, all of which are above budgeted census.

Liz and Melanie have been working on LTC policies and infection control monitoring, and practice improvement areas. Melanie and Liz completed the 2025 Infection Control Risk assessment for the LTC unit and the facility. We have identified some areas to focus on in 2026.

Norwood Dietary Department by Larry Burt

Congregate meals for the month of December were 3,492 with revenue of \$26,731. Congregate meals for 2025 were 54,342 (22.3% decrease compared to 2024), with revenue of \$415,816 (19.5% decrease compared to 2024). Of the 15,607 meal decrease in 2025 compared to 2024, the Marshfield site makes up 58% of the decrease. Total income from the program decreased by \$37,000 from 2024 to 2025.

History of meals recap:

- 2022 – 65,288
- 2023 – 71,412
- 2024 – 69,949
- 2025 – 54,343

Norwood Maintenance Department by Lee Ackerman

CIP Updates:

Water Pipe Replacement- Further delays related to staffing issues in the engineering provider have pushed back completion again. We are now told that plans should be completed in January. As part of those plans, NorthStar Environmental Testing was brought in for consultation regarding the asbestos abatement and will provide a work plan that outlines expectations to be used by the contractor awarded that job. NorthStar will also provide onsite inspections, air quality testing, and documentation that will ensure a safe environment for our residents, patients, and staff as well as provide Wood County protection from liability during this process.

The civil engineers tasked with designing the new water supply lines from the city main to the building are working with the City of Marshfield on the best way to make the transfer from the existing lines to the new with a minimum interruption in service.

Circulating Fans- Two of the fan motors that were installed in the last 1-2 years have had bearing issues, which is very unusual. Lee is working with the supplier on replacement under warranty as well as trying to determine why these failures occurred on separate fans.

Other Maintenance:

Chiller- The replacement board for the Chiller unit has been installed and communications are again working; now we just need some warm weather.

Sprinkler Testing – Much to our relief, the final sample groups of sprinklers passed all lab tests and will not need to be tested for another 10 years.

MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 9, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – Conference Rm 155

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Zurfluh, Dennis Polach, Jeff Penzkover, William Voight, Brad Hamilton

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Zurfluh called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. The minutes of the January 12, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Zurfluh/Hamilton to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
5. The Communications Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
6. The Emergency Management Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
7. Emergency Management Director Christensen presented a resolution to amend the 2025 Emergency Management budget to account for the allocation of additional grant funding. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
8. The Dispatch Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
9. Dispatch Manager Bastien presented a resolution to amend the 2025 budget for Dispatch to account for the allocation of funding received for the new workstations in Dispatch. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
10. The Coroner presented their monthly report and bill listing for review.
11. Sheriff Becker reviewed various reports and activities of the Sheriff's Department.
12. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to approve the voucher listings for Communications, Coroner, Dispatch, Emergency Management, and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to go into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85(1)(f) to consider a leave of absence request for an employee. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to move back into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Chairman Zurfluh declared the meeting adjourned 9:28 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

MINUTES

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: Saturday, January 31, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION Courthouse – County Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Meyers, Bob Levendoske, Dave Laude, Lee Garrels

MEMBER ABSENT: Gus Mancuso

1. Commissioner Laude called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM
2. There were no public comments.
3. The minutes of November 5, 2025, were reviewed. Motion by Laude/Garrels to approve them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Garrels/Laude to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(c) to conduct testing of Sheriff Deputy applicants, review written test scores of applicants and set dates for interviews. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion by Garrels/Laude to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion by Garrels/Laude to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 11:30 AM.

Robert Levendoske
Secretary



Wood County

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OFFICE OF CORONER

David A. Patton

DATE: February 03, 2026
TO: Wood County Public Safety Committee
FROM: David A. Patton, Wood County Coroner
SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report – January 2026

The following is a list of services rendered by the Wood County Coroner’s Office for: January 2026.

Deaths in Wood County.....	117
Calls for Service.....	110
Natural.....	17
Falls.....	3
Covid.....	0
Traffic Fatalities.....	0
UTV/ATV/Snowmobile.....	0
Suicides.....	0
Homicides.....	0
Suspected Overdoses.....	0
Other.....	0
Pending.....	1
Death Certificates Signed.....	21
Cremation Permits Signed.....	74
Autopsies Performed.....	1

Remarks:

This past month I was invited by Auburndale School Resource Officer, Jesse Nehls, to speak to a group of students on the operational functions of the Wood County Coroner’s Office. We had a group discussion lasting about 2 hours that covered start to finish how we process scenes, determine death based on scene evidence, medical records, autopsy and toxicology reports. With permission from the teacher and Jesse, I was able to provide very heavily redacted autopsy and toxicology reports from prior cases. I really enjoyed the time spent with them.

The new coroner van has been purchased and is officially in service. It is beautiful and will meet our future needs for years to come! The old van was cleaned and sold through Emergency Management under surplus property. As I suspected, even after cleaning, it still stunk.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Patton
Wood County Coroner

Wood County Coroner monthly statistics (YTD) for 2026

1. Deaths in Wood County:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
117												117

2. Calls for Service:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
110												110

3. Natural:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
17												17

4. Falls:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
3												3

5. Covid:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
0												0

6. Traffic Fatalities:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
0												0

7. UTV/ATV/Snowmobile:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
0												0

8. Suicides:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
0												0

9. Homicides:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
0												0

10. Suspected Overdoses:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1												1

11. Other:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
0												0

12. Pending:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1												1

13. Death Certificates signed:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
21												21

14. Cremation permits signed:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
74												74

15. Autopsies completed:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1												1

Notes: The notes reflect the current month for the report numbers

#2 – Calls for Service: North end Wood County received a total of 72 calls for service, 2 of which were requests to respond to scene calls. South end Wood County received a

total of 27 calls for service, 5 of which were requests to respond to scene deaths. I received a total of 11 calls requesting follow-up or requesting copies of reports.

#4 – Falls: We had a total of 3 deaths related to falls last month, all of which were suffered in our elderly population. Two of these falls resulted in severe traumatic head injuries and the third resulted in severe traumatic chest injuries all resulting in the demise of the individual.

#15 – Autopsies: We had 1 autopsy in January. This was in relation to a suspected overdose.



January Monthly Report

Wood County Sheriff's Rescue

Submitted by: Ann Burger, WCSR Secretary

January Training Descriptions

Date	Type	Description
6-Jan	Business Meeting	January Business Meeting
13-Jan	Extrication	Removed three doors and rolled the dash.
20-Jan	Work Night	Inspected ice water suits.
26-Jan	Work Night	Weekly checks and and call sheet.

Call Summary

Call #	1	2	3	4	5
Date	1/2/2026	1/3/2026	1/4/2026	1/9/2026	1/10/2026
Time	7:30	17:57	16:43	20:22	15:47
Day of Week	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Friday	Saturday
Township	Port Edwards	Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids	Biron	Rudolph
Location	CTH GG & STH 54	73RD ST S & WHITROCK AVE	CTH U & KELLNER RD	32ND ST N & PLOVER RD	5455 REDDIN RD
Rescue 3	D. Westfall	D. Westfall	B. Franz	T. Young	
Rescue 4					
Rescue 5					
10-22ed	Yes	Yes			
Call Type	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries	10-50 w/ Injuries	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries	10-50 w/ Injuries	10-50 w/ Injuries
Medical/ Extrication					
Ambulance	WRFD	UEMR	UEMR	UEMR	UEMR
EMR		Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids	Biron	Rudolph
Fire	Nekoosa	Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids	Biron	Rudolph
Air					
Tools/ Equipment Used					
Notes					
Other members on scene	M. Wiberg			D. Westfall	

Call Summary

Call #	6	7	8	9	
Date	1/18/2026			1/21/2026	
Time	22:23			7:48	
Day of Week	Sunday			Wednesday	
Township	Grand Rapids			Saratoga	
Location	5031 PLOVER RD			64TH ST S & MILL AVE	
Rescue 3	M. Wiberg				
Rescue 4					
Rescue 5					
10-22ed					
Call Type	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries			10-50 w/ Injuries	
Medical/Extrication					
Ambulance	UEMR			WRFD	
EMR	Grand Rapids			Saratoga	
Fire	Grand Rapids			Grand Rapids	
Air					
Tools/Equipment Used					
Notes					
Other members on scene	C. Stoflet				



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SHAWN BECKER, SHERIFF

January 29th 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR Sheriff Becker; Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Monthly Crime Stoppers Report – January 2026

The Crime Stoppers program received 26 tips in the month of January 2026 that were forwarded to the appropriate agencies for follow-up, as reported by P3.

The last monthly board meeting was held on November 12, 2025. The next regular meeting will be February 11th, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Berres
Investigator Sergeant
Wood County Sheriff's Department



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January 2026 K9 Report

	TRAINING HOURS	USEAGE/ DEPLOYMENTS	DEMO/ COMMUNITY
K9 Sig	15	1	0
K9 Bingo	15	1	0
K9 Timo	17	9	0
K9 Rosco	15	2	1
K9 Lola/Ripp	SEE	BELOW	

TRAINING (MONTHLY) –

The Wood County Sheriff's Department trained with the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department, Portage County Sheriff's Department, and Stevens Point Police Department K9 teams during the month of January. The training venues consisted of the WOSO/WRPD range house, old US Bank location in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, and Wisconsin Rapids MSTC campus. Areas of training consisted of odor detection, building search for person, decoy obedience and tracking.

TRAINING (INDIVIDUAL) –

- K9 Sig worked additional time in obedience we also worked additional time on narcotics searching.
- Sergeant Arendt and K9 Timo had 5 hours of on duty training. During this time, we focused on K9 familiarization with SRT, SRT stack movements with K9, building search for person, and obedience.
- K9 Rosco and Deputy Beathard completed 3 hrs of on duty training time. Focus on narcotics, obedience, and impulse control.
- K9 Bingo and Lieutenant Christianson completed 3 hours of training on duty. Training areas focused on obedience, door pop exercises and odor detection.

USEAGE –

- K9 Sig checked several locations in the jail nothing of evidentiary value located.
- Sergeant Arendt and K9 Timo had 9 deployments in the month of January. Eight of these deployments were exterior sniffs of vehicles. Five of these sniffs resulted in indications and



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vehicle searches. Located in these searches was methamphetamine, marijuana, and multiple pieces of drug paraphernalia. The final deployment was assisting WRPD with a building search for person. who fled from Wisconsin Rapids Police Department and ran into a residence. The subject had new charges for his arrest (Felony Fleeing and Resisting an Officer) and also had felony warrants/DOC warrants for his arrest. WRPD made contact with the homeowner who was Act 79 eligible and was violating one of his rules to not be living with anyone else. A search of the residence was conducted. The wanted subject did not surrender, and law enforcement searched the residence for him. K9 Timo was requested for a building search. To start, Timo searched a detached garage and showed no interest. We then held the back door of the residence as WRPD was searching the residence with multiple uninvolved people and dogs inside. Timo was requested to search the basement of the residence. Timo searched the basement and did not locate any subjects. The last location Timo was requested to check was an access way through a wall in a bathroom that went into the attic. K9 commands were given and no response was given. Timo searched the bathroom and jumped up into the hole in the wall. During this time, I heard a voice coming from inside the wall stating to "Call him off". Timo was recalled and the wanted subject exited from the wall and surrendered without incident. I followed up with the wanted subject and asked if Timo had bit him and he stated no but further stated that Timo knew exactly where he was.

- K9 Rosco and Deputy Beathard had two deployments for January. Wood County Jail, and Mary's place in Marshfield. K9 Rosco did not have CIB or indications at either location.
- K9 Bingo and Lieutenant Christianson had one deployment during the month of January. This deployment was inside the Wood County Jail. Areas checked were sally port, booking area, and first floor. No change of behavior or indication observed.

DEMO/COMMUNITY – K9 Rosco and Deputy Beathard had presentation and demo of narcotics at Auburndale High School on January 5th 2026.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – January 16, 2026 was first official shift for K9 Ripp with Deputy Nehls (Auburndale School Resource Officer). Below is first month of work and training for the new K9 team.

Ripp's Training/Work Log- January 2026

January 7

- Ripp began obedience training with Dan Leonhard

January 14

- Obedience training with Dan Leonhard

January 16

- Ripp officially joined the k9 unit as a Therapy Dog



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- Ripp started in schools for short increments
- Interviewed with school referencing k9 duties

January 21

- Obedience training with Dan Leonhard

January 22

- Attended High School Girls/Boys Basketball Games
- Attended High School Wrestling Meet

January 28

- Obedience training with Dan Leonhard

Noted: January 16-31, Ripp attended Auburndale High/Middle/Elementary Schools for 1-3 hours a day. During those visits, Ripp attended classrooms and made contacts inside the counselor's offices for therapy needs of students/staff.

January 2026 Lola Training and Work Log

January 6th

Escorted Inmates to see Provider

January 9th

Visited 2 and 3rd floors of the jail

January 10th

Presentation for Shriners in Stevens Point

January 12th-

Jail Case Worker Interviews

January 13th-

Escorted Inmates to see Provider

January 14th

Jail Staff Meeting

January 15th

Jail Case Manager Interviews



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January 16th
Vet

January 17th
Attended Jail Ministry Leadership Programming
Met with families and friends of inmates who were doing video visits

January 26th
Jail Officer Interviews

January 27th
Escorted Inmates to see Provider

January 30th
Attended meeting with MSTC and Trish concerning GED
Jail Officer Interview
Visited inmates on 3rd and 4th floors

Respectfully,

Brandon Christianson

Brandon Christianson
Patrol Lieutenant



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HUMANE OFFICER

01-01-26 to 01-31-26

Animal Bites:	<u>Dog</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Squirrel</u>
• Arpin	0	0	0
• Auburndale	0	0	0
• Grand Rapids	0	0	0
• Nekoosa	0	0	0
• Wis. Rapids	1	0	0
• Wood	0	0	0
• Marshfield	0	0	0
• Seneca	1	0	0
• Saratoga	0	0	0
• Port Edwards	1	0	0
• Richfield	0	0	0
• Lincoln	0	0	0
• Rock	0	0	0

Inhumane /Abuse Case: 4

Abandonment: 0

Animal vs Animal: 0

Abatement Order: 0

Animals at Large: 0

Major Incidents: 0

Follow-up-Brooke: 1

Follow-up-Susa: 1

Monthly Hours: 16.5

2026 YTD Hours: 16.5

Submitted by: Jenna McDonald



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Department of Natural Resources Patrols

January 2026

ATV

- Patrol Hours 36
- Citations- 0
- Warnings- 0

BOAT

- Patrol Hours N/A
- Citations-
- Warnings-

SNOWMOBILE

- Patrol Hours 62
- Citation- 5
- Warnings- 7

Submitted by

Sgt. Matt Susa



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Operations Overtime/Comp Time Totals

JANUARY 2025 (01/04/26 to 01/31/26)

Patrol

Overtime hours:	45.25
Comp time hours:	123.355
Holiday Pay/Comp hours:	0

Investigations

Overtime hours:	20.75
Comp time hours:	23.25

Security Services

Overtime hours:	28.5
Comp time hours:	13.5

TOTAL CALL OUT:	0
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Submitted By: Charles Hoogesteger – Operations Captain



Public Safety Committee Meeting

Security Services January 2026 Report

For the month of January, the total number of prohibited items prevented from entering the Courthouse are:

Guns -	0
Knives -	70
O.C. -	9
Misc. Items -	1

The miscellaneous item that was located was a wire cutter.

Security Services screened 6,755 people entering the courthouse in January. Security Services had 30 security requests from different departments within the Courthouse for the month and we had one (1) jury trial. We also served eight (8) civil process papers and fulfilled six (6) warrants.

Security Services handled seven (7) complaints in the jail this month. The complaints were for a theft, threats to a Corrections Officer, drugs, a sexual abuse case and three (3) reports were for criminal damage to property.

Security also assisted with a six-year-old that was having a medical emergency in the courthouse. An ambulance was paged, and the patient was transported to the hospital.

During the Month of January, I utilize part-time employees for 24 hours to fill employee shortage hours. Several shifts ran short due to no part-time employees able to help.

Report submitted by: Lieutenant Bryan D. Peterson



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Public Safety Committee Meeting

School Resource Officer (Auburndale) January 2026 Report

For the month of January, the School Resource Officer initiated/responded to 26 calls of service while at the Auburndale High School/Middle School/Elementary School. The calls for service included:

- Welfare Checks (Mental Health)
- Theft
- Traffic Stops/Enforcement at the schools
- Tobacco Violations
- Traffic Accident
- Possession of THC vape complaint
- Assisted patrol/investigations with several LE related incidents outside the school

The School Resource Officer also participated in the following:

- Safety walk at the High School/Middle School
- Safety walk at Elementary School
- Attended Varsity Basketball Games
- Attended Veterans Coffee and Community Coffee at High School
- K9 Ripp was introduced to the Auburndale School District
- Attended Classroom for Jury Trial Lesson and Participation
- Extra Patrols for monitoring traffic before/after school
- Wood County Coroner (Dave Patton) school presentation- arranged by Deputy Nehls

As always, the School Resource Officer made a continued presence within the schools and continues to be a positive role model for students within the district.

Report submitted by: SRO Nehls #441



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US HWY 10 Cross Traffic Monthly Report

January (01/01/26 – 01/31/26)

Intersection	Time Spent (min)	Citations	Warnings
USH 10/Day RD	140	0	0
USH 10/CTH T	635	0	2
USH 10/CTH E	2	1	0
USH 10/STH 186	170	1	1
USH 10/North RD	0	0	0
USH 10/CTH K	150	1	0
USH 10/Blueberry RD	0	0	0
USH 10/CTH N	0	0	0
USH 10/CTH S	0	0	0
USH 10/Brookside RD	0	0	0
USH 10/CTH F	0	0	0
Totals:	1097	3	3

MINUTES – 1097

WARNINGS – 3

CITATIONS – 3

CRASHES – 2 (1 Injury and 1 Deer)

Submitted By: Charles Hoogsteger – Operations Captain

WOOD COUNTY JAIL

JANUARY - JUNE 2026

TOTAL POPULATION / DAILY POPULATION / ELECTRONIC MONITORING

DAY	JAUNUARY			FEBRUARY			MARCH			APRIL			MAY			JUNE		
	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP
1	180	0	22	177	3	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	175	0	21	177	3	23												
3	177	0	19	175	4	24												
4	177	0	19															
5	177	0	19															
6	177	1	21															
7	183	1	22															
8	184	1	24															
9	179	1	24															
10	174	1	22															
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13	163	1	22															
14	167	1	23															
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17	159	1	23															
18	165	3	23															
19	169	3	23															
20	171	3	24															
21	173	3	25															
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23	172	1	26															
24	167	1	27															
25	170	1	26															
26	175	1	26															
27	173	2	26															
28	171	2	26															
29	172	3	26															
30	170	3	26															
31	178	3	24															
AVERAGES																		
Total Jail	172.45			176.33			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
IMMG	1.42			3.33			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
EMP	23.32			23.33			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
Length of Stay	26.70			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		

WOOD COUNTY JAIL

JULY - DECEMBER 2026

TOTAL POPULATION / DAILY POPULATION / ELECTRONIC MONITORING

DAY	JULY			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2																		
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AVERAGES																		
Total Jail	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
IMMG	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
EMP	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
Length of Stay	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		

2026 YEARLY AVERAGES	
OVERALL POPULATION	174.39
IMMG HOLDS	2.376344086
ELECTRONIC MONITORING	23.32795699
AVERAGE LENGTH of STAY	26.70

NEW FACILITY	TOTAL BEDS
80% = 232	290
OPENED 03-22-2025	

	DATE	POPULATION
Color indicates low population		
Color indicates high population		

MONTHLY	HIGH	LOW
JANUARY		
FEBRUARY		
MARCH		
APRIL		
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER		
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER		

Electronic Monitoring 2026

Month	Monthly Average
January	23.32
February	23.33
March	0.00
April	0.00
May	0.00
June	0.00
July	0.00
August	0.00
September	0.00
October	0.00
November	0.00
December	0.00
TOTAL	23.33

Wood County Sheriff's Department Kitchen

MONTH		Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Special
January 1/09/2026	WEEK 1	1241	1242	1216	0
1/16/2026	WEEK 2	1186	1196	1145	0
1/23/2026	WEEK 3	1114	1133	1102	0
	WEEK 4	1124	1128	1107	0
	WEEK 5	0	0	0	0
		4665	4699	4570	0
February	WEEK 6	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 7	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 8	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 9	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0
March	WEEK 10	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 11	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 12	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 13	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0
April	WEEK 14	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 15	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 16	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 17	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 18	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0
May	WEEK 19	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 20	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 21	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 22	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0
June	WEEK 23	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 24	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 25	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 26	0	0	0	0
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Total meals	Food Cost plus Labor
3699	\$9,351.08
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13934	\$36,800.16

Cost per meal \$2.64
 Cost Per day \$7.92

MINUTES

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 302

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Wayne Schulz, Russ Perlock, Tim Hovendick (via WebEx, arriving at 9:09 AM)

MEMBER EXCUSED: George Gilbertson

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There were no public comments.
3. The minutes of the January 7, 2026, meeting were presented. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Schulz/Perlock to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Emily Oetzman from the Health Department reviewed the economic development grant application for the Catch-A-Ride program and explained that the match dollars had been changed to eliminate the donation of vehicles to the leasing of vehicles, which they believe in the long term is a more viable option. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve the changes in the grant application as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Julie Strenn from Cran City Corner in Pittsville provided an update on their project and the timeline for construction to hopefully begin later this year. They are requesting the release of previously approved economic development grant funding. Motion by Schulz/Buttke to approve the release of \$20,000 of economic development grant funding as requested. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Interim Area Extension Director McGivern provided a current timeline of when a new Area Director will be on board, a document of the various educators either housed in or shared with other counties, and a monthly report of various activities of the department.
8. County Conservationist Wucherpfennig reported on the recently held Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo held in Marshfield recently.
9. Wucherpfennig presented a resolution amending the 2025 DATCP budget for the expenses they incurred that was covered by additional state revenue. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration.

10. Wucherpfennig reviewed the current status of the Mill Creek chloride issue and noted that the City of Marshfield has not moved forward in their inspection of the property in question. The committee instructed Wucherpfennig to encourage them to take action.
11. Wucherpfennig brought the committee up to date on the current violations and discussed an out-of-compliance mine operator that has Corporation Counsel involved.
12. Planning & Zoning Director Grueneberg presented a resolution amending the 2025 Land Records budget for the additional revenue and expense of LiDAR project funded with ARPA dollars. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
13. A referral resolution from Marathon County relating to local control in the regulation of large scale wind and solar projects was reviewed by the committee. Motion by Schulz/Perlock to direct staff to draft a similar resolution for Wood County and have it ready for the February County Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
15. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 10:43 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN TOURISM PARTNERSHIP TOURISM COMMITTEE

January 14, 2026

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Keri Beck called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Keri Beck, Langlade County; Sarah Brooks, Merrill Chamber; Autumn Timblin, Marinette County; Ann Maletzke, Spur of the Moment Ranch (Oconto County); Malorie Paine, Plover CVB; Michelle Eron, Shawano Country Tourism; James Przybylski, Shawano County; Kelly Schwartz, Oconto County; Jodi Maguire, Stevens Point Area CVB; and Meredith Kleker, Wisconsin Rapids CVB. **EXCUSED:** Mike Miller, Forest County and Brad Hamilton, Wood County. **VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Matt McLean, Visit Marshfield. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Christopher Jennings. **WCA STAFF:** Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Przybylski, second by Timblin, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

2026 MEMBERSHIP UPDATES: Marathon County has paid membership dues for 2026. The committee needs to work with Marathon County (when they appoint a representative) to get Marathon County added to the website. Michelle and Malorie volunteered to assist.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports for 2025 and 2026 were emailed out to members prior to the meeting.

LOGO AND TAGLINE UPDATES: Logo subcommittee members shared the final version of the new logo. Subcommittee members were not happy with the taglines prepared by Adam Nelson and asked committee members to assist in the development of a new tagline. Members discussed a number of tagline ideas and asked the subcommittee to reconvene and make a final recommendation. The subcommittee will email out the tagline for final comment and approval.

REVIEW OF PROMOTIONS BUDGET/PROJECTS:

2025 Closeout – Outstanding Invoices: There are a couple of outstanding invoices for the 2025 project year that need to be tracked down and sent to Sarah for payment – registration for the Madison Fishing Expo and Round Trip with Colleen Kelly.

2026 Projects: Members reviewed the 2026 project list. Malorie agreed to serve as the lead on the Minnesota Star Tribune Geofence Display co-op offering. On the next agenda the committee agreed to discuss building a photo and video library that can be used for North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership projects.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP – GREEN BAY AND MADISON SHOWS: Tourism Committee members were reminded to sign up to staff the booths at the Green Bay and Madison shows. Expenses are reimbursed per the show reimbursement policy. Autumn created a sign-up form that is on the Google drive. She will also send a link to everyone as a reminder.

TRAVEL WISCONSIN UPDATE: Christopher Jennings discussed the following: the new partner portal is nearing launch, February 23 launch planned, seasonal report widgets will no longer work so will need to be recreated, downloaded and embedded once the website launches; Office of Outdoor Recreation’s Do It Yourself Economic Impact Program – seeking year three participants; Veronica Pope hired to lead the new film office; Derrick Zimmerman new Senior Marketing Communications Specialist for the Office of Outdoor Recreation; make sure to update Winter Snow Reports; new web record set in 2025 – 11.9 million visits; Travel Green sign up is open; latest call for PR – corporate retreat and events (Wisconsin style) and long weekend valentines in Wisconsin.

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE: Zoom links and calendar invites were sent for 2026.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: The next meeting will be held on February 11 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

ADJOURN: Motion by Przybylski, second by Maletzke, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.



Monday, Jan. 19, 2026 @ 2:00pm (Riverblock Auditorium, room 206)

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Leichtnam at 2:00 pm.
 - a. Round robin introductions of meeting attendees
- 2.) Election of Officers
 - a. Elections were run by CWG Member Bill Clendenning
 - b. Election of Chairperson.
 - i. Tom Buttke made the nomination of Bill Leichtnam for Chairperson.
 - ii. Rhona Carrell 2nd the nomination.
 - iii. Motion to close nominations and cast the vote was made by Tom Buttke. 2nd by Carrell.
 - iv. Vote was unanimous
 - c. Election of Vice Chairperson
 - i. Tom Buttke made the nomination of Bill Clendenning as a Vice Chair.
 - ii. Bill Leichtnam 2nd the nomination.
 - iii. Motion to the close the nominations and cast the vote was made by Tom Buttke and 2nd by Bill Leichtnam.
 - iv. Vote was unanimous
 - d. Election of Secretary
 - i. Bill Leichtnam made the nomination of Jen McNelly as secretary
 - ii. Tom Buttke 2nd the nomination
 - iii. Motion to close the nominations and cast the vote was made by Tom Buttke, 2nd by Tim Hovendick.
 - iv. Vote was unanimous
- 3.) Public Comment
 - a. Rhonda Carrell shared that the Dean of North Central Tech College in Wausau said job well done to CWG on the work that they are currently and have done.
- 4.) Approve minutes of Dec. 15, 2025 mtg
 - a. Hovendick made a motion to adopt the Dec. 15, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Carrell 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5.) Correspondence / Updates / Handouts / Reports on meetings attended
 - a. Letter from DHS regarding the letter on the Alliance for Great Lakes Nitrate on Tap Report. (DHS letter attached)
- 6.) Roles/duties of UW-Extension in protecting Wisconsin's natural resources and the CWG can participate.
 - a. Slides from the presentation are attached to the minutes.

- 7.) Discussion/Action from the floor
 - a. Chair Leichtnam encouraged CWG members to think about ways to grow CWG membership and how to become part of the community.
 - b. The association for Home and Community Education (HCE) is seeking new members.
- 8.) Possible agenda items for next meeting
 - a. Would the community access channel be a place for CWG to go and share their story and work?
- 9.) Next mtg. — Feb. 16, 2026, 2:00 pm
- 10.) Adjourn –
 - a. Motion to adjourn was made by Buttke and 2nd by Hovendick. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Chairman Bill Leichtnam adjourned the meeting at 3:27 pm.

Present in the meeting: Bill Leichtnam, Jen McNelly, Rhonda Carrell, Bill Clendenning, Bruce Dimick, Tom Buttke, Shane Wucherpfennig, Lance Pliml , Tim Hovendick, and Sandy Cain.

Respectfully submitted by Jen McNelly on January 26, 2026

RE: 8 Recommendations of the Alliance for the Great Lakes & Clean Wisconsin regarding groundwater contamination

From DHS Constituent Relations <DHSConstituentRelations@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
To bill and nancy <sespotsy@wctc.net>
Cc DHS Constituent Relations <DHSConstituentRelations@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Date 2026-01-12 15:04

Good afternoon, Citizens Water Group of Wood County,

Thank you for sharing your letter and for your continued efforts to highlight groundwater and drinking water concerns in Wood County and across Wisconsin.

DHS recognizes the concerns you highlighted. As you noted, DHS has issued [health-based recommendations](#) for lowering Wisconsin's groundwater enforcement standard for nitrate, and we remain committed to providing scientific and health-based guidance to our partner agencies.

The regulatory authority for groundwater standards, surface water standards, agricultural performance standards, and farm monitoring requirements falls primarily under the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), DHS will continue to collaborate with DNR, DATCP, and local partners as needed, and we look forward to remaining engaged should rulemaking or legislative discussions proceed.

Thank you again for your advocacy and for bringing these concerns forward.

Best regards,



Constituent Relations Team
Wisconsin Department of Health Services
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NOTICE: [Get the most up to date confidentiality statement here.](#)

From: bill and nancy <sespotsy@wctc.net>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 8:27 AM
Subject: 8 Recommendations of the Alliance for the Great Lakes & Clean Wisconsin regarding groundwater contamination

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization.
Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good Morning,

Attached you will find a letter to all recipients above from a decade-old citizens group in Wood County which is concerned with groundwater contamination of rural, private wells.

After reading the attached letter, you will see that we are calling for state agency, association, and legislative action concerning this important health-related issue.

I chair this group and am a 5-term Wood County Board Supervisor and also chair of the counties' Land & Water Committee. The residents I represent would greatly appreciate your comment and attention to this important state-wide issue.

Sincerely,

Bill Leichtnam, District # 19 Wood County Board Supervisor

Water Natural Resource Educators

Jen McNelly



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▶ Purpose

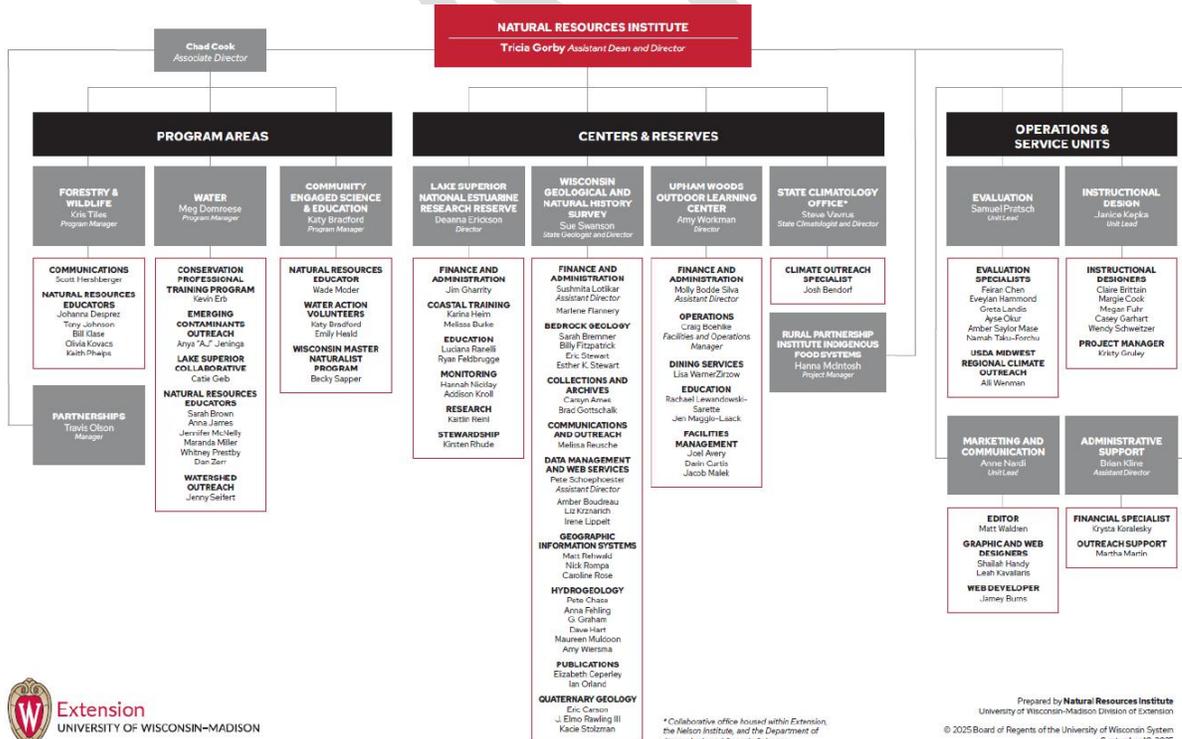
Based in watersheds across the state, Water Natural Resource Educators increase understanding of water resources and work with groups to collaboratively address water quality issues. Through targeted outreach and training, we connect conservation practices to water quality outcomes, build leadership capacity, and expand access to information on surface water, groundwater, and emerging contaminants—to support practical, community-driven solutions.



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Extension's Work Reaches Across Wisconsin

We help more than 200,000 farmers, parents, youth leaders, neighbors and businesses through our six program areas





▶ Central Wisconsin and Wood County

- Jen McNelly
 - Groundwater & Drinking Water
 - Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative
- Anna James
 - Farmer Led Watershed Groups
 - Surface Waters
 - Agriculture



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▶ 2025 Projects

- Stakeholder involvement in the state Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy
- Nepco Lake District Planning
- Marathon County Groundwater Management Planning
- Farmer-Led Watershed Groups
 - Workshops
 - Field Day
 - Facilitated Discussions
 - Leadership Trainings
 - Regional Gatherings



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▶ 2025 Projects

- Science by the River
- Educational Programming
 - High Schools
 - County Conservation Days
 - Field Days
- Groundwater Policy Presentations
- Groundwater Management Planning
- Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative
- Groundwater Tools
 - Nitrate Risk Mapping
 - Groundwater Transport Flow Model
- Health and Conservation Working Group



▶ 2025 Partnerships

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- A vertical photograph showing a calm river or lake at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, and the water reflects the colors. Trees are visible on the left bank.
- Producer Led Watershed Groups
 - DNR
 - DATCP
 - WGNHS
 - Schools
 - Community Organizations
 - County Departments
 - UW-Madison and UWSP
 - Agricultural Producers



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▶ 2026 Projects

- Nepco Lake District Strategic Planning
- Nepco Lake Watershed Management
- Marathon County Wellhead Protection District
- Producer Led Watershed Group Partnerships
- Science by the River
- Educational Programming



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Extension Wood County staff led, delivered, planned or collaborated on all of the following activities:

4-H POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Laura Huber, 4-H Program Educator

Trina Bores, 4-H AmeriCorps member

- Interviews for the 2026 Langlade, Marathon, and Wood County 4-H Summer Camp staff were conducted, with 40 youth participating. Applicants shared their interest in camp, explained why they wish to serve as camp counselors, and responded to questions related to the responsibilities and expectations of the counselor role.
 - **Total Reach:** 40 youth in grade 8-12 3 staff
- An in-person, after-school 4-H Club meeting during which youth used their imaginations and teamwork to imagine an ideal playground feature. Youth used worked in small groups to build their ideal feature with LEGO, and learned how their ideas for issues that affect them can be shared to make community impact.
 - **Total Reach:** 17 youth members
- An in-person after school program for youth in grades 3-8 where students learned how to work together as a team, problem solve and build new connections through interactive games. In play-based programs such as these, youth build skills without realizing they are in the middle of an educational lesson.
 - **Total Reach:** 30 youth in grades 3-8 who are enrolled in Pittsville Elementary School's After School Program
- A series of lessons (Healthy Living/Life Management) for students at River Cities High School, where we engage them in lessons around topics such as budgeting/renting, cooking, nutrition, basic home repairs, and other essential life skills to prepare them for life after high school and help support their overall health and well-being for when they are on their own.
 - **Total Reach:** 81 students



AGRICULTURE

Matt Lippert, Agriculture Educator

- Organizing a career event in conjunction with Wisconsin FFA and MSTC. We expect about 100 students to participate in dairy judging on March 24, the event qualifies students to advance to the state contest. Students evaluate actual dairy cows on a farm, with a team of four industry experts determining the most accurate evaluation of the dairy cows. Also, the students give oral reasons on their placings, helping them develop communication skills in addition to problem solving in the judging process. The students also take a dairy industry knowledge quiz.



- Presentation on the Badger Dairy Insight program about an emerging trend on Wisconsin farms, growing High- Oleic (Fatty Acid) Soybeans. These beans differ from the normal fatty acid profile of soybeans and have been developed through conventional breeding or through genetic modification. The resulting soybeans have much better feeding value for dairy cows but are different enough that they must be managed separately in marketing channels. Also, the beans have fewer options as far as crop protection (herbicide resistance and maturity) making them somewhat of a challenge to manage weeds, primarily water hemp, and somewhat too long for a growing season in Central Wisconsin. These obstacles are expected to be reduced in coming years as new varieties are developed.
- Cooperatively developing a future Badger Dairy Insight (virtual zoom program) on grazing. A topic will be fenceless fencing, controlling cows without an actual fence using technology similar to pet collars that keep animals off the road. There will also be a segment on supplementing pasture to improve cow performance.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Kayla Rombalski, Community Development Educator

- Planning for the Central Wisconsin Housing Summit, a regional event for stakeholders across five counties who will learn best practices, explore resources, and build connections to advance local housing solutions. This event is designed to elevate the builder and developer perspective and address real challenges in today's housing landscape. The goal is to accelerate cross-sector collaboration that leads to more housing development in Central Wisconsin.
- Development of a Founders Network entrepreneurial meeting in collaboration with Marshfield-based economic development partners, where entrepreneurs and small business owners will learn about local resources, funding opportunities, and real-world business experiences. This effort is designed to strengthen the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem by increasing awareness of supports available to emerging and existing business owners. The goal is to foster a more vibrant, connected, and resilient business community.
 - **Total Reach:** *anticipating 20 attendees*
- A professional development training for Marathon County employees where participants learned meeting facilitation basics, including preparation strategies, facilitator roles, and examples drawn from Wood County's REDI implementation teams. The goal of this training is to help staff lead more effective, engaging, and outcome-oriented meetings.
 - **Total Reach:** *30 participants*
- Planning for strategic planning processes for two Wood County organizations, where organizational leaders will engage in goal setting, prioritization, and capacity-building discussions. This effort is designed to strengthen organizational effectiveness and enhance long-term decision-making. The goal is to support healthier, more sustainable organizations that can better serve their communities.



CRANBERRIES

Allison Jonjak, Cranberry Outreach Specialist

- A Nutrient Management Plan Training curriculum was revised and updated using common recordkeeping software in addition to using the legacy option of spreadsheets or handwritten records
- A Cranberry School was held for 515 cranberry growers and industry partners to receive current research-backed education on etymology, plant pathology, heat stress, nutrient timing, moisture management, and more.
- A tour of the UW-Madison campus and the labs of key cranberry-focused researchers was prepared for cranberry growers to interact in-person with research. (To be held Feb 2.)
- Proceedings from the 2026 Cranberry School are being compiled for publication.
- A new cranberry-focused Extension website is being developed and being prepared for deployment.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Ka Zoua Thao, Bilingual (Hmong) Community Health Worker *Hannah Wendels Scott, Health and Well-Being Educator*

Behavioral Health

- Bi-weekly support groups for Hmong students where they learn about feelings, safety, and respect through storytelling, art, and guided conversations. Using age-appropriate terms, basic concepts of mental health, personal boundaries, and trusted adults while honoring Hmong traditions and values will be introduced. Through this program, Hmong students will feel safe, heard, and confident to lay the foundation for lifelong emotional well-being and opening the door to healthier conversations in their families and communities.
 - **Total Reach:** 61 students
 - 7 students in grades 4-5
 - 33 students in grades 6-8
 - 21 students in grades 9-12
- Building relationships and engaging with partners to address health needs with the Hmong community within Wood County.
- A meeting for WRPS Wellness Committee, where members of the committee meet to discuss goals for the committee, ways to support staff and student wellness, and plan engaging activities for students and staff to interact with throughout the school year to support their overall wellbeing while at work, school and home.
- An as needed meeting with Hmong clients, where I met one-on-one with clients to listen to their needs, offer support, and help them identify and access local health and community resources. Through this effort, participants will gain personalized support, clearer pathways to services, and greater confidence navigating systems.



