PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
November 10, 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 November 10, 2026.

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

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

Motion by Hamilton/Leichtnam to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2026, meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

With Veteran's Day coming up, Chair Pliml asked all veterans in attendance to rise and be recognized.

Supervisor Zurfluh gave the invocation led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the following appointments: South Central Library Board of Trustees – 3-year term – Susan Feith; Ethics Committee – 3-year term – Jeff Conradt, Hilde Henkel. Motion carried by voice vote.

There were no public comments.

UWSP at Marshfield Campus Administrator, Dr. Tony Andrews, introduced UWSP Chancellor Dr. Bob Brinkman to the board. Both stated their appreciation to the board and to the county members of the UW Commission for their support in the Marshfield campus.

The referrals were noted.

Committee minutes presented: Operations

Chairman Pliml inquired of the board their wishes, as he wished to speak to the following two items, whether he could hold the gavel. Supervisor Zurfluh objected. The gavel was turned over to Corp Counsel Flanagan.

RESOLUTION 26-11-1

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To establish Wood County's Tax Levy for 2026 collectable in 2027.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution establishes the tax levy for the 2027 Wood County Budget. The total levy is $35,469,311.

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 26-11-1. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 26-11-2

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Adoption of the 2027 Wood County Budget.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution adopts the 2027 Wood County Budget of $164,426,830 including the appropriations, revenues and use of fund balances proposed by the Operations Committee as outlined in the 2027 Wood County Proposed Budget document.

Motion by Hamilton/Valenstein to adopt Resolution 26-11-2. Motion by Hahn/Clendenning to amend Resolution 26-11-2 whereby moving the 2% COLA effective date from July 1, 2027, to January 1, 2027, by appropriating $426,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (34300) to the affected personnel services budgets. Motion failed. Voting no were Schulz, Rozar, Buttke, Hovendick, Penzkover, Valenstein, Casper, Polach, Pliml, Zurfluh, and Hamilton. Motion to adopt Resolution 26-11-2 carried. Voting no was Clendenning.

Chairman Pliml assumed the gavel.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services, Civil Service Commission, Conservation, Education, & Economic Development, Citizens Water Group.

RESOLUTION 26-11-3

Introduced by: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

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

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County.

Motion by Clendenning/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 26-11-3. Motion carried via voice vote.

RESOLUTION 26-11-4

Introduced by: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Approve a Public Participation Plan for updating the Wood County Comprehensive Plan

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County.

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 26-11-4. Motion carried via voice vote.

Committee minutes presented: Judicial & Legislative, Criminal Justice Task Force, Property & Information Technology.

RESOLUTION 26-11-5

Introduced by: Property & Information Technology Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize staff to negotiate for the acquisition of real property adjacent to property already owned by the County, which property would improve the function of current or future operations of the recently updated Courthouse campus. Final approval of any negotiations would require a resolution passed by the county board.

FISCAL NOTE: None; the authority being conveyed by the resolution is limited to negotiations.

Motion by Buttke/Breu to adopt Resolution 26-11-5. Motion carried via voice vote.

Committee minutes presented: Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of Directors, South Central Library Board of Trustees, UW Commission Subcommittee.

RESOLUTION 26-11-6

Introduced by: Chairman Lance Pliml

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To terminate the Jail Construction Ad Hoc Committee, pursuant to County Board Rule 2.04(B).

FISCAL NOTE: None

Motion by Valenstein/Thao to adopt Resolution 26-11-6. Motion carried via voice vote.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 10:12 AM. Next scheduled county board meeting is December 15, 2026.

Trent Miner
County Clerk