

AGENDA
WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: Tuesday, December 16, 2025
TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: Courthouse – Room 300

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

EXCUSALS:

INVOCATION: Supervisor Hokamp

READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS/Re-APPOINTMENTS:

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

Chapter 140 Review Certification for Health Dept
Long Term Employee Recognition

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, January 20, 2026

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 12, 2025 – 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 Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

Chairman Pliml called the meeting to order at 9:45 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 Hamilton gave the invocation led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Pliml asked that all veterans in the room rise and be recognized for their service.

Motion by Valenstein/Hovendick to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Leichtnam/Zurfluh to approve the following appointment: Board of Adjustments – Term ending July 1, 2028 – Randy Moody. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no public comment.

There were no referrals.

Committee minutes presented: Operations.

RESOLUTION 25-11-1

Introduced by: Operations Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To establish Wood County's Tax Levy for 2025 collectable in 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution establishes the tax levy for the 2026 Wood County Budget. The total levy is \$35,271,329, the components of which are the following:

Operating	\$23,284,123
Debt service	10,705,860
Aid to libraries*	1,281,346
Total Levy	\$35,271,329

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 25-11-1. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 25-11-2

Introduced by: Operations Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Adoption of the 2026 Wood County Budget.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution adopts the 2026 Wood County Budget of \$157,005,699 including the appropriations, revenues and use of fund balances proposed by the Operations Committee as outlined in the 2026 Wood County Proposed Budget document.

Motion by Hamilton/Schulz to adopt Resolution 25-10-2. Motion by Rozar/Clendenning to amend the budget document to state that a step increase of wages for those allowed would begin on January 1, 2026, and that a cost-of-living adjustment of 2% be applied over all paygrades as of July 1, 2026. Motion to amend carried via voice vote. The amended motion was called with the result being Resolution 25-11-2 being adopted. Voting no were Brehm & Polach.

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

RESOLUTION 25-11-3

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 Adams/Juneau budget for the purpose of funding higher than anticipated expenditures.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Function	Account Name	Debit	Credit
54132	Adams/Juneau		\$15,000
44200	Water Test Fees	\$15,000	

Motion by Clendenning/Breu to adopt Resolution 25-11-3. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 25-11-4

Introduced by: Health & Human Services and Operations Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 Healthy Smiles budget for the purpose of funding higher than anticipated expenditures.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

Function	Account Name	Debit	Credit
54130	Healthy Smiles		\$8,000
46510	MA Revenue	\$8,000	

Motion by Clendenning/Breu to adopt Resolution 25-11-4. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 25-11-5

Introduced by: Health & Human Services Operations Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To ratify a negotiated Agreement by and between Wood County and the Wood County Deputy Sheriff's Association (WPPA/LEER) for the term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

FISCAL NOTE: Projected increases are as follows: 2026 -\$361,207.18; 2027 - \$157,937.66; 2028-\$164,255.17

Motion by Zurfluh/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 25-11-5. Motion carried. Voting no was Polach.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services

RESOLUTION 25-11-6

Introduced by: Public Safety Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize Wood County to enter into an agreement and seek funding under \$165.90 for Law Enforcement Services on Restricted Tribal Lands.

FISCAL NOTE: \$26,431 in the 2026 Budget

Motion by Schulz/Breu to adopt Resolution 25-11-6. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee minutes presented: Citizens Water Group, Judicial & Legislative, Wood County Wildlife Area Advisory, Property & Information Technology, Junior Fair Board, McMillan Memorial Library Board of Trustees, South Central Library System Board of Trustees.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 10:11 AM. Next scheduled county board meeting is December 16, 2025.

Trent Miner
County Clerk

REFERRALS FOR DECEMBER 16, 2025 – COUNTY BOARD

- November 14, 2025: Email from Advance Wisconsin Employment (f/k/a North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board) announcing the closing of the Wisconsin Rapids Job Center. Referred to County Board Supervisors and Planning & Zoning Director Grueneberg.
- November 21, 2025: Resolution from Forest County Board of Supervisors requesting legislative action to address county funding challenges under Wisconsin's Tax Levy Freeze. Referred to County Board Supervisors and Finance Director Yang.
- December 9, 2025: Resolution from Winnebago County requesting renewal of the Knowles Nelson Stewardship funding. Referred to HIRC Committee and Parks & Forestry Director Schooley
- December 9, 2025: Resolution from Winnebago County requesting state funding for membership in MS-ISAC for all local governments. Referred to PIT Committee & IT Director Kaup.

MINUTES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, November 12, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – County Board Room

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; PaNyia Yang, Finance Director; Darrin Steinbach, Deputy Finance Director; Other County Board Supervisors, Department Heads and Staff in the County Board Room

1. Chair Valenstein called the committee to order at 10:00 AM.
2. Valenstein, Yang, & Steinback presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the 2026 budget proposed expenditures, and revenues, as well as challenges, considerations, and assumptions used to arrive at the 2026 budget.
3. Chair Valenstein opened the floor for public comment. None was heard.
4. Chair Valenstein closed the public hearing.
5. Motion by Rozar/Zurfluh to approve the levy resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion by Pliml/Zurfluh to approve the budget resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Chair Valenstein declared the meeting adjourned at 9:37 AM.

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

MINUTES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, December 2, 2025

TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Rm 302

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/Zurfluh to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Wellness Coordinator Peterson reviewed updates of the Wellness Program and presented a PowerPoint on the year-to-date aggregate results from the previous two years from the Wellness Program, highlighting successes and challenges. Activities will be built around those results going forward.
5. Treasurer Gehrt presented a request to fund legal fees associated with a tax assessment appeal on selected manufacturing parcels in the City of Wisconsin Rapids. The cost of the legal fees is being split proportionally between the various taxing entities in the county. If the appeal were to lose, the county portion of the tax payback would be over \$1.1 million. Motion by Rozar/Pliml to approve the expenditure of not to exceed \$25,000 for the aforementioned purpose. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Gehrt requested the use of the Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction website to sell tax deeded parcels that do not sell during the sealed bid process. The auction process would be added before the office does the over-the-counter sales. Motion by Rozar/Hahn to allow the County Treasurer to utilize use of the Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction site to sell tax deeded property. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Gehrt presented a resolution to sell tax deeded property. Motion by Pliml/Hahn to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Finance Director Yang presented a resolution to authorize the expenditure of opioid settlement dollars to various applicants approved by the Opioid Task Force. Motion by Hahn/Valenstein to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

9. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 10:00 AM.
10. Motion by Rozar/Pliml to go into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to conduct performance evaluations of the department heads the committee oversees. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Motion by Rozar/Hahn to come back into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Chair Valenstein adjourned the meeting at 11:09 AM.

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

Operations Committee
December 2, 2025

NAME	REPRESENTING
Jeff Penzkover	WCB #11
DENNIS POLACH	WCB - 14
Darrin Steinback	Finance
Pangia Yang	Finance
Jim Smith	Health
Bill Cieslewicz	WCB 15
TARA JENSEN	PROBATE
Kim Shimal	Clerk of Courts
Nick Flanagan	Corp Counsel
Riley Peterson	Wellness
Kelli Szymanski	HR
Heather Gehret	Treasurer
Amy Krupp (Web Ex)	IT
Scott Brehm (Web Ex)	CB Dist 9
Justin Cielawicz (Web Ex)	Edgewater Haven
Nick Flugaur (Web Ex)	HR
Katie Haasted (Web Ex)	Human Services



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OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK

Trent Miner

Letter of Comments – December 2025

- The Chief Deputy County Clerk and I have been through a day-long training so far for programming elections. Right now, we pretty much have the front-end items completed for the April election, and we continue to tweak things as they come up. Once we start to certify candidates, we can get the programming wrapped up, pending any Spring Primary needs. Fingers crossed we can avoid the need for a primary. We still have more training to do for programming, which I anticipate will happen later in January and will deal with configuration programming.
- I have made a very large order of absentee envelopes. I requested quotes from a number of printing entities before purchasing. With the push for both regular absentee and in-person absentee voting (IPAV), the need for envelopes has increased exponentially, and the cost of them has increased as well, due to inflation (it's not just for Highway, anymore 😊). To be honest, I will have used up most of my supplies budget just in absentee envelopes and I am not sure I have enough ordered even yet to get me through the entire cycle. Time will tell and will be dependent on how hot the races will be.
- I have set up 3 trainings in the upcoming couple of months. I am doing a municipal clerk core (MCT) training for new clerks on Wednesday, December 17th and a couple of Chief Election Inspector baseline (CEI) trainings in January. I have also agreed to help do 3 trainings (both MCT and CEI) in Marathon County in December and January that I will driving up there for. We are trying to gear up for the upcoming elections to make sure all polling locations are stocked up on chiefs and that our new clerks have their required training in before they start conducting training.
- Every year at this time our office would be in the middle of the recertification process for passport acceptance, however, we were notified by the Dept. of State that we will not be doing those until closer to the end of the US Government fiscal year in October of 2026.
- I have appointed the Chief Deputy to a position of Passport Acceptance Lead in our office. There is extra training required to be taken, which she has done, successfully. It is the same training I take as the Program Manager. This gives the US Dept. of State another contact besides me for important updates. Speaking of passports, we are now starting to get in the new forms that eliminate the "X" status for gender preference. The change in forms was due to the Executive Order signed by the President at the beginning of his term in office and caused passport acceptance facilities to run short of application forms, whereby we ended up having to make copies at our expense while we waited for new forms to be developed and printed.
- Next month I will be presenting a couple of documents as it relates to the purchase and cost share of the new election tabulators. We worked with Corp Counsel to come up with documents that meet the needs of the county and spell out the responsibilities of the municipalities. As there is a financial component to the agreements, I want the Operations Committee to weigh in on it.



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Office of
Finance Director

PaNyia Yang
Finance Director

Date: 11/26/2025
To: Operations Committee
From: PaNyia Yang
Subject: Monthly Letter of Comments

Departmental Activities

Finance Department Updates

a. ARPA Funds

As of October 31st, we have about \$4.33 million yet to spend – the majority being \$3.2 million of park improvements/building. The smaller amounts consist of \$542,000 for the radio system update, Land & Water Conservation of \$169,000 for various projects, Highway of \$232,000 for the Marshfield fuel system, Planning & Zoning of \$145,000 for LiDAR, and Sheriff of \$60,000 for the rescue truck. Funds have to be expended by the end of 2026.

- b. With the budget now over with, Finance will focus on sending out year-end letters and reminders to Departments in regard to year-end procedures and tasks. Now is a good time to start looking at actuals to budgeted amounts. Departments can contact Finance if they have questions and need assistance on drafting budget amending resolutions. Like usual, we'll see the bulk in January-March.

Agenda Items

Resolution – Opioid Settlement Disbursement

This resolution seeks to amend Health Department's 2025 budget for Public Health for the purpose of disbursing funds for approved Opioid Remediation applications recommended by the Opioid Settlement Task Force. The Health and Human Services Committee was informed at their November 20th meeting and expressed consensus of the recommendations. The total amount to be disbursed is \$362,414.74. A summary and list of applications is included in the packet.



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HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

November 26, 2025

To: Wood County Operations Committee

From: Kimberly McGrath, Director- Human Resources

Subject: Human Resources (HR) Monthly Letter of Comments – November 2025

Human Resources Activity

	November 2025	2025 Year-to-Date
Applications Received	60	1,543
Positions Filled	11	157
Promotions/Transfers	6	47
New Hire Orientations	11	125
Terminations, Voluntary	6*	78
Terminations, Involuntary	2	9
Retirements	0	11
Turnover Rate	1.05%	.92%
Exit Interviews	1	37

*One of these are casual

Human Resources Narrative

General Highlights

1. Open Enrollment officially closed on November 7th. A number of employees did not meet the deadline, therefore our department worked directly with them and their supervisors to get the missing enrollment submitted. There are currently three (3) outstanding enrollments that we are working with employees and supervisors to obtain. Open Enrollment changes have been processed with vendors and changes will be reflected starting with the first December 2025 payroll. As a reminder, 2026 insurance plan changes include:
 - Health Insurance premiums are increasing by 5% for 2026
 - Out-of-Pocket maximums on the Traditional PPO plan are increasing slightly: Deductible & Coinsurance: \$1,500 Individual, \$4,500 Family
 - A specialty medication tier (Tier 4) is being added to the Traditional PPO plan at a \$150 copay
 - OptiMed Specialty Pharmacy benefit is being added that provides free specialty medications to plan members
 - Dependent Care FSA contribution limit is increasing to \$7,500 per family
2. While the last few months held a bit of uncertainty related to our Health Insurance Third Party Administrator, Anthem, and local health care organization Aspirus Health System, with regards to 2026 contract negotiations, we are happy to announce that both entities came to an agreement recently and Aspirus will continue to be an in-network provider under Anthem's plan.

3. The 2025 Leadership Retreat was held at Mid-State Technical College on Wednesday, November 20th. The leadership topics presented were Building High Functioning Teams, Team Problem Solving, and AI Leadership. I also provided a demo of our upcoming 2026 Employee Engagement Survey. We were pleased to have over 60 supervisors, managers, and Department Heads from across the County come together for an inspirational day of professional development! We have received so many positive comments about the day. Overall, we are thankful for the opportunity to provide another successful annual retreat!
4. 2025 Performance Evaluations are due December 8th. We are currently collecting and processing forms as they come in. Department Heads have been provided an update with regards to the outstanding forms in their department.

Meetings & Trainings

1. Attended the Operations Committee meeting on November 4th.
2. Attended the CEED Committee on November 5th.
3. Attended County Board on November 12th.
4. Attended the Department Head Meeting on November 19th.
5. Attended an Unemployment Appeal Hearing on November 19th.
6. Attended the monthly conference call with The Horton Group on November 25th to discuss various benefit topics, including the 2026 renewal process.
7. Held individual staff and team meetings to discuss and provide updates on the department's identified 2025 goals.
8. Team members attended various webinars related to benefits, employment law, and compliance.

Benefits

1. Receipt and processing of annual Open Enrollment election forms as they are completed and submitted by eligible employees.
2. FSA enrollments were batch submitted via spreadsheet to Employee Benefits Corporation (EBC) in advance of the January 1st effective date.
3. Non-Discrimination Testing for the Flexible Spending Plan has begun and is anticipated to be completed in early December.
4. 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.
5. Processed and prepared monthly COBRA remittance, EBC admin fees, and stop loss admin fees.
6. Assisted multiple employees with questions related to FMLA, leaves of absence, retirement, and benefit claims concerns.
7. 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>
Replacements	Clerk of Courts	Court Clerk (2)	Positions posted: interviews conducted, references completed, offer extended and accepted, one filled 12/8/25. Deadline for 2 nd position 12/8/25
Replacement	District Attorney	Legal Administrative Assistant	Position posted, interviews conducted, references/background completed, offer extended and accepted, filled 12/8/25
Replacements	Edgewater	CNA, RN, LPN, and Dietary Assistant – (Multiple)	Ongoing recruitment- positions posted, applications reviewed, interviews, references, backgrounds, onboarding. Deadline 12/8/2025
Replacement	Health	Program Assistant	Position posted, interviews conducted, references being conducted on final candidate as of 11/21/25
Replacement	Health	WIC Nutritionist/Health Educator	Position posted; deadline 12/15/25
Replacements	Human Services	Mental Hlth Case Mgr (CCS Service Facilitator) – 2 - WR	Positions posted, interviews conducted, references/background completed, offer extended and accepted, one filled 11/10/2025 Deadline for 2nd position 12/8/2025
Replacement	Human Services	Youth Mentor Case Mgr	Position posted; interviews being conducted
Replacement	Human Services	Case/Mgr-Social Worker - Ongoing/FSET	Position posted; interviews conducted, references/background completed, offer extended and accepted, filled 11/24/25
Replacement	Human Services	Children's Waiver Case Manager	Position posted; deadline 12/15/25
Replacements	Norwood	Mental Health Technicians, Dietary Aides, RN, and LPN	Ongoing recruitment- positions posted, applications reviewed, interviews, references, backgrounds, onboarding; deadline 1/13/2026
Replacement	Norwood	Casual Receptionist	Position posted; interviews conducted, references/background completed, offer extended and accepted, filled 12/5/25
Replacement	Planning & Zoning	County Planner	Position posted, interviews conducted, references completed, offer extended and accepted, filled 12/1/25
Replacement	Sheriff	Corrections Officers – Establish Eligibility List	Position extended; applications being reviewed, interviews being conducted. Eligibility list being established.
New Position – Resolution 25-8-1	Sheriff	Coordinated Response Specialist	Position posted, interviews conducted, filled internally 11/9/25
Replacement	Sheriff	Administrative Asst II	Position posted; deadline 12/14/25

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 Highway Safety Committee on November 10th and Norwood Safety Committee on November 11th.
4. Conducted N95 fit testing at Edgewater Haven for seven (7) MSTC Student Nurses and one (1) employee on November 7th.
5. Held CPR/AED class for UW-Extension staff on November 18th.
6. Met with Emergency Management, Dispatch, Edgewater, Norwood, and IT staff on various dates to discuss messaging in the Everbridge System.

NEW Workers' Compensation Claims (4)

1. 11/3/25 – Human Services – Employee sprained R ankle after stepping in hole on city street
2. 11/11/25 – Maintenance – Employee sprained L foot/ankle after stepping on uneven floor in underground parking
3. 11/15/25 – Norwood – Employee was kicked in the L side/hip area while restraining combative patient
4. 11/22/25 – Sheriff's – Employee injured L hand/thumb while recovering stolen property at private residence

OPEN Workers' Compensation Claims (5)

1. 2/12/25 – EM – Employee slipped on ice, fell on L side hauling debris to bin at EM Shop (surgery required)
2. 7/7/25 – Highway – Employee strained R knee while entering truck (late report)
3. 9/26/25 – Land Conservation – Employee suffered L shoulder/neck pain and soreness after MVC (initially reported as first aid only)
4. 10/17/25 – Sheriff's – Employee suffered R arm/shoulder pain and bruising at school function
5. 10/27/25 – Edgewater Haven – Employee strained R bicep/arm while lifting resident

CLOSED Workers' Compensation Claims (1)

1. 10/6/25 – Human Services – Employee was bitten/scratched by cat while conducting home visit

First Aid Injuries (4)

1. 11/8/25 – Sheriff's (Corrections) – Employee injured R wrist moving inmate into wheelchair
2. 11/15/25 – Norwood – Three employees suffered various bruises, scrapes, and pain while restraining a combative patient

Property/Vehicle Damage Claims (1)

1. 11/8/25 – Parks – Powers Bluff dump truck damaged by vandalism (est. damage unknown)

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.

Other

1. Posted multiple announcements on LinkedIn and Facebook throughout the month. These include job advertisements, employee recognition, and other relevant community-focused announcements.
2. 4th quarter Random DOT selections complete.
3. Worked with Unemployment Insurance (UI) to provide additional information regarding multiple claims. Worked with various departments to compile information needed.
4. Quarter 3 Random DOT selections completed.
5. Received and processed multiple invoices for HR, Safety & Risk, and Wellness.
6. Facilitated New Hire Orientation on November 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th.
7. Conducted an exit interview on November 19th.
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.
11. Completed final core value nomination awards to employees.