- **Total Reach:** 5 one-on-one Hmong clients
- A monthly food pantry pick-up for Hmong community members in Wood County, where I support families in choosing foods that their household needs and share information about additional local resources. Through this effort, Hmong residents gain reliable access to healthier food options and feel better connected to community supports.
 - **Total Reach:** 12 Hmong families
- A series of strength training sessions (StrongBodies) for adults in the community, where participants engage in regular, progressive strength training and health education to improve their physical and mental health and enhance social connectedness.
 - **Total Reach:** 9 Hmong participants
- The Hmong Women's Social Space serves as a monthly gathering for Hmong women to engage in discussions about often overlooked topics within their community. This initiative aims to foster relationships among participants and empower them to advocate for the recognition of their voices.
 - **Total Reach:** 7 participants
- A weekly program for incarcerated men in the Wood County Jail, where participants practiced healthy coping strategies, built emotional awareness, and strengthened skills for managing stress in daily life. Through this effort, men gained tools that support their well-being during incarceration and increase their capacity to navigate re-entry with resilience and confidence.
 - **Total Reach:** 2 incarcerated males
- A weekly program for incarcerated women in the Wood County Jail, where participants practiced healthy coping strategies, built emotional awareness, and strengthened skills for managing stress in daily life. Through this effort, women gained tools that support their well-being during incarceration and increase their capacity to navigate re-entry with resilience and confidence.
 - **Total Reach:** 7 incarcerated females

HEAL (Healthy Eating and Active Living)

- Planning for 4 community listening sessions with individuals and families who are experiencing food insecurity in collaboration with the Wood County Health Department. The goal of these sessions is to gather qualitative data from residents with lived experience of food insecurity to better understand the barriers they face and the solutions they believe would be most effective. The second half of this project will be taking the feedback from each session to help guide our strategies to reduce food insecurity in Wood County.
- A meeting for WRPS Wellness Committee, where members of the committee meet to discuss goals for the committee, ways to support staff and student wellness, and plan engaging activities for students and staff to interact with throughout the school year to support their overall wellbeing while at work, school and home.
- A presentation to the WRPS School Board informed board members and attendees about the work of the WRPS Wellness Committee and the initiatives undertaken during the current school year. The



presentation also highlighted Extension Wood County's collaboration with the committee across three program areas: healthy eating and active living, mental health, and financial wellness opportunities for both staff and students.

- A series of lessons for adults who are incarcerated participating in the SMART Recovery Pod Program in the Wood County Jail. Through this series, participants will learn nutrition education, cooking skills, and participate in the StrongBodies program that improves their physical and mental health.
 - **Total Reach:** 6 total participants
- An ongoing series of strength training sessions (StrongBodies) for older adults/adults in the community, where participants engage in regular, progressive strength training and health education to improve their physical and mental health and enhance social connectedness. This series is led by two Extension StrongBodies volunteers.
 - **Total Reach:** 26 participants
- A series of after-school lessons for elementary and middle school students at Pittsville Elementary School, where students learn about the five food groups, how they benefit their overall health and well-being, and how to make healthy food and physical activity choices both at home and at school.
 - **Total Reach:** 24 students
- A series of lessons (Healthy Living/Life Management) for students at River Cities High School, where we engage them in lessons around topics such as budgeting/renting, cooking, nutrition, basic home repairs, and other essential life skills to prepare them for life after high school and help support their overall health and well-being for when they are on their own.
 - **Total Reach:** 81 students
- A bi-monthly meeting with the Student Wellness Advisory Group (SWAG) students at Grove Elementary School where we plan, discuss, and share ideas on ways to make healthy changes within the school. This group empowers 5th grade students who are passionate about all areas of health for themselves and their classmates to make healthy changes at school that will impact everyone.
 - **Total Reach:** 8 students

HORTICULTURE

Janell Wehr, Horticulture Educator

- Planning for a bilingual agricultural conference for Hmong farmers in collaboration with local agencies and educators. The goal is to provide education on sustainable farming, business development, and pest management, so that participants can improve farm profitability, adopt resilient practices, and strengthen community connections.
- A presentation for the general public, where participants learned how to choose cultivars and plan gardens using IPM including crop rotation. Through this effort, participants improved their understanding of how sustainable horticultural practices positively impact landscapes and ecosystems.
 - **Total Reach:** 9 participants



- A presentation for the general public, where participants learned the components of Integrated Pest Management, including when to use chemical management practices. Through this effort, participants improved their understanding of how sustainable horticulture practices positively impact landscapes and ecosystems.
 - **Total Reach:** 22
- County residents' horticultural inquiries are answered through evidence-based resources. This effort is designed to reduce pollution through horticultural product (pesticides and fertilizers) misuse.

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS & DEVELOPMENT

Ben Eberlein, Human Development & Relationships Educator

- A 6-session course for renters where participants learn how to find and apply for rental housing, understand their responsibilities as a renter, how to communicate effectively with their landlords, and manage housing expenses. Through this, those with negative rental records and those new to renting are able to increase their ability to find and keep safe affordable housing, thereby increasing their stability and decreasing their reliance on public supports.
- A direct education activity for elementary & middle school students in which participants learn basic financial concepts like the difference between needs & wants and to identify personal financial values and goals. Through this, they establish a foundation of knowledge for positive money management later in life.
 - **Total Reach:** 24 students
- A meeting for WRPS Wellness Committee, where members of the committee meet to discuss goals for the committee, ways to support staff and student wellness, and plan engaging activities for students and staff to interact with throughout the school year to support their overall wellbeing while at work, school and home.
- An 8-module class that provides people reentering communities with tools and tips for managing bills, identifying & prioritizing payments for both legal system-related debt and consumer debt, creating a spending & savings plan, understanding credit scores & reports, choosing financial products and services, and building other financial competencies. Through this, participants strengthen their financial literacy to support a prosperous reentry to their community.
 - **Total Reach:** 23 participants
- A series of lessons (Healthy Living/Life Management) for students at River Cities High School, where we engage them in lessons around topics such as budgeting/renting, cooking, nutrition, basic home repairs, and other essential life skills to prepare them for life after high school and help support their overall health and well-being for when they are on their own.
 - **Total Reach:** 81 students



NATURAL RESOURCES

Jen McNelly, Natural Resources Groundwater Educator

Anna Mitchell, Natural Resources Educator

- Facilitation of monthly meetings of the Wood County Citizen Water Groups, where stakeholders meet to discuss ways to implement their annual action plan, learn about water related issues in Wood County, plan events and activities, update each other on work being done in Wood County, and identify new collaborations for future work/projects.
 - **Total Reach:** 15 Citizen Members of the Wood County Citizen Water Group
- A series of meetings for conservation and water professionals from six counties in the Wisconsin central sands to learn about the groundwater flow tracker model created by the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey. The first meeting was to introduce the model and solicit feedback on potential improvements. The second meeting was providing guidance on the use of the model and answer any questions that the Counties might have and the third and final meeting was the release of final version of the model with modifications and provided an opportunity for the Counties to utilize the model.
 - **Total Reach:** 10 Meeting Attendees
- Two facilitated strategic planning workshops for Nepco Lake District board members and community members where participants engaged in guided discussion and activities to clarify a shared vision and identify barriers to progress. In the first workshop, participants explored “what if” scenarios to create practical images of their desired future, while the second workshop focused on identifying obstacles and analyzing root causes preventing realization of that vision. Through these workshops, participants built a common understanding of shared visions and challenges, strengthening their capacity for coordinated, strategic decision-making to guide the future of the Lake District.
 - **Total Reach:** 9 members of Nepco Lake District
- A workgroup for Marathon County staff and water resource professionals to review and discuss the existing Marathon County Wellhead Protection Ordinance. The workgroup will continue to meet monthly to discuss revisions to the ordinance and mapping until the ordinance is updated.
 - **Total Reach:** 9 Workgroup participants





LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

STAFF REPORTS – JANUARY 2026

Barb Peeters

Conservation Administrative Specialist

- Generated 2025 Innovations Grant Reimbursement Request (for grant funds that were extended from 2024 to 2025), compiled supporting documents and submitted to DATCP prior to February 15, 2026 deadline.
- Completed December sales tax report and forwarded to Finance.
- Compiled information regarding WI Land+Water Annual conference to distribute to CEED committee members.
- Processed nonmetallic mining annual permit fee payments as received (per ordinance, permit fees are due by January 31, 2026).
- Attended virtual planning meeting on Jan. 6th with Kendra Wilhelm and Caleb Armstrong for the Central WI Farm Profitability Expo to finalize details.
- Attended January 7th CEED meeting virtually.
- Shared January 13th Wellness Committee meeting updates with LWCD staff.
- Downloaded the January DATCP monthly report and shared with LWCD staff.
- Processed customer tree sale orders as received. Fielded calls & emails from customers regarding tree sale. Revised order form as trees sold out and worked with I.T. to have order form updated to website (both species of peach trees and Honey Crisp apple trees sold out). Contacted customers who submitted incorrect payments.
- Processed reimbursement payment received from DATCP for \$49,717.30 (for 14 cost-share contracts) and Innovations Grant reimbursement payment of \$199.76.
- Organized County Board packet materials and electronically submitted to the County Clerk's office.
- Ordered department supplies and processed invoices/payments.
- Processed department invoices/vouchers and deposits weekly for submission to the Treasurer/Finance.
- Completed LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to the January 3rd & 22nd payrolls. Reviewed payroll reports and verified distribution by accounts/department.
- Updated Wellness bulletin board with first quarter 2026 information.
- Reserved RiverBlock auditorium for Golden Sands RC&D special meetings on January 22nd and February 5th at the request of County Conservationist.
- Compiled reports and documentation for year-end verification of all LWCD non-lapsing accounts to carryover to 2026 (for ARPA grant funds, AWO (animal waste ordinance) Permit Tracking, Earnest Money, Farm Profitability, Financial Assurance-Nonmetallic Mining, MDV funds, Surface Water Grant/DNR & Well Testing Grant) and provided to Finance Department. Provided additional information requested by Deputy Finance Director.
- Revised 2026 Wildflower/Grass Mixes Order Form and 2026 Seed Descriptions due to price increases by supplier and worked with I.T. to have forms updated on LWCD website.
- Compiled data, generated 2025 SWRM Staff and Support reimbursement request totaling \$167,730.00 and submitted to DATCP.
- Worked with I.T. to have LWCD office and staff information updated on LWCD website.
- Verified 2026 tree sale customer orders. Generated final tree order and submitted to nursery.
- Assisted with judging of 2026 Conservation poster contest. Posters were submitted by students in Wood County in grades 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. The 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners were selected for each category and the first place posters advanced to the area contest in Vilas County (on January 28th). Ordered gift cards & trophies for Wood County students who placed 1st/2nd/3rd place in each category.
- Processed final payment from the State of WI for the 2025 LMPN grant (\$1,309.71) (2025 revenue).
- Compiled list of 2025 revenue that remains outstanding and submitted to Finance/Treasurer. Waiting for reimbursement payments from DATCP and DNR.

- Reviewed 2025 SWRM Innovation Gulf Hypoxia Program Subaward Grant Contract (\$10,000 staff support grant) for reimbursement and reporting requirements and reviewed with County Conservationist. Compiled supporting documentation and generated reimbursement request totaling \$3,931.67. Submitted to County Conservationist for review. Submitted to DATCP prior to Feb. 15th deadline.
- Processed payment for the 2025 Wisconsin Deer Donation Program. A total of 10 deer were donated by Wood County hunters and processed by J&S Processing. 466 pounds of ground venison was donated to St. Vincent de Paul Outreach (total venison came to 533 pounds, but one deer tested positive for CWD so that 67 pounds of venison was disposed of per DNR guidelines). (The venison processing payment will be reimbursed to the County by the WI DNR.)
- Processed SWRM/DATCP reimbursement payment of \$9,284.45.
- Fielded numerous calls and emails from customers who missed the tree/shrub/seed sale deadline & started waiting list in the event there are any extra trees.
- Processed State of WI reimbursement payment of \$34,128.65 for Mill Creek Phase II TMDL grant.
- Verified amount of 2026 advance collection of nonmetallic mining (NMM) permit fees deposited to revenue liability account and submitted journal entry for those advance permit fees to be transferred to 2026 NMM budget.
- Prepped for and attended the 2026 Central WI Farmer Profitability Expo on January 27th in Marshfield. Assisted with set-up, procured morning break refreshments, assisted attendees throughout event and handled clean up.
- Verified wildlife damage general ledger and assembled all invoices and attachments for fourth quarter 2025 reimbursement request to the WiDNR.
- Processed conference and hotel reservations for the WI Land+Water annual conference. Worked with WI Land+Water Events Manager to resolve issues with obtaining hotel rooms in the block of room reserved for the conference.
- Served as point of contact for LWCD staff when Conservationist was out of the office (full days) January 6, 16, 28, 30 and (partial days) January 15, 20, 22.
- Electronically submitted staff reports/packet materials to the County Clerk’s office for the CEED meeting packet and entered LWCD agenda items.

Emily Salvinski *Conservation Specialist*

- **Tuesday, January 6.** Finished up gathering information from SEG contracts for 2025 SEG shapefile.
- **Wednesday, January 7.** Updated mailing list and put together letters and brochures for upcoming nutrient management class.
- **Thursday, January 8.** Added 2025 mill creek cost-share shapefile into DNR’s tracking system, BITS. Started adding pictures, contracts, models to each practice field by field.
- **Wednesday, January 14.** Filled out second NMFE grant reimbursement (checked math on all the checks that were sent out and not reimbursed yet), updated numbers to NMFE final report.
- **Thursday, January 15.** Attended NMFE class in Spencer to help out with the multi-county effort.
- **Monday, January 19.** Updated part of a NMP for upcoming meeting. Attended meeting to discuss water testing funds. Pooled together many maps and information to create an ARPA shapefile.
- **Tuesday, January 20.** Worked on ARPA 2025 shapefile. Combined checklists to send along with second NMFE reimbursement request. Submitted NMFE final report answers by DATCP survey.
- **Wednesday, January 21.** Attended NMFE class in Wausau to help farmers with nutrient management plan writing.
- **Tuesday, January 27.** Attended Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo in Marshfield.

Kendra Wilhelm

Conservation Specialist

- Emailed a total of 333 Wood County teachers and 4-H leaders to remind them about the upcoming deadline to submit posters for the annual Conservation Poster Contest.
- Created an aquatic invasive species identification sheet geared towards cranberry marsh operators.
- Attended the January Lakes & Rivers Partnership Meeting.
- Gave three presentations to 2nd graders at Grant Elementary School in Marshfield regarding the Conservation Poster Contest.
- Participated in a meeting to discuss details about the upcoming Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo.
 - Continuous communication with the venue, panelists, and expo collaborators occurred throughout the month.
 - Created a slideshow to help guide the Expo.
 - Created and finalized a “ready-to-go” questions set for each farmer discussion panel for the emcees to help foster active discussion if needed. Emailed final draft of questions to each emcee.
 - Created an informational flyer regarding our department’s harvestable buffer program.
 - Printed copies of all handouts that we will need to bring to the Expo.
 - Created name tent cards for each farmer discussion panelist.
- Attended the January Nepco Lake District Board meeting.
- Created an informational flyer to help ice anglers be aware of the need to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species even though it is winter.
- Provided Clean Boats Clean Water technical assistance to the Nepco Lake district.
- Participated in a staff meeting regarding the water quality testing ARPA funds that are remaining.
 - Created a document outlining the different UWSP Water and Environmental Analysis Lab Packages.
- Sent out two emails to our farmers list regarding the Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo that our department is hosting.
- Picked up completed posters from various schools for entry into the Wood County Conservation Poster Contest.
 - Created a judging sheet for all LWCD staff members to vote on posters in each age category.
 - We received posters in the following age categories:
 - Grades 2-3
 - Grades 4-6
 - Grades 7-9
 - Grades 10-12
 - Poster contest entry has increased from past years due to increased communications and promotion of the contest (82 posters submitted this year compared to 10 last year).
 - Created completion certificates for all poster contest entries.
 - Created 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place certificates for posters that placed in each grade category.
 - Sent County winning poster information to the North Central Area Land and Water Conservation Association for the winners to compete in the Area contest.
- Provided technical assistance to the Nepco Lake District at their second strategic planning meeting.
- Communicated with producers regarding their nutrient management plans.
- Participated in a meeting regarding the establishment of best management practices within the Fourmile Creek Watershed.
- Attended and helped with the 2026 Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo.
 - There were 53 participants this year.
- Attended a webinar on the “Rethinking of Invasive Species Communication.”

Kyle Andreae

Engineer Technician

- January 1 – Holiday
- January 2 – Vacation
- January 5 – Gilbertson Design
- January 6 – Sick
- January 7 – Gilbertson Design
- January 8 – Solar Presentation Preparation
- January 9 – Ciesielski Design
- January 12 – Ciesielski Design
- January 13 – Ciesielski Design, Cohort Meeting
- January 14 – Ciesielski Design, Gilbertson Design
- January 15 – Ciesielski Design
- January 16 – Ciesielski Design
- January 19 – Ciesielski Design
- January 20 – Ciesielski Design
- January 21 – Ciesielski Design
- January 22 – Ciesielski Design
- January 23 – Ciesielski Design
- January 26 – Ciesielski Design
- January 27 – Farm Profitability Expo
- January 28 – CRP Records Keeping
- January 29 – CRP Records Keeping
- January 30 – CRP Records Keeping

Rodney Mayer

Conservation Program Manager

- Schoechert pond exemption application review – sent comments and needed changes.
- Reviewed Harris pond completion – updates to spreadsheet.
- Multiple financial assurance update reviews – document review, update spreadsheet, software, files.
 - (Doine 2 sites, Crist, Schneider, Ladick 4 sites, Becker, Weichelt 3 sites, Bohn)
- Reviewed Earth 186 amended reclamation plan (150 pages) draft 1 – sent review to Earth with needed additions and corrections.
- Contacted Dept. of Ag APHIS (Marathon Co., Portage Co., Clark Co., and Jackson Co.) for wildlife damage crop prices.
- Correspondence with Quest Engineering for needs of Mid WI mine site permit transfer to Bach Excavation – new reclamation plan details – etc.
- Arnold Strawberry early damage to beds – Act 82 enrollment and permit application, signatures, damage pics document, field maps, database updates, sent to DNR.
- Corp. counsel meeting to discuss Brad Brehm Vision site compliance orders. Reviewed and scanned all documents and sent to Corp Counsel.
- Completed records request to JE Engineering for Weichelt Hwy T wetlands concerns.

- Earth Ceyress plan review (draft 2 – 87 pages) – comments sent to Earth for clarifications.
- Picked up fox lights used for bear abatement on stored crop damage (Ethan Kieffer).
- Tork Reddin Rd. mine site wetlands restoration plan review and response to DNR.
- Launer pond extension info and discussions with owner.
- Prepared wildlife damage claim prices – processed claims in DNR database, entered calcs, prepared paperwork for claim signatures. (Marti, Raikowski, and Knuth.) Mailed Marti and Raikowski – waiting on Knuth for Meeting of 3 for missed objectives.
- Created wildlife damage enrollment objectives for 2025 spreadsheet for DNR Meeting of 3. Had 25 enrollees for 2025 – 8 not meeting objectives. Sent to DNR and scheduled meeting. Contacted enrollees to verify harvest number.
- Land & Water poster contest judging.
- Contacted three processors for 2025 deer donation invoicing. Ten deer donated with one deer donated testing positive for CWD (harvested in Richland Co.) Verified removal of positive deer. 466 lbs donated to St. Vincent De Paul. Completed final deer donation report to DNR. Submitted invoice for payment to processor.
- Wolosek discussions on change of financial assurance on mine site and info on peat mining permitting.
- Reviewed draft 2 of Earth 186 reclamation plan – sent approval email and informed of needed hard copy and review fee. Updated violation summary.
- Kolo financial assurance documents sent to Wood Trust bank.
- Reminder calls to 13 operators for deadline of upcoming fees and financial assurance due date.
- Completed Earth Ceyress draft 3 amended reclamation plan review. Adjusted map layers and created current upland disturbed calcs. (This is a joint jurisdiction CH 30 site with DNR.) Sent review approval and notice of needed hard copy, review fee, and financial assurance.
- Sent Earth updated info on Biron Site financial assurance increase (reminder).
- Forwarded bank correspondence for Mid Wi and Nikolay mine sites financial assurance.
- Bruesch Act 82 enrollment for damage to stored crop. Damage pics document – silage bags ripped up, enrollment app, permit app, signatures, database, field map, etc.
- Kevin Wendt site visit for damage to stored crop – enrollment for assistance – installed fox light at stored crop area. Large herd eating open end – no damage to bags currently.

Shane Wucherpennig

County Conservationist

- No report submitted.
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Wood County WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

FR: Jason Grueneberg, Planning & Zoning Director
Emmett Simkowski, County Planner
Paul Bernard, Land Records Coordinator
Brad Cook, Code Administrator
Kayla Rautio, Code Technician
Victoria Wilson, Program Assistant
Julie Mancl, Program Assistant

RE: Staff Report for February 4, 2026

1. Economic Development (Jason Grueneberg)

University of Wisconsin Stevens Point – Marshfield Campus – On January 26th I received good news that the grant application that I submitted for the Helen Connor Laird Fine Arts Center was approved by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and is going through the underwriting process. The WEDC grant award is \$2,000,000 and the Laird Endowment Foundation is providing an additional \$400,000. The renovation project includes a wide variety of ADA upgrades, renovations to better accommodate more performances and conferences, updates to outdated technology, and replacement of fixtures and finishes. At the UW Commission meeting in March I will present an overview of the project and next steps will be discussed.

North Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission (NCWRPC) – On January 28th I participated in the NCWRPC quarterly meeting. Some of the agenda items included the Executive Committee Report, State and Federal Updates, 2025 Work Activities, and adoption of the 2026 Work Program. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region was recently completed and adopted by resolution. I served on the CEDS Committee that guided the update to remain eligible for Federal Economic Development Authority (EDA) grant funding.

Central Wisconsin Economic Development (CWED) Fund – Throughout the month of January I participated in numerous CWED Board Committee and Loan Committee meetings. Loan activity has spiked in the last few months due to CWED loan rates being between 3% and 5%. At a future CEED Committee meeting I will provide an overview of CWED as well as a status update of the fund and recent loan activity.

Triangle Development – Progress continues to be made on the Triangle Development in front of the Courthouse. We are currently working on drafting the petition to vacate Market St. and will submit the petition to the City once the timeline for the Jackson St. reconstruction is finalized. We will be meeting with the City in early February and will have a better idea of the overall project timeline and how it will impact the next steps outlined in the Development Agreement that Wood County has with Wisconsin Rapids.

2. Planning & Zoning (Emmett Simkowski)

*At National Guard Training

3. Land Records (Paul Bernard)

- Producing an official Rural Roads Map
- Parcel Mapping
- Addressing
- Building digitizing
- Coordinating with various contractors on planimetric, street centerline & scanning work
- Reached out to the Town of Saratoga for possible permit digitizing project

4. Code Administrator (Brad Cook)

1-1-2026- Holiday

1-2-2026- Vacation

1-5-2026- (3) POWTS inspection reports written and reviewed TN: 07,10, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-6-2026- (5) POWTS inspection reports written and reviewed TN/V: 03, 11, 16, 27, (1) (1)
Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for rec mound, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-7-2026- (15) POWTS inspection reports written and reviewed TN: 04, 07, 11, 13, 18, 20, 21,
answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-8-2026- ACE Leadership Program

1-9-2026- (5) POWTS inspection reports written and reviewed TN: 02, 13, 18, 19, answer,
review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-12-2026- (14) POWTS inspection reports written and reviewed TN: 07, 08, 14, 18, answer,
review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-13-2026- Department Staff Meeting, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls
and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-14-2025- (1) POWTS review and guidance TN: 22, answer, review, and gather information for
phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-15-2026- Answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS,
SL, FL

1-16-2025-(1) County Health Assessment #1 completed, created phone log/inquiry Excel
spreadsheet, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS,
SL, FL

1-19-2026- (1) County Health Assessment #2, Clean & Organize Office, read/review POWTS, FP,

SL educational reports, books, etc, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-20-2025- (2) soil eval reviewed TN: 08,18, (1) HS letter written and reviewed TN: 18, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-21-2025- (1) SL permit reviewed and issued TN: 06, review and update POWTS Abandonment Letter & Form, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-22-2026- Review, respond to inquiries about POWTS, shoreland, floodzone issues from previous days, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-23-26- (1) soils eval, HT plan permit review TN: 03, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-26-25- Review, respond to inquiries about POWTS, shoreland, floodzone issues from previous days, gather documentation and review of FP-training with Code Tech, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

1-27-2025- (1) POWTS inspection report written and reviewed TN:07, 2025 State Audit E-form review and issued to DSPS-State, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

5. **Code Technician** (Kayla Rautio)

- A. Reviewed and approved POWTS & well permit applications
- B. Reviewed and approved soils evaluations
- C. Completed inspection reports
- D. Created private sewage & well delegation annual reports
- E. Studied floodplain zoning
- F. Entered information from past well permits into online system and verified well abandonment from Well Filling & Sealing Reports
- G. Assisted with daily phone calls/emails/office questions
- H. Inspections/Investigations:
 - 1-12-26: Holding tank inspection TN: 01
- I. Attended Meetings/Trainings/Etc.
 - 1-6-26: Annual Safety Training
 - 1-13-26: Staff meeting

6. **Office Activity** (Victoria Wilson & Julie Mancl)

- a. Monthly Sanitary and Well Permit Activity – There were 0 sanitary permits, 1 shoreland permits and 2 well permits issued in January 2026. 2 CSMs were received and processed.

- b. ArcGIS Pro Software Project – Julie continues to assist Paul with various mapping projects.
- c. Attended the following meetings/trainings & activities:
 - i. CEED meeting January 7th (VW & JM)
 - ii. Economic Development grant meeting January 6th (VW)
 - iii. Staff meeting January 13th. (VW & JM)
 - iv. Biometrics screening January 27th (VW & JM)



RESOLUTION#

DATE February 17, 2026
 Effective _____
 Date February 17, 2026

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**Conservation, Education, & Economic Development
 Committee**

Introduced by _____

Motion:	Adopted: <input type="checkbox"/>
1 st _____	Lost: <input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd _____	Tabled: <input type="checkbox"/>
No: _____ Yes: _____ Absent: _____	
Number of votes required:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds
Reviewed by: _____, Corp Counsel	
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.	

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To request the Wisconsin Counties Association to lobby the State Legislature and Governor on Legislation for Greater Local Control for Wisconsin Counties

FISCAL NOTE: None

WHEREAS, local governments in Wisconsin are closest to the people they serve and are best positioned to understand and address the unique needs, priorities, and challenges of their communities; and

WHEREAS, public meetings and hearings held by local units of government allow for significantly more opportunity for public input than meetings and hearings held by the Public Service Commission in Madison; and

WHEREAS, preserving local control is essential to maintaining accountability, transparency, and public trust in government, as well as ensuring that decisions reflect local values and conditions; and

WHEREAS, statewide, one size fits all regulations do not always appropriately address the issues and needs of every Wisconsin community; and

WHEREAS, a series of mandates and other agency actions have continuously shifted powers from the local to the state level; and

WHEREAS, the geographic, environmental, and demographic diversity across Wisconsin counties necessitates localized approaches to governance that reflect each county's unique

characteristics; and

WHEREAS, state legislators have been making attempts to return local control to cities, villages and towns over large-scale wind and solar projects in several bills; and

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, February 17, 2026

 County Clerk

 County Board Chairman

WHEREAS, such attempts should also be applied to counties and county boards who are democratically elected bodies that directly represent the interests and values of their constituents; and

WHEREAS, significant negative impacts on environmental habitats, public health, road infrastructure, and property values and taxes due to large-scale wind and solar projects in those areas where they exist are well established and documented.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wood County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Wisconsin Counties Association consider this issue and/or adopt this resolution and lobby the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor to support any and all efforts and legislation that would give local elected bodies greater control in regulating large scale wind and solar projects to in the best interest of their communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wood County Board of Supervisors request the County Clerk to forward this resolution to the Wisconsin Towns Association, all local and state legislators who represent citizens across Wood County, the Governor and all county boards in the State of Wisconsin.

MINUTES JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 302

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam, William Voight, Russ Perlock, Tim Hovendick (WebEx)

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Leichtnam/Hovendick to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The notices of claim for Karen Anderson, Dan Elsen, & Kathleen Schmitz were reviewed by the committee. Corp Counsel Flanagan and Safety & Risk Specialist Flugaur reviewed the process in place for dealing with mailbox claims and that they go through our insurance carrier for approval or denial.
5. The vouchers and reports from the departments the committee oversees were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Hovendick/Leichtnam to approve them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. There were two resolutions amending the 2025 budgets for Register in Probate and Corporation Counsel presented to the committee. Motion by Leichtnam/Voight to approve the resolutions and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
7. A resolution recommended for passage by the Wisconsin Counties Association requesting state leaders to come up with a sustainable, long-term funding mechanism for highways was presented to the committee. Motion by Clendenning/Leichtnam to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Supervisor Voight requested per diem and mileage reimbursement for attending the HIRC meeting representing the Town of Milladore on a variance request for their town hall. County Clerk Miner read the corresponding county board rule where per diems are authorized and opined that this committee, nor the county board chair, had the authority to grant this request. No motion was offered.
9. The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
10. Motion by Hovendick/Perlock to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 9:23 AM.

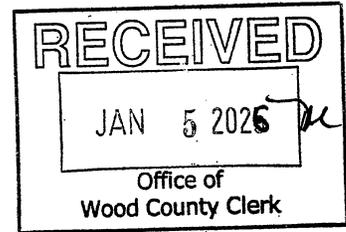
Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

Judicial & Legislative Committee

February 6, 2026

NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill Voight	we #7 comm.
Nick Flanagan	Corp Counsel
Tara Jensen	Probate
Kim Stimac	Clerk of Courts
Brent Vroman	CSA
Tiffany Ringer	ROD
Lance Plim	CB Chair
Nick Flugaur (Web Ex)	HR
Darrin Steinbach (Web Ex)	Finance

NOTICE OF INJURY AND CLAIM



To: Wood County Clerk
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Pursuant to sec. 893.80, Wis. Stats., you are hereby notified of this claim for damage against Wood County.

cc:
Corp Counsel
HR
Hwy

THE INCIDENT

Date: 12-19-25
Time: early AM?
Place: 11649 - Hwy M - Auburndale

The circumstances giving rise to my claim are as follows:

My mail box was knocked off the 4x4 pole in the ground. I found lag bolts broken off the 4x4 pole, there was a piece broken off the back side of the Mail box that can't be reattached. I was able to put some lag bolts into the front to hold it in place until Spring.

*I did see the Plow Truck stopped in front of my house when I woke up.

The names of county personnel involved are: Travis - maybe Plow truck Driver

The names of other witnesses are: Karen Anderson, Owner of House

THE CLAIM

I request the following monetary or other relief: Replacement of my Mail box - and labor to fix it.

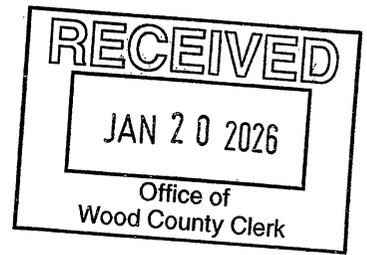
Date: 12-30-25

x Karen Anderson
Signature

Print Name: Karen Anderson
Address: 11649 County Road M
Auburndale, WI 54412

Phone: 715-652-2929

NOTICE OF INJURY AND CLAIM



To: Wood County Clerk
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

cc: Corp Counsel
HR
they

Pursuant to sec. 893.80, Wis. Stats., you are hereby notified of this claim for damage against Wood County.

THE INCIDENT

Date: 1-6-2026

Time: 4:00 pm

Place: 695 6th St

The circumstances giving rise to my claim are as follows:

The plow hit and destroyed my mailbox.

The names of county personnel involved are: ?

The names of other witnesses are: Heidi Elsen

THE CLAIM

I request the following monetary or other relief: 37.94

1-10-26
Date

Dan Elsen
Signature
Print Name: DAN ELSER
Address: 695 6th St
Nekoosa, WI 54457
Phone: 715-697-3661

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING AT
ACE HARDWARE 11928
(715) 421-1550

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING WITH US!
01/08/26 12:18PM MRF 568 SALE

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MAILBOX-RURAL TEL LTE-WH \$32.99
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2" BLK/SLV #6 ADHV 1PC \$.99

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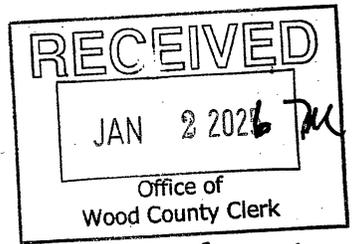
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Customer Copy



NOTICE OF INJURY AND CLAIM

To: Wood County Clerk
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Pursuant to sec. 893.80, Wis. Stats., you are hereby notified of this claim for damage against Wood County.

cc Corp Council
HR
Huy

THE INCIDENT

Date: 12/29/2025

Time: MORNING HOURS

Place: 6263 WISCONSIN ST VESPER WI

The circumstances giving rise to my claim are as follows:

WOOD COUNTY SNOW PLOW DAMAGED OUR MAILBOX WHILE
PLOWING SNOW.

The names of county personnel involved are: SNOW PLOW DRIVER

The names of other witnesses are: JOE SCHMITZ

THE CLAIM

I request the following monetary or other relief: \$ 350.00

Date: 12/30/2025

Signature: Kathleen Schmitz
Print Name: KATHLEEN SCHMITZ
Address: 6263 WISCONSIN ST
VESPER WI 54489
Phone: 970-203-8628



Wood County

WISCONSIN

CHILD SUPPORT
AGENCY

FEBRUARY 2026

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Prepared by Child Support Director Brent Vruwink

- The 2026-2027 Cooperative Agreements have been sent to the cooperative agencies for review and signature.
- I met with the Bureau of Child Support Director on January 9th to go over policies that impact counties. Moving forward we will have a virtual meeting every month. I appreciate the opportunity to communicate with the Bureau monthly to discuss policies the county may want addressed.
- I will be attending the Northern Region Leadership meeting on February 11th.
- I will be attending the WCSEA meeting in Madison on February 12th.
- All staff members completed the yearly IRS and Social Security training.
- Agency performance remains strong with a slight dip in the current support collection rate for the month of December.
- The current IV-D case count is 3,674.



Wood County

WISCONSIN

CORPORATION

COUNSEL

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

January 2026

Hearings and Court Cases:

Health & Human Services – The following is a breakdown of Ch. 51 (mental commitment) and 54/55 (guardianship/protective placement) matters handled by my office in the month of December 2025:

- 22 Mental Commitments (includes Probable Cause, Final Hearings, and Recommitments)
- 9 Guardianship/Protective Placement Hearings
- 27 WATTS Review/Contested Hearings

Child Support – During the month of December, the Corporation Counsel's office participated in four dates for Child Support-related hearings (in custody and hearing days).

Year-End Hearing Summary:

With it being the first month of the calendar year, I felt it would be a good opportunity to review the caseload count for our office, with a comparison to the previous year for some caseload areas. The following is that comparison:

- Guardianship Cases – The annual caseload count for new Guardianship / Protective Placement Hearings in 2025 total 70 cases. This compares to 68 cases from 2024. Guardianship / Protective Placement hearings for all case matters total 123 for the year.
- Mental Commitments – The annual caseload count for new Mental Commitments in 2025 total 103 cases. This compares to 101 cases from 2024. Annual count for all mental commitment hearings for 2025, including probable cause, final hearings, and recommitments total 209.
- WATTS Review/Contested Hearings – The total caseload for WATTS Reviews (Summary and Contested Hearings) for 2025 totaled 284.
- Child Support Hearings – The total caseload for Child Support hearings (in custody and hearing days) was 58.

Other Claims Received

At this time, the County has received two notices of claim and/or circumstances relating to an incident occurring on December 31, 2025. It is important to note that these do not necessarily contain a claim yet for damages or itemized statement of relief. At this time, these parallel claims have been opened with WI County Mutual, and information is being collected related to this matter. As more information comes in, we will share a more collected set of facts and claims with the Committee.



Wood County WISCONSIN

WOOD COUNTY CRIMINAL
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

January 2026

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Respectfully submitted by Criminal Justice Coordinator, Dillon Ksionek

Meetings Attended:

12/23/2025: Mental Health Court Staffing/Court
1/2/2026: Judicial and Legislative Sub-Committee Meeting
1/5/2026: Drug Court Staffing/Court
1/7/2026: Mental Health Court Staffing/Court
1/8/2026: Meeting with AdventFS concerning diversion program
1/8/2026: Collaborative Meeting with Victim Witness Coordinator
1/8/2026: Staffing with Outpatient Clinic
1/12/2026: Hope Consortium All-Regions Meeting
1/12/2026: Drug Court Staffing/Court
1/13/2026: Collaborative meeting with FHC concerning MARP program
1/13/2026: Oxford House Board Meeting
1/13/2026: Wood County Wellness Committee
1/14/2026: Hope Consortium workgroup
1/15/2026: RSAT Monthly Meeting
1/15/2026: Deflection/Diversion DOJ Monthly Meeting
1/20/2026: County Board Meeting
1/21/2026: Ho Chunk Healing to Wellness Court Visit
1/26/2026: Drug Court Staffing/Court

Adult Drug Treatment Court:

Current Participants: 22
Active Referrals: 1
Pending Referrals: 2
2025 Total Admissions: 21
2025 Total Terminations: 7
2025 Total Graduations: 16
2025 Total Referrals: 42

We did not have a treatment court sustainability meeting in January. That meeting was scheduled for 1/15/2026, but we utilized it to have a round table for one of our participants instead. This is not common practice, but we had to respond promptly to her behavior and did not have court on 1/19/2026. I anticipate that we will continue with sustainability meetings in February, and that they will remain monthly throughout 2026.

I am currently working to complete my end-of-year report concerning our adult drug treatment court for the Department of Justice. Final reports are due 1/30/2026, along with our final reimbursement request. We spent nearly all of the DOJ funding that was granted in 2025, and we head into 2026 with a similar expense plan for reimbursement. This year is the final year on this TAD cycle (5 years), and we will need to re-apply

for the next cycle of funding later in 2026.

Jail Programming (STRONG):

Medication Assisted Treatment Program (MARP):

Current Participants: 18

Year to date participants: 23

Total participants in 2025: 146

DHS contracts for an 18-month period from July 2025-December 2026 were finally issued, so I was able to request reimbursed for July-December of 2025. I completed the report forms for reimbursement by January 15th, so a check should arrive by mid-February. We were able to stick very closely to the budget through the first 6 months, and I am optimistic we will be able to use the funding in its entirety during the contract.

Jail Residential Treatment Program (RSAT):

Current Participants: 5 (2 males and 3 females)

Year to date graduates: 1

Year to date participants: 6

Our current recovery pod cohort is set to graduate on February 12th. We anticipate having 6 total graduates (one individual was permitted to graduate early by Three Bridges Recovery). Applications for the next cohort are going out on 1/26/2026. We look forward to ideally starting a new group before March. I just completed my quarter one grant report (this grant runs September of 2025 - September of 2026) for the DOJ and spending is going according to budget thus far. I do anticipate utilizing the full amount granted.

Other Matters:

I am working with finance on whether I will need to make any budget amendments for 2025, as I may have exceeded the proposed budget. Once I complete my final fiscal reimbursement request from the DOJ for my TAD grant this week (1/26-1/30) we will be able to make that determination. I should be able to provide a definitive update on this matter at the February Judicial and Legislative meeting.

I will be giving an update on drug court, jai programming, and the diversion program at the Criminal Justice Task Force Meeting on February 9th, 2026. Cara Eggebrecht has done an excellent job of piecing together the necessary documentation and laying the foundation of a program on behalf of the District Attorney's office. The District Attorney did send a list of potential participants recently, and it is my understanding that Ms. Eggebrecht is ready to begin piloting some contracts soon.



Wood County

WISCONSIN

REGISTER IN
PROBATE

February 2026

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Prepared by Register in Probate, Tara Jensen

Listed below are final statistics from cases and documents filed during 2025 with our office:

- 888 new cases filed in 2025 through Probate in the areas of juvenile matters, mental commitments, guardianships and probate
- 35,228 documents filed or produced in all our case types
- 2,149 hearings that were clerked in court by our office

These numbers reflect the vast amount of work done in our office over the past year. The Probate Office has two full time employees and a legal administrative assistant floater. The floater position is based in our office but “floats” to fill in for any judicial assistant who may be out of office. Through some position changes we did not have a floater for two and a half months last year. The legal administrative assistant floater position is currently unfilled. Interviews have taken place and we hope to have this position filled soon. Filling this position will help with the load of work on those currently in our office.

I prepared the 2025 Report on Protective Placement for wards under a guardianship. This annual report is due in January to the District 9 Court Administrator.

Meetings Attended:

- 1/14 – Monthly Judges Meeting
- 1/20 – Wood County Board Meeting
- 1/23 – Participated in CCAP Webinar training on Appeals



Wood County

WISCONSIN

**REGISTER OF
DEEDS OFFICE**

Tiffany R. Ringer
Register of Deeds

FEBRUARY 2026

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

- I attended WCA's County Leadership weekly meetings for the month.
- WI Department of Revenue had major updates done to their system this month. Until the update was complete, each recording with a WI Real Estate Transfer Return had to be manually entered into the AVID recording software. ROD staff did this without causing any interruptions to recordings in Wood County – Nice Job!! Thank you to Fidlar and Wood County IT for making this happen as quickly as possible. Thank you to our business partners for their patience during this time.
- Deputy Kraft attended Fidlar's webinar on the WIDOR updates. Deputy Kraft monitored all Real Estate Transfer Receipts to ensure they were accurately streamed from Fidlar software to WIDOR.
- I attended PRIA webinar on Deed Fraud & Title Insurance Confirmation.
- Internal Laredo users were sent the annual memorandum of understanding for their review and signature.



RESOLUTION#

DATE February 17, 2026
 Effective _____
 Date February 17, 2026

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Judicial & Legislative and Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committees

Introduced by _____

Motion:	Adopted:	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 st _____	Lost:	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd _____	Tabled:	<input type="checkbox"/>
No: _____ Yes: _____ Absent: _____		
Number of votes required:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds	
Reviewed by: _____, Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.		

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To encourage the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution

FISCAL NOTE: None

WHEREAS, local units of government in Wisconsin own and maintain approximately 90% of the public road miles in the state, including county highways, town roads, and city and village streets; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s economy—rooted in agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism—relies on a safe, reliable, and well-maintained transportation network; and

WHEREAS, local governments greatly appreciate the one-time infusions of General Purpose Revenue, primarily sales and income taxes, and other revenue provided in recent state budgets, which have enabled the initiation and continuation of the successful and popular Local Roads Improvement Program Supplemental (LRIP-S) and Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP); and

WHEREAS, despite modest increases from the state over the years, transportation aids to local governments remain insufficient to keep pace with inflation and rising construction costs, leaving many communities funded below 2000 levels in real dollars; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout Wisconsin continue to struggle to perform even routine maintenance, pavement preservation, and safety improvements, resulting in deteriorating roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural inventory and assessment of small bridges between 6 to 20 feet found about 10% of the nearly 17,000 structures to be in poor or severe condition; and

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, February 17, 2026

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

WHEREAS, levy limits and other fiscal constraints prevent local governments from independently filling the funding gap created by inadequate state transportation aids; and WHEREAS, absent sustainable state funding, many communities have been forced to address their shortfalls by significantly increasing borrowing, deferring essential projects, or imposing local vehicle registration (“wheel”) taxes; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin motorists currently pay among the lowest transportation user fees in the Midwest, while neighboring states and dozens of others nationwide have enacted long-term revenue measures to keep their transportation systems competitive; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is increasingly relying on General Purpose Revenues to make needed investments, potentially pitting transportation against other vital services, such as education; and WHEREAS, continued lack of growing, dedicated, and predictable revenue places Wisconsin at a growing economic disadvantage by threatening the efficiency of freight movement, the safety of travelers, and the attractiveness of our state to businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, both Wisconsin’s aging Interstate highway system—largely constructed in the 1950s and 1960s—and our extensive network of state and local roads require predictable, adequate, and sustainable funding to meet current and future needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wood County Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution that:

1. Provides adequate and reliable revenue growth for the efficient long-term planning and execution of state and local transportation programs;
2. Includes responsible and prudent use of General Purpose Revenue and bonding;
3. Adjusts any new and existing transportation user fees and other revenue mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to maintain and improve Wisconsin’s transportation infrastructure; and
4. Ensures transportation continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding reconstruction, preservation, and safety investments on the state and local systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor’s office, all members of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing districts within Wood County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

MINUTES HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 5, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Hahn, Al Breu (WebEx), Scott Brehm, Lee Thao, John Hokamp

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk, see attached sign-in sheet

1. Chairman Hahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. Under public comment, a resident in the area of CTH AA/Plank Hill shared his appreciation for the expeditiousness of the project and hopes to be able to see progress reports online, which was confirmed.
3. The minutes of the January 8, 2026, meeting were presented. Motion by Brehm/Breu to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Highway Dept. staff reports were highlighted and reviewed.
5. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
6. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Highway Commissioner Hawk presented a resolution recommended for passage by the Wisconsin Counties Association requesting state leaders to come up with a sustainable, long-term funding mechanism for highways. Motion by Brehm/Hokamp to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Hawk presented an ordinance modification to Ordinance #400 – Speed Limits. The suggestion is to reduce a small portion of CTH B from 55 MPH to 45 MPH due to truck traffic entering along that stretch. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the modification of the ordinance and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Hawk presented a request for a highway set back variance for the Town of Milladore for their town hall on CTH P for the construction of a septic system. Motion by Breu/Brehm to approve the variance as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Hawk presented a bridge bid for a timber bridge in North Wood County Park. The only bid received was from Wheeler Lumber, LLC in the amount of \$129,990.00. Motion by Brehm/Thao to award the bid to Wheeler Lumber, LLC in the amount of \$129,990.00. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Hawk presented two bids for LRIP Project 2023.72.17 (CTH F Cold-in-Place Recycling), received from the following:
 - Mid-State Reclamation, Inc. - \$489,200.00
 - WK Construction, Inc. - \$387,720.00

Motion by Breu/Thao to accept the low bid and award the project to WK Construction, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Hawk presented the culvert quotes for 2026. Motion by Hokamp/Breu to accept the quotes deemed most advantageous to Wood County. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Hawk requested a change in the Highway Dept. PPE Allowance Policy to include the purchase/reimbursement of hands free devices for cell phones, thereby alleviating issues with the current radio system and saving time in the field. Motion by Hahn/Brehm to approve the change in the Highway Dept. PPE Allowance Policy to include hands free devices for cell phones. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
15. Representatives from the Aqua Skiers were present to request how to be able to move suggested projects for Red Sands beach along and to be able, to apply for grant funding for those projects. The committee recommended them to work with P&F Director Schooley and P&F Construction Supervisor Vollert on specific projects and bring them to the committee for action.
16. Five resolutions were presented for action, those being:
 - Snowmobile Maintenance Funding Request for 2026-2027
 - ATV Trail Maintenance Funding Request
 - New Snowmobile Trail Mile Funding Request
 - Amend 2025 Budget – Parks Administration
 - Amend 2025 Budget – Parks & Forestry Capital ProjectsMotion by Hahn/Breu to approve all resolutions and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Parks & Forestry Construction Supervisor Vollert presented a special use permit for approval:
 - a. Disk Golf Tournaments at North ParkMotion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the special use permits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley presented the 2026 Work Plan resolution for the Wood County Forest. This enables application for grant funding. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
19. The Wood County Wildlife Advisory Committee have reviewed their current rules of order and have determined that they should be amended to better reflect the needs of the committee. This is done via resolution, which was presented. Motion by Brehm/Breu to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
20. The Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
21. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion approved unanimously.
22. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5th, at 9:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room.

23. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.



Wood County

WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF
HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Roland Hawk
COMMISSIONER

January 28, 2026

To: Highway, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

From: Roland Hawk, PE Highway Commissioner

Subject: Commissioner Report for February 5, 2026, HIRC meeting

Department Activities

Personnel/Administration

Highway staff conducted interviews for the mechanic vacancy on January 26. Commissioner is reviewing references and anticipates a candidate to start in mid-February.

The Wisconsin County Association is asking counties to pass a Sustainable Transportation Funding Resolution that urges lawmakers and future Governors to find a solution to sustainable transportation funding.

Highway staff conducted a field survey of CTH BB north of CTH B intersection in the Town of Lincoln and determined the traffic volumes and type of traffic (significant higher truck traffic) has increased. The stopping site distance for vehicles approaching Yellow River Road was at the minimum distance for 55 MPH. Moving the reduced speed limit 0.14 miles north of the intersection improves safety for those slow-moving agricultural vehicles entering the highway from Yellow River Road and adjacent fields.

Crew members have requested hands free devices be added to PPE list. If HIRC finds acceptable, items would be eligible for PPE Safety Allowance reimbursement.

Town of Milladore contacted Commissioner to inquire about a possible Highway Set-back waiver for town hall addition. The town does not have zoning ordinances related to highway set-back, therefore county ordinance regulates the set-back distance.

Highway/Facility Projects

- WisDOT STP Project CTH F & HH Intersection **Construction 2026**
 - Bid Opening was November 11, 2025, Mashuda Contractors, Inc, is low bid at \$1,303,522.47
- WisDOT STP Bridge CTH N (STH 186 – CTH N) **Construction 2025**
 - Work is in progress. Deck poured in late December under close supervision. Remaining work to proceed as weather dictates
- WisDOT STP Urban (BIL) CTH U Village of Biron **Construction 2026**
 - Final R/W parcel purchased 9/24/25. Need to Raise the structure during winter 2025-26.
 - Commissioner working with Village, Tn of Grand Rapids, & Tn of Plover on Jurisdictional Transfer
- CTH AA Lynn Creek
 - Preliminary Road & Structure Plans 98% complete.

- Preliminary Estimate \$1.9 million
- R/W acquisition scheduled for 2026.
- Commissioner reassigned \$139,651 LRIP funds to the Lynn Creek Bridge replacement.
- Highway will assign 2026-2027 CHI (50/50) funds to this project to be constructed in 2026. HIRC approved moving CTH HH (CTH F – STH 186) to 2027 construction to make funds available for CTH AA in 2026.

Highway Maintenance

Work in December included:

- Sign replacements
- Tree & brush removal
- Mastic and asphalt patching
- Snow & ice removal
- Bridge repairs & maintenance

WCHA Events & Misc. Meetings since the last HIRC meeting

Commissioner attended the following events/meetings:

- January 1, Holiday
- January 2, Holiday,
- January 5, Meet with State Patrol, HR, Risk Management
- January 6, CTH N Bridge weekly progress meeting, virtual
- January 7, Town of Cranmore Board Meeting
- January 8, HIRC Meeting, Highway Shop
- January 8, WCHA By-Law Revision Sub-Committee meeting, Virtual
- January 8, Grand Rapids Public Works meeting,
- January 12, Safety Work Group meeting,
- January 13, WCHA Executive meeting, La Crosse
- January 13 – 15, WCHA Winter Road School, La Crosse
- January 19, Machinery Management Work Group meeting, Wisconsin Rapids
- January 20, County Board Meeting, Court House,
- January 20, Delasoft Check In meeting, Virtual
- January 22, CTH AA progress meeting, Virtual
- January 22, CTH U Village of Biron, Utility Construction meeting, Virtual
- January 23, WDNR Air Quality Certification submittals
- January 26, Mechanic II interviews
- January 29, WCHA TRANS 206 Sub-Committee, Virtual

EQUIPMENT

Commissioner is working with WisDOT to secure 60% of cost to construct a salt shed for proposed Dexterville Highway facility to be constructed in 2027.

The new high-capacity brine maker was installed at the Marshfield facility December 15, 2025. WisDOT provided 100% of the funding to purchase the brine maker and equipment.

Commissioner & shop supervisor working with truck dealership to finance one of two 2026 patrol trucks as directed by HIRC. Vendor working on purchasing/financing options.

Accounting Supervisor Report

By John Peckham, Wood County Highway Department Accounting Supervisor

HIRC Meeting

Revenues and Expenses

We have received the first General Transportation Aids payment of \$731,802.23. We will receive two more payments this year; one in July for \$1,463,604.46 and one in October for \$731,802.23. Those monies are the main source of funding for the Maintenance Fund.

We are chiefly engaged in Snow Removal and Shop Operations at this time of year.

Other

As of February 1, I will begin the procedures to close the Highway Department books for 2025. At the time of the HIRC meeting, all year-end inventory procedures in the stockroom and at our stockpiles will have been completed.

County of Wood
 DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT W/SUBTOTALS
 Highway Departmentwide
 Saturday, January 31, 2026

	Actual	2026 Budget	Variance	Variance %
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental Revenues				
43531	\$731,802.23	\$2,927,208.95	(\$2,195,406.72)	(75.00%)
	731,802.23	2,927,208.95	(2,195,406.72)	(75.00%)
Licenses and Permits				
44101	6,190.00	30,550.00	(24,360.00)	(79.74%)
	6,190.00	30,550.00	(24,360.00)	(79.74%)
Intergovernmental Charges for Services				
47230		1,442,179.00	(1,442,179.00)	(100.00%)
47231	29,896.33	263,817.00	(233,920.67)	(88.67%)
47232		(14,629.00)	14,629.00	(100.00%)
47300		847,362.00	(847,362.00)	(100.00%)
47330	2.22	1,961,954.00	(1,961,951.78)	(100.00%)
47332		265,997.00	(265,997.00)	(100.00%)
47333		117,349.00	(117,349.00)	(100.00%)
	29,898.55	4,884,029.00	(4,854,130.45)	(99.39%)
Interdepartmental Charges for Services				
47470		2,862,576.00	(2,862,576.00)	(100.00%)
		2,862,576.00	(2,862,576.00)	(100.00%)
	29,898.55	7,746,605.00	(7,716,706.45)	(99.61%)
Miscellaneous				
48340	412.80	10,605.00	(10,192.20)	(96.11%)
	412.80	10,605.00	(10,192.20)	(96.11%)
Other Financing Sources				
49110		4,261,700.00	(4,261,700.00)	(100.00%)
		4,261,700.00	(4,261,700.00)	(100.00%)
TOTAL REVENUES	768,303.58	14,976,668.95	(14,208,365.37)	(94.87%)
EXPENDITURES				
Public Works-Highway				
53110	22,344.10	427,565.04	405,220.94	94.77%
53120	8,831.54	272,041.52	263,209.98	96.75%
53191	24,657.88	400,326.78	375,668.90	93.84%
53210	(863,514.30)		863,514.30	0.00%
53220	1,043.03	(45,386.55)	(46,429.58)	102.30%
53230	12,751.81	325,400.34	312,648.53	96.08%
53232	2,161.90	(17,415.00)	(19,576.90)	112.41%
53240	(217,499.17)	(344,515.87)	(127,016.70)	36.87%
53250		35,624.03	35,624.03	100.00%
53251		127,671.91	127,671.91	100.00%
53260	2,326.38	215,368.25	213,041.87	98.92%
53266		2,032,292.73	2,032,292.73	100.00%
53270	15,797.43	258,245.36	242,447.93	93.88%
53290	2,570.86	(0.45)	(2,571.31)	571,402.22%
53291	8,274.29	1,170.55	(7,103.74)	(606.87%)
53310		62,998.99	62,998.99	100.00%
53311	60,787.73	2,676,572.21	2,615,784.48	97.73%
53312	159,345.23	992,793.92	833,448.69	83.95%
53313	4,542.68	272,777.37	268,234.69	98.33%
53314	1,890.00	8,302.00	6,412.00	77.23%
53320	163,614.75	1,442,179.24	1,278,564.49	88.66%
53330	20,800.50	1,961,954.25	1,941,153.75	98.94%
53340		326,618.11	326,618.11	100.00%
53341	2,491.06	249,955.50	247,464.44	99.00%
53490	2,805.82	847,361.79	844,555.97	99.67%
53491		17,080.61	17,080.61	100.00%
	(563,976.48)	12,546,982.63	13,110,959.11	104.49%
Capital Outlay				
57310	22,887.70	4,233,864.78	4,210,977.08	99.46%
	22,887.70	4,233,864.78	4,210,977.08	99.46%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(541,088.78)	16,780,847.41	17,321,936.19	103.22%

County of Wood
DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT W/SUBTOTALS
Highway Departmentwide
Saturday, January 31, 2026

	Actual	2026 Budget	Variance	Variance %
NET INCOME (LOSS) *	1,309,392.36	(1,804,178.46)	3,113,570.82	(172.58%)



Parks & Forestry Department Reports

February 5, 2026

Director Report, by Chad Schooley

- Powers Bluff Trailhead Shelter project is moving along. Cold temps and material delays have slowed progress somewhat. Windows are being installed week of Jan. 26th. Metal roof will be installed week of February 9th.
- Dexter Beach Shelter Building plans have been submitted for State review. Septic design is also being completed at this time.
- South Park 2nd Loop Campground Shower Building initial plans are being reviewed by staff. Submittal for State review will follow. Hoping to have these projects bid out over the next couple months.
- Hwy Dpt is handling the bidding process for the North Park bridge replacement project. The bids will be for supplying the bridge structure. Hwy staff will be removing existing bridge and installing the new structure.
- There are 2 resolutions in the packet relating to exceeding 2025 budgeted expenses.
- Representatives from the Aqua Skiers will be at the meeting to discuss their desire to make site improvements at Red Sands Beach.
- I will not be in attendance for the HIRC meeting. I will be at the Wisconsin Parks & Recreation Association (WPRA) annual conference, in Wisconsin Dells. Stacie, Dan, and Fritz will be in attendance.
- **Special Use Permits**
 - North Park Disc Golf Tournaments for 2026- Request for course closure during these events for the general public. Dates: May 2, May 30, August 22. Fees in the past included: Park Area Use Fee: \$75/event; and \$3/participant for each event. I would recommend approving these events.

Maintenance Program Supervisor Report, by Dan Vollert

Construction Projects

- South Park: Prepping for new Loop 2 showerhouse. Taking down old vault toilet.
- Dexter Park: Finalizing plans for new beach shelter building.
- Powers Bluff: New Trailhead Shelter construction project continuing. Parks staff working on staining pine tongue & groove boards for open shelter ceiling.
- Powers Bluff: Power installed underground on top of hill (old part of park). Trailhead Building-, 3 phase electrical completed.
- North Park: New Puff Creek bridge up for bid. Highway Dept to install.

Maintenance Operations

- Dexter Park: Clear coating tongue & groove for new beachhouse. Dead tree cleanup, table repair, and snow removal.
- South Park: Dead tree cleanup, snow removal, shelter & bathroom cleaning.
- NEPCO Park: Shelter cleaning, snow removal, tree cleanup.
- North Park: Ash and other dead tree removal.

- Powers Bluff: Grooming tube/ski hills, x-country ski & multiuse trails. Winter operations. New Shop upgrades.
- CERA Park: Firewood processing, brush burning, old marina cleanup.

Employee Matters

- All FTE's and some LTE's scheduled for Powers Bluff Winter Operations.
- Still looking for another First Responder for Powers Bluff Operations.

Snowmobile/ATV

- Auburndale (DH) Snowmobile Bridge project off of CTH N east of Arpin has been completed and Grant Reimbursement has been submitted.
- Snowmobile trails have been OPEN and PARTIALLY OPEN. Could use more snow.
- Range Road ATV Connector Trail to Intensive Use Area road base is complete. Needs to be graded in spring to finish Grant.

Office Supervisor Report, by Stacie Kleifgen

- Reconciled 2025 year end budgets, reports and tracking spreadsheets and prepared new documents for 2026.
- Assisted with Resolutions and Grants.
- Attended Friends of Powers Bluff Meeting

Forest Administrator Report, by Fritz Schubert

- Timber Sales: Ten active timber sales in January. Logging activity on Wood County Forest has remained at a high level due to good winter logging conditions and fair wood markets. Currently revenue received along with amounts billed in January amount to about \$238K, or roughly 59% of 2026 budgeted revenue.
- Attended Wood County Wildlife Area Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Completed agreement with FGM Wilderness Cranberry LLC.
- Developed 2026 Wood County Forest Annual Work Plan.
- Forestry Technician: Continued grading, prepping, spreading road base associated with new ATV trail project, aka Range Road Connector, north of HWY 54 and ATV intensive use area. Assisted with Accessible Hunting Area signs and gates. Plowed snow and assisted with freezing down logging roads for timber sale access.

**WOOD COUNTY, PARKS & FORESTRY - FOREST ADMINISTRATOR
REVENUE REPORT & TIMBER SALE BALANCES**

2025 End of Year

Budget Year 2025

CONTRACT	TRACT	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACT AWARD AMOUNT	CONTRACT AWARD DATE	CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE	\$ RECEIVED CURRENT MONTH	AMOUNT BILLED TO DATE	AMOUNT RCVD TO DATE	BALANCE
780	2-16	MIDWEST HW	\$42,886.00	7/10/2020	7/31/2026		\$31,778.92	\$31,778.92	\$0.00
790	4-21	SCHREINER	\$15,600.00	11/24/2021	12/31/2026	\$1,476.64	\$1,476.64	\$1,476.64	\$0.00
797	3-22	SCHREINER	\$30,770.00	5/27/2022	6/30/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
800	6-22	SCHREINER	\$16,440.00	5/27/2022	7/31/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
801	7-22	WILSON	\$11,750.00	8/4/2022	7/31/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
803	9-22	KOERNER	\$21,057.80	11/16/2022	12/31/2025	\$18,499.24	\$32,736.96	\$32,736.96	\$0.00
804	10-22	KOERNER	\$84,093.60	11/16/2022	12/31/2026		\$103,155.10	\$103,155.10	\$0.00
807	13-22	FLINK	\$9,450.00	12/31/2022	12/31/2026		\$2,274.03	\$2,274.03	\$0.00
812	4-23	FLINK	\$11,813.85	6/1/2023	6/30/2026		\$7,418.12	\$7,418.12	\$0.00
814	6-23	FLINK	\$21,055.00	4/28/2025	3/31/2028		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
816	8-23	KOERNER	\$31,625.00	1/4/2024	12/31/2025	-\$5,430.26	\$35,819.62	\$35,819.62	\$0.00
817	9-23	KOERNER	\$17,310.00	1/4/2024	12/31/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
818	10-23	MIDWEST HW	\$51,768.30	1/4/2024	12/31/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
819	11-23	TNT Timber	\$124,257.30	4/30/2024	5/1/2026	\$12,093.06	\$12,093.06	\$12,093.06	\$0.00
821	1-24	KOERNER	\$26,270.00	4/30/2024	5/1/2026	\$9,859.25	\$9,859.25	\$9,859.25	\$0.00
824	5-24	KOERNER	\$53,280.00	4/30/2024	5/1/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
826	6-24	BIEWER	\$158,818.20	12/19/2024	12/31/2026	\$88,410.49	\$161,446.20	\$161,446.20	\$0.00
827	7-24	MEDDA	\$60,286.80	12/19/2024	12/31/2026	\$11,413.53	\$11,413.53	\$11,413.53	\$0.00
828	8-24	MIDWEST HW	\$75,328.40	12/19/2024	12/31/2026	\$10,052.48	\$26,670.92	\$10,052.48	-\$16,618.44
832	2-25	KOERNER	\$19,840.00	6/18/2025	6/30/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
833	3-25	KOERNER	\$7,740.00	6/18/2025	6/30/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
834	4-25	WEEKLY	\$36,980.00	6/18/2025	6/30/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
835	7-25	FLINK	\$10,350.00	7/7/2025	6/30/2027	\$3,590.46	\$13,122.62	\$13,122.62	\$0.00
836	9-24	WEEKLY	\$34,063.30	6/18/2025	6/30/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
837	1-25	WEEKLY	\$18,809.44	12/11/2025	12/31/2029		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
838	8-25	MATTICKS	\$10,890.00	12/11/2025	12/31/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
839	9-25	KOERNER	\$9,810.00	12/11/2025	12/31/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
840	14-25	KOERNER	\$57,865.00	12/11/2025	12/31/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
755		FIREWOOD				\$30.00	\$174.66	\$174.66	
Total Active Contract Value			\$1,070,207.99						
						Payments Received This Month:	\$149,994.89		

		2025 Budgeted Total Revenues		\$400,000		Jobs Finished
		2025 Total County Forestry Revenues this month (90%)		\$134,995.40		Jobs Started
		2025 Total Township Revenues this month (10%):		\$14,999.49		Jobs Continuing/Reactivated
		2025 TOTAL NET FORESTRY REVENUE TO DATE:		\$459,136.61		Jobs Gone Inactive

**WOOD COUNTY PARKS & FORESTRY DEPARTMENT
REVENUE SUMMARY 2025**

2025 Year End

BUDGETED REVENUES 2025	SOURCE	YTD REVENUE 2025	YTD REVENUE 2024	DEC REV 2025	DEC REV 2024	ACTUAL REV 2024
\$ 612,000.00	Camping Reservations	\$615,822.96	\$ 559,084.56	\$8,610.81	\$ 11,801.34	\$ 559,084.56
\$ 55,000.00	Campground Firewood Sales	\$45,415.87	\$ 47,775.73	\$79.62	\$ 63.51	\$ 47,775.73
\$ 3,900.00	Non-Camper Dump Station	\$2,287.78	\$ 2,905.41	\$18.96	\$ 37.91	\$ 2,905.41
\$ 400.00	Camper Storage	\$41.74	\$ 99.87	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 99.87
\$ 900.00	Washer/Dryer/Showers	\$772.03	\$ 802.85	\$0.00	\$ 3.79	\$ 802.85
\$ 59,000.00	Shelters Enclosed	\$62,509.69	\$ 62,254.51	\$6,495.48	\$ 4,989.89	\$ 62,254.51
\$ 13,000.00	Shelters - Open	\$14,075.70	\$ 12,862.13	\$388.85	\$ 547.78	\$ 12,862.13
\$ 3,000.00	General Park User Fees (Use of open areas within parks)	\$1,260.66	\$ 450.24	\$151.66	\$ -	\$ 450.24
\$ 38,000.00	Powers Bluff Winter Recreation Tickets, Parties, Rentals & Concessions	\$38,148.71	\$ 1,824.33	\$24,161.70	\$ -	\$ 1,824.33
\$ 5,000.00	Trail Passes (Ski/Snowshoe/Multi-Use)	\$4,797.66	\$ 4,936.78	\$1,333.10	\$ 309.04	\$ 4,936.78
\$ 8,500.00	Disc Golf	\$3,984.96	\$ 4,677.66	\$22.90	\$ 27.53	\$ 4,677.66
\$ 25,000.00	Boat Launch	\$22,394.03	\$ 24,755.49	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 24,755.49
\$ 17,500.00	Miscellaneous	\$6,217.70	\$ 19,360.22	\$41.54	\$ 9,462.45	\$ 19,360.22
\$ 8,800.00	Gift Certificates	\$9,828.00	\$ 9,035.75	\$9,744.79	\$ 8,680.46	\$ 9,035.75
\$ 850,000.00		\$827,557.49	\$ 750,825.53	\$51,049.41	\$35,923.70	\$ 750,825.53
\$ 400,000.00	46813 - Timber Sales & Wood Cutting (90%/County & 10%/Townships) Monthly totals = NET Revenue	\$459,136.61	\$ 377,740.88	\$134,995.40	\$ 69,606.04	\$ 377,740.88
\$ 1,250,000.00		\$1,286,694.10	\$1,128,566.41	\$186,044.81	\$105,529.74	\$1,128,566.41

**WOOD COUNTY, PARKS & FORESTRY - FOREST ADMINISTRATOR
REVENUE REPORT & TIMBER SALE BALANCES**

January Revenue - February HIRC

Budget Year 2026

CONTRACT	TRACT	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACT AWARD AMOUNT	CONTRACT AWARD DATE	CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE	\$ RECEIVED CURRENT MONTH	AMOUNT BILLED TO DATE	AMOUNT RCVD TO DATE	BALANCE
780	2-16	MIDWEST HW	\$42,886.00	7/10/2020	7/31/2026		\$31,778.92	\$31,778.92	\$0.00
790	4-21	SCHREINER	\$15,600.00	11/24/2021	12/31/2026		\$13,677.28	\$1,476.64	-\$12,200.64
797	3-22	SCHREINER	\$30,770.00	5/27/2022	6/30/2026		\$4,212.00	\$0.00	-\$4,212.00
800	6-22	SCHREINER	\$16,440.00	5/27/2022	7/31/2026		\$1,751.57	\$0.00	-\$1,751.57
801	7-22	WILSON	\$11,750.00	8/4/2022	7/31/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
803	9-22	KOERNER	\$21,057.80	11/16/2022	12/31/2025	\$1,566.76	\$34,866.88	\$34,303.72	-\$563.16
804	10-22	KOERNER	\$84,093.60	11/16/2022	12/31/2026		\$103,155.10	\$103,155.10	\$0.00
807	13-22	FLINK	\$9,450.00	12/31/2022	12/31/2026		\$2,274.03	\$2,274.03	\$0.00
812	4-23	FLINK	\$11,813.85	6/1/2023	6/30/2026		\$7,987.78	\$7,418.12	-\$569.66
814	6-23	FLINK	\$21,055.00	4/28/2025	3/31/2028		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
817	9-23	KOERNER	\$17,310.00	1/4/2024	12/31/2026		\$2,525.22	\$2,525.22	\$0.00
818	10-23	MIDWEST HW	\$51,768.30	1/4/2024	12/31/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
819	11-23	TNT Timber	\$124,257.30	4/30/2024	5/1/2026		\$151,017.10	\$85,988.93	-\$65,028.17
821	1-24	KOERNER	\$26,270.00	4/30/2024	5/1/2026	\$11,712.34	\$22,608.29	\$21,571.59	-\$1,036.70
824	5-24	KOERNER	\$53,280.00	4/30/2024	5/1/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
826	6-24	BIEWER	\$158,818.20	12/19/2024	12/31/2026	\$73,895.87	\$161,446.20	\$161,446.20	\$0.00
827	7-24	MEDDA	\$60,286.80	12/19/2024	12/31/2026		\$45,310.79	\$11,413.53	-\$33,897.26
828	8-24	MIDWEST HW	\$75,328.40	12/19/2024	12/31/2026	\$26,670.92	\$68,019.11	\$36,723.40	-\$31,295.71
832	2-25	KOERNER	\$19,840.00	6/18/2025	6/30/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
833	3-25	KOERNER	\$7,740.00	6/18/2025	6/30/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
834	4-25	WEEKLY	\$36,980.00	6/18/2025	6/30/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
835	7-25	FLINK	\$10,350.00	7/7/2025	6/30/2027		\$13,275.92	\$13,122.62	-\$153.30
836	9-24	WEEKLY	\$34,063.30	6/18/2025	6/30/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
837	1-25	WEEKLY	\$18,809.44	12/11/2025	12/31/2029		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
838	8-25	MATTICKS	\$10,890.00	12/11/2025	12/31/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
839	9-25	KOERNER	\$9,810.00	12/11/2025	12/31/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
840	14-25	KOERNER	\$57,865.00	12/11/2025	12/31/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
755		FIREWOOD					\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Active Contract Value			\$1,038,582.99						
						Payments Received This Month:	\$113,845.89		
						\$ RECEIVED CURRENT MONTH			
2026 Budgeted Total Revenues						\$400,000	Jobs Finished		
2026 Total County Forestry Revenues this month (90%)						\$102,461.30	Jobs Started		
2026 Total Township Revenues this month (10%):						\$11,384.59	Jobs Continuing/Reactivated		
2026 TOTAL NET FORESTRY REVENUE TO DATE:						\$102,461.30	Jobs Gone Inactive		

**WOOD COUNTY PARKS & FORESTRY DEPARTMENT
REVENUE SUMMARY 2026**

January Revenue - February HIRC

BUDGETED REVENUES 2026	SOURCE	YTD REVENUE 2026	YTD REVENUE 2025	JAN 2026	JAN REV 2025	ACTUAL REV 2025
\$ 656,000.00	Camping Reservations	\$27,253.02	\$ 25,181.67	\$27,253.02	\$ 25,181.67	\$ 615,822.96
\$ 55,000.00	Campground Firewood Sales	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 38,413.07
\$ 4,000.00	Non-Camper Dump Station	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 2,287.78
\$ 500.00	Camper Storage	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 41.74
\$ 1,000.00	Washer/Dryer/Showers	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 772.03
\$ 75,000.00	Shelters Enclosed	\$5,283.41	\$ 3,838.39	\$5,283.41	\$ 3,838.39	\$ 62,509.69
\$ 25,000.00	Shelters - Open	\$640.97	\$ 1,089.88	\$640.97	\$ 1,089.88	\$ 14,075.70
\$ 3,000.00	General Park User Fees (Use of open areas within parks)	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 1,260.66
\$ 45,000.00	Powers Bluff Winter Recreation	\$461.50	\$ -	\$461.50	\$ -	\$ 38,148.71
\$ 5,000.00	Trail Passes (Ski/Snowshoe/Multi-Use)	\$709.41	\$ 60.65	\$709.41	\$ 60.65	\$ 4,797.66
\$ 5,000.00	Disc Golf	\$0.00	\$ 10.99	\$0.00	\$ 10.99	\$ 3,984.96
\$ 30,500.00	Boat Launch	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 22,394.03
\$ 10,000.00	Gift Certificates	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 9,828.00
\$ 10,000.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 6,217.70
\$ 925,000.00		\$34,348.31	\$ 30,181.58	\$34,348.31	\$30,181.58	\$ 820,554.69
\$ 400,000.00	46813 - Timber Sales & Wood Cutting (90%/County & 10%/Townships) Monthly totals = NET Revenue	\$102,461.30	\$ 18,247.59	\$102,461.30	\$ 18,247.59	\$ 459,136.61
\$ 1,325,000.00		\$136,809.61	\$48,429.17	\$136,809.61	\$48,429.17	\$1,279,691.30



ORDINANCE #

DATE February 17, 2026
 Effective Date Upon Passage & Posting

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Introduced by Highway Infrastructure and Recreation Committee

Motion:	Adopted: <input type="checkbox"/>
1 st _____	Lost: <input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd _____	Tabled: <input type="checkbox"/>
No: _____ Yes: _____ Absent: _____	
Number of votes required:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds
Reviewed by: _____, Corp Counsel	
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.	

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend Wood County Ordinance #400, Speed Limits Ordinance, to change the speed limit on a portion of County Trunk Highway B

FISCAL NOTE: None

WHEREAS, Wood County currently has adopted Ordinance #400 regulating speed limits on county trunk highways, and

WHEREAS, Wood County Ordinance 400.B.10.01 currently sets a speed limit on County Trunk Highway “B” in the Town of Lincoln at forty-five (45) miles per hour from County Trunk Highway BB northerly to Yellow River Road.

WHEREAS, the Highway Commissioner believes a change in speed limit is warranted on a portion of County Trunk Highway B, extending northerly beyond Yellow River Road, from its currently posted speed of fifty-five (55) mph to forty-five (45) miles per hour, and has performed a traffic and engineering investigation confirming a speed reduction is warranted, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee has reviewed the extended-area of County Trunk Highway B and recommends that Wood County adopt the recommended changes to the Speed Limits Ordinance,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the Wood County Board of Supervisors hereby determines to modify the following section of Wood County Speed Limits Ordinance #400

(B.10.01) County Trunk Highway “B”, Town of Lincoln, Wood County forty-five (45) miles per hour from County Trunk Highway BB northerly to **a point 0.14 miles north of** Yellow River Rd.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Wood County Highway Ordinance #400 as adopted by this action become effective upon passage and posting as required by statute.

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, February 17, 2026

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

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**WOOD COUNTY ORDINANCE #400
SPEED LIMITS**

Chapter 400 .01 PURPOSE

A traffic and engineering investigation having been made of the following described highways in Wood County, the maximum permissible speed at which vehicles may be operated on the highways, which speed is herewith established as reasonable and safe pursuant to s. 346.57 and s. 349.11, Wis. Stats., shall be set forth herein, subject to approval by the State Department of Transportation and upon the erection of standard signs giving notice thereof.

(AA.13.01) County Trunk Highway "AA", Town of Port Edwards, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour from the Nekoosa City Limits southerly to a point 0.16 miles north of Lynn Hill Rd.

(B.10.01) County Trunk Highway "B", Town of Lincoln, Wood County
Forty-five (45) miles per hour from County Trunk Highway BB northerly to **a point 0.14 miles north of** Yellow River Rd.

(BB.03.01) County Trunk Highway "BB", Town of Cameron, Wood County
Forty-Five (45) miles per hour from its easterly intersection with Highway 10, then westerly to CTH B.

(C.33.01) County Trunk Highway "C", Village of Rudolph, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour from its intersection with State Trunk Highway 34, westerly for a distance of 0.27 of a mile to Hilltop Ln.

(C.33.02) County Trunk Highway "C", Village of Rudolph, Wood County
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour from its intersection with State Trunk Highway 34, easterly for a distance of 0.83 of a mile to Oakridge Ave.

(C.34.03) County Trunk Highway "C", Village of Vesper, Wood County
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour for all vehicles from its intersection with State Trunk Highway 186, westerly and southerly for a distance of 0.55 of a mile.

(E.25.04) County Trunk Highway "E", City of Pittsville, Wood County
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour from its intersection with State Trunk Highway 80, westerly to its intersection with Park Road, a distance of 0.69 of a mile.

(F.12.01) County Trunk Highway "F", Town of Milladore, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from its intersection with U.S. Highway 10 southerly to its intersection with CTH P.

- (F.12.02)** County Trunk Highway "F", Town of Milladore, Wood County
Thirty five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from its intersection with CTH P, southerly for a distance of 0.32 of a mile.
- (F.20.01)** County Trunk Highway "F", Town of Sherry, Wood County
Thirty five (35) miles per hour beginning at a point 0.23 of a mile north of the north junction with County Trunk Highway "N" and extending southerly one half mile to a point 0.15 of a mile south of Mill Creek.
- (F.21.01)** County Trunk Highway "F", Town of Sigel, Wood County
Fifty (50) miles per hour from the intersection of County Trunk Highways "F" and "HH" easterly to a point 0.14 miles east of said junction.
- (F.26.01)** County Trunk Highway "F", City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles 0.06 miles north from its crossing with the Green Bay St., northerly to its intersection with Rosecrans Street.
- (F.26.02)** County Trunk Highway "F", City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood County
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from its intersection with Rosecrans Street, northerly and westerly to its intersection with Brickyard Road.
- (F.26.03)** County Trunk Highway "F", City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood County
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour for all vehicles from West Grand Ave. northerly to a point 0.06 miles north from its crossing with the Green Bay St.
- (G.13.01)** County Trunk Highway "G", Town of Port Edwards, Wood County
Forty-five (45) miles per hour from 0.44 miles south of Creamery Rd northerly to 0.30 miles south of Lynn Hill Rd.
- (G.13.02)** County Trunk Highway "G", Town of Port Edwards, Wood County
Forty-five (45) miles per hour from its northerly intersection with State Highway 173 easterly and northerly 0.26 miles north of Cranmoor Rd.
- (H.10.01)** County Trunk Highway "H", Town of Lincoln, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour from Lincoln Ave. westerly to a point 0.13 miles west of Lincoln Ave.
- (H.11.01)** County Trunk Highway "H", Town of Marshfield, Wood County
Forty-Five (45) miles per hour from the east city limits of Marshfield (Galvin Ave.), then easterly a distance of .80 miles.
- (HH.21.01)** County Trunk Highway "HH", Town of Sigel, Wood County
Fifty (50) miles per hour from a point 0.07 miles west of the junction of County Trunk Highways "F" and "HH" easterly to the intersection of County Trunk Highways "F" and "HH".

- (HH.34.01)** County Trunk Highway "HH", Village of Vesper, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from its intersection with State Trunk Highway 186, easterly for a distance of 0.46 of a mile.
- (N.20.01)** County Trunk Highway "N", Town of Sherry, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from its northerly intersection with County Trunk Highway "F" easterly a distance of .22 miles.
- (N.27.01)** County Trunk Highway "N", Village of Arpin, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour from its junction with State Trunk Highway 186, westerly for a distance of 0.37 of a mile.
- (N.27.02)** County Trunk Highway "N", Village of Arpin, Wood County
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour from a point 0.37 of a mile west of its junction with State Trunk Highway 186, westerly to its intersection with County Trunk Highway "E".
- (P.12.01)** County Trunk Highway "P", Town of Milladore, Wood County
Forty (40) miles per hour from 0.24 miles west of Mayflower Rd westerly to 0.20 miles west of CTH F.
- (P.28.01)** County Trunk Highway "P", Village of Auburndale, Wood County
Forty (40) miles per hour from Marshfield St. northerly and easterly to EZ St.
- (P.28.02)** County Trunk Highway "P", Village of Auburndale, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour from EZ St. easterly to 0.07 miles west of School Ave.
- (P.28.03)** County Trunk Highway "P", Village of Auburndale, Wood County
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour from 0.07 miles west of School Ave easterly to North Rd.
- (P.28.04)** County Trunk Highway "P", Village of Auburndale, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour from North Rd. easterly to 0.29 miles east of Connor St.
- (P.28.05)** County Trunk Highway "P", Village of Auburndale, Wood County
Forty-five (45) miles per hour from 0.29 miles east of Connor St. easterly to a point 0.56 miles east of Connor St.
- (P.31.01)** County Trunk Highway "P", Village of Milladore, Wood County
Forty (40) miles per hour from 0.14 miles west of CTH N westerly to a point 0.29 miles west of CTH N.

- (P.31.02)** County Trunk Highway “P”, Village of Milladore, Wood County
Thirty (30) miles per hour from 0.29 miles west of CTH N westerly to 0.08 miles west of West St.
- (P.31.03)** County Trunk Highway “P”, Village of Milladore, Wood County
Forty (40) miles per hour from 0.08 miles west of West St westerly to 0.30 miles west of West St.
- (Q.19.01)** County Trunk Highway “Q”, Town of Seneca, Wood County
Forty-five (45) miles per hour from State Trunk Highway 73 westerly and southerly to a point 0.24 miles west of the south intersection with Hafermann Hts.
- (T.30.01)** County Trunk Highway "T", Village of Hewitt, Wood County
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour for all vehicles from a point 0.28 of a mile south of Yellowstone Drive in the Village of Hewitt, northerly to a point 0.81 of a mile north of Yellowstone Drive.
- (T.30.02)** County Trunk Highway "T", Village of Hewitt, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from a point 0.81 of a mile north of Yellowstone Drive in the Village of Hewitt, northerly to its intersection with County Trunk Highway "H".
- (T.30.03)** County Trunk Highway "T", Village of Hewitt, Wood County
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from a point 0.28 miles south of Yellowstone Drive southerly to a point 0.41 miles north of United States Highway 10.
- (U.07.01)** County Trunk Highway "U", Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from its westerly intersection with State Trunk Highway 54, northerly 0.50 of a mile.
- (U.29.01)** County Trunk Highway "U", Village of Biron, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour 0.50 miles north of its west intersection with STH 54, northerly to 0.23 miles west of Huffman Road.
- (U.29.02)** County Trunk Highway "U", Village of Biron, Wood County
Twenty five (25) miles per hour from 0.23 miles west of Huffman Road to Huffman Road.
- (U.29.03)** County Trunk Highway "U", Village of Biron, Wood County
Thirty five (35) miles per hour from Huffman Road to 80th Street North.
- (T.30.02)** County Trunk Highway "T", Village of Hewitt, Wood County
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour from its intersection with South Biron Drive, northerly and easterly to its intersection with Center Street.

- (T.30.02)** County Trunk Highway "T", Village of Hewitt, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour from its intersection with Center Street, northeasterly to the Portage County Line and North Biron Drive.
- (V.16.01)** County Trunk Highway "V", Town of Rock, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour from a point 0.10 of a mile north of its intersection with County Trunk Highway "N" southerly for a distance of 0.67 of a mile.
- (W.07.01)** County Trunk Highway "W", Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from 20th Street (east City limits of Wisconsin Rapids) easterly to 42nd Street South for a distance of 1.40 miles
- (W.07.02)** County Trunk Highway "W", Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from 42nd Street South easterly to 0.04 miles west of 54th Street South for a distance of 0.71 miles
- (W.07.03)** County Trunk Highway "W", Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County
Forty five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from 0.04 miles west of 54th Street South easterly a distance of 1.68 miles to the junction with County Trunk Highways "U", "W" and Portage County Trunk Highway "FF"
- (W.07.04)** County Trunk Highway "W", Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from the junction of County Trunk Highway "U" and County Trunk "W" southerly about 0.75 miles to its junction with South Park Road.
- (W.07.05)** County Trunk Highway "W", Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from South Park Road southerly about 0.50 miles to 0.06 Miles South of Rail Road St.
- (Y.10.01)** County Trunk Highway "Y", Town of Lincoln, Wood County
Forty-Five (45) miles per hour from 0.07 miles west of Hawthorn Ave easterly to Magnolia Drive.
- (Y.10.02)** County Trunk Highway "Y", Town of Lincoln, Wood County
Thirty-Five (35) miles per hour from Magnolia Drive easterly to a Point 0.13 miles west of Lincoln Ave.
- (Y.10.03)** County Trunk Highway "Y", Town of Lincoln, Wood County
Twenty-Five (25) miles per hour from a point 0.13 miles west of Lincoln Ave easterly to Lincoln Ave.
- (Y.11.01)** County Trunk Highway "Y", Town of Marshfield, Wood County
Forty five (45) miles per hour from its intersection with North Galvin Avenue,

easterly to its intersection with Stadt Road, a distance of 1.05 miles.

(Z.07.01) County Trunk "Z", Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County

Thirty five (35) miles per hour from 0.11 miles west of its intersection with Lincoln Street, easterly to a point 0.42 of a mile east of State Trunk Highway 13, a distance of 0.57 0.68 of mile.

(Z.07.02) County Trunk "Z", Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County

Forty five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from a point 0.42 of mile east of Stat Trunk Highway "13" to a point 0.05 of a mile east of 64th Street CTH U / Portage County Line.

(Z.18.01) County Trunk "Z", Town of Saratoga, Wood County

Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from its east intersection with State Trunk Highway 73, northerly to its intersection with Ranger Road.

(Z.32.01) County Trunk Highway "Z", Village of Port Edwards, Wood County

Forty-five (45) miles per hour from 0.11 miles west of its intersection with Lincoln Street, westerly and southerly to its intersection with Ranger Road.

Chapter 400 .015 TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTIONS IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES

- (1) If a highway is being constructed, reconstructed, maintained or repaired, temporary speed limits may be established as set forth in Wis. Stat. s. 349.11(10).
- (2) The Wood County Highway Commissioner, or his/her designee, is authorized, at his/her discretion, to impose mandatory temporary speed limits under the continuing authority of this section and without need of further action by the county board or the oversight committee.
- (3) Temporary speed limits shall be in accord with this section and shall be imposed by the posting of either portable or fixed temporary regulatory speed limit signs of the same face size and design as permanent regulatory speed limit signs, type R2-1, as described in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices as adopted by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
- (4) Signs may be posted on any highway under the jurisdiction of this authority and any state trunk highway upon which the County performs maintenances under s.84.07, Wis. Stats. when such highway is being constructed, reconstructed, maintained or repaired, but only in the immediate area of such work and of those persons engaged in performing such work.
- (5) Any temporary speed limit imposed in an area where construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or repair is being performed on the shoulders or what is normally the

traveled portion of the roadway, shall be determined by, and at the discretion of, the Wood County Highway Commissioner or his/her designee.

- (6) No temporary speed limit shall be imposed when construction, reconstruction, or maintenance repair work is being performed inside the highway right-of-way but not on the shoulders or the traveled portion of the highway.
- (7) Any speed limits imposed under the authority of this section are temporary, and the signs imposing such limits shall be removed, covered or otherwise obscured when the highway construction or maintenance workers performing construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repairs and their equipment are not present on the shoulder or traveled portion of the highway.
- (8) The area in which any temporary speed limit has been imposed shall be terminated by posting a regulatory speed limit sign informing the public of the specific speed limit outside of the area where construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair work is being performed.
- (9) Nothing herein shall prohibit the Wood County Highway Department from posting advisory speed limit signs of the type W13-1 as described in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, in areas of highway construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or repairs suggesting such speed as it deems appropriate to promote the safety of highway construction and maintenance workers, pedestrians, and highway users and that such advisory signs may also be posted in conjunction with the temporary mandatory speed limit signs, as described and authorized above.

Chapter 400 .02 PENALTIES

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance may be required to forfeit not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$200.00.



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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To become eligible for maintenance monies on the existing:

- a) Wood County ATV Intensive Use Area (All-Terrain Vehicle) trail, in the designated area of T22N, R35E, S31, 32, and;
- b) The Kimball & Hazelnut Connector Trail of 5.1 miles at T22N, R5E, S32 and T21N, R4E, S18, 19, 30, 13, 24, 25, and;
- c) The Hay Creek-Peterson Road Connector Trail of 4.0 miles at T22N, R2E, S8, 17, 20, 21, and;
- d) The Range Road Connector Trail of 1.5 miles at T22N, R5E, S29, 32.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. Total reimbursement from the State Aid Registration Fund, account #43572, and for the ATV Intensive Use Area, donated services by the Central Wisconsin ATV Riders Club, account #48503.

WHEREAS, Wood County will be responsible for the maintenance of the area known as the Wood County ATV Intensive Use Area, as well as the 5.1 miles of County Forest land, ATV trails named East Hazelnut & Kimball Connector, 4.0 miles of Hay Creek-Peterson Road Connector, 1.5 miles of Range Road Connector, and

WHEREAS, there is a demand to continue the maintenance of these areas within Wood County, and

WHEREAS, the Central Wisconsin ATV Riders (an incorporated club) is willing to participate in maintenance of the Wood County Intensive Use Area, and

WHEREAS, the existing areas in the Townships conform to trail standards established in Chapter NR64, Administrative Code, and

WHEREAS, \$23,526 is the estimated cost to maintain these areas (\$12,926 Intensive Use Area + \$5,100 East Hazelnut & Kimball Connector + \$4,000 Hay Creek-Peterson Road Connector+ \$1,500 Range Road Connector) in State Aid, and

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WHEREAS, to become eligible for the ATV trail maintenance, the areas listed above must remain a County area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wood County Board of Supervisors, that Wood County Parks & Forestry Department will maintain the existing 10 miles of Wood County ATV Intensive Use Area and 10.6 miles of County Forest all-terrain vehicle trails, (pending reimbursement from the State ATV registration fund) for the enjoyment of the citizenry of Wood County and the State of Wisconsin.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wood County Parks & Forestry Department be authorized to sign necessary maintenance agreements for the existing Wood County ATV Intensive Use Area and 10.6 miles of County Forest Land, ATV trails name East Hazelnut & Kimball Connector, and Hay Creek-Peterson Road Connector.



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Reviewed by:	<u>PY</u>	, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To become eligible for snowmobile trail maintenance monies on the existing trail on County and private lands for the 2026-2027 snowmobile year.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. Total reimbursement from the State Snowmobile Trail Aid account #43574.

WHEREAS, Wood County will be responsible for the maintenance of 297.3 miles of previously constructed snowmobile trails in the the Towns of Arpin, Auburndale, Cameron, Cary, Cranmoor, Dexter, Grand Rapids, Hansen, Hiles, Lincoln, Marshfield, Milladore, Port Edwards, Remington, Richfield, Rock, Rudolph, Saratoga, Seneca, Sherry, Siegel, and Wood, and

WHEREAS, there is a demand to continue the maintenance of these existing trails, and

WHEREAS, these existing trails conform to the Comprehensive Snowmobile Trail Plan, and

WHEREAS, easements for these trails, which cross private lands have been received, and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$89,190 (297.3 miles of trails at \$300 per mile) have been budgeted to maintain these trails by Wood County, with reimbursement from the State Snowmobile Aids Funds, and

WHEREAS, to become eligible for snowmobile trail maintenance aid the trails listed above must remain County trails.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wood County Board of Supervisors, that Wood County maintains existing trails on County and private lands for the 2026-2027 season (pending reimbursement from the Snowmobile State Aid Program) for the enjoyment of the citizenry of Wood County and hereby authorize Wood County Parks and Forestry Department to act on behalf of Wood County to sign necessary maintenance agreements.

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To become eligible for 2026-2027 snowmobile trail maintenance monies for the proposed additional 13.64 miles of snowmobile trail for the Rudolph River Rovers Snowmobile Club.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County – Total reimbursement from State Snowmobile Trail Aid account #43574.

WHEREAS, Wood County proposes to accept as County Snowmobile Trails, approximately 13.64 miles of trail, which will be maintained by the Rudolph River Rovers, and

WHEREAS, if the application is approved by the State of Wisconsin DNR, funds will be budgeted in the amount of \$4,092 to increase the amount of trails being maintained by Wood County, with full reimbursement from the State Snowmobile Trails Aids funds Non-lapsing Snowmobile program revenue account (43574), and

WHEREAS, to become eligible for snowmobile trail maintenance aids, the trails must become County Trails,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wood County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Parks & Forestry Department to apply for 2026-2027 State of Wisconsin Snowmobile Aid to maintain an additional 13.64 miles of snowmobile trails for the enjoyment of the citizenry of Wood County and the State of Wisconsin.

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13	Hokamp, J			
14	Polach, D			
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18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

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County Board Chairman

MINUTES
PROPERTY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 2, 2026

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 155

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Breu, Jeff Penzkover, Dennis Polach, Scott Brehm, Brad Hamilton (WebEx)

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Breu called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. The minutes of the January 5, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Brehm/Hamilton to accept them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Information Technology vouchers were reviewed. Motion by Brehm/Polach to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. The IT Report was reviewed and discussed.
6. IT Director Kaup presented a resolution requesting the state to cover the cost for all membership to the Multi-state Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC). Because of federal budget cuts, this is no longer a free service and is vital in protecting our systems. Motion by Brehm/Hamilton to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
7. The Maintenance vouchers were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Brehm to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
8. The Maintenance Report was reviewed and discussed.
9. VanTassel presented a resolution to amend the 2026 budget to carry forward funding for the almost completed HVAC upgrade. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
10. The committee requested that space needs be put on the next agenda.
11. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
12. Chairman Breu declared the meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.



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January 2026

1. Staff have completed work on items related to the Law Enforcement Center occupancy. The final task was for the network team to reconfigure the network for the new jail to allow for a physical key switch to be installed between the Wood County network and the Detention networks. Staff worked with Maintenance to install the switch and isolate the corrections network from the rest of the County network. A notification lighting system will indicate when the network is connected or isolated.
2. Assisted Finance staff with configuring and operating 1099 preparation software.
3. Performed system upgrades for the General Ledger accounting system.
4. Work continues on year-end processes support, updating reports, W2 print management and multiple system configurations to support Finance and HR systems.
5. After reviewing the feedback from the State audit on jail forms, research continues to obtain CJIS compliance. Completed response sheet for CJIS follow up questions for the Jail. Continue to work with Jail and Dispatch on CJIS follow ups. Port Edwards has reached out for assistance with CJIS compliance as well.
6. Wood County internet and intranet website updates are being posted continually as we work to keep employees and citizens informed.
7. The Cisco ESA, the email filter, was upgraded to address security issues and apply bug fixes.
8. The Webex video conferencing device in the 2nd floor auditorium at Riverblock failed. A replacement was received and configured and is working as expected.
9. Assisted City of Marshfield Police Department with the installation of a new fingerprinting LiveScan machine.
10. Began work on the Video Server Migration project. The Highway video server was successfully migrated this month. Riverblock and Norwood video servers will be scheduled for migration soon.



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11. The Countywide backup solution is up for renewal in 2026. Staff have held several meetings with vendors to review options to determine the best backup solution.
 12. The firewalls are also set for replacement this year. Staff are also reviewing options for replacement to determine which solution will best protect the County network and our data.
 13. Continued implementing Laserfiche document management for the Finance department.
 14. Plans for a firmware update to all County network devices continue.
 15. A new IT request form and procedure has been developed and implemented to improve handling user requests to recover accidentally deleted data. Data recovery often consumes excessive IT staff resources and the new procedure should help mitigate that resource loss.
 16. IT staff continue work to outline and document proper procedures and best practices for system administration, especially in regard to server and application maintenance and/or upgrades that may affect accessibility and functionality.
 17. Assisting Port Edwards with new server and O365 migration to transition out-of-date systems to supported operating systems. This includes updates to end-user computing devices for staff and Trustees. All full-time staff are now using O365 and accessing new file servers. The migration of the Workhorse software to new servers has been completed.
 18. Network staff continue to meet with Cisco to discuss the features of their Secure Endpoint platform. This would add another level to securing Wood County devices on and off the network.
 19. Monitoring daily software installs for all computers managed by Desktop Central. Removed unapproved or questionable software as needed.
 20. Staff continue to work with CIS, Countywide law enforcement software, on a request for an interface to transmit electronic referrals to the DA's office. The eReferral, RMS PROTECT interface, is scheduled to be completed by early February. Downtime is needed to implement this interface and has been communicated to those affected. Instructions will be available for staff once the interface is complete.



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21. Staff continue to work with CIS, Countywide law enforcement software, on a change that is required for Fire Departments. The format of information that Fire Departments need to report requires changes in CIS.
 22. Working on onboarding modules and outlining reporting requirements for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Grant that we were awarded.
 23. Continuing conversion of Human Service's TCM client financial data for import into Laserfiche.
 24. Completed rollout of Software Restriction Policy to all IT staff, effectively blocking software installation in known exploitable locations, massively shrinking the potential for users to install unapproved software either on purpose or by consequence of visiting a malicious internet site. Rollout of this system to other departments has begun.
 25. Triaged and followed up with 10 alerts from the County's end point protection system. Manually investigated and cleaned up each detection and worked with the vendor as needed. In every instance, when an alert was triggered the end point protection system quarantined and stopped the process until an investigation could be completed.
 26. The IT Security Team continues the Security Awareness Program. Additional security training is being assigned to all who fail a phishing campaign. Updated CJIS training with new modules and assigned the new training to all departments required to complete this training every two years.
 27. Employees submitted approximately 117 phishing emails to IT for review. Each submittal was reviewed. Several were identified as legitimate phishing attempts. Filters were put in place to disallow mail from known phishing senders.
 28. Programming staff works to improve support documentation for the Sage HRMS, Human Resources Management System, system for employee benefit and payroll data. Programming staff work to compose an RFP for a replacement system for HRMS and payroll. The RFP is in the final stage and is set to be released in the upcoming week.
 29. The EvenTide project for Dispatch continues. This will replace their current solution as the emergency protocols recording software in Dispatch. EvenTide will interface with Total Response so this project is being scheduled now that the Total Response implementation is finalized.



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30. Implementation phase continues for a project for the Highway Department to replace the current Highway permit system with Delasoft vendor software. Research continues on an app requested by Highway staff that will assist in tracking Caterpillar equipment codes and parts.
 31. Programming staff continue support and system functionality improvement coding for the ESS, employee self-service portal, system for payroll reports and employee benefits open enrollment.
 32. System\code improvement for the in-house Planning & Zoning permitting system continues.
 33. Continued work on forms process improvement and document storage in Information Technology leveraging Laserfiche.
 34. Continued speaking with Compliant Technology, the vendor who provides GLOVE/Light Sound Shield software on their data management portal. They have provided technical details that need to be reviewed. This is in response to a request from the Jail to utilize this software.
 35. Continued work on a project request from the Division Chief of EMS/Service Director for WR Fire Department to have WRFD ambulances dispatched similar to law enforcement units in CIS, the Countywide law enforcement software. This requires additional configuration in CIS to map out areas, activity codes and assigned units.
 36. Norwood and Edgewater Matrix Claims Management support continues with multi-factor authentication (MFA) migration to a new system evolving constantly. Account work for new backup procedures for Claims Management continues. Claims user setup process was tested, refined and step by step procedures documented.
 37. Support is ongoing for Cyber Recruiter upgrades and super user support, the HRMS extension system and website used for new hire applications. IT staff worked to resolve multiple serious issues that were caused by a very poorly developed error prone vendor supplied system upgrade. We plan to eliminate and replace the Cyber Recruiter\Careers software as part of the HRMS and payroll system replacement project.
 38. For the month of December, 538 helpdesk requests were created, with staff completing 522 tickets and leaving 142 open requests. In addition, there are currently 122 project requests.



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39. Support for GCS\Catalis property tax systems is ongoing. The former property tax software version end-of-life is set for Fall of 2024 and was on-prem, servers at Wood County. The upgraded version is cloud based. System migration and training is complete and go-live was July 15, 2024. Initial training and migration of the 34 municipalities to the new system is complete. Security and best practice research to address a request by the County GIS specialist for the City of Marshfield GIS specialist to obtain direct access to the County tax database is on hold.
40. Support for Norwood Healthcare Center and Edgewater Haven Matrix (EHR) and CART (CMS abstraction and reporting tool) software is ongoing. IT support works to improve the user reliance on IT for basic system functionality. eMAR provides ability to dispense patient medication when the EHR system is not accessible. Super user training continues and results in improved support of the EHR (electronic health record) system. Research and preparation work continues for another annual change to the reporting procedures for hospital pricing transparency required by CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid).
41. The TimeStar, electronic timecard and time tracking software system configuration changes is ongoing. Staff works to adjust settings as change requests continue. PBJ reports are submitted to CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid) using TimeStar data for both the Edgewater and Norwood Facilities. PBJ mapping update work is scheduled so we can support new job codes. PBJ backup super users were created and detailed training will be completed by PBJ submission staff.
42. The Register of Deeds work to upgrade multiple applications is nearly complete. IT staff escorts and assists the vendor, Fidlar Technologies, with server and application updates and maintenance on a regular basis. Work to increase server security via user account permissions, server access ports and preparations for 2 large upgrades scheduled for early January 2026 were completed.
43. Staff continue to actively review and update Active Directory (AD) to ensure employee details such as department, titles and managers are accurate.
44. The 2025 PC replacement 4th quarter devices replacement has been completed. Staff prepared and sent out 2026 1st quarter surveys so the 1st order will be ready to be placed shortly.
45. IT staff work to schedule and upgrade various server operating systems and database management systems, SQL servers, begins a new cycle. This ongoing project takes considerable time to plan, test, and implement. Continued work improving database server security.



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46. Discussions with Maintenance continue regarding space needs for the IT department. There is significant increase of technology being supported in the LEC and the increase of staff and services in other Departments within the County increases the demands on IT support as well. IT will need additional IT staff and space in order to properly support the County's expanded facilities, staff, software, hardware, systems and the increased reliance on technology. The IT Conference room now serves as our vendor staging area, network setup area, equipment storage and conference room. We have repurposed and triple purposed as much space as possible. IT needs more space to function properly.



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Reuben Van Tassel
Facilities Manager

Letter of Comments February 2026

Ongoing Projects and Planning

Jail Project – The garage space under the restricted lot is getting set up to be used by the Sheriff's Department, Maintenance, and others.

Reviewing storage needs for the Coroner and discussing options that will make supply storage/pickup convenient for operations.

Reviewing options for location of office and work space for the Communications Director, who was previously located in a building that had to be demolished in order to construct the new jail.

Building automation system adjustments are ongoing.

Courthouse – The HVAC contractor is evaluating an air-flow report to identify additional duct sealing that must be completed as well as additional climate control measures that must be implemented in isolated areas.

Continuing to work with City of Wisconsin Rapids and other County staff to modify the Courthouse property boundary in conjunction with vacating Market Street.

Beginning to work through the steps of design for the future Market Street parking lot.

Miscellaneous

Attended PIT, Health & Human Services, County Board, and numerous project meetings.

Supporting Norwood team with water line replacement project planning.

Conducting interviews for the Building Automation Specialist position.

Working with Human Services to reconfigure areas within their office space to better accommodate staff.



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Introduced by Property & Information Technology

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Number of votes required:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds
Reviewed by: _____, Corp Counsel	
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.	

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Support Wisconsin establishing a Membership with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to Cover the Cost of Membership for all State, Local, Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) Organizations.

FISCAL NOTE: None

WHEREAS, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) provides vital cybersecurity services, including 24/7 threat monitoring and incident response, to more than 18,000 state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government organizations supporting our nation's critical infrastructure including public hospitals, public utilities, K-12 school, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, local governments, especially in rural and under-resourced areas, have relied heavily on MS-ISAC's services; and

WHEREAS, without MS-ISAC services, government organizations are increasingly vulnerable to cyber attacks by foreign adversaries; and

WHEREAS, recent federal funding cuts to MS-ISAC, have significantly weakened the nation's defense against cyber threats; and

WHEREAS, Wood County has budgeted funds to join MS-ISAC under the Single Organization Membership option in 2026, to continue the services Wood County needs to protect its infrastructure and data; and

WHEREAS, If the State of Wisconsin establishes membership with MS-ISAC, services would be provided to all Wisconsin Counties at no cost.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wood County Board of Supervisors that it supports Wisconsin establishing a Membership with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to Cover the Cost of Membership for all State, Local, Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) Organizations.

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, February 17, 2026

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wood County Clerk is hereby authorized to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all Wisconsin counties, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

CWSF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 15th, 2025, at 6:30 PM – Fair Office

513 East 17th Street, Marshfield, WI 54449

Call to Order: Sandy Leonhard- 630 pm

Roll Call: Dale Christiansen, Gary Bymers, Brad Hamilton, Joyce Karl, Scott Karl, Sandy Leonhard, Kate Kohl, Dave Lang, Heather Wellach, Rob Wiskerchen

Nonmembers present- Heidi Kundinger, Jeff Jurgensen, Jason Betancur, Jordan Munger

Not present- Nick Wayerski, Andrew Reigel, Peggy Sue Behselich (excused)

Public Comments: none

Approval of Minutes: Hamilton and Lang

Financial Report: Clarification asked about membership dues on payments- these are to the Chambers of both Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids- Motion by Brad Hamilton, 2nd by Kate Kohl for approval.

Hockey Association/Future Plans: Jason president of Marshfield Youth Hockey Association. Presented on options for Hockey building. Building on to the current hockey Building. Sandi advised this will be a presentation only. Questions are to be submitted to Dale via email or written at this meeting. Jeff Jurgensen, Jason Betancur, Jordan Munger left after presentation.

Executive Director's Report: Dale working with WR chamber to see what we can do in our southern wood county to promote and be involved. WR schools wants to change their dates forward. Members of 4-H calling to see what can be done about this overlap. Advisement that moving the fair is not an option as we already have contracts out.

Junior Fair Report: Scholarship was spoken about at the meeting. This was discussed at the last meeting board meeting. Minutes were not available for Kate to read to forward to the Jr Fair board. Reviewed again tonight. Motion by Brad to have 1 member of Jr fair board one from market sale two from Fair board and 1 general public selected by executive committee. Gary seconded – no other discussion -unanimous approval. Dale to work with Haley to combine both forms and share with Josh Sabo from the Jr Fair board.

Fair update: Wrap up 2025 waiting for one bill to be paid. Moving to 2026 fair review of entertainment Dale working on contracts. No reveals at this time.

Topics to be Discussed:

Executive Committee- no meeting this month

Sponsorship Committee- makeover coming! Less wording/more attractive.

Marketing Committee- not met at this time awaiting, web sight still under construction basic mock up and revisions submitted.

Fairest of the Fair- Thank you from Heidi for a GREAT year! Quality time Motion by Brad Hamilton 2nd by David Lang to get a vessel to put as the basket. Please get donations to Fair office or Heidi by Jan 5th.

Volunteer Committee- tasks coming

Livestock Committee- have not met this month

Draft Horse Committee- Peggy working on sponsorships

H. Building and Grounds Committee- bad weather postponed meeting. Meeting set for Wednesday December 17th at 9 am working on putting 10 year plan together. Plan for phase 1. Moving of the blue barn to across the road.

Fair Park Management- Commission approved the reimbursement to fair park management. The county has sent payment to commission. City asking for detailed meeting. Commission meeting Thursday December 18th @ 130pm.

Old Business

Holiday Event- Detailed report given on income and expenses. Some ideas thought of for improvements. Spread out auction drawings. Music to play beforehand. Work on marketing to have the fundraiser in a bigger advertisement.

Ideas about other times of the year and focus on demographics and advertisement for the program at the fair.

Care to Share- these were addressed at Jr Fair board. No further concerns brought to the board.

Code of Conduct Policy- Brad to follow up with Cty attorney.

New Business:

Officer Elections-

President- Brad Hamilton nominated Sandra Leonhard whom accepted. No other nominations from the floor. Motion by Gary Bymers 2nd by Brad Hamilton to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sandra Leonhard for President. -vote passed

Vice President – Joyce Karl nominated Dave Lang whom accepted. No other nominations from the floor. Motion by Brad Hamilton 2nd by Scott Karl to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for David Lang. -vote passed

Treasurer- Heather Wellach nominated Joyce Karl whom accepted. No other nominations from the floor. Motion by Brad Hamilton 2nd by Dave Lang to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Joyce Karl. -vote passed

Secretary- Scott Karl nominated Heather Wellach whom accepted. No other nominations from the floor. Brad Hamilton motioned 2nd by Scott Karl to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Heather Wellach. -vote passed

Agenda items- committees (bring names for friends from the community), Holiday fundraiser et all. Code of conduct policy, convention update, Hockey group.

Adjournment- Scott Karl moved to adjourn 2nd by Gary Bymers to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes of the County of Wood / LIBRARY BOARD

The Wood County Library Board met on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library, 105 S. Maple Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449

County Library Board Members:

Susan Feith
Brad Hamilton
Andrea Halbersma
Betsy Mancl – via Zoom
Linda Schmidt
Bill Voight
Joe Zurfluh – via Zoom
Jean Anderson, SCLS

County Libraries:

Lester Public Library of Arpin
Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library
McMillan Memorial Library, Wis. Rapids
Charles & JoAnn Lester Library, Nekoosa
Pittsville Community Library
Lester Public Library of Vesper

Public in attendance: Bill Clendenning

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Brad H. called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2. Approve minutes of the previous meeting

Susan F. made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2025 meeting. Brad H. seconded the motion.

3. Old Business

SCLS Report – (Susan Feith)

Nothing to report, Jean will cover anything of note. Susan F. and Bill Clendenning have been attending the meetings in the Madison area. The new building has been good. New floor covering has been done in the delivery area. Susan asked to have this area moved to be put as part of Jean's report.

4. New Business

Wood County Library Funding Request

So far, staying at 100% and from what Brad H. heard today it should be. Voting is on the second Wednesday of November.

Library and SCLS reports

First, everyone went around and introduced themselves to the new director from the McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids.

Nekoosa:

Submitted written report by Director:

We had a very successful Summer Reading Program. In 2024, we had 550 people attend our programs. This summer we had 1,486 attendees. That is A LOT for two people to handle.

Megan, our youth librarian and my fellow Summer Reading Chaos Coordinator, submitted her resignation in early August. She accepted a position at MidState-Adams Friendship Campus. We could not compete with the benefits they were offering.

I have hired Kim Kleba on a probationary basis, and so far things are going well, though we did not have anyone apply who also had a background in youth programming. Kim started Oct 1. On October 3, Kira Koshollek submitted her resignation due to relocating to the Fox Valley.

I have been covering Megan and Kira's hours and duties, along with cleaning the library, and also working their weekend rotations.

Our circulation desk project is on track, we will be starting our electrical work soon, and I am eager to put this project to rest.

This year: update computers, relocate switches to new floor rack, new roof, ALA Grant, upcoming new Circ Desk, new DVD shelving, update electrical for Circ desk, and crazy successful SRP.

We are hosting a Halloween Storytime on Oct 27 at 10.

I will be at WLA on Thursday, and will be at the Library on Friday afternoon and evening. I will be keeping the library open to hand out treats and also provide access to bathrooms and to warm up.

I had 4k classes in for tours on Friday, October 10, and will be welcoming the 6th grade classes for tours tomorrow.

Being short staffed, I am focusing on keeping my head above water.

We will be hosting cookie decorating and stories at the Library for Hometown Christmas. Hopefully, I will have someone on staff with some experience working with youth so we can do some Christmas craft programs. The library will also sponsor an Evening with Santa at Riverside Park. Per usual, my two boys will provide the labor for packing the goodie bags for the evening.

Vesper:

Verbal report by Director: It was a very successful summer. We have been doing some flip flopping, we took the used Nekoosa library desk and have been rearranging the library. In the process of moving and switching the history room with the teen/young adult area. We have a new staff member to help cover staff shifts. For programs we've had stamp card making classes and Christmas projects. Through a grant we were able to get new signs for the library and they are now installed.

Pittsville:

Verbal report by Director: Pittsville has had lots going on. We had automatic doors installed and are working well. It has been really busy this fall. The Pittsville school's 4K-5th grade visits weekly. For programs we hosted a local author, and a puzzle race event scheduled, also started a "meet a local" series. The armchair travel program

continues, and our strong bodies program had 30 people attend. Our annual hot chocolate hustle is coming up, and includes an option to purchase swag for it. Shelving and carpet updates hope to be done before the end of the year.

Arpin:

Submitted written report by Director: Our Summer Library Program wrapped up on July 29. As usual, we like to have BIG fun at our finale. Previous years have found the Director on the receiving end of cream pies, snakes, and eggs. This year was rather mild with Stacy and the Library Board President participating in a competitive game of catch – all while wearing a pair of giant, red pants and attempting to catch balls being thrown by multiple young people.

August was a planning month at the library with the finalizing of the programming calendar through the end of the year.

In September we offered a Who Am I? Children’s Book Character Challenge and a September Sunflower take ‘n make activity kit. Both were well received.

October 11 was our Diamond Art Magnet event with ten participants. The wooden October Owl take ‘n make kit was one of our most popular with both children and adults. November plans include a Festive Fall Corn take ‘n make, creative cardmaking event, and the return of the Angel Tree.

December offerings include a Barn Board Snowman Porch Sign, Mini Cutting Board Reindeer take ‘n make, It’s a Wrap party, Lionel the Little Library Elf’s riddle challenge and the conclusion of our 2025 Book Lottery Scratch Off Reading Challenge.

Wisconsin Rapids:

Verbal report by Director: It was [the new director’s] six month anniversary already in Rapids. It was met with a number of challenges of covering maternity leave and medical leaves. I have worked with the library team, library board and community groups, trying to get out in the community. We have been giving lots of tours of the library. The Summer Reading Program was successful, we had higher participation than the previous year, especially for school-aged kids. We are planning outreach events this summer. Some of the programs we have planned are our concert series, maker space programming, holiday programs, and armchair travel for families. I am excited for the next 6 months.

Marshfield:

Verbal report by Director: Our Summer Reading Challenge had a high completion rate and our programming has been having stellar numbers, several having over 100 people in attendance. Youth services staff made 20 4K visits for outreach story times, we had special story times that featured a school bus, firefighters with fire trucks, and the electric company with a bucket truck. Monthly STEM programs, one for homeschoolers during the day, and then in the evening have been well received. Our Tuesdays at the Library programs have included apple tasting, and our popular “Frankenstuffs” is coming up. We are having a paint night for November and December along with many holiday programs. I’ve been busy with city budget meetings, but this year we should hold our own. With Baker & Taylor going belly up, we are switching over to Ingram and Amazon, so

ordering books has become more difficult.

SCLS:

Submitted report by Jean A.,(compiled by SCLS consultant staff) :

SCLS Personnel

SCLS welcomes Megan Doyle, as our new office manager! She'll be taking on many of the day-to-day work that keeps our system running smoothly with Heidi Moe's upcoming retirement.

SCLS Projects and News

ILS Migration project: The ILS Evaluation Lead Workgroup meeting agendas and minutes can be found here. The migration process will start in 2025 and the migration will take place in 2026.

The Library Innovation Subcommittee is looking for new members! This committee brings member library staff and SCLS consultants together to explore unique service opportunities and ideas for libraries. Contact Rose Ziech (rziech@scls.info) if you are interested in joining or have any questions. Short on time, but still want to contribute? Submit an idea for the subcommittee to consider. The next Library Innovation Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for December 9th, 2025 at 9 AM.

Events and Meetings

- October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month and Manufacturing Month
- October 21st 10-11 AM: "Somebody has to be the Front Line:" Public Library Staff and Social Service Assistance
- October 22nd 9-9:30 AM: CCBC Shorts: A (Brief) Look at Books for Children & Teens
- October 23, SCLS Foundation Cornerstone Event, Fireman's Park Pavilion in Columbus.
- October 28-31 All Day - 2025 WLA Conference in Middleton. CE Grants up to \$400 are available. Contact Jean Anderson for any questions you may have.
- November 20, All Directors Meeting, SCLS (Madison) HQ - 1650 Pankratz St. Madison, WI 53704

Reminders

- Watch for Top 5 emails (weekly) and Online Update (monthly) for information on services, events, CE opportunities, and upcoming meetings.
- Committee and meeting agendas and minutes are available on the SCLS website.
- If you have information that you would like to share system wide through the SCLS Facebook

With the following additions from verbal report:

Almost has a full SCLS board finally after open spots have been filled.

Cornerstone event in Columbus WI, one of the honorees is a board member from Marshfield – up to 3 board members can attend and be paid for via per diem, just let Brad H. know and he will put it through to the committee

Youth literacy funds for 2026 should see an increase.

By laws

Brad H and Bill V. both commented that they look good and are well done and are concise. Has been vetted by Wood County representatives.

Bill V. motioned to approve to accept by laws as written, Linda S. has seconded. Unanimously passed.

Plan of service

Brad H. made a motion to approve and adopt Plan of Service, Andrea H. seconded. Unanimously passed.

5. Public comments on agenda items and requests for future agenda items

None

6. Date, time and place of next meeting

January 15th, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Charles and Joann Lester Library of Nekoosa.

7. Adjourn

Brad H adjourned meeting at 6:56 pm



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Introduced by Chairman Lance Pliml

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Number of votes required:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds
Reviewed by: _____, Corp Counsel	
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.	

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To approve the 2026 Wood County Emergency Fire Warden List

FISCAL NOTE: None

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 26.13(3) and Section 26.14(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the following individuals are authorized to act as authorized Emergency Fire Wardens for the prevention and suppression of forest fires in the County for the 2026 calendar year:

- Town of Dexter: Scott Bloyd
- Town of Grand Rapids: Amanda Dotter, Theresa Meyer-Drinkwine
- Town of Remington: Mandy Norton
- Town of Saratoga: Jess Pacyna

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wood County Board of Supervisors approve the above list of fire wardens and authorize the Chairman to sign the list.

		NO	YES	A
1	Schulz, W			
2	Rozar, D			
3	Buttke, T			
4	Perlock, R			
5	Hovendick, T			
6	Breu, A			
7	Voight, W			
8	Hahn, J			
9	Brehm, S			
10	Thao, L			
11	Penzkover, J			
12	Valenstein, L			
13	Hokamp, J			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, February 17, 2026

County Clerk

County Board Chairman