

## **MINUTES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 2, 2026

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

**PLACE:** Courthouse – Rm 300

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laura Valenstein, Donna Rozar, Lance Pliml (WebEx), 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 Zurfluh/Rozar to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Wellness Coordinator Peterson provided a monthly update on Wellness programming.
5. County Treasurer Gehrt presented a resolution to sell tax deeded property and explained the history of same. Motion by Rozar/Hahn to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Finance Director Yang, along with Marshfield Parks & Recreation Director Casperson reviewed the resolution committing the county to \$25,000 funding to the Fairgrounds Commission for the next 5 years. There was a tentative CIP document attached to show the various projects this would help fund. Motion by Rozar/Hahn to approve the budget resolutions as presented and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Yang and Health Director Smith presented a resolution requesting sustainable Public Health funding for the state. Motion by Rozar/Zurfluh to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
8. District Attorney Barnett, along with Criminal Justice Coordinator Ksionek reviewed a resolution authorizing the creation of a Deferred Coordinator to oversee the Deferred Prosecution Agreement and Deferred Entry of Judgment programs. This is patterned after a similar position in Portage County. This has been before the Judicial & Legislative Committee earlier today where they postponed it until next month for further information to be gathered and shared. The Operations Committee agreed with this course of action.

9. HR Director McGrath and Tim Deaton from the Horton Group reviewed the current and projected claims for the Health Fund and the number of stop loss claims the county has experienced. He presented a number of options for the committee to consider in the coming months. They will continue to monitor the claims coming in before making a firm recommendation for the 2027 renewal and budget.
10. McGrath reviewed the results of the employee benefit survey recently conducted. This will be a part of the discussion moving forward when it comes to the health insurance discussion.
11. The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 10:00 AM.
12. Chair Valenstein adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

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

**Operations Committee  
June 2, 2026**

NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill @londonrig	WCB # 15
DENNIS POLACH	WCB - # 14
RVANTASSEL	MAINT.
Kate Miloch	WCHSD
Joe Smith	Health Dept
BILL VOIGHT	WCB-7
Kelli Symonster	HR
Kim McGrath	HR
Kiley Peterson	Wellness
Tim Kovendick	WCB # 5
Tim Deaton	Horton - MMA
PANYIA JANG	Finance
DARRIN Steinbach	Finance
Justin Casperson	City of Marshfield
Heather Gehrt	Treasurer
Jonathan E. Barnett	DA
Ratie DeKleg	County Clerk
Sarah Christensen (WebEx)	Emergency Mgmt
Brandon Vruwink (WebEx)	Human Services
Marissa Kornack (WebEx)	Norwood
Mtn? (WebEx)	
Amy Kaup (WebEx)	IT
Brent Vruwink (WebEx)	Child Support
Mary Schlagenhoff (WebEx)	Human Services
Matt Lives (WebEx)	IT
Tiffany Ringes (WebEx)	Register of Deeds