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OFFICE OF THE
TREASURER

Heather L. Gehrt

LETTER OF COMMENTS—DECEMBER 2025

1. Attended Wisconsin Counties Association weekly calls on Mondays in November.
2. Attended Operations Committee meeting on November 4.
3. Participated in a Zoom meeting with the City of Wisconsin Rapids regarding properties on 16th St S that the County tax deeded on November 5.
4. Attended United Way Board of Directors meeting on November 5.
5. Participated in a Zoom meeting with our software vendor Catalis regarding an escrow service that is being offered at no charge on November 6.
6. Attended the Public Budget Hearing on November 12.
7. Attended County Board on November 12.
8. Attended the Annual Leadership Retreat at Mid-State Technical College on November 13.
9. Participated in a Zoom meeting with Catalis for County Treasurers regarding refreshers for the upcoming tax system on November 17.
10. Participated in a Zoom meeting with Catalis for Municipal Treasurers regarding the upcoming tax collection season on November 17.
11. Attended Department Head meeting on November 19.
12. Attended United Way meeting at the library on November 20.
13. This office sent out 656 delinquent notices, in the amount of \$2,238,413.42, for tax years 2022-2025. The hope is to get people to pay those taxes before the new bills come out on December 15.
14. I'm in the process of completing employee annual reviews that are due to Human Resources by December 8th.
15. As municipalities finish up their public budget hearings and submit their tax rate calculation sheets, I've been checking them for accuracy and entering them into the tax program to begin printing tax bills on December 2.
16. I'll be out of the office November 24-December 1, 2025.



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Employee Wellness

Riley Peterson

Letter of Comments – November 2025

- Follow-up Health Coaching continues to go well. As of writing this, we have met with 47 employees to follow up with their health goal(s), address potential barriers, and create an action plan for goal success moving forward. Additional dates and times for health coaching have been added for December. Those interested can schedule a coaching session by login into their wellness portal at www.managewell.com.
- The Quarter 4 Wellness Challenge “*You Snooze, You Win*” is on it’s final week. The purpose of this challenge is to educate and practice healthy sleep hygiene habits to improve both the quantity and quality of sleep for improved health. This challenge will be worth 300 points towards the wellness program.
- Planning for the 2026 Wellness Program continues. I’ve met with HR and continue to collaborate with the Wellness Committee to discuss future program ideas for next year. I continue to receive good feedback that we will utilize for the next program year. Flyers for the 2026 Wellness Program have been created and approved.
- I continue to remind participants of all the activities they can still complete by the end of the year that are worthy of wellness points. Those who earn up to 1,000 wellness points by the end of the year will qualify for the cash payout incentives that will be awarded on their first paycheck of 2024.
- I have been working on building the wellness portal for the 2026 program. We are hoping to add new resources and challenges based on the feedback I have received from staff and the 2025 aggregate report.

**RESOLUTION#**

DATE

December 16, 2025

Effective

Date

Upon passage & posting

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Introduced by

Operations 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 type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds	
Reviewed by: _____	NF	, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: _____	PY	, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the 2025 budget for Health Department's Public Health budget (54121) for the purpose of disbursing funds for approved Opioid Remediation applications with opioid settlement funds.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The source of funding is unspent opioid settlement funds. The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	DEBIT	CREDIT
48900	Other Misc Revenues	\$362,414.74	
54121	Public Health		\$362,414.74

WHEREAS, the Opioid Settlement Task Force recommended the use of opioid settlement funds on several applications received for opioid remediation, and

WHEREAS, the Health & Human Services Committee at their November 20, 2025 meeting approved the funding recommendations by the Opioid Task Force at a cost of \$362,414.74. The applicants receiving opioid settlement funds are listed below:

Applicant	Amount
Wood County Health Department	\$ 25,000.00
Wood County Criminal Justice Dept.	63,237.00
Vivent Health	61,033.00
Three Bridges Recovery Wisconsin Inc.	70,587.00
Children's Wisconsin	66,778.87
Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools	66,778.87
Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department	9,000.00
	<u>\$ 362,414.74</u>

		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, December 16, 2025

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the Health Department budget for 2025 by appropriating \$362,414.74 of unspent opioid settlement funds from Other Miscellaneous Revenues (48900) to Public Health (54121), 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.



RESOLUTION#

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

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To accept offer of sale of tax deed property.

FISCAL NOTE: Offered Amount	\$17,000.00
R.E. Taxes	(7,478.63)
R.E. Tax Interest	(1,660.35)
Publication Fees	(49.00)
Tax Deed Expense	(125.00)
GAIN	\$7,687.02

WHEREAS, during the sealed bid process no offer was received on the below mentioned property; and

WHEREAS, an open bid process was held and this was the best offer received on the below mentioned property; and

WHEREAS, proceeds will be distributed in accordance with Act 216; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for Wood County to sell tax deed property so as to obtain deficient tax revenues and to place the property back on the tax roll.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following offer be accepted:

City of Wisconsin Rapids

34-10052 Lot 12, Parkside Estates, City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood County, Wisconsin.

OFFERED AMOUNT

\$17,000.00

APPRAISED AMOUNT

\$125,400.00

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County Clerk

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MINUTES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, November 20, 2025
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Wood County Annex & Health Center - Classroom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Laura Valenstein, Marie Topping, Leslie Kronstedt

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dr. Tim Golemgieski, Rachel Stankowski

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

1. Chair Rozar called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and opened the 85.21 Public Hearing.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Human Services Community Resources Supervisor, Olivia Lloyd, provided the year-to-date statistics on the Wood County Transportation Program for those over the age of 55 or those with disabilities.
4. Lloyd reviewed the Effective Coordination Plan with the committee and requested committee action on the grant application therewith. Motion by Buttke/Topping to approve the grant application as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Chair Rozar declared the Public Hearing closed and declared a quorum present.
6. There were no public comments.
7. The consent agenda was reviewed with questions being discussed. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Public Health Nurses Sara Luchini and James Kollross gave a presentation on the Health Department's Emergency Preparedness program, Communicable Disease reporting, Immunization programming, as well as Lead Programming to the committee.
9. Health Director Smith provided an update from the Opioid Task Force and reviewed the 12 grant applications that came in this round. She reviewed the scoring and rationale behind the approvals and non-approvals. A resolution is being drafted to expend those dollars and will come to the committee at a later date.

10. Human Services Director Vruwink provided an update on the Norwood Water Management. The design plans are not yet ready and remediation options continue to be looked at and planned for.
11. Vruwink presented a Outpatient Clinic Peer Review Policy for committee action. This is one step needed to allow for additional support from the federal government, including student loan forgiveness for employees, for being in a low provider area. Motion by Buttke/Kronstedt to approve the policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Motion by Valenstein/Thao to move into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to conduct yearly performance evaluation of the employees the committee oversees. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Motion by Valenstein/Thao to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18th at 5:00 PM at the Wood County Annex & Health Center Classroom, Marshfield.
15. Chair Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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

Health & Human Services Committee
November 20, 2025

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North Central Community Action Program- Board Meeting Minutes-10/13/25

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of North Central Community Action Program, Inc. was held on Monday, October 13, 2025, via zoom, as individual staff and Board members logged in from their remote locations. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Lenore Breit.

Pam took roll:

Present	Absent	Staff
Robinson	Vorpagel (ex)	Diane
Dorava	West (ex)	Pam
Conway	Valenstein	Tony
Rotter		
Zacher		
Kearns		
Kieper		
Breit		
Lang		
Lemmer		
Fischer		
McGivern		
Guerrero		

Minutes: Lenore Breit asked if there were any changes or questions. A motion was made by Steve Robinson to accept the August minutes as presented. Second was made by Joe Dorava. Motion carried.

Approval of August/September expenses: Pam reported the finance committee reviews check registers prior to each meeting. Pam reviewed the financial statements. Pam reported our beneficiary costs will increase due to higher PSH and TBRA funding. Our insurance costs have increased with the higher contractor costs as well as the purchase of two new vehicles and MSM contractor bonding insurance. Motion was made by Steve Robinson to approve the financial statements as presented. Second was made by Matt Zacher. Motion carried. Steve Robinson asked if we received the rest of our CSBG funds. Pam explained we did receive the balance of our contract for 2025 and so far the government shut down has not affected us. If it continues it could affect our cash flow but for now we are in good shape.

Housing Program Updates: Diane reported most of our emergency housing assistance dollars are expended. Marshfield United Way is completely expended, Marathon County United Way, Merrill United Way, and United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties are almost expended. Lenore Breit asked when funding is renewed and Diane explained we receive new funding allocations January 1st. Diane reported outreach staff continue to provide budgeting and referrals to other services.

WHEAP applications: Diane reported the State DEHCR staff are very pleased with the work our staff are doing in Lincoln County. Tony discussed how the program works closely with our weatherization program and reported the staff are doing an excellent job in explaining the weatherization program.

Conflict of Interest Forms: Pam discussed the requirement for all Board members as well as staff to complete the annual conflict of interest forms.

Weatherization: Tony reported we are on target with our contract goals. We have completed 118 units and 23 limited jobs from July 1 thru September 30th and our goal was 117 units. Our deferral rate is currently 52% and once the State is able to process new applications we are hoping the deferral rate will come down. Tony reported Program services for emergency furnace and water heater replacements have started up again as of October 1st.

Next Meeting Date: Our next meeting will be December 8, 2025, via Zoom, 5:30 p.m.

Lenore Breit declared the meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm.

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:** Efforts are ongoing. Linda, the local resident leading this effort, has found a church to serve as fiscal agent for the baby box. They are meeting with the city attorney to update the contract. The city has selected a location for the box on one of the fire department locations in Rapids. We will soon be starting to fundraise.
- **Opioid Settlement:** The opioid task force met on November 7 to discuss the results of scoring of the applications for funding and to develop recommendations for funding to move forward. We had \$362,414.74 available to allocated. Of the 12 applications received, the task force selected 5 to fund fully and 2 to fund partially. The task force scored and discussed each application in detail and agreement was unanimous on each decision. For task force members whose agencies applied for funds, they were asked to leave the room for all discussion and decisions related to their proposal. Those not funded were declined because of things like lack of sustainability, conflicts of interest, and not using evidence-based practices.
- We had our **DHS Chapter 140 Review** on September 29. We successfully provided evidence that we are in compliance with all requirements of a Level III health department. See letter included.
- **Strategic Planning** we are in the process of reviewing data from external community partners as well as staff. Data will be shared once we have it displayed in a readable format (we are going through themes and categorizing things now).
- **Performance evaluations** are underway and will be submitted to Human Resources prior to the December deadline.
- **Members of the leadership team** attended the annual leadership retreat organized by Human Resources and held at MSTC. This is always an enjoyable and productive day for our team to continue to grow as leaders.

SUPERVISOR OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT – KRISTIE RAUTER EGGE, MPH

- A staff member graduated from the New to Public Health Residency Program through UW-Madison, presenting an evidence-based quality improvement project focused on addressing the impact of technology and social media use on youth mental health.
- The Healthy People Wood County Advisory Council held a meeting on November 4, highlighting Handle with Care Wood County and the Find Help platform.
- The Healthy People Wood County team met with the Human Service Management team to share insights about each teams' efforts, foster connections, and align initiatives that intersect.
- A staff member analyzed data from a community partner survey and staff input discussions for the department's next Strategic Plan. They're also analyzing data from an employee input survey to assess employee satisfaction, well-being, and workplace culture and are analyzing data from individual development plans for workforce development purposes.
- A staff member attended WPHA annual epidemiology section meeting where we learned about legal epidemiology and data visualization best practices.
- A staff member is serving as a preceptor for a UW-Madison DNP student who is working on the access to care CHIP priority and the WPHA Policy & Advocacy Committee.
- A few staff completed the transformative narratives training for public health workers.

Mental Health

- A staff member accepted the role of co-leader for the MACY Mental Health Task Force Coalition.
- A staff member participated in an event at the River Cities Clubhouse, where they had the opportunity to connect with both the staff and members, gaining insights into their experiences and the support provided.
- Social media posts were created to raise awareness for Wisconsin Social Connection Awareness Week, emphasizing the significance of connection and belonging.

Community Health Improvement

- Staff are actively sharing the Improvement Plan through various strategic channels and advancing initiatives. We invite partners and organizations interested in the action plan or collaboration opportunities to contact us for a meeting or presentation.
- Staff continue to collaborate with partner health systems to align strategies and plan future initiatives.
- Staff members are participating in the OPPA Community of Practice Series, which focuses on language, framing, and narratives related to health assessments and improvement plans. They also attended "Rethinking Community Health Planning: Reid Health's CHNA Transformation" to deepen their understanding of current evidence-based best practices as they prepare for the upcoming cycle of the improvement plan.

Communications

Ongoing updates with new resources and information are being published to the Healthy People Wood County website. Please visit healthypeoplewoodcounty.org to access the latest updates.

Quality Improvement

The Quality Council is creating a 2026 plan, evaluating current processes, and discussing future goals to enhance performance management and quality improvement standards for our department.

Financial Security

Created an interactive map showing food resources in Wood County, including food pantries, community meal sites, free Thanksgiving meals, and more www.bit.ly/WoodCountyFood

Farmer's Market

- Our market season has come to an end, but our work is far from over. As we wrap up another successful year, we're already planning and preparing for the 2026 market season. We're excited to share that our market was awarded \$1500 from the Delta Dental of Wisconsin Food Security Grant to continue supporting the SNAP/EBT Double Dollar Match Program. This funding will help us further our commitment to increasing access to fresh, locally grown produce for low-income families. Through the Double Dollar Match Program, customers using SNAP benefits can double their spending, making it easier to purchase additional fresh fruits and vegetables while supporting local farmers.
- In addition, we're proud to share that this season we collected 4,282 pounds of produce from our vendors for the Gleaning Program for FOCUS food pantry. This effort helps ensure that fresh, high-quality produce reaches families in need, reducing food waste and strengthening community food security. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support from our partners, vendors, and community members who make this work possible. Together, we're strengthening our local food system, promoting healthier eating habits, and ensuring everyone has access to nutritious food choices.
- Here's a look at the impact our market made during the 2025 season.
 - \$4,282 in Debit/Credit
 - \$2,279 in SNAP/EBT
 - \$1,393 in SNAP/EBT Double Dollar Match benefits
 - \$1,040 in Aspirus Fruit and Veggies RX
 - \$195,973 in Total Vendor Sales

Regional Farmers Market Collaborative

- Staff, with intern support, completed farmers market data collection for summer 2025 with all markets in the designated region.
- Meetings were held with winter farmers market organizers in Wausau, Stevens Point, and Wisconsin Rapids.
- Staff completed financial training with Stevens Point Winter Market Board members.
- Staff supported the Stevens Point Winter Market in hiring a new social media worker.
- Planning is underway to organize the Central Wisconsin Farmers Market Collaborative leaders meeting to be held in early December to share information and collaborate on areas to focus on for the next two summer market seasons. Planning is also underway for the Market Manager Workshop to be held in March 2026.
- Staff are providing support in conducting financial analysis of Wisconsin Farmers Market Association to prepare for an upcoming strategic planning meeting.
- Staff are facilitating Marshfield Farmers Market Co-operative organizational formation. They filed their articles of incorporation last week. They have hopes to organize a Marshfield Winter Farmers Market this season.
- Staff presented at a Tap Talk in Amherst on the Central Wisconsin Farmers Market Collaborative and the bi-monthly Central Wisconsin Farmers Market Collaborative virtual meeting was held.
- Staff are helping to finalize a draft of the Wisconsin Nutrition Incentive report.

Safe Kids Wood and Clark Counties

Staff completed the DOT Grant Application for car seats for next cycle.

Substance Use

- *Coalition Training:* Members of the IMPACT Coalition and Health Department staff attended the Northwoods Coalition's Back to Basics Bootcamp. This four-part training series helps guide coalition members in understanding best practices in coalition work and discovering new ways to enhance their efforts in providing effective substance prevention strategies in their communities. The next training session will take place in November.
- *Drug Take Back Event:* The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day occurred on October 25. The event was held at Marshfield City Hall, Pittsville Police Department, Port Edwards Fire Department, and Wisconsin Rapids Pick 'n Save, with assistance from local law enforcement, including the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department, Port Edwards Police Department, Wood County Sheriff's Department, Pittsville Police Department, Grand Rapids Police Department, and Marshfield Police Department. The event successfully collected over 850 pounds of unused or expired medications. The next event is scheduled for April.

- *Alcohol Workgroup:* Educational materials and outreach were conducted for 210 alcohol licensed establishments in Wood County, with a focus on alcohol age compliance checks. Outreach efforts included in-person meetings with 37 establishments to discuss resources needed to reduce youth access to substances. Establishments received age verification signage, flashlights to help check for fake IDs, age verification calendars, and handouts on how to check for fake IDs and appropriate actions to take when refusing sales to underage individuals. All 210 establishments received materials in the mail following the initial meetings.
- *THC Committee:*
 - The THC Committee met on October 13 to review a recent community scan of THC retailers in Wood County. The scan revealed a 245% increase in retailers, with 76 identified in 2025 compared to only 22 in 2023. The committee has agreed to work on a toolkit for municipalities to conduct THC age compliance checks, ensuring that retailers comply with local ordinances that restrict the sale of intoxicating hemp products to individuals 21 years of age and older and prohibit sales within 750 feet of youth gathering locations. The committee sent educational materials and resources to all 76 retailers about complying with the law, along with age verification materials and resources.
 - Two UWSP students who have been working with IMPACT since the summer wrapped up their projects by presenting the Wood County THC Community Report to the committee. This report examined the THC retailer landscape, identifying who sells intoxicating hemp products and researching best practices for next steps.
- *School Alternatives to Suspension:* Members of IMPACT met with Nekoosa and Lincoln High Schools to discuss implementing an alternatives-to-suspension program for students caught with THC on school grounds. The program, provided by Stanford Medicine and titled Healthy Futures, gives schools access to curriculum and educational resources designed to guide students in understanding substance use and finding pathways to a healthy future without substance use. Nekoosa High School will trial the implementation in October and November, while Lincoln High will meet in November to discuss the program with additional staff present to clarify roles and responsibilities for implementing the program.
- *State Mental Health & Substance Use Recovery Conference:* Three Wood County Health Department staff members of the Healthy People Wood County team and several community partners attended the Mental Health and Substance Use Recovery Conference in October.
- *LifePoint:* LifePoint is a satellite syringe service program of Vivent Health in which participants receive resources, overdose reversal medication, and sterile supplies needed to reduce their risk of injury and harm while using substances. Most participants of the program are living with a substance use disorder and share about the struggles they face every day. There were 12 program participants in October who additionally helped 56 others with supplies and resources from the program.
- *Naloxone Direct Program:* Wood County Health Department applied to the Naloxone Direct Program for 2025-2026. The program is now offering 4mg NARCAN® nasal spray, 3mg ReVive™ nasal spray, and 0.4mg intramuscular naloxone. After reaching out to community partners, it was determined that all three forms would be requested for the Wood County program.
- *Providers and Teens Communicating for Health (PATCH):* PATCH teens finished the “Stitches of Sigma” presentation that will take place on November 18. We started to work on “Advocating for Health” presentation that will be presented to the high school later this month. Teens and some staff attended a Human Trafficking presentation put on by 5-Stones.
- *Public Health Vending Machines:* The machine from Aftermath Tattoo was moved to Tobacco City and has vended more supplies in three weeks than it had vended in the whole year. Naloxone remains the number one product vended. We are working on a new tracking system for the 2026 year.

Transportation

- Staff, with help from the Northern Regional Planning Commission, applied for funding from Wisconsin Department of Transportation 5304 to support completing a feasibility study in Wood County in 2026. This study will look at the gaps in transportation and the opportunity for additional programming. Completion of this study will open other opportunities for funding from the department.
- The River Riders and Marshfield Community Bike Share seasons are coming to a close. Total rides taken in Wisconsin Rapids were 194 and Marshfield saw 78 rides this season. In the off season, the bike share team plans to distribute a survey to learn more about how the community utilizes bike share and gain insight into where bike share can go in the future. After 10 years of bike share in Wood County, we are excited to see where we can grow and evolve!

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – BEN JEFFREY, R.S.

Water Lab Update

Logan Manthe completed the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources water laboratory audit for 2025. The audit is a quality assurance review to make sure testing procedures meet state environmental standards. Lab practices, equipment calibration, recordkeeping, and data accuracy are all covered during the audit to ensure water quality results are reliable and scientifically valid.

New Businesses and Consultations

A pre-licensing inspection was completed for 7 Brew Coffee, a retail food establishment located in Marshfield. A pre-licensing inspection was completed for Rapids Café, formerly known as Grandma's USA Café due to new ownership. A pre-licensing inspection was completed for Papa Johns in Wisconsin Rapids. A pre-licensing inspection was completed for Oh Yea Ya'll mobile food establishment due to a new base of operations.

Complaint Investigations

Five complaint investigations were completed during the month of September.

- A complaint was received regarding mold in an apartment. Environmental health staff were onsite, but no public health hazards were noted at the time of the visit. Education material on proper mold cleanup was provided.
- A caller reported structural concerns in a rental house. The home is currently being sold. Environmental health recommended reaching out to the new owner once the sale has been complete. If issues continue, then action can be taken to assist.
- A caller reported mold concerns inside their home. Environmental health staff provided educational material. No mold was found inside the home.
- A complaint was received regarding bedbugs in a home. Environmental health staff have reached out to the homeowner and provided treatment information.
- A complaint was received regarding cockroaches inside a rental complex. Environmental health staff have been in contact with the landlord. Professional treatment has been completed.

HEALTHY SMILES FOR WOOD COUNTY REPORT – NICOLE BURLINGAME, RDH

Initial screening and fluoride varnish for all Head Start Centers has been completed. Two more visits to all the centers will be provided during the 2025/2026 school year. The sealant program for North/South Wood County is in progress.

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

Family Health/Parents as Teachers (PAT)

- Parent Café three-part series was held in October, one series in Wisconsin Rapids and one series in Marshfield. The café, titled Stronger Roots, Brighter Futures, focused on mental health and building upon the protective factors. 6-12 parents participated at each of the events. Meaningful conversations and connections were made resulting in many of the sessions going over the allotted time since there was so much engagement. The same topic is being offered in Spanish in Marshfield as a one-evening event on November 17.
- The PAT program is currently accepting new families. Referrals can be made at: <https://form.jotform.com/wchd8911/pat-registration-form>

Maternal-Child Health (MCH)

- The Public Health Nursing Supervisor presented at the Wisconsin MCH Summit showcasing successful partnerships built this year to support family connections.
- We are currently conducting a survey to assess prenatal medical care access. The survey will help to inform our work in 2026. Wood County residents who have had a baby in the last 5 years are encouraged to complete the survey online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HNFHST6>

Immunization

- Public Health Nurses assisted the county Wellness Program to provide employee flu shots in October.
- Staff are currently reviewing school immunization reports as they are submitted. Public health nurses are providing assistance to schools filling out the reports as needed.
- The health department had a Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program site visit on 10/29/25 and passed with no compliance issues identified.

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

- WIC has issued 504 FMNP (Farmers Market Nutrition Program) voucher packets valued at \$25 to eligible WIC participants from July 1 through September 30. Issuance of these vouchers ended September 30. WIC participants had until October 31 to use their vouchers.
- WIC is partnering with MCH and Aspirus this year to help families gain additional access to farmers market produce through the Aspirus Fruit and Veggie Rx Program. We have issued 32 of these \$20 vouchers to eligible families with a determined need for additional access to local produce.
- As the government shutdown continues, we continue to spread the message to WIC participants that WIC is open and that they should continue attending appointments and using benefits, as usual. November benefits are available for WIC participants.

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		
Active (final)	1529	1534	1541	1527	1508	1478	1416	1395	1398	1384			
Participating	1518	1534	1540	1527	1504	1479	1408	1395	1392	1383	1409		

WOOD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT November 2025

Director Update by Brandon Vruwink

As of this writing, the Federal Government has been shut down for 42 days. The Senate just passed a continuing resolution to reopen the government. That resolution will be sent to the House for their review, and if passed, the government will reopen. While I am sure you are aware of this process, I am sharing it because of the content of the continuing resolution and its impact on the SNAP (FoodShare) program. Over the past two weeks, several court decisions have made the benefits process quite complicated for recipients. First, it was ordered that states administer partial benefits for November; this process was complicated as it required states to reconfigure their systems to ensure the correct allocations were sent out. This would have taken the state of Wisconsin a few weeks to configure. A subsequent court order superseded the partial benefit order and required full payment of benefits. The State of Wisconsin quickly issued benefits; however, the Department of Justice appealed the ruling, which placed a stay on the order to pay full benefits. The President then requested that states recoup any November benefits that had been issued. The status now rests in the hands of the Supreme Court. However, this could all be moot if the House takes action to reopen the government and restore funding. There are concerns that, although the government is likely to reopen in the coming days, another shutdown may occur at the end of January when the continuing resolution expires. However, there is good news for those receiving SNAP if the resolution passes as written: SNAP is funded through September 30, 2026. Even if the government shuts down in January, SNAP will remain unaffected. The uncertainty around SNAP benefits has been a source of concern for many residents in Wood County. Hopefully, by the time the H&HS Committee meets, the issue will be resolved.

I, along with Assistant Administrator Haanstad, Maintenance Supervisor Lee Ackerman, and Facilities Manager Van Tassel, met at Norwood to review the water construction process. The primary area for review was asbestos abatement, along with options to consider for bidding on the project. We surveyed two typical rooms to assess options. Lee will follow up with the abatement company to gain a better understanding of the available options and the associated cost variance.

I have been spending more time at Norwood Health Center over the past couple of months, providing support for Assistant Administrator Katie Haanstad and the team at Norwood. This time has been beneficial to me, as I have observed the team stepping up and Katie doing a great job of providing coverage in Marissa's absence. We have a solid management team at Norwood Health Center, and it has been great connecting with them over the past couple of months.

As we wind down 2025, we continue to review our revenues and expenses to ensure we meet our budget goals. We are currently in a position to come in better than we estimated back in July. I will keep the committee apprised of any variances as we close out the 2025 year.

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
- Completion of 2025 IDP emergency funding application filed timely
- Claims professionals attended State of Wisconsin Northern Region Billing Specialist meeting

Accounting and Accounts Payable Team

- Contract Coordinator completed 3 new contracts. Progress on 2026 Contracts on schedule.
- Admin Assistant attended CLTS Training, TSSF All Agency Meeting and PPS Status Report

- Admin Services had meet with Family Services Department for TSSF time study and allowable services Education/Review
- Assistant Manager worked on NIMC Reporting, presented 2026 NIMC budget to consortium directors
- State reporting for September 2025 completed timely
- Norwood had completed Audit and Cost Report questions to WINHRS and 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 Final Daily Rate for LTC Nursing Home Units approved.
- Edgewater had 6 new hire orientations
- Edgewater presented appeals for 2024 cost report adjustments from WINHRS. Pending final approval of 2025-2026 daily rate
- Completion of 2026 Transportation 85.21 Funding application

Support Services Team

Behavioral Health Clinic service notes: 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

Records Released:

Behavioral Health Records Released: 139

Family Service Record/Background checks released: 38

Records pending/in progress: 13

Total Completed: 177

Other Unit Information

- Support Services Staff updates – no vacant positions
- Attend JET meeting- Judicial Engagement- FS management team, state rep, DA's Office
- Attend Smartcare superuser mtgs & SHS WI users mtgs
- Participate in Smartcare mtgs and design- OPC electronic documents w/signatures beginning implementation of intake packet
- HIPAA: 4 HIPAA/ Confidentially breaches - investigated /resolved
 - EHR/Smartcare audit identified area limiting access/ additional training. Access of records w/in department; no disclosure found outside of department
 - No phi found, error corrected, issues resolved

Ongoing

- Privacy/Security: in progress- SRA risk mitigation 6 of 11 completed; partnership with *MetaStar- BH Connect*; DHS funded
- Begin Unit training on Updates effecting 42 CFR part 2 and 45 CFR 160 & 164
 - OPC unit training completed
- Finalized 3rd quarter Smartcare Users audits of staff-client access and activity- identified need for change in user access/ system set-up
- 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
- Winscribe inactive and software maintenance agreement ended 10/31/25
- Records Retention: Continue w/ destruction of past retention client documents
 - FS MFLD records 4th floor - up to date
 - RB- FS records destruction/move to vault in progress; trained 2 additional administrative staff on retention guidelines for ongoing support

Claims & Accounts Receivable, Client Interactions

- Updated table in Matrix to better use 835 Files. Checking for omissions
- Monthly A/R review to determine collectability at all locations
- Attended Monthly BH and Claims meeting for continuity in claim/service documentation needs
- Filed 4 Applications with Forward Health for MCO Billing Changes to occur 1/1/2026

Insurance Claims created and submitted for current reporting period

- Norwood: 288 claims billed: \$1,654,662
- Edgewater: 110 claims billed: \$606,429
- Community: 5,965 claims submitted in the amount of \$625,197. Cash Receipts \$481,254

Service Admission Intakes - by Location

- NHC Admissions: 28 hospital, 0 LTC
- Edgewater: 6
- Community
 - 65 intakes for new clients conducted (currently no waiting list for therapy at OPC)
 - 1,503 appointments scheduled, 1,078 Attended (72%)

2025 TRIP Monies received YTD:

- Norwood: \$35,929
- Community: \$30,884

Family Services Update by Jodi Liegl

Out of Home Care Numbers: As of the end of October, 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	3	\$649.80 - \$1,000/day
Secure Detention	0	\$150 - \$500/day
Corrections	0	\$501/day
Mental Health Hospital (pending accepted placement)	0	\$1632/day with some MA reimbursement
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Centers (out of state)	2	\$1,350 - \$1,500/day

Five youth served time in secure detention in the month of October. This equaled 19 days.

Recruitment & Networking: On October 7, 2025, this writer and a staff member attended the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Field Day. This was an opportunity to meet with students that will be seeking field placements through their internship experience as well as students that will be entering the workforce soon. It is always nice to connect with students and share about Wood County.

Training: In October, Wendy Hendrickson, Ongoing Supervisor, facilitated a *Signs of Safety® “Boot Camp”* for the Family Services team. This is the second Boot Camp that was provided in the last several years, which enhances worker’s skills in communicating with those we serve. The *Signs of Safety®* Boot Camp provided an opportunity to have a brief overview of Signs of Safety® practice elements, learn more about the questioning approach to best build skills to ask good questions, and then provided an opportunity for participants to practice their questions in a mock case mapping/Rotational Mapping.

The Signs of Safety® Rotational Mapping is a collaborative effort that involves professionals, families, and support networks to ensure that the child’s safety is prioritized, and that the family has the necessary support to care for the child. The Rotational Mapping is a structured approach used to assess and plan for the safety of children and families involved in child protection cases. It involves a series of steps and tools designed to ensure that the safety of the child is the primary focus. The mapping includes:

- **Identifying Concerns:** Assessing what is worrying about the child’s safety and well-being.
- **Recognizing Strengths:** Identifying what is working well in the child’s environment.
- **Setting Goals:** Establishing what needs to happen to ensure the child’s safety.
- **Developing Plans:** Creating a safety plan that outlines the actions needed to ensure the child’s safety.

Personnel: We continue the recruitment process for a child protection ongoing worker.

Community Resources Update by Olivia Lloyd

Transportation: In October, the Transportation program provided 773 bus rides. Of these rides, 248 were for employment, and 134 were for medical. The program also provided 99 volunteer rides. Of these, 34 were for employment, and 34 were for medical.

WHEAP: The 2026 heating season began October 1, 2025. Wood County has received about 1000 applications. Due to the government shut down, benefits have not been issued to eligible applicants yet. People can continue to apply for crisis and HVAC benefits during this time. The heating moratorium begins November 1st and will run until April 15th.

FoodShare Employment & Training Update by Lacey Piekarski

Beginning October 1, 2025, a temporary geographic waiver applied to FoodShare recipients residing in Adams and Forest Counties ended, resulting in an increase of referred customers to the FSET Program. In the month of September, FSET received 161 individual referrals for Adams County customers (compared to 6 the prior month) and 41 individual referrals for Forest County customers (compared to 2 the prior month). To address this increase of referred customers, many regional staff assisted in reaching out to customers using multiple platforms (i.e. office walk-in, phone, email, text) to explain the geographic waiver change, explain the FSET Program, and offer enrollment opportunities.

Through September and October, we maintained our referral-to-enrollment rate goal of > 40% enrollment, enrolling 53.91% of referred customers in Adams County (resulting in 45 new customers) and 37.78% of referred customers in Forest County (7 new customers). The FSET team continues to provide free, voluntary case management support to FSET customers, serving 819 total customers throughout the 9-county region (as of 10/31/25), 62% of whom reside in Wood County. We continue to adapt case management support to the local labor market, establishing 5 new employer partners between July – September 2025, averaging 100 active employer partners throughout the region for direct customer connection.

Wood County FSET Customer Success Story: A customer in Wisconsin Rapids had been enrolled on-and-off in FSET since 2022 with a goal to obtain part or full-time employment. This customer had no formal work experience and was supported through their skill development and job search process. After ongoing development of their skills, resume creation and interview support, they applied for a full-time position with an employer partner in Wisconsin Rapids and were hired full-time in September 2025. They were very excited to come into the Riverblock office wearing their first work uniform and share details about their new position. Through their 90-day job retention period, FSET provided work apparel and a bike to travel to work independently, as well as job retention support to maintain their first formal job.

Edgewater Haven Update by Justin Cieslewicz

Census Update: In the month of October, we had 6 admissions and 12 readmissions. Current Memory Care census is 16 residents. Census comparison to last year:

October 2024 – 43.45 average census with 6.75 rehab

October 2025 – 48.42 average census with 7.71 rehab

October 2024 – Admissions 5/Discharges 9/Readmissions 7/Deaths 2

October 2025 – Admissions 6/Discharges 5/Readmissions 12/Deaths 1

In October, Edgewater Haven experienced a total census above our budgeted levels. There were multiple days at 50 residents which is our maximum resident census based off safe staffing levels. Staff at Edgewater made a commitment when a bed would become available to turn around the bed in an expedited process for a new admission.

Personnel Update: Open positions of writing this:

Nursing: Licensed Nurses: 2 Full-time Nurses and 1 Full-time CNA

Dietary: 1 Full-time Dietary Aide

Norwood Health Center Update by Katie Haanstad

The hospital unit underwent a complaint survey on October 7, which was conducted as a follow-up to an anonymous self-report. I am happy to share that the survey concluded with no deficiencies or citations, and that the surveyors commended Norwood's internal investigation processes and overall management approach.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) was expected to provide the projected meal range by October 31; however, they are continuing to work through the requirements of the 2026 Legacy Grant funds for the South Wood County Meals on Wheels program. The ADRC cannot formally adjust its strategy for the use of these funds until they receive approval from the partnering foundation to redefine the goals and strategy associated with the grant.

Norwood Health Information Department by Jerin Turner

Elizabeth Justice has accepted the casual receptionist position. Her official start date is yet to be determined.

Norwood Nursing Department by Liz Masanz

For nurses, we have a 60% weekender position vacant. We currently have one agency nurse covering that position. We do not have any Mental Health Technician positions open.

Health Direct (contracted pharmacy) assigned us a new pharmacist in October and things are going well with her.

Admissions Unit: The average census for the month of October was 6.35 and 8.14 YTD through October. The average length of stay for October was 7.17 and 8.57 YTD. There were 28 admissions and 29 discharges, with six 30-day readmissions.

The unit remains busy. We are currently exploring participation in the Vivitrol program to provide free injections for eligible inpatient residents.

Long Term Care: The long-term care unit had no admissions and one discharge in October, with an average census of 13 on Crossroads and 11 on Pathways, and 12.10 and 13.14 YTD respectively, all of which are above budgeted census. There are two pending admissions for LTC at this time.

Melanie, Megan, and Liz continue to streamline processes and develop additional forms and quick-reference tools for staff. We have been conducting a LTC project on unnecessary medication and on-pharmacological approaches to behaviors.

Norwood Dietary Department by Larry Burt

Congregate meals for the month of October were 4,672 with revenue of \$35,735. Congregate meals year to date were 46,868 (21% decrease compared YTD to last year), with revenue of \$358,617 (18.2% decrease compared YTD to last year). Meal reductions and impact on budget continue to be monitored and managed closely.

Of the 12,496 meals decrease YTD in October of 2025, Marshfield site makes up 63.7% of the decrease. The Marshfield site also makes up \$60,397 of the total revenue decrease. Since the closing of Cedar Rail in October of 2024, the Marshfield site located at the Senior Center, has not made up the gap in meals lost due to the closing.

Norwood Maintenance Department by Lee Ackerman

CIP Updates:

Water Pipe Replacement- The "front end" specifications document compiled by the design architect was reviewed by Lee and Nick Flanagan, and their comments and recommendations were forwarded to the design team. Reuben, Katie, Brandon, Justin, and Lee met virtually with the design team on Oct. 30th to discuss options for handling asbestos-containing material (ACM) removal and to get a progress update on the design plans.

Contract language addressing ACM removal and input from a local asbestos remediation contractor (MAVO) on how much material would need to be removed were considered. Consensus was that a “basic” option, in which the minimum amount of ACM would be removed, and an alternate option in which most of the hazardous material surrounding the disrupted section were removed and the advantages/disadvantages of those options would be gathered to be presented to the Committee for consideration.

Work on the project plans will not be completed by Oct. 31st as was previously reported due to unforeseen urgent matters not related to this project that the engineer needed to address. However, much of the design work has been completed. Once those plans are ready, Jodi will meet with Lee at Norwood to go through the building to verify fixture locations, pipe routes, and to confirm which fixtures may be deemed unnecessary and, therefore, eliminated.

Badge Readers- Installation of badge readers for the Medical Records office area and the Crossroads unit has been completed.

Circulating Fans- Work began on repairs to these fans on Oct. 28th. Quotes were sought for the mechanical portion of this project from Bartingale Mechanical and Complete Control and was awarded to Complete Control who offered the lower bid. Complete Control did the work on our previous fan upgrades and will also handle the controls portion of this project.

Other Maintenance:

Chiller- The replacement communication module for the chiller arrived and when the contractor installed it, they found that the main circuit board had also failed. We were told it is not unusual to see both components fail at this age (installed in 2016). The circuit board will cost an additional \$5,330 and the contractor stated that they are confident this will correct the communication issues. The new board has been ordered.

Sprinkler Testing Code- We are still waiting to have the sprinkler replacement and additional testing work done due to installer’s full schedule; this work is expected to occur in November.

CVSO Report to the Wood County Health and Human Services Committee

Meeting Date: November 20, 2025

October 2025 Activity: During the month of October, we completed/submitted 250 federal forms to include:

- 37 Intent to file a claim (this marks the effective date while we assist the veteran in gathering all the required supporting documentation)
- 14 Appeals – Higher Level Review, Notice of Disagreement (appeal), appeals to Board of Veterans Appeals (Veterans Law Judge)
- 27 New claims for disability compensation
- 0 New claim for veterans' pension
- 2 New claims for surviving spouse benefits (DIC or surviving spouse pension)
- 11 New applications for VA Healthcare
- 28 Appointments of Claimants Representative (POA for American Legion, VFW, DAV etc.)
- 7 Burial and marker applications
- 52 Request for individual's VA or private medical records

Activities:

1. Completed as of November 10, 2025:
 - a. October 18- US Military Academies interviews for Senator Baldwin's office
 - b. October 20-24 County and Tribal Service officer Association of Wisconsin fall Training conference Eau Claire WI.
 - c. October 28 – North Central Wisconsin Homeless Coalition meeting
 - d. November 3 – Veteran Service Commission meeting.
 - e. November 4 -Tomah VA Medical Center Fall Into Wellness Expo at the Marshfield American Legion Hall.
 - f. November 5 – ~~Financial Security Coalition Meeting (includes the homeless coalition of Southern Wood County) McMillian library.~~ CTVSO Legislative Committee testifies in favor of SB 387 Veterans identifier on Wisconsin Drivers License for Reserve Component Personnel.
 - g. November 10 – WFHR Rapids Report guest
2. Near Future:
 - a. November 11 – Veterans Day
 - i. Visit with two veterans residing at Wellington Place
 - ii. Wisconsin Rapids YMCA – Mr. Sheppard is speaking
 - iii. Wood County Veterans memorial – MC for program
 - iv. Rededication of Midstate Technical College (WI Rapids campus) Veteran Memorial
 - v. Governor's Veterans Day Reception at Executive Residence
 - b. November 12- Webinar on Veterans to Renaissance Learning nationwide Wellness program.
 - c. November 19 – Tomah VA Medical Center's Director CVSO and legislative liaison quarterly meeting

Office updates:

1. Update on the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Transportation Grant- after talking with the WDVA on the particulars the grant would be minimal and most likely not cover the full cost of implementing and running a program. Also with three DAV vans servicing Wood County on any given year we could lose eligibility if there were 150 stops in Wood County.

2. Federal VA 2024 Geographic distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX) has finally been released using a new format. This document and the 2023 are provided as attachments. The CVSO is available for a more in-depth discussion on any item. A brief summary follows.
 - a. Direct expenditures
 - i. Total 2024 \$81,711,951 Total 2023 \$73,503,000
 - ii. Compensation and Pension and survivor benefits FY2024.
 1. Total Compensation & Pension to veterans (bank accounts) \$34,079,467
 2. Total Dependency & Indemnity (DIC) and Survivor Pension (bank accounts) \$3,494,272.
 3. Overall Direct compensation going into people's bank accounts:
2024 \$37,473,739 Overall FY 2023 \$35,415,000
 - iii. Other direct expenditures include Education benefits, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and direct medical care.
 - b. Indirect expenditures of \$298,381 includes Memorial benefits and automotive and adaptive equipment for veterans.
 - c. Summary of beneficiaries:
 - i. Disability Compensation & Pension 1,597 veterans
 - ii. Education 81 Veterans
 - iii. Loan Guaranty 621
 - iv. Insurance 16
 - v. DIC & Survivor pension 206 (Surviving spouses or children)
 - vi. Unique VA medical patients 2,380
 - d. Comparison of Wood County Veterans disability compensation and pension to neighboring counties or counties with similar veteran populations:

County	Total Compensation/ Pension	# veterans receiving	Average annual compensation per disabled veteran
Adams	\$8,084,070	678	\$11,923
Clark	\$10,652,905	566	\$18,821
Chippewa	\$29,117,382	1,565	\$18,605
Fond Du Lac	\$25,746,915	1,424	\$18,080
Jackson	\$11,410,427	622	\$18,344
Jefferson	\$24,523,771	1,425	\$17,209
Juneau	\$18,572,077	726	\$25,581
Manitowoc	\$26,411,769	1,352	\$19,535
Marathon	\$40,200,654	2,192	\$18,339
Portage	\$22,631,886	1,399	\$16,177
St Croix	\$35,367,112	2,154	\$16,419
Waupaca	\$29,845,257	1,273	\$15,589
Waushara	\$15,503,044	708	\$21,896
Wood	\$34,079,467	1,597	\$21,339

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX) FY 2024

Prepared by the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, September 2025

Please direct any questions to vancvas@va.gov

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Caveat Emptor

GDX 2024 strives to produce summary data on VA program expenditures and Veteran population and users of VA benefits and services by State, County and Congressional District (CD). For programs or categories that are associated with individuals, expenditures and recipient/patient counts are based on where they live. For programs or categories that are not associated with individuals, expenditures are reported based on their "places of performance." **GDX expenditures data may not be comparable with other VA financial data or financial reports because they may be using different criteria for identifying expenditures and workloads.**

2024 GDX Enhancement

1. Expenditure data come from the VA administrations/program offices and their technical experts.
2. Added Memorial Benefits and Dependency & Indemnity Compensation and Survivors Pension categories.
3. Include recipient counts for Compensation and Pension (C&P), Education and Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (EVRE), Loan Guaranty (LGY), Insurance & Indemnity (I&I), Specially Adapted Housing (SAH), Automobiles and Adaptive Equipment, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC), Survivors Pension, and Memorial Benefits.

GDX Categories

Each Fiscal Year (FY), the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA's) Office of Enterprise Integration (OEI) publishes the Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX) report. This report provides the estimated dollar expenditures for major VA programs at the state, county, and Congressional District levels. Expenditure data are grouped by the following categories: Memorial Benefits, Compensation and Pension (C&P), Education and Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (EVRE), Loan Guaranty (LGY), Insurance and Indemnity (I&I), Specially Adapted Housing (SAH), Automobiles and Adaptive Equipment, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and Survivors Pension, Construction, and Medical Care. Veteran population estimates, the number of VBA program beneficiaries, and the number of unique patients who used VA healthcare services are included in the report. The following information provides a brief description of the data included in the report, the methods used for data collection, and the sources of the data.

Memorial Benefits

The Memorial Benefits category includes expenditures for urns & plaques, presidential memorial certificates (PMCs), interments, headstones and markers, medallions and administrative. Expenditures data by zip codes come from the NCA Office of Finance Service; the recipient data by names, programs and addresses come from NCA Office of Business Transformation and

Compensation and Pension

The Compensation and Pension (C&P) category includes expenditures for the following categories: compensation and pension payments. Expenditure data by county are provided by VBA Office of Performance Analysis & Integrity (PA&I). Recipient data for C&P come from USVETS 2024 via VBA PA&I.

Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (EVRE) are separate programs, but are combined into one category for display purposes in GDX. Expenditures in this category include: Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35), Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Veterans (Chapter 31), Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance (Chapter 32), Montgomery G.I. Bill for Selected Reserves (Chapter 1606), Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607), Montgomery G.I. Bill (Chapter 30), and Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance (Chapter 33). Expenditure data by county come from VBA PA&I. Recipient data includes Chapter 30, Chapter 1606, Chapter 33, and Chapter 31 and come

Loan Guaranty

The Loan Guaranty data by county comes from VBA PA&I. Recipient data come from USVETS 2024 via VBA PA&I.

Insurance & Indemnity

This category consists of VA expenditures for death claims, matured endowments, dividends, cash surrender payments, total disability income provision payments, and total and permanent disability benefits payments. It includes Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife), Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI), National Service Life Insurance (NSLI), Service Disabled Veterans Life Insurance (SDVI), United States Government Life Insurance (USGLI), Veterans Reopened Insurance (VRI), and Veterans Special Life Insurance (VSLI). It does not include Traumatic Injury Protection Under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, or Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance. Expenditure and recipient data

Specially Adapted Housing

This category includes expenditures for Specially Adapted Housing and Special Housing Adaptation. Expenditure data come from VBA PA&I at the county level and numbers of recipients come from USVETS 2024 via VBA PA&I.

Automobiles and Adaptive Equipment

This category includes expenditures for automobiles and adaptive equipment for certain disabled Veterans and members of the Armed Forces. Expenditure data come from VBA PA&I at the county level and numbers of recipients come from USVETS 2024 via VBA PA&I.

Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and Survivors Pension

The Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and Survivors Pension category includes expenditures for DIC and Survivors Pension. Expenditure and recipient data by county come from

Construction and Related Costs

The Construction expenditures category includes funding for Major Projects and Minor Projects. Expenditure data by place of performance come from the VA Office of Construction and

Medical Expenditures

Medical expenditures data come from both the Allocation Resource Center (ARC) and FMS. Direct patient care medical expenditure and unique patient data by county and congressional district come from VHA Allocation Resources Center (ARC). Non-direct patient care medical expenditure (e.g. research, canteen services, and prosthetics services) comes from the Financial

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Expenditures in \$s								
State	County	Total Direct Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty	Insurance & Indemnity	Dependency & Indemnity Compensation and Survivors Pension	Direct Medical Care
Totals		\$ 289,850,714,657	\$ 144,281,399,760	\$ 13,148,953,928	\$ 42,431,771	\$ 640,711,709	\$ 9,569,100,739	\$ 122,168,116,750
Wisconsin	Adams	\$ 33,193,022	\$ 8,084,070	\$ 62,663	\$ 1,451	\$ 26,967	\$ 731,858	\$ 24,286,013
Wisconsin	Ashland	\$ 14,261,393	\$ 7,583,465	\$ 117,655	\$ 1,559	\$ 22,839	\$ 594,019	\$ 5,941,856
Wisconsin	Barron	\$ 43,832,403	\$ 19,530,315	\$ 726,172	\$ 3,129	\$ 157,594	\$ 1,830,143	\$ 21,585,050
Wisconsin	Bayfield	\$ 19,341,651	\$ 8,533,109	\$ 220,371	\$ 614	\$ 63,440	\$ 810,242	\$ 9,713,875
Wisconsin	Brown	\$ 186,705,850	\$ 84,334,935	\$ 5,421,614	\$ 17,606	\$ 519,197	\$ 6,737,598	\$ 89,674,900
Wisconsin	Buffalo	\$ 15,428,414	\$ 7,755,702	\$ 210,001	\$ 752	\$ 90,490	\$ 529,112	\$ 6,842,357
Wisconsin	Burnett	\$ 26,425,764	\$ 11,471,889	\$ 169,528	\$ 1,116	\$ 178,386	\$ 779,938	\$ 13,824,907
Wisconsin	Calumet	\$ 24,257,893	\$ 7,991,099	\$ 444,034	\$ 2,614	\$ 98,866	\$ 1,009,244	\$ 14,712,036
Wisconsin	Chippewa	\$ 65,071,457	\$ 29,117,382	\$ 1,128,775	\$ 4,378	\$ 13,873	\$ 1,897,814	\$ 32,909,235
Wisconsin	Clark	\$ 26,710,491	\$ 10,652,905	\$ 328,272	\$ 1,216	\$ 51,383	\$ 1,276,274	\$ 14,400,441
Wisconsin	Columbia	\$ 61,307,517	\$ 26,380,810	\$ 1,590,620	\$ 5,613	\$ 55,831	\$ 1,941,110	\$ 31,333,533
Wisconsin	Crawford	\$ 14,290,752	\$ 6,451,655	\$ 123,663	\$ 678	\$ 14,747	\$ 467,164	\$ 7,232,845
Wisconsin	Dane	\$ 311,848,101	\$ 114,663,437	\$ 11,728,135	\$ 22,914	\$ 1,204,122	\$ 8,024,418	\$ 176,205,075
Wisconsin	Dodge	\$ 62,639,334	\$ 25,431,178	\$ 1,577,278	\$ 6,918	\$ 172,164	\$ 2,333,104	\$ 33,118,692
Wisconsin	Door	\$ 23,513,778	\$ 9,901,229	\$ 401,127	\$ 2,142	\$ 43,135	\$ 891,562	\$ 12,274,583
Wisconsin	Douglas	\$ 53,717,322	\$ 26,342,819	\$ 1,575,070	\$ 4,423	\$ 178,852	\$ 1,837,993	\$ 23,778,165
Wisconsin	Dunn	\$ 40,578,619	\$ 19,306,095	\$ 1,039,360	\$ 2,375	\$ 43,579	\$ 1,384,228	\$ 18,802,982
Wisconsin	Eau Claire	\$ 64,564,682	\$ 32,542,545	\$ 2,331,727	\$ 5,937	\$ 376,630	\$ 2,353,760	\$ 26,954,083
Wisconsin	Florence	\$ 12,146,595	\$ 3,235,673	\$ 38,301	\$ 516		\$ 190,654	\$ 8,681,451
Wisconsin	Fond Du Lac	\$ 59,889,534	\$ 25,746,915	\$ 1,503,300	\$ 6,434	\$ 237,363	\$ 2,837,273	\$ 29,558,249
Wisconsin	Forest	\$ 15,543,993	\$ 5,425,666	\$ 75,157	\$ 631	\$ 8,682	\$ 391,946	\$ 9,641,911
Wisconsin	Grant	\$ 35,356,521	\$ 16,353,095	\$ 747,267	\$ 2,043	\$ 40,337	\$ 1,599,762	\$ 16,614,017
Wisconsin	Green	\$ 30,817,899	\$ 12,277,319	\$ 686,575	\$ 1,179	\$ 50,078	\$ 733,443	\$ 17,069,305
Wisconsin	Green Lake	\$ 15,681,661	\$ 6,901,752	\$ 265,379	\$ 780	\$ 12,717	\$ 907,600	\$ 7,593,433
Wisconsin	Iowa	\$ 13,209,492	\$ 5,517,308	\$ 223,328	\$ 673	\$ 82,378	\$ 678,451	\$ 6,707,354
Wisconsin	Iron	\$ 8,930,702	\$ 3,399,007	\$ 78,477	\$ 387	\$ 1,761	\$ 399,314	\$ 5,051,756
Wisconsin	Jackson	\$ 28,330,405	\$ 11,410,427	\$ 580,946	\$ 1,755	\$ 17,144	\$ 901,545	\$ 15,418,588
Wisconsin	Jefferson	\$ 65,312,075	\$ 24,523,771	\$ 1,929,014	\$ 5,108	\$ 297,672	\$ 2,427,090	\$ 36,129,420
Wisconsin	Juneau	\$ 44,732,413	\$ 18,572,077	\$ 883,597	\$ 2,399	\$ 22,053	\$ 1,005,009	\$ 24,247,278
Wisconsin	Kenosha	\$ 139,636,661	\$ 62,040,209	\$ 5,379,206	\$ 14,219	\$ 340,289	\$ 4,203,879	\$ 67,658,859
Wisconsin	Kewaunee	\$ 16,383,614	\$ 7,302,396	\$ 270,685	\$ 899	\$ 38,161	\$ 670,388	\$ 8,101,085
Wisconsin	La Crosse	\$ 116,918,726	\$ 48,414,526	\$ 3,502,491	\$ 8,435	\$ 181,408	\$ 3,640,506	\$ 61,171,360
Wisconsin	Lafayette	\$ 9,621,633	\$ 4,292,934	\$ 130,846	\$ 337	\$ 30,870	\$ 465,351	\$ 4,701,295
Wisconsin	Langlade	\$ 27,549,600	\$ 11,782,641	\$ 280,363	\$ 583	\$ 35,728	\$ 1,457,989	\$ 13,992,296
Wisconsin	Lincoln	\$ 36,444,459	\$ 17,066,924	\$ 362,367	\$ 1,792	\$ 77,932	\$ 1,363,189	\$ 17,572,255
Wisconsin	Manitowoc	\$ 62,155,790	\$ 26,411,769	\$ 1,179,315	\$ 7,747	\$ 377,562	\$ 2,912,954	\$ 31,266,443
Wisconsin	Marathon	\$ 98,750,910	\$ 40,200,659	\$ 1,911,726	\$ 6,576	\$ 262,754	\$ 3,151,307	\$ 53,217,888
Wisconsin	Marinette	\$ 72,583,818	\$ 29,411,280	\$ 738,498	\$ 4,172	\$ 137,428	\$ 2,511,685	\$ 39,780,755
Wisconsin	Marquette	\$ 25,706,480	\$ 10,072,199	\$ 269,543	\$ 1,060	\$ 29,525	\$ 962,919	\$ 14,371,234
Wisconsin	Menominee	\$ 2,078,977	\$ 1,225,919	\$ 34,861	\$ 78	\$ 5,000	\$ 210,264	\$ 602,855
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	\$ 684,133,795	\$ 202,637,240	\$ 18,229,821	\$ 33,237	\$ 1,464,508	\$ 15,945,137	\$ 445,823,852
Wisconsin	Monroe	\$ 148,129,580	\$ 47,740,483	\$ 3,014,991	\$ 6,545	\$ 196,748	\$ 2,299,281	\$ 94,871,532

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Wisconsin	Oconto	\$ 43,950,890	\$ 19,555,727	\$ 565,523	\$ 3,214	\$ 50,924	\$ 1,390,006	\$ 22,385,496
Wisconsin	Oneida	\$ 47,406,215	\$ 22,656,015	\$ 626,466	\$ 2,862	\$ 128,021	\$ 1,832,069	\$ 22,160,782
Wisconsin	Outagamie	\$ 126,607,534	\$ 63,639,246	\$ 4,385,084	\$ 17,529	\$ 562,803	\$ 4,764,129	\$ 53,238,743
Wisconsin	Ozaukee	\$ 47,993,304	\$ 21,884,801	\$ 1,958,135	\$ 4,509	\$ 337,854	\$ 1,936,742	\$ 21,871,263
Wisconsin	Pepin	\$ 6,400,619	\$ 2,894,788	\$ 67,470	\$ 648	\$ 6,797	\$ 366,389	\$ 3,064,527
Wisconsin	Pierce	\$ 32,232,099	\$ 16,603,132	\$ 942,185	\$ 4,519	\$ 140,863	\$ 1,203,051	\$ 13,338,349
Wisconsin	Polk	\$ 42,951,074	\$ 19,211,731	\$ 767,215	\$ 4,133	\$ 110,364	\$ 1,741,037	\$ 21,116,594
Wisconsin	Portage	\$ 53,893,733	\$ 22,631,886	\$ 1,497,325	\$ 2,144	\$ 39,333	\$ 2,211,733	\$ 27,511,312
Wisconsin	Price	\$ 18,514,895	\$ 8,470,937	\$ 246,397	\$ 1,789	\$ 42,441	\$ 698,340	\$ 9,054,991
Wisconsin	Racine	\$ 154,113,790	\$ 65,898,124	\$ 4,675,066	\$ 16,814	\$ 656,923	\$ 5,646,194	\$ 77,220,669
Wisconsin	Richland	\$ 15,139,536	\$ 6,005,554	\$ 185,325	\$ 994	\$ 18,788	\$ 555,262	\$ 8,373,613
Wisconsin	Rock	\$ 123,471,091	\$ 50,766,315	\$ 3,404,139	\$ 14,316	\$ 349,450	\$ 4,683,036	\$ 64,253,835
Wisconsin	Rusk	\$ 16,367,155	\$ 7,145,567	\$ 71,477	\$ 804	\$ 41,609	\$ 671,508	\$ 8,436,190
Wisconsin	Saint Croix	\$ 71,009,791	\$ 35,367,112	\$ 2,261,855	\$ 11,293	\$ 80,143	\$ 2,270,254	\$ 31,019,134
Wisconsin	Sauk	\$ 66,851,559	\$ 27,300,697	\$ 1,092,760	\$ 4,481	\$ 197,126	\$ 2,149,389	\$ 36,107,106
Wisconsin	Sawyer	\$ 21,526,237	\$ 9,326,616	\$ 254,405	\$ 1,277	\$ 59,024	\$ 983,832	\$ 10,901,083
Wisconsin	Shawano	\$ 36,411,989	\$ 16,758,274	\$ 585,271	\$ 2,794	\$ 23,112	\$ 1,500,212	\$ 17,542,326
Wisconsin	Sheboygan	\$ 57,474,240	\$ 28,397,092	\$ 1,804,667	\$ 7,270	\$ 195,444	\$ 2,411,002	\$ 24,658,765
Wisconsin	Taylor	\$ 15,058,379	\$ 6,364,549	\$ 154,410	\$ 464	\$ 40,168	\$ 592,408	\$ 7,906,380
Wisconsin	Trempealeau	\$ 26,209,094	\$ 12,267,622	\$ 450,153	\$ 2,799	\$ 69,939	\$ 731,992	\$ 12,686,589
Wisconsin	Vernon	\$ 28,271,030	\$ 12,224,446	\$ 390,610	\$ 1,646	\$ 20,821	\$ 968,338	\$ 14,665,169
Wisconsin	Vilas	\$ 31,974,008	\$ 14,533,007	\$ 361,357	\$ 1,823	\$ 186,370	\$ 979,199	\$ 15,912,252
Wisconsin	Walworth	\$ 67,273,327	\$ 28,147,407	\$ 2,393,089	\$ 5,914	\$ 369,995	\$ 2,853,891	\$ 33,503,031
Wisconsin	Washburn	\$ 27,140,788	\$ 12,880,545	\$ 345,734	\$ 1,806	\$ 31,463	\$ 1,287,185	\$ 12,594,055
Wisconsin	Washington	\$ 86,551,138	\$ 38,896,012	\$ 2,551,294	\$ 12,927	\$ 202,969	\$ 3,019,021	\$ 41,868,915
Wisconsin	Waukesha	\$ 232,237,609	\$ 100,879,399	\$ 8,273,116	\$ 26,070	\$ 1,067,864	\$ 9,310,127	\$ 112,681,033
Wisconsin	Waupaca	\$ 55,856,375	\$ 29,845,257	\$ 1,079,892	\$ 3,970	\$ 103,866	\$ 2,308,943	\$ 22,514,447
Wisconsin	Waushara	\$ 31,036,211	\$ 15,503,044	\$ 357,152	\$ 1,693	\$ 16,904	\$ 1,091,426	\$ 14,065,992
Wisconsin	Winnebago	\$ 118,343,802	\$ 58,021,926	\$ 3,710,471	\$ 14,271	\$ 355,553	\$ 5,308,067	\$ 50,933,514
Wisconsin	Wood	\$ 81,711,951	\$ 34,079,467	\$ 1,590,577	\$ 5,111	\$ 46,375	\$ 3,394,272	\$ 42,596,149
Totals		\$ 289,850,714,657	\$ 144,281,399,760	\$ 13,148,953,928	\$ 42,431,771	\$ 640,711,709	\$ 9,569,100,739	\$ 122,168,116,750
Notes:								
Expenditures by county are rounded to the nearest dollars.								
Compensation & Pension (C&P) -- C&P expenditures do not include "burial" expenses managed by C&P. This portion is included in the Memorial Benefits Expenditure category. Expenditure data by								
Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/Employment (EVRE) -- EVRE expenditures category includes Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (Ch.30), Post-911 GI Bill (Ch.33), Veterans Education Program								
Loan Guaranty (LGY) -- LGY expenditure data by county come from VBA PA&I.								
Insurance & Indemnity (I&I) -- I&I expenditure data has SSN, which were linked to USVETS2024 to identify State, County and CD. More than 50% of records were not in USVETS; thus, zip codes were								
Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and Survivors Pension -- DIC and Survivors Pension expenditure is another new GDX category in FY2024. Previously, they were included in the C&P								
Direct Medical Care - Expenditures for Direct Medical Care by county and Congressional District (CD) come from VHA Allocation Resources Center (ARC).								
Other US Territories include American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands and US Virgin Islands. They were not identified in previous GDX. US Virgin Islands did not have an expenditure data in								
Freely Associated States (FAS) include the Marshall Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. They were not identified in previous GDX. Micronesia did not have any expenditure data in								

FY24 Summary of Indirect Expenditures by County							
Expenditures in \$s							
State	County	Total Indirect Expenditure	Memorial Benefits	Construction	Indirect Medical Care	Specially Adapted Housing	Automobiles and Adaptive Equipment
Totals		\$ 6,626,179,645	\$ 1,452,966,622	\$ 1,392,561,132	\$ 2,475,877,392	\$ 160,677,850	\$ 144,096,649
Wisconsin	Adams	\$ 82,243	\$ 35,546				\$ 46,697
Wisconsin	Ashland	\$ 14,722	\$ 14,722				
Wisconsin	Barron	\$ 337,996	\$ 86,943			\$ 91,900	\$ 159,153
Wisconsin	Bayfield	\$ 40,700	\$ 40,700				
Wisconsin	Brown	\$ 735,156	\$ 659,178			\$ 75,978	
Wisconsin	Buffalo	\$ 29,704	\$ 29,704				
Wisconsin	Burnett	\$ 113,828	\$ 113,358				\$ 470
Wisconsin	Calumet	\$ 81,093	\$ 81,093				
Wisconsin	Chippewa	\$ 371,313	\$ 182,634			\$ 76,604	\$ 112,075
Wisconsin	Clark	\$ 106,798	\$ 106,798				
Wisconsin	Columbia	\$ 187,439	\$ 99,586			\$ 87,853	
Wisconsin	Crawford	\$ 36,208	\$ 36,208				
Wisconsin	Dane	\$ 35,214,484	\$ 12,376,841	\$ 11,030,745	\$ 11,227,856	\$ 272,117	\$ 306,925
Wisconsin	Dodge	\$ 216,486	\$ 131,673			\$ 84,813	
Wisconsin	Door	\$ 104,144	\$ 40,166				\$ 63,978
Wisconsin	Douglas	\$ 185,382	\$ 113,966				\$ 71,416
Wisconsin	Dunn	\$ 80,513	\$ 80,513				
Wisconsin	Eau Claire	\$ 260,647	\$ 260,647				
Wisconsin	Florence	\$ 22,623	\$ 19,775				\$ 2,848
Wisconsin	Fond Du Lac	\$ 260,068	\$ 165,129			\$ 30,751	\$ 64,188
Wisconsin	Forest	\$ 33,161	\$ 26,012			\$ 6,500	\$ 649
Wisconsin	Grant	\$ 76,215	\$ 76,215				
Wisconsin	Green	\$ 140,049	\$ 140,049				
Wisconsin	Green Lake	\$ 35,614	\$ 35,614				
Wisconsin	Iowa	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000				
Wisconsin	Iron	\$ 16,990	\$ 16,990				
Wisconsin	Jackson	\$ 157,986	\$ 48,000			\$ 109,986	
Wisconsin	Jefferson	\$ 244,992	\$ 146,368			\$ 73,021	\$ 25,603
Wisconsin	Juneau	\$ 61,840	\$ 61,840				
Wisconsin	Kenosha	\$ 605,248	\$ 404,091			\$ 139,014	\$ 62,143
Wisconsin	Kewaunee	\$ 89,694	\$ 89,694				
Wisconsin	La Crosse	\$ 470,579	\$ 156,519			\$ 268,278	\$ 45,782
Wisconsin	Lafayette	\$ 58,685	\$ 58,685				
Wisconsin	Langlade	\$ 170,790	\$ 151,498			\$ 19,292	
Wisconsin	Lincoln	\$ 79,018	\$ 79,018				
Wisconsin	Manitowoc	\$ 386,630	\$ 193,594			\$ 142,417	\$ 50,619
Wisconsin	Marathon	\$ 296,924	\$ 229,681				\$ 67,243
Wisconsin	Marinette	\$ 84,597	\$ 84,597				

FY24 Summary of Indirect Expenditures by County							
Expenditures in \$s							
State	County	Total Indirect Expenditure	Memorial Benefits	Construction	Indirect Medical Care	Specially Adapted Housing	Automobiles and Adaptive Equipment
Wisconsin	Marquette	\$ 44,760	\$ 44,760				
Wisconsin	Menominee						
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	\$ 14,663,561	\$ 2,903,040	\$ (3,944)	\$ 11,362,694	\$ 104,596	\$ 297,175
Wisconsin	Monroe	\$ 31,754,443	\$ 142,990	\$ 6,844,294	\$ 24,764,951		\$ 2,208
Wisconsin	Oconto	\$ 90,500	\$ 90,500				
Wisconsin	Oneida	\$ 607,330	\$ 455,026			\$ 61,277	\$ 91,027
Wisconsin	Outagamie	\$ 573,013	\$ 376,134			\$ 192,644	\$ 4,235
Wisconsin	Ozaukee	\$ 293,085	\$ 188,991			\$ 104,094	
Wisconsin	Pepin	\$ 16,285	\$ 16,285				
Wisconsin	Pierce	\$ 149,995	\$ 56,032			\$ 15,611	\$ 78,352
Wisconsin	Polk	\$ 242,351	\$ 126,947			\$ 36,514	\$ 78,890
Wisconsin	Portage	\$ 299,253	\$ 126,280			\$ 172,973	
Wisconsin	Price	\$ 68,087	\$ 42,484				\$ 25,603
Wisconsin	Racine	\$ 549,323	\$ 497,925				\$ 51,398
Wisconsin	Richland	\$ 37,105	\$ 37,105				
Wisconsin	Rock	\$ 338,925	\$ 338,925				
Wisconsin	Rusk	\$ 65,536	\$ 65,536				
Wisconsin	Saint Croix	\$ 298,692	\$ 181,491			\$ 70,186	\$ 47,015
Wisconsin	Sauk	\$ 85,806	\$ 85,806				
Wisconsin	Sawyer	\$ 20,290	\$ 20,290				
Wisconsin	Shawano	\$ 118,128	\$ 80,353				\$ 37,775
Wisconsin	Sheboygan	\$ 341,751	\$ 230,778				\$ 110,973
Wisconsin	Taylor	\$ 77,195	\$ 51,592				\$ 25,603
Wisconsin	Trempealeau	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000				
Wisconsin	Vernon	\$ 59,504	\$ 59,504				
Wisconsin	Vilas	\$ 71,811	\$ 71,811				
Wisconsin	Walworth	\$ 301,186	\$ 277,071				\$ 24,115
Wisconsin	Washburn	\$ 147,165	\$ 77,340				\$ 69,825
Wisconsin	Washington	\$ 461,827	\$ 318,056			\$ 36,695	\$ 107,076
Wisconsin	Waukesha	\$ 1,336,778	\$ 1,016,596			\$ 232,236	\$ 87,946
Wisconsin	Waupaca	\$ 367,698	\$ 289,745				\$ 77,953
Wisconsin	Waushara	\$ 161,198	\$ 44,442			\$ 65,550	\$ 51,206
Wisconsin	Winnebago	\$ 477,125	\$ 369,967				\$ 107,158
Wisconsin	Wood	\$ 298,381	\$ 244,102				\$ 54,279
Totals		\$ 5,626,179,645	\$ 1,452,966,622	\$ 1,392,561,132	\$ 2,475,877,392	\$ 160,677,850	\$ 144,096,649
Notes:							
Expenditures by county are rounded to the nearest dollars.							
Memorial Benefits -- FY2024 is the first year that Memorial Benefits expenditures are included in GDX. Expenditure data by place of performance for Memorial Benefits come from							

FY24 Summary of VA Beneficiaries by County

State	County	Memorial Benefits	Compensation & Pension	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty	Insurance & Indemnity	Dependency & Indemnity Compensation and Survivors Pension	Unique Patients
Totals		698,896	6,286,260	634,047	3,659,914	92,850	641,043	6,438,088
Wisconsin	Adams	59	678	17	255	*	78	972
Wisconsin	Ashland	41	334	12	128	*	37	432
Wisconsin	Barron	235	1,124	52	327	14	113	1,407
Wisconsin	Bayfield	41	539	*	127	*	39	608
Wisconsin	Brown	359	4,306	426	2,140	87	428	5,739
Wisconsin	Buffalo	41	375	15	104	*	32	433
Wisconsin	Burnett	70	667	15	155	16	42	758
Wisconsin	Calumet	43	760	68	389	10	66	1,144
Wisconsin	Chippewa	201	1,565	78	521	12	134	1,960
Wisconsin	Clark	59	566	20	137	*	81	733
Wisconsin	Columbia	88	1,162	93	538	10	93	1,526
Wisconsin	Crawford	31	329	10	98	*	35	419
Wisconsin	Dane	530	6,199	739	2,895	179	525	7,543
Wisconsin	Dodge	138	1,330	105	713	19	120	1,841
Wisconsin	Door	51	517	24	168	12	59	761
Wisconsin	Douglas	105	1,309	98	525	26	114	1,468
Wisconsin	Dunn	81	1,006	68	331	*	81	1,086
Wisconsin	Eau Claire	215	1,713	185	733	39	165	2,054
Wisconsin	Florence	16	186	*	33	*	13	302
Wisconsin	Fond Du Lac	273	1,424	102	779	27	172	1,914
Wisconsin	Forest	14	314	10	68	*	31	412
Wisconsin	Grant	68	893	42	238	*	100	985
Wisconsin	Green	60	653	33	235	12	48	792
Wisconsin	Green Lake	43	310	18	135	*	51	458
Wisconsin	Iowa	26	306	17	124	11	32	428
Wisconsin	Iron	19	164	*	61	*	24	292
Wisconsin	Jackson	39	622	28	176	*	58	731
Wisconsin	Jefferson	107	1,425	123	684	33	133	1,779
Wisconsin	Juneau	52	726	51	305	*	73	1,025
Wisconsin	Kenosha	397	2,906	287	1,841	39	267	3,305
Wisconsin	Kewaunee	43	376	16	155	10	45	539
Wisconsin	La Crosse	233	2,637	238	956	34	220	3,287
Wisconsin	Lafayette	31	228	17	69	*	24	308

FY24 Summary of VA Beneficiaries by County

State	County	Memorial Benefits	Compensation & Pension	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty	Insurance & Indemnity	Dependency & Indemnity Compensation and Survivors Pension	Unique Patients
Wisconsin	Langlade	68	563	18	126	*	86	730
Wisconsin	Lincoln	60	682	22	243	10	82	1,000
Wisconsin	Manitowoc	140	1,352	96	629	22	177	2,094
Wisconsin	Marathon	370	2,192	167	973	33	191	3,132
Wisconsin	Marinette	86	1,313	51	430	15	155	1,807
Wisconsin	Marquette	29	439	22	170	*	54	592
Wisconsin	Menominee	12	57	*	*	*	13	59
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	1704	9,938	1,029	5,326	252	998	13,021
Wisconsin	Monroe	108	2,458	186	1,095	19	159	2,576
Wisconsin	Oconto	82	1,035	45	396	12	87	1,366
Wisconsin	Oneida	140	928	45	348	23	100	1,392
Wisconsin	Outagamie	233	2,997	290	1,533	45	324	3,897
Wisconsin	Ozaukee	192	1,071	107	540	44	128	1,097
Wisconsin	Pepin	27	181	*	57	*	26	194
Wisconsin	Pierce	107	839	56	359	13	77	816
Wisconsin	Polk	143	1,152	47	396	16	115	1,285
Wisconsin	Portage	149	1,366	104	452	20	133	1,731
Wisconsin	Price	28	480	12	119	*	43	568
Wisconsin	Racine	772	3,141	302	1,756	73	369	3,514
Wisconsin	Richland	39	310	11	82	*	40	435
Wisconsin	Rock	212	2,619	272	1,461	42	285	3,579
Wisconsin	Rusk	44	482	*	108	*	40	535
Wisconsin	Saint Croix	283	2,154	156	1,050	24	137	2,069
Wisconsin	Sauk	108	1,411	77	548	27	126	1,796
Wisconsin	Sawyer	61	536	17	156	11	57	662
Wisconsin	Shawano	102	802	48	283	*	96	1,152
Wisconsin	Sheboygan	166	1,428	115	783	32	155	1,955
Wisconsin	Taylor	29	384	15	100	*	50	494
Wisconsin	Trempealeau	42	578	28	168	11	43	707
Wisconsin	Vernon	53	638	35	174	10	70	829
Wisconsin	Vilas	76	740	27	199	13	76	985
Wisconsin	Walworth	188	1,493	124	789	36	183	1,742
Wisconsin	Washburn	136	620	20	171	*	60	692
Wisconsin	Washington	246	1,904	184	1,144	46	197	2,143
Wisconsin	Waukesha	939	4,777	499	2,704	156	583	5,338

FY24 Summary of VA Beneficiaries by County								
State	County	Memorial Benefits	Compensation & Pension	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty	Insurance & Indemnity	Dependency & Indemnity Compensation and Survivors Pension	Unique Patients
Wisconsin	Waupaca	170	1,273	62	465	22	167	1,520
Wisconsin	Waushara	45	708	27	224	*	67	889
Wisconsin	Winnebago	272	2,971	286	1,526	49	337	3,687
Wisconsin	Wood	165	1,597	81	621	16	206	2,380
Total		698,896	6,286,260	634,047	3,659,914	92,850	641,043	6,438,088
Notes:								
require suppressing very small values.								
Unknown includes records that were unknown at both the state level and county level, and some that are known at state level but unknown at county level.								
FY2024 is first year Memorial Benefits expenditures are included in GDX. The numbers of Memorial Benefits recipients by programs and addresses come from the								
The number of Compensation and Pension (C&P) recipients come from USVETS 2024 via VBA Office of Performance Analysis & Integrity (PA&I).								
The number of Education and Vocational Rehabilitation/Employment (EVRE) recipients come from USVETS 2024 via VBA PA&I.								
The number of Loan Guaranty (LGY) recipients come from USVETS 2024 via VBA PA&I.								
The number of Insurance & Indemnity (I&I) recipients come from the Insurance Budget and Oversight office.								
The number of Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and Survivors Pension recipients data by program and zip codes come from VBA PA&I.								
The number of Unique Patients by county and congressional district come from VHA Allocation Resources Center (ARC).								
Other US Territories include American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands and US Virgin Islands. They were not identified in previous GDX.								
Freely Associated States (FAS) include the Marshall Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. They were not identified in previous GDX.								

FY23 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

FY23 Summary of Expenditures by State Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
ADAMS	1,847	\$ 27,268	\$ 8,228	\$ -	\$ 170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 18,869	961
ASHLAND	1,166	\$ 14,994	\$ 7,414	\$ -	\$ 324	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 7,198	424
BARRON	3,300	\$ 39,204	\$ 19,786	\$ -	\$ 790	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ 18,597	1,363
BAYFIELD	1,245	\$ 17,958	\$ 8,449	\$ -	\$ 224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ 9,256	598
BROWN	13,739	\$ 170,237	\$ 85,128	\$ -	\$ 6,167	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 776	\$ 78,166	5,668
BUFFALO	906	\$ 13,442	\$ 7,422	\$ -	\$ 189	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ 5,818	433
BURNETT	1,582	\$ 23,608	\$ 11,151	\$ -	\$ 329	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43	\$ 12,086	730
CALUMET	2,322	\$ 20,655	\$ 8,471	\$ -	\$ 495	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24	\$ 11,664	1,073
CHIPPEWA	4,330	\$ 57,676	\$ 28,038	\$ -	\$ 1,592	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259	\$ 27,787	1,910
CLARK	1,763	\$ 23,434	\$ 11,628	\$ -	\$ 273	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45	\$ 11,489	727
COLUMBIA	3,806	\$ 54,263	\$ 27,209	\$ -	\$ 1,635	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 137	\$ 25,281	1,495
CRAWFORD	1,120	\$ 13,654	\$ 6,616	\$ -	\$ 165	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12	\$ 6,862	426
DANE	23,649	\$ 293,016	\$ 116,198	\$ 3,069	\$ 11,274	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,594	\$ 160,881	7,503
DODGE	5,880	\$ 59,693	\$ 26,051	\$ -	\$ 1,404	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 32,168	1,822
DOOR	1,816	\$ 20,609	\$ 9,772	\$ -	\$ 462	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 117	\$ 10,258	770
DOUGLAS	3,277	\$ 49,530	\$ 27,095	\$ -	\$ 1,452	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 217	\$ 20,767	1,441
DUNN	2,455	\$ 35,959	\$ 18,460	\$ -	\$ 1,052	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46	\$ 16,401	1,029
EAU CLAIRE	5,745	\$ 59,330	\$ 33,590	\$ -	\$ 2,456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 244	\$ 23,040	2,017
FLORENCE	467	\$ 11,481	\$ 3,551	\$ -	\$ 157	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32	\$ 7,741	292
FOND DU LAC	5,884	\$ 54,229	\$ 27,887	\$ -	\$ 1,529	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126	\$ 24,687	1,880
FOREST	829	\$ 14,170	\$ 5,827	\$ -	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27	\$ 8,212	421
GRANT	2,660	\$ 32,102	\$ 17,109	\$ -	\$ 772	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76	\$ 14,145	968
GREEN	2,073	\$ 27,771	\$ 12,996	\$ -	\$ 491	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ 14,254	780
GREEN LAKE	1,182	\$ 15,004	\$ 7,658	\$ -	\$ 205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16	\$ 7,125	446
IOWA	1,388	\$ 12,641	\$ 5,795	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39	\$ 6,583	424
IRON	505	\$ 7,739	\$ 3,495	\$ -	\$ 54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12	\$ 4,179	291
JACKSON	1,525	\$ 26,123	\$ 11,572	\$ -	\$ 571	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92	\$ 13,888	732
JEFFERSON	4,717	\$ 56,684	\$ 25,952	\$ -	\$ 1,879	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 122	\$ 28,732	1,755
JUNEAU	2,131	\$ 38,631	\$ 17,683	\$ -	\$ 785	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 178	\$ 19,985	1,030
KENOSHA	8,662	\$ 123,039	\$ 62,392	\$ -	\$ 4,741	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242	\$ 55,664	3,165
KEWAUNEE	1,124	\$ 15,522	\$ 7,631	\$ -	\$ 233	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79	\$ 7,579	544
LA CROSSE	7,543	\$ 103,572	\$ 49,616	\$ -	\$ 3,943	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 581	\$ 49,432	3,251
LAFAYETTE	837	\$ 9,750	\$ 4,481	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 5,159	306
LANGLADE	1,607	\$ 25,157	\$ 13,144	\$ -	\$ 463	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34	\$ 11,515	726
LINCOLN	2,030	\$ 33,296	\$ 16,813	\$ -	\$ 550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68	\$ 15,865	986
MANITOWOC	5,136	\$ 56,757	\$ 29,154	\$ -	\$ 1,332	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 204	\$ 26,066	2,108
MARATHON	7,497	\$ 83,840	\$ 40,022	\$ -	\$ 1,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109	\$ 41,783	2,990
MARINETTE	3,461	\$ 64,506	\$ 30,787	\$ -	\$ 823	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103	\$ 32,794	1,751
MARQUETTE	1,378	\$ 21,759	\$ 9,838	\$ -	\$ 297	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ 11,609	576

FY23 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

FY23 Summary of Expenditures by State Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
MENOMINEE	229	\$ 2,547	\$ 1,428	\$ -	\$ 26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,093	61
MILWAUKEE	39,921	\$ 736,682	\$ 209,982	\$ 18	\$ 19,619	\$ -	\$ 86,674	\$ 1,722	\$ 418,667	12,959
MONROE	4,541	\$ 150,470	\$ 48,405	\$ 2,998	\$ 2,479	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44	\$ 96,544	2,599
OCONTO	2,670	\$ 39,389	\$ 20,124	\$ -	\$ 478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19	\$ 18,769	1,346
ONEIDA	3,034	\$ 46,457	\$ 24,181	\$ -	\$ 802	\$ -	\$ 198	\$ 327	\$ 20,950	1,365
OUTAGAMIE	9,863	\$ 114,136	\$ 63,255	\$ -	\$ 4,763	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 812	\$ 45,306	3,803
OZAUKEE	3,805	\$ 43,056	\$ 22,399	\$ -	\$ 2,041	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 352	\$ 18,264	1,057
PEPIN	492	\$ 5,844	\$ 3,058	\$ -	\$ 91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6	\$ 2,688	192
PIERCE	2,441	\$ 30,893	\$ 17,580	\$ -	\$ 1,117	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37	\$ 12,159	779
POLK	3,132	\$ 39,726	\$ 19,624	\$ -	\$ 746	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24	\$ 19,332	1,260
PORTAGE	3,516	\$ 47,968	\$ 23,973	\$ -	\$ 1,559	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160	\$ 22,275	1,712
PRICE	1,231	\$ 17,949	\$ 9,478	\$ -	\$ 137	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18	\$ 8,317	548
RACINE	12,139	\$ 140,575	\$ 67,967	\$ -	\$ 4,232	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 535	\$ 67,842	3,455
RICHLAND	1,092	\$ 15,528	\$ 6,971	\$ -	\$ 171	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 8,360	453
ROCK	10,107	\$ 109,733	\$ 50,974	\$ -	\$ 2,895	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 274	\$ 55,591	3,507
RUSK	1,114	\$ 16,201	\$ 8,171	\$ -	\$ 187	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26	\$ 7,817	534
ST. CROIX	5,231	\$ 61,930	\$ 33,052	\$ -	\$ 2,419	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 294	\$ 26,164	1,933
SAUK	3,889	\$ 60,500	\$ 28,356	\$ -	\$ 1,209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220	\$ 30,715	1,799
SAWYER	1,395	\$ 19,776	\$ 10,066	\$ -	\$ 375	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26	\$ 9,308	646
SHAWANO	2,712	\$ 31,609	\$ 16,191	\$ -	\$ 526	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 14,881	1,157
SHEBOYGAN	6,505	\$ 52,658	\$ 27,609	\$ -	\$ 1,813	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 304	\$ 22,933	1,937
TAYLOR	1,224	\$ 14,561	\$ 7,121	\$ -	\$ 156	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 7,279	487
TREMPEALEAU	1,805	\$ 23,444	\$ 11,765	\$ -	\$ 484	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85	\$ 11,109	707
VERNON	1,655	\$ 24,096	\$ 12,667	\$ -	\$ 464	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ 10,948	800
VILAS	2,054	\$ 28,116	\$ 14,973	\$ -	\$ 323	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80	\$ 12,740	982
WALWORTH	5,134	\$ 64,938	\$ 30,446	\$ -	\$ 2,297	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 304	\$ 31,890	1,773
WASHBURN	1,550	\$ 24,789	\$ 12,645	\$ -	\$ 414	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102	\$ 11,628	669
WASHINGTON	7,879	\$ 77,992	\$ 39,008	\$ -	\$ 3,117	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 277	\$ 35,589	2,045
WAUKESHA	20,124	\$ 208,284	\$ 102,401	\$ -	\$ 8,844	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,249	\$ 95,791	5,080
WAUPACA	3,909	\$ 54,052	\$ 31,754	\$ -	\$ 1,234	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120	\$ 20,944	1,493
WAUSHARA	1,806	\$ 28,635	\$ 15,856	\$ -	\$ 418	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26	\$ 12,335	876
WINNEBAGO	10,088	\$ 104,454	\$ 58,944	\$ -	\$ 3,993	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 473	\$ 41,043	3,587
WOOD	4,847	\$ 73,503	\$ 35,415	\$ -	\$ 1,405	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 261	\$ 36,421	2,346
WISCONSIN (Totals)	323,724	\$ 4,338,798	\$ 1,949,948	\$ 6,085	\$ 122,481	\$ -	\$ 86,872	\$ 14,136	\$ 2,159,277	119,759

MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, November 10, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – Conference Rm #302

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 previous meeting were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Supervisor Clendenning, under public comment, requested an update on well issues in the Town of Grand Rapids. Emergency Management Director Christensen stated that they have not received the report yet from the US Army Corp of Engineers.
4. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025, 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. The Dispatch Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
8. The Coroner presented their monthly report and bill listing for review.
9. Sheriff Becker reviewed various reports and activities of the Sheriff's Department. He highlighted the following:
 - Deidre Harm case now closed from an investigations standpoint with a determination by District Attorney Barnett
 - COPS finishing up filming in the jail.
 - Investigators testified at a state committee hearing regarding BitCoin kiosks.
10. Auburndale SRO Nehls and Superintendent Steve Van Whye reviewed the benefits already seen with the SRO position in Auburndale and the positive impact they continue to see in students and staff due to this position.
11. Becker presented a resolution concerning the Tribal Grant funding for policing on tribal lands. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Motion by Zurfluh/Hamilton to approve the voucher listings for Communications, Coroner, Dispatch, Emergency Management, and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to go into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to conduct performance evaluations on the department heads the committee oversees. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to move back into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Chairman Zurfluh declared the meeting adjourned 10:21 AM.

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

Public Safety Committee
November 10, 2025

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MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, December 8, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – Conference Rm #302

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Zurfluh, Dennis Polach, Jeff Penzkover (WebEx), 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 November 10, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 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. The Dispatch Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
8. The Coroner presented their monthly report and bill listing for review.
9. Coroner Patton presented a resolution increasing both the cremation fee and death certificate signature fee, beginning on January 1, 2026. The amount being increased keeps within the statutory guidelines. Motion by Voight/Hamilton to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Sheriff Becker reviewed various reports and activities of the Sheriff's Department. He highlighted the following:
 - Introduced Cherwith DeFabbio as the new Coordinated Response Specialist in the department. She provided a brief outline of her new position.
 - Reviewed the new hires and promotions within the department.
11. Becker reviewed the mental health services currently being provided through contract with Aspirus but now transitioning to in-house with Human Services. While this position would be a 1.0 FTE, the Sheriff's Dept. would also be paying for half of the cost an existing contracted employee housed in Human Services. There is committee approval required, pursuant to County Board Rule 4.09, to make the 1.0 FTE contracted position a county employee since there is a cost savings by doing so. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to approve the transition of the 1.0 FTE mental health position serving the jail to a county employee. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Becker reviewed the current Courthouse Security policy and how it currently is being enforced with the number of long-term contractors in our building during both the jail project and HVAC project. Lt. Peterson, the Security Lieutenant, expressed his concerns as well. The administration will look at the policy and come back to the committee with any proposed updates to it.
13. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to approve the voucher listings for Communications, Coroner, Dispatch, Emergency Management, and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Chairman Zurfluh declared the meeting adjourned 9:31 AM.

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

Public Safety Committee
December 8, 2025

NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill Oeght	WCB-7
David Patton	Coroner
Katie Miloch	WCHSD
DEONIS POLACH	WCB-14
Joe Woodward	Wood Co Dispatch
Scott Braham	WCD #9
Sarah Christman	WCEM
Erik Engel	WC Com
Shawn Becker	WCSO
Aventin Ellis	↓
Bryan Petersen	
Charlie Hoogesteyne	
Charita DeFabbio	
Alesha Brundage	
Ted Asinbeck	Wood County S.O.
Tyler Mellinger (Web Ex)	Emergency Mgmt
Brenda Nelson (Web Ex)	Finance
Lance Pliant (Web Ex)	CB Chair

**WOOD COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, September 10th, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM

**Place: Conference Room
Wood County Highway Dept
Wisconsin Rapids, WI**

Agenda

Present – Roland Hawk – Wood Co Highway, Emily Arendt Covarrubias - Wood Co Emergency Management, William Clendenning – Wood County Board, Dennis Polach – Wood County Board, Joseph H. Zurfluh– Wood County Board, Charles Hoogesteger – Wood Co Sheriff Dept, Todd Horn – Wis DOT BOTS, Cara Abts – WisDOT, Joe Zurfluh – Grand Rapids Police Dept, Lance Pliml - Wood County Board President

1. Meeting called to order by Roland Hawk at 10:32 AM.
2. Minutes of the June 2025 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting.

Motion by Roland Hawk to accept the minutes, second by Joseph Zurfluh. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Charles Hoogesteger reports no traffic fatalities for this quarter.
4. Todd Horn, Law Enforcement Liaison, reporting from WIS DOT. The quarterly slideshow was presented. Information such as Wood County crash statistics, new trainings available through Community Maps, TSC resources and toolkits, information on the Law Enforcement phlebotomy program and improvements pertaining to the Wrong Way Driving Task Force were shared.
5. Updates on Wood County Highway Projects delivered by Roland Hawk. Multiple projects were reviewed including safety improvements of area highways that should be expected to be completed soon.
6. Cara Abts present for WIS DOT. Current construction projects have been completed or will be finishing by the end of the year. The Safety Engineer's report was presented, funding requests for development of projects to improve safety on Highway 10 due to ongoing crash history. The project forecast for 2026 was shared.

7. WisDOT Predictive Analytics Project updates delivered by Roland Hawk.
 - a. The project continues to use message boards to increase safety awareness in target areas around the county including Highway 10.
8. Other business brought before the commission.
 - a. Reminder of date/time for next meeting – December 10th, 2025 at 10:30 AM.
9. Public Comments - No public comments
10. Adjournment – **Motion to adjourn by Roland Hawk, second by Joseph Zurfluh at 11:08 a.m.**

Minutes taken by: Emily Arendt – Wood County Emergency Management

These minutes are preliminary until reviewed and voted on at the next Traffic Safety Meeting

MINUTES

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: Wednesday, November 6, 2025

TIME: 1:00 PM

LOCATION Courthouse – Room 302

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

ALSO PRESENT: Sheriff Shawn Becker, Calvin Dorshorst, Quentin Ellis, Charles Hoogesteger, Adam Berry, Nick Flanagan

1. Chairman Meyers called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.
2. There were no public comments.
3. The minutes of August 21, 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) Deputy Sheriff eligibility list for the Wood County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion by Laude/Mancuso to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion by Laude/Garrels to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 2:20 PM.

Robert Levendoske
Secretary



Wood County

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DISPATCH

ACTIVITY REPORT

December 8th, 2025

- Child Support Reimbursement
- Open Records fulfillment
- Tested interface of TotalResponse (new Emergency Medical Dispatch program) with the CAD software. Tests were successful.
- Attended County Board
- Attended Criminal Task Force meeting
- Participated in County Leadership Retreat
- Held a meeting with EMS directors and TotalResponse to introduce them to the software and the changes that will result in dispatching.
- Attended Department Head meeting
- Virtually attended Mass Casualty Incident planning meeting with Marshfield Clinic
- Vacation from November 21 – December 1
- Hosted TotalResponse Training for staff

Staffing Update: 1 resignation due to unexpected strain on family life working nights/weekends/holidays. We are currently at 19 of 20 FTE positions full. 1 in training, expected to be off training by the 1st of the year. A review of our current eligibility list will occur or there will have to be a hiring process started to fill the 1 vacancy and establish eligibility list.

Tony Bastien

Dispatch Manager



Wood County

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OFFICE OF CORONER

David A. Patton

DATE: December 02, 2025
TO: Wood County Public Safety Committee
FROM: David A. Patton, Wood County Coroner
SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report – November 2025

The following is a list of services rendered by the Wood County Coroner's Office for: November 2025.

Deaths in Wood County.....	112
Calls for Service.....	134
Natural.....	18
Falls.....	1
Covid.....	0
Traffic Fatalities.....	0
UTV/ATV/Snowmobile.....	0
Suicides.....	2
Homicides.....	0
Suspected Overdoses.....	0
Other.....	2
Pending.....	0
Death Certificates Signed.....	23
Cremation Permits Signed.....	73
Autopsies Performed.....	3

Remarks:

In the packet, you will find a Resolution asking to increase from the current \$112.00 for death certificate signing and cremation permits to \$115.00 for each. As you are aware, the cost of supplies, everything from postage to body bags has increased over time. This was last evaluated 2 years ago when we increased from \$105.00 to our current \$112.00. In speaking with funeral homes, if we make this increase, we still stay in the "middle of the pack" as compared to other counties with respect to our fees. Further, the funeral homes we work with still appreciate the fact we keep our signing

and permit fees separate so the families are only being charged for the services needed.

As I wrote last month, Deputy Coroner Meyers and I had enrolled in an online ABDMI (American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators) class. Deputy Coroner Huebl had shown interest in taking this along with Mark and myself. With permission from Finance, we have enrolled her as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Patton
Wood County Coroner

Wood County Coroner monthly statistics (YTD) for 2025

1. Deaths in Wood County:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
118	101	100	94	104	82	99	100	97	96	112		1,103

2. Calls for Service:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
138	101	113	98	124	81	119	103	87	99	134		1,197

3. Natural:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
25	19	20	23	21	20	26	24	28	19	18		243

4. Falls:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
0	0	0	1	2	1	3	4	3	3	1		18

5. Covid:

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

6. Traffic Fatalities:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		2

7. UTV/ATV/Snowmobile:

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

8. Suicides:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	2		9

9. Homicides:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0		2

10. Suspected Overdoses:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1

11. Other:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2		6

12. Pending:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0		7

13: Death Certificates signed:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
27	22	20	25	25	23	33	29	32	25	23		284

14. Cremation permits signed:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
99	60	80	74	79	68	76	74	78	68	73		829

15. Autopsies completed:

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	3	0	3		16

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

#2 – Calls for Service: North end Wood County received a total of 90 calls for service, 3 of which were requests to respond to scene calls. South end Wood County received a total of 33 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 one fall related death in November. While no fractures or head injuries were noted in this specific case, the decedent was down on the floor for an unknown amount of time, unable to get up or get help. With the prolonged down time, the decedent developed severe Rhabdomyolysis, which is a condition where the skeletal muscle breaks down.

#8 – Suicides: We had 2 confirmed suicides last month.

#11 – Other: We had 2 individuals in a car succumb from carbon monoxide poisoning. These will be ruled “accidental” deaths. They were in an enclosed garage sitting in a car with the window cracked open, listening to the radio. When they became cold, they started the vehicle and sadly expired due to carbon monoxide poisoning. While we await final toxicology reports, we also suspect alcohol may have contributed in these deaths based on evidence at the scene.

#15 – Autopsies: Two of the autopsies were performed early in the month as a result of the cases out of Wisconsin Rapids that occurred on 10/31/2025. The third autopsy was conducted for medical purposes.



November Monthly Report

Wood County Sheriff's Rescue

Submitted by: Ann Burger, WCSR Secretary

November Training Descriptions

Date	Type	Description
4-Nov	Business Meeting	November Business Meeting
11-Nov	Work Night	Truck checks and call sheet completed.
18-Nov	Work Night	Truck checks and call sheet completed.
25-Nov	Work Night	Truck checks and call sheet completed.

Call Summary

Call #	93	94	95	96	97
Date	11/5/2025	11/6/2025	11/11/2025	11/14/2025	11/17/2025
Time	20:37	6:09	6:15	8:30	8:38
Day of Week	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday	Monday
Township	Rudolph	Rudolph	Port Edwards	Grand Rapids	Saratoga
Location	COUNTY LINE RD & CTH O	CTH O & CTH PP	CTH AA & Lynn Hill Rd	48TH ST S & GRIFFITH AVE	BAINBRIDGE TRAIL & STH 73 S
Rescue 3	B. Franz	B. Franz	M. Wiberg	Out of Service	M. Wiberg
Rescue 4					
Rescue 5					
10-22ed		Yes			
Call Type	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries	10-50 w/ Injuries		10-50 w/ Injuries
Medical/Extrication					
Ambulance	UEMR	UEMR	WRFD		WRFD
EMR	Rudolph	Rudolph	Saratoga		Saratoga
Fire	Rudolph	Rudolph	Nekoosa		Nekoosa
Air					
Tools/Equipment Used					
Notes					
Other members on scene					

Call Summary

Call #	98	99	100	101	
Date	11/17/2025	11/22/2025	11/25/2025	11/26/2025	
Time	10:40	21:06	14:53	17:36	
Day of Week	Monday	Saturday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
Township	Rudolph	Rudolph	Grand Rapids	Wisconsin Rapids	
Location	1ST ST N & HARTJES AVE	1759 GREENFIELD AVE	3340 SPRINGWOOD CT	JOHNSON ST & 3RD AVE S	
Rescue 3	M. Wiberg	D. Westfall	M. Wiberg	B. Franz	
Rescue 4				D. Westfall	
Rescue 5					
10-22ed		Yes			
Call Type	10-50 w/ Injuries	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries	10-50 w/ Injuries	Other	
Medical/ Extrication					
Ambulance	UEMR	UEMR	UEMR		
EMR	Rudolph	Rudolph	Grand Rapids		
Fire	Rudolph	Rudolph	Grand Rapids		
Air					
Tools/ Equipment Used					
Notes					
Other members on scene		M. Wiberg			

Special Events Summary

Date	11/26/2025				
Day of Week	Wednesday				
Event	Rekindle The Spirit Parade				
Host	WR Chamber of Commerce				
Location	JOHNSON ST & 3RD AVE S				
Vehicle Used	R3, R4				
Tools/ Equipment Used					
Members at event	B. Franz (R3) D. Westfall (R4)				
Event Description					



WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



SHAWN BECKER, SHERIFF

December 2 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR Sheriff Becker; Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Monthly Crime Stoppers Report – November 2025

The Crime Stoppers program received 16 tips in the month of Nov 2025 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 January 14th, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Berres
Investigator Sergeant
Wood County Sheriff's Department



WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



SHAWN BECKER, SHERIFF

Nov 2025 K9 Report

	TRAINING HOURS	USEAGE/ DEPLOYMENTS	DEMO/ COMMUNITY
K9 Sig	12	1	0
K9 Bingo	7	2	1
K9 Timo	13	2	0
K9 Rosco	17	2	0
K9 Lola			

TRAINING (MONTHLY) –

WCSD K9 teams trained this month in the grater Marshfield area. They had focused the training on narcotics. Also the teams worked on obedience and tracking. The training consisted at multiple locations on the north end of the county. We had also conducted a narcotics search at the Auburndale High / Middle school.

TRAINING (INDIVIDUAL) –

Deputy Beathard and K9 Rosco completed 5 hrs of on duty training with obedience, narcotics and pod casts.

Lieutenant Christianson and K9 Bingo completed 7 hours of training on duty during month of November. Training consisted of tracking, obedience and odor detection.

USEAGE –

Deputy Beathard and K9 Rosco had two deployments for the month of November. One traffic stop with MFPD resulting in a search. Nothing of evidentiary value located. The other deployment was with Mary's Place in the city of Marshfield. No CIB or indications at this location.

Lieutenant Christianson and K9 Bingo had two deployments during the month of November. First, they assisted Marathon County Bomb Team in search for buried dynamite. Change of behavior observed but nothing located. Second, they searched area at residence and roadway for evidence of a firearm related crime/arrest. No change of behavior or indication observed during second search.



WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



SHAWN BECKER, SHERIFF

Sergeant Arendt and K9Timo completed two deployments during month of November. First, they completed a school sniff at Auburndale HS, with nothing of evidentiary located. Second, they assisted WRPD on a traffic stop for a vehicle sniff and nothing evidentiary located.

DEMO/COMMUNITY – Lt. Christianson and K9 Bingo did community demo in Wisconsin Rapids with the Raptors Football and Cheer program

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION –

K9 Lola November monthly training/deployment records will be added to December 2025.

Lieutenant Christianson was unable to attend monthly training this month due to staffing.

On Thanksgiving morning, 11/27, retired WOSO K9 Ace passed away from cancer. Ace was 11 years of age and enjoyed almost two full years of retirement with the Christianson family.

Respectfully,

Brandon Christianson

Brandon Christianson
Patrol Lieutenant



WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



SHAWN BECKER, SHERIFF

HUMANE OFFICER

10-26-25 to 11-23-25

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	3	1	0
• Wood	1	0	0
• Marshfield	0	0	0
• Saratoga	0	0	0
• Port Edwards	0	0	0
• Richfield	0	0	0
• Lincoln	0	2	0
• Rock	1	0	0

Neglect/Abuse Case: 1

Abandonment: 0

Animal vs Animal: 1

Abatement Order: 0

Animals at Large: 1

Major Incidents: 0

Follow-up-Brooke: 1

Follow-up-Susa: 0

Monthly Hours: 15.50

2025 YTD Hours: 297.75

Submitted by: Mitzi Forde



WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



SHAWN BECKER, SHERIFF

Department of Natural Resources Patrols

November 2025

ATV

- Patrol Hours – 46
- Citations - 0
- Warnings – 0

BOAT

- N/A

SNOWMOBILE

- Patrol Hours -1
- Citations- 0
- Warnings – 1

Submitted by

Sgt. Matt Susa



WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



SHAWN BECKER, SHERIFF

Operations Overtime/Comp Time Totals

NOVEMBER 2025 (10/26/25to 11/22/25)

Patrol

Overtime hours:	147.75
Comp time hours:	81.5
Holiday Pay/Comp hours:	0

Investigations

Overtime hours:	67.5
Comp time hours:	16.75

Security Services

Overtime hours:	8
Comp time hours:	22.5

TOTAL CALL OUT:	27
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Submitted By: Charles Hoogesteger – Operations Captain



Wood County

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SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT

Shawn Becker
SHERIFF

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Security Services November 2025 Report

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

Guns -	0
Knives -	61
O.C. -	5
Misc. Items -	4

The miscellaneous items that were located were three (3) pairs of scissors, a wrench and a screwdriver

Security Services screened 6,375 people entering the courthouse in November. Security had 32 security requests from different departments within the Courthouse. Security also assisted with one jury trial for the month of November.

Security served three (3) civil process papers, fulfilled two (2) warrants and handled four (4) complaints for the jail. The complaints were for inmate fights, battery to a CO and a theft.

During the Month of November, I utilize part-time employees for 46 hours to fill employee shortage hours and for trainings. Several shifts ran short due to no part-time employees able to help.

Report submitted by: Lieutenant Bryan D. Peterson



WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



SHAWN BECKER, SHERIFF

Public Safety Committee Meeting

School Resource Officer (Auburndale) November 2025 Report

For the month of November, the School Resource Officer initiated/responded to 22 calls of service while at the Auburndale High School/Middle School/Elementary School. The calls for service included:

- Student leaving school
- Threats towards teaching staff
- Extra Patrols for monitoring traffic before/after school
- Traffic Accident (multiple)
- Welfare Check (Mental Health)
- Assisted patrol/investigations with several LE related incidents outside the school
- Truancy

The School Resource Officer also participated in the following:

- Safety walk at the High School/Middle School
- Safety walk at Elementary School
- Safety walk at Good Lutheran Sheppard Church/School
- Assisted School staff with lunch service
- Attended Veterans Coffee and Community Coffee at High School

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



WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



SHAWN BECKER, SHERIFF

US HWY 10 Cross Traffic Monthly Report

NOVEMBER (11/01/25 – 11/30/25)

MINUTES – 1637
WARNINGS – 1
CITATIONS – 1
CRASHES – 7 Deer

Intersection	Time Spent (min)	Citations	Warnings
USH 10/Day RD	385	0	0
USH 10/CTH T	615	0	1
USH 10/CTH E	0	0	0
USH 10/STH 186	327	0	0
USH 10/North RD	60	1	0
USH 10/CTH K	220	0	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	30	0	0
USH10 Patrol	0	0	0
Totals:	1637	1	1

Submitted By: Charles Hoogesteger – Operations Captain

JAIL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Wood County Sheriff's Department and Human Services Department would like to collaborate to provide mental health services to inmates in lieu of using contracted services through an outside vendor starting in 2026. Wood County Human Services provided information outlined below that indicates a method in which we could provide the same number of hours at a savings of approximately \$21,000 to Wood County.

CURRENT:	1.5 FTEs (60 hours/week) contracted through Aspirus	\$156,000/YEAR
PROPOSAL:	End contract with Aspirus.	
	Hire (1) .97FTE "Jail Case Manager" Grade H, step 3	\$90,000/year
	WCSD fund .5FTE to Human Services - 20 hours/week	\$45,000/year
	<i>Budget funds saved:</i>	~ \$-21,000.00

Some considerations of the proposed change are:

- Embedded in Human Service's EMH unit, housed at the jail
- Clinical supervision/oversight provided by Human Services
- Ability to complete crisis assessments w/o NW Connections
 - o Open in Crisis Intervention when appropriate for assessment and linkage/follow-up at time of discharge
 - o Linkage & follow-up for inmates who have had a formal assessment could receive follow up post discharge - will be a new service
- Streamline access to inpatient/outpatient services
- EMH team is familiar with a lot of MH clientele in the jail – several on legal orders already within EMH, familiarity with how to navigate applicable statutes with client needs
- .5 positions are challenging to fill if a stand-alone position

Human Services Proposed Option: This would be a positive first step in transitioning to "in-house" mental health services in the jail. Incorporating one FTE Jail Case Managers into the EMH team while folding in our existing staff as providers will allow for improved communication, better collaboration, and better service being provided to our inmates with no additional cost to the county, and a slight cost savings to WCSD. Many of the inmates are shared clients and EMH could seamlessly provide support to our mutual consumers. The cost of the .5 FTE (20 hours/week) would be paid for by WCSD using the current .5 FTE allocation in the Aspirus contract. If WCSD is ever interested in increasing mental health services to 2.0 FTEs now or in the future, additional funding would need to be sought. The MH Court Case Manager could take on the additional 20 hours/week through 2026 due to unanticipated capacity however this position is only funded through 2026- there is not a plan in place to continue that position into 2027. This will allow a trial period of one year and look to determine needs for 2027.

Corporation Counsel Flanagan and Finance Director Yang were contacted about the planned change. Corporation Counsel's review of County Board Rule 4.09 showed a majority vote is required and can be authorized by the oversight committee if transitioning a contract to a county position if there is a savings in doing so and no needed transfer of funds to another function. Our situation meets those criteria.

Our ask is that the Public Safety Committee review our request and take action as they deem appropriate.

WOOD COUNTY JAIL

January - June 2025

DAILY POPULATION / INMATES SHIPPED OUT / EMP

Day	January			February			March			April			May			June		
	Total	SK	EMP	Total	SK	EMP	Total	SK	EMP	Total	SK	EMP	Total	SK	EMP	Total	SK	EMP
1	189	77	30	198	75	30	188	71	29	188	0	24	192	0	24	193	0	35
2	189	77	30	197	75	30	188	71	29	185	0	25	185	0	27	194	0	35
3	187	76	28	201	75	30	189	71	28	188	0	24	187	0	30	185	0	35
4	190	75	27	195	72	30	177	69	26	179	0	25	191	0	30	190	0	35
5	193	75	27	199	72	34	181	69	25	187	0	25	189	0	29	187	0	34
6	193	75	27	202	73	34	184	70	25	185	0	24	188	0	29	189	0	34
7	189	73	28	198	69	34	183	69	26	185	0	24	187	0	29	194	0	34
8	194	72	29	194	69	34	179	68	26	179	0	23	187	0	29	198	0	34
9	193	69	29	193	69	32	177	68	26	184	0	23	184	0	29	200	0	34
10	193	68	31	195	69	32	175	68	23	187	0	23	185	0	28	204	0	34
11	197	73	32	197	69	32	178	65	23	192	0	26	188	0	28	202	0	33
12	196	73	32	200	67	32	177	65	24	193	0	25	189	0	26	198	0	31
13	198	73	32	199	64	33	179	62	24	196	0	24	189	0	27	196	0	33
14	195	70	31	202	67	33	178	61	26	200	0	24	185	0	27	196	0	33
15	195	70	30	200	70	34	180	59	27	197	0	24	185	0	28	195	0	31
16	201	73	31	201	70	33	179	59	27	198	0	24	194	0	32	198	0	31
17	194	72	30	202	70	32	180	59	27	202	0	24	194	0	32	198	0	31
18	200	74	31	193	68	32	180	56	28	196	0	24	194	0	32	200	0	31
19	205	74	31	187	66	32	181	53	28	196	0	25	190	0	32	198	0	33
20	207	74	31	194	72	32	177	50	30	197	0	25	190	0	33	192	0	32
21	208	74	31	191	70	31	180	47	30	200	0	25	187	0	33	194	0	32
22	203	74	32	195	72	31	184	44	30	202	0	24	188	0	35	193	0	32
23	204	75	32	195	72	31	189	44	30	200	0	24	192	0	35	191	0	31
24	200	77	32	197	72	30	188	44	29	197	0	24	192	0	35	194	0	30
25	204	74	32	186	70	31	182	41	29	192	0	24	191	0	33	188	0	30
26	202	73	32	185	69	29	190	35	28	194	0	25	191	0	33	186	0	30
27	203	73	32	187	71	29	191	33	28	192	0	25	190	0	33	189	0	29
28	201	73	33	183	70	29	192	30	28	193	0	25	195	0	36	190	0	28
29	199	72	34				205	10	27	190	0	26	187	0	35	195	0	28
30	201	76	34				199	10	27	188	0	24	183	0	34	199	0	28
31	198	74	33				198	0	27				185	0	35			
WCJail	197.5			195.2			184.1			192.1			188.8			194.20		
Shipped	73.5			70.3			52.3			0.0			0.0			0.00		
EMP	30.8			31.6			27.1			24.4			30.9			32.03		
Avg Length of Stay (Days)	30.20			44.90			30.50			33.30			24.30			28.30		

WOOD COUNTY JAIL

July - December 2025

DAILY POPULATION / INMATES SHIPPED OUT / EMP

Day	July			August			September			October			November			December		
	Total	SK	EMP	Total	SK	EMP	Total	SK	EMP	Total	SK	EMP	Total	SK	EMP	Total	SK	EMP
1	202	0	28	191	0	31	201	0	28	183	0	22	212	0	25	206	0	24
2	201	0	26	187	0	31	201	0	28	182	0	23	212	0	24	206	0	25
3	202	0	25	187	0	31	196	0	27	189	0	25	208	0	23	212	0	24
4	201	0	23	188	0	29	202	0	27	192	0	24	207	0	23	212	0	24
5	201	0	23	186	0	30	202	0	26	190	0	24	207	0	26			
6	208	0	22	185	0	29	196	0	27	190	0	24	212	0	26			
7	213	0	22	186	0	30	197	0	26	186	0	24	208	0	26			
8	205	0	24	192	0	31	197	0	26	190	0	24	203	0	27			
9	200	0	26	190	0	31	192	0	26	192	0	24	206	0	27			
10	203	0	26	192	0	31	186	0	25	189	0	22	207	0	26			
11	196	0	27	192	0	31	188	0	25	196	0	23	211	0	28			
12	196	0	27	186	0	31	194	0	25	198	0	23	210	0	28			
13	200	0	28	185	0	30	188	0	25	198	0	22	216	0	29			
14	199	0	28	186	0	29	188	0	25	199	0	24	214	0	29			
15	192	0	28	183	0	30	192	0	25	194	0	25	214	0	29			
16	190	0	27	183	0	30	191	0	25	193	0	25	214	0	28			
17	192	0	27	186	0	30	195	0	25	198	0	25	215	0	27			
18	189	0	27	184	0	30	195	0	25	200	0	26	216	0	26			
19	191	0	28	186	0	29	198	0	24	208	0	26	217	0	26			
20	196	0	28	186	0	28	191	0	23	209	0	26	221	0	26			
21	195	0	28	185	0	28	193	0	23	204	0	26	213	0	26			
22	195	0	30	188	0	28	193	0	22	209	0	26	214	0	26			
23	196	0	30	183	0	27	189	0	22	211	0	26	217	0	26			
24	195	0	32	183	0	26	191	0	22	211	0	26	217	0	26			
25	195	0	32	188	0	26	186	0	21	210	0	26	210	0	24			
26	194	0	31	189	0	26	184	0	21	210	0	26	207	0	24			
27	194	0	31	184	0	28	180	0	21	210	0	26	213	0	25			
28	191	0	30	184	0	28	184	0	21	216	0	26	213	0	25			
29	188	0	30	189	0	28	186	0	21	212	0	26	213	0	25			
30	186	0	31	189	0	28	181	0	21	215	0	25	208	0	24			
31	190	0	31	199	0	28				214	0	26						
WCJail	196.65			187.16			191.90			199.94			211.83			209.00		
Shipped	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
EMP	27.61			29.13			24.27			24.71			26.00			24.25		
Avg Length of Stay (Days)	32.50			30.20			28.2			22.7			30.3					

2025 Yearly Averages

Total	195.70
EMP	27.73

Date Population

Color indicates low population	3/10/2025	175
Color indicates high population	11/20/2025	221

Orange indicates the last day of Safe Keeper housing

Electronic Monitoring 2025	
Month	Monthly Average
January	30.80
February	31.60
March	27.10
April	24.40
May	30.90
June	32.03
July	27.61
August	29.13
September	24.27
October	24.71
November	26.15
December	0.00
TOTAL	28.06

Wood County Sheriff's Department Kitchen Report 2025						
MONTH	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Special	Total meals	Food Cost plus Labor
January	3559	3500	3446	0	10505	\$26,833.08
February	2891	2875	2790	0	8556	\$21,648.28
March	2968	2959	2902	0	8829	\$21,999.17
April	6348	6304	6159	13	18824	\$37,158.87
May	4907	4817	4748	0	14472	\$28,526.84
June	5097	4855	4919	0	14871	\$29,281.01
July	6667	6466	6494	0	19627	\$38,698.73
August	4991	4897	4927	0	14815	\$29,170.74
September	5307	5247	5264	0	15818	\$31,145.63
October	6717	6677	6660	0	20054	\$39,486.30
November	5703	5692	5654	0	17049	\$33,569.49
December	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
TOTAL	55155	54289	53963	13	163420	\$337,518.14

Cost per meal **\$2.07**

Cost per day **\$6.20**

Wood County Jail Kitchen Expenses					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Food & Labor	\$335,733.47	\$312,317.25	\$285,692.96	\$275,088.44	\$289,481.66
Number of Meals	103,993	86,637	77,044	88,993	118,016
Cost per Meal	\$3.23	\$3.60	\$3.71	\$3.09	\$2.45
Cost per Day	\$9.69	\$10.81	\$11.12	\$9.27	\$7.36
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Food & Labor	\$262,016.71	\$262,906.02	\$233,270.65	\$251,935.30	\$247,728.79
Number of Meals	122,668	111,439	81,970	86,838	80,356
Cost per Meal	\$2.14	\$2.36	\$2.85	\$2.90	\$3.08
Cost per Day	\$6.41	\$7.08	\$8.54	\$8.70	\$9.25
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Food & Labor	\$248,125.14	\$269,109.64	\$337,518.14	\$0.00	\$0.00
Number of Meals	87,953	104,072	163,420	0	0
Cost per Meal	\$2.82	\$2.59	\$2.07	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Cost per Day	\$8.46	\$7.76	\$6.20	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Food & Labor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Number of Meals	0	0	0	0	0
Cost per Meal	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Cost per Day	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

Avg. cost per meal	\$2.80
Avg. cost per day	\$8.40

WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
JAIL DIVISION
TEK84 INTERCEPT BODY SCANNER 2025

MONTH	FOUND ITEMS Male or Female		CONTRABAND FOUND INTERNAL EXTERNAL		DRUGS MALE or FEMALE		TOTAL SCANNED MALE FEMALE		Monthly Total
JANUARY	1	0	1	0	1	0	130	53	183
FEBRUARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	18	51
MARCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	13	61
APRIL	0	0	0	0	0	0	149	50	199
MAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	141	44	185
JUNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	149	51	200
JULY	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	53	198
AUGUST	0	0	0	0	0	0	124	50	174
SEPTEMBER	1	0	0	1	1	0	124	60	184
OCTOBER	0	1	1	0	0	1	193	64	257
NOVEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	49	177
DECEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	2	1	2	1	2	1	1364	505	

TOTAL SCANNED

1869



RESOLUTION#

DATE
Effective
Date

December 16, 2025

January 1, 2026

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Introduced by Public Safety 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: _____	NBF	, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: _____	PY	, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To increase the Cremation Fee and Death Certificate Signature Fee in the Coroner's office

FISCAL NOTE: Approximately \$3,700 per year increase in revenues

WHEREAS, the cost of supplies needed to properly conduct the office of coroner are increasing at a rapid pace, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes allow for an increase in Coroner fees in an amount equal to the consumer price index of the previous year, and

WHEREAS, the last increase of these fees occurred in 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee, having reviewed the request of the Coroner, believe it is in the best interest of Wood County to increase these fees at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wood County Board of Supervisors approves increasing Cremation Fee from \$112.00 to \$115.00 and the Death Certificate Fee from \$112.00 to \$115.00, effective January 1, 2026.

		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, December 16, 2025

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

MINUTES

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, November 5, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – County Board Room #300

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Wayne Schulz, Russ Perlock, Tim Hovendick, 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. Under public comment, Chair Leichtnam noted of a timeline needed to be adhered to in order for Corp Counsel Flanagan to be able to participate in the meeting before he was due in court. As such, one person spoke in opposition to the Hub City Wind Farm proposal being considered.
3. Representatives from Invenergy (Saratoga Solar Project) reviewed a possible amendment to the developer's agreement in place with the county to allow for the burning of cleared vegetation from the site. The committee had questions related to air quality and safety that they would like answered before any approval be considered. Motion by Schulz/Buttke to table this item until the questions that are proposed can be answered, in person, by Invenergy. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Leichtnam instructed the committee to get those questions County Clerk Miner and he will forward to the representatives of Invenergy.
4. Planning & Zoning Director Grueneberg presented the actions taken to date on the Hub City Wind Farm (Alliant Energy) on their request to possibly place a wind turbine on land owned by Wood County in Marathon County. The question before the committee was whether to continue to proceed towards the drafting of a Wind Lease & Easement agreement. Chair Leichtnam opened the floor for continued public comment, whereby several Marathon County residents spoke against wind turbines. Consensus of the committee was to hold this item over until the representative from Alliant Energy could be in person (December CEED meeting) to answer questions.
5. A 3-minute recess was called.
6. Chair Leichtnam reconvened the meeting. Justin Casperson from the City of Marshfield presented an update to work done at Braem Park in Marshfield. This project was approved for economic development grant funding. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the release of \$20,000 economic development grant funding to the City of Marshfield for the Bream Park project. Motion carried unanimously.
7. The CEED Committee previously had approved the Building Revitalization project for economic grant dollars in the amount of \$8,000. The City had, at the time, stated they were going to put \$25,000 into that project as well, however, budget constraints will only allow a match of \$8,000. The committee is being asked to approve the project with this lower match amount. Motion by

Schulz/Perlock to approve the Building Revitalization project for 2026 with the lower match of \$8,000 from the City of Marshfield. Motion carried unanimously.

8. The minutes of the October 1, 2025, meeting were presented. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Motion by Hovendick/Schulz to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Associate Extension Dean Hausler reported that he expects a new Area Extension Director to be in place, possibly by the end of January, depending on budgetary issues at the state.
11. Hausler and the interim Area Extension Director McGivern presented the 2026 Extension Contract. In the past, Wood County has not signed an MOU with Extension, but there is a document that will be shared with the committee. The committee, by consensus, decided to review both documents for the next meeting.
12. County Conservationist Wucherpennig shared a handout as it relates to the chloride testing conducted along Mill Creek and in the City of Marshfield. There are higher concentrations along and behind 14th Street in the city. Wucherpennig will reach out to the plumbing inspector in Marshfield on possible issues from certain properties along 14th Street.
13. Wucherpennig reviewed the current status of the Nitrate Well Testing and the funding of reverse osmosis systems as well as the number of systems currently being used. He reported on the Mill Creek Phosphorus testing recently completed, as well as an update on current violations in the county. He informed the group that Engineering Technician Andrae was featured in the publication "THE FIELD NOTE" for his role in the mentoring program. He announced the upcoming WI Land + Water Annual Conference in March of 2026.
14. Planning & Zoning Director Grueneberg presented a subdivision plat for Saratoga Commons in the Town of Saratoga. The town has reviewed and approved the plat. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Grueneberg informed the committee of the approximate \$25,000 left in the REDI Implementation fund budget for 2025, and that the committee could reallocate some of those dollars to other projects, if desired. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to return any remaining REDI Implementation funding to the county general fund. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Supervisor Hovendick attended the Citizen Water Group meeting at the request of Chairman Leichtnam and is requesting per diem and mileage for attendance. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve the per diem and mileage for Supervisor Hovendick for the aforementioned meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
17. The committee set a date of Thursday, November 13th at 9:00 AM to complete the department head evaluations.
18. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

19. Motion by Buttke/Schulz for the committee to move into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to conduct performance evaluations of the department heads the committee oversees. Motion carried unanimously.
20. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.
21. Chair Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 12:14 PM.

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

Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

November 5, 2025

NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill Cleodrenning	WCB 15
Wayne [Signature]	WCB 1
Jason Grueneberg	P&Z
Megory Zygarlicka	Town of McMillan
Barb Peeters	LWCD
Wendy Rogowski	me
George Gilbertson	L & LWCD Rep.
Gachie Dillinger	Town of Day
Kristine Seehafer	Town of McMillan
Alidi Pestie	Town of McMillan
Carolyn Opatz	Town of McMillan
Pamela Braun	Town of McMillan
Shane Wecherpfenig	LWCD
JUSTIN CASPERSON	CITY OF MARSHFIELD
DENNIS POLACH	WCB-14
SCOTT BREHM	WCB #9
Victoria Wilson	P&Z
Kim McGrath	HR
Katie DeKleyn (Web Ex)	County Clerk
Jason Hauster (Web Ex)	Extension
Steve Bary (Web Ex)	City of Marshfield
Kimberly McGrath (Web Ex)	HR
Darrin Steinbach (Web Ex)	Finance
Sefal Dhindsa (Web Ex)	Invenergy
Julie Marel (Web Ex)	P&Z
Chris Logbach (Web Ex)	
Henry Petrash (Web Ex)	Invenergy

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, November 13, 2025

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 302

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Tim Hovendick, Russ Perlock,
Wayne Schulz

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; Lance Pliml, County Board Chair

1. Chairman Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Schulz/Buttke to move into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to conduct performance evaluations of the department heads the committee oversees. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Hovendick/Perlock to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Chair Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

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

MINUTES

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, December 3, 2025
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – County Board Room #300

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Wayne Schulz, Russ Perlock, Tim Hovendick, George Gilbertson

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

1. Chairman Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. Representatives from Invenergy (Saratoga Solar Project) reviewed a possible amendment to the developer's agreement in place with the county to allow for the burning of cleared vegetation from the site. A list of questions from the committee had been compiled after the last meeting and answered by the representatives in advance of the meeting. Additional concerns of the committee were shared with the representatives.
3. Because of time constraints, Chair Leichtnam asked Corp Counsel Flanagan to weigh in on this subject as well as the Hub City Wind Farm and the Extension contract and MOU before he had to leave for court. Extension Assistant Dean Hausler noted that in the past, Wood County has not signed an MOU, nor have a number of other counties. Some counties have wanted further definition of roles and responsibilities which necessitated an MOU.
4. After hearing from Corp Counsel and Hausler, motion by Schulz/Perlock to approve the 2026 Extension Contract as presented and forego the signing of an MOU at this time.
5. Chair Leichtnam opened public comment for those interested in the amendment to the developers agreement with Invenergy. There were 2 public comments shared, both having concerns with the open burning being contemplated in the amendment. Chair Leichtnam closed public comment. Motion by Hovendick/Schulz to adhere to the original developers agreement and not move forward with the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Ben Tanko from Alliant Energy spoke on the current status of the Hub City Wind Farm and their request to possibly place a wind turbine on land owned by Wood County in Marathon County. The question before the committee was whether to continue to proceed towards the drafting of a Wind Lease & Easement agreement. Chair Leichtnam opened the floor for continued public comment, whereby 4 Marathon County residents spoke against and had concerns with wind turbines. The Board of Regents is considering this matter yet this year, as they lease the land in question. Motion by Hovendick to table this item until after the Board of Regents makes a decision. Hovendick withdrew his motion. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to not enter into a lease agreement with Hub City Wind Farm for land owned by Wood County in Marathon County. Motion carried unanimously.
7. A 3-minute recess was called.

8. The minutes of the November 5 & 13, 2025, meetings were presented. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Associate Extension Dean Hausler reported that he expects a new Area Extension Director to be in place, possibly by the beginning of March, and that our district changed to include Marathon, Portage, Wood, and Waupaca Counties. Chair Leichtnam will be on the interview committee.
11. Extension Educator Rombalski gave a report on the Clean Sweeps held in 2025. This was a record turnout year in which the county had two separate events during the year. The same is scheduled for 2026. (Saturday, May 30 & Saturday, September 12)
12. County Conservationist Wucherpfennig shared the bids received for the Vruwink Manure Pit Closure. He reviewed the internal cost estimate of \$7,651. Bids received were:
 - Becker Trucking - \$22,311.88
 - Brad Brehm - \$7,158.75
 - Dvoran Trucking - \$6,450.00Motion by Buttke/Perlock to accept the low bid of \$6,450.00 from Dvoran Trucking for the basis of cost share. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Wucherpfennig reviewed the current status the Mill Creek chloride issue and that he met with officials from the City of Marshfield in this regard. They will be moving forward with efforts to try and determine the cause of chloride.
14. Wucherpfennig brought the committee up to date on the current violations. It was noted the manure overflow site is pretty much cleaned up.
15. Leichtnam presented the committee a set of rules for the Citizens Water Group, as a subcommittee of CEED, which was patterned from the Wood County Wildlife Advisory Committee rules. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to approve the rules as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
16. The Citizens Water Group drafted a letter requesting legislative and regulatory action on the nitrate and water pollution issues. The letter was addressed to various stakeholders. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the sending of this letter to the addressees listed on the letter. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Wood County Surveyor Kevin Boyer presented his annual report to the committee noting that the county is 100% monumented and maintained until about 2030. He discussed projects that have been worked on and noted that they might be looking at updating the Land Subdivision ordinance in the near future.
18. Planning & Zoning Director Grueneberg introduced the new county planner, Emmett Simkowski, to the committee, who in turn gave a brief background and work experience to the committee.

19. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve per diem and mileage to Chairman Leichtnam for his service on the interview team for Extension Area Director. Motion carried unanimously.
20. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve Supervisor Hovendick per diem and mileage for attending the upcoming Citizen Water Group meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
21. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
22. Motion by Hovendick/Buttke for the committee to move into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to conduct performance evaluations of the department heads the committee oversees. Motion carried unanimously.
23. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.
24. Chair Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 12:18 PM.

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

Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

December 3, 2025

NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill Clandorin	WCD #15
Trine Spindler	Farmland First
Neidi Roske	Farmland First/McMillan
Jackie Dillinger	Farmland First/Town of Day
Kristine Seehafn	Farmland First/McMillan
Emmett Simkowski	WC P+Z
Jason Gruenberg	WC P+Z
DENNIS POLACH	WCB- 14
George Gilbertson	LWC Dept Rep.
Burt Pester	LWCD
Nick Flanagan	Corp Counsel
Shane Wucherpfenning	LWCD
JOE KIWAK III	FARMLANDS FIRST
Ben Tanko	Alliant Energy
Jason Hausler	Extension
Kogel Wilex	Public
Jul Brysh	Public
Don White	Barton Malow
Paul Arsetz	BARTON malow
Sejal Dhindsa	Invernergy
Henry Petrash	Invernergy
Conner Newell	Invernergy
Paul McGowan	Invernergy
Bryan Kolman	Barton Malow
Lorelei Fuehrer	Town of Saratoga
Kayla Rombalski	Extension
Karin Boyer	County Surveyor

Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

December 3, 2025

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Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Personnel/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
September 18th, 2025
Midwest Renewable Energy Association/Online

Attendees: Shane Wucherpennig (Wood); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Gary Beastrom (Member-at-Large); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Jennifer Glad (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Denise Hilgart (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jenna Tuma (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Angel Rakow (Golden Sands RC&D Staff). Bill Clendenning (Wood) also attended.

CALL TO ORDER: Wucherpennig called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Beastrom, to approve the minutes of the July 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Leichtnam, to go into closed session at 9:08 a.m. Motion carried.

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Beastrom, to come out of closed session at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hilgart presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Leichtnam, to accept the treasurer's report and recommend for full council approval. Motion carried.

FEDERAL FUNDING STATUS: Glad reported federal funding for NRCS co-employment contracts and other programs is settling back into normal patterns, though some changes in processes and procedures were needed due to reductions in government staffing.

990 UPDATE: Hilgart reported that the 990 report for 2024 is being worked on.

2026 OVERHEAD ADMIN BUDGET: Glad reported that a proposal is being worked on and will be ready for review by the committee and full board in November.

HIRING UPDATES: Glad reported on NRCS affiliate staff and fall interns. Four NRCS affiliates have returned to their previous positions. Three have found other employment and will not be returning. One was hired for a Golden Sands RCYD staffing position. Two affiliate positions are pending with NRCS due to staffing model changes. Two fall interns have started: an admin staff position and a media production intern.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Glad reported that three counties paid dues in August. She has made in-person visits to the Land & Water Conservation Committees, in various counties where dues have not been paid, to build better awareness of the value Golden Sands RC&D provides to those counties.

AL BARDEN TRIBUTE: No update.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE: No report.

PR & COMMUNICATIONS: Glad updated the committee on various communications initiatives.

OTHER BUSINESS: Walker introduced the idea of developing and administering an employee communications survey to identify opportunities for improvements. Walker, Glad, and Hilgart will initiate a steering committee to develop the concept more fully for future consideration by the committee and full board.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Beastron, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Minutes by: Bob Walker, Secretary

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2025
Midwest Renewable Energy Association/Online

Attendees: Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Jennifer Glad (Golden Sands RC&D); Denise Hilgart (Golden Sands RC&D); Brooke Patrick (Golden Sands RC&D); Asher Maliepaard (Golden Sands RC&D); Robert Bauer (Golden Sands RC&D); Gary Beastram (Member-at-Large); Angel Rakow (Golden Sands RC&D); Nicole Kirk (Golden Sands RC&D).

CALL TO ORDER: Tessmer called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Beastram, which was seconded by Tessmer, to approve the July 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

STAFF & COUNTY MEMBER UPDATES:

Tessmer (Taylor): Updates included status of a recent manure spill in the county and yearly drinking water testing program.

Patrick: She explained that she is currently working on grazing plans that have a due date in October and she provided an update on grazing plan follow-up visits. She also talked about the various events that had taken place so far this summer such as the GrassStock farm tour and plans to attend the Waupaca County Conservation Field Day.

Bauer: He explained that he is currently working on completing grazing plans that are due in October, with funding from several grants. He reported on turnout from a workshop at Sinsinawa Mound, and efforts to release a second episode of the grazing podcast being edited by Angel Rakow, Media Production Intern.

Maliepaard: He explained that there were very impactful events, such as the Oneida County Pasture Walk. Since most events have happened, it is now time that they focus on completing grazing plans.

Kirk: She explained that she is assisting Dane County and the state Urban Agriculture Specialist with programs and has attended field days recently for outreach.

Glad: She provided an update on recent efforts with the community garden collaborative, including hiring Annika Waltenburg, coordinating on efforts at The Giving Farm with the new managed at Partners HQ, getting garden beds ready to winterize, and making improvements at Meade with the new shade structure, six raised beds, and improved water access.

NEW PROJECTS: None.

STAFF/PROJECT UPDATES: Glad provided an update on progress with interviewing and hiring a Regenerative Agriculture Specialist and a Grazing Specialist. She anticipates that the new employees will attend the November council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Beastram, which was seconded by Tessmer, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Minutes by: Robert Bauer

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Forestry/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes
September 18th, 2025
Midwest Renewable Energy Association/Online

Attendees: Al Drabek (Marathon); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Katherine Jaeger (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bo Hendrickson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff).

CALL TO ORDER: Drabek called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Drabek, to approve the minutes from the July 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

HABITAT FOR KARNER BLUE BUTTERFLY, POWESHIEK SKIPPERLING & OTHER POLLINATORS: Hendrickson reported on work that was completed.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN WINDSHED PARTNERSHIP: Tuma reported that more than 56,000 feet of windbreaks were established in the 2025 season.

COOPERATIVE FORESTRY/CWIP/NEWIP: Fluor and Harwood reported. A demonstration forest event was held recently. Additional events are being planned, including one in Portage County on October 4th. Invasive control projects were completed at several locations. A banquet for demo forest owners is being planned for March 2026. Staff are continuing efforts to engage communities and the public in invasive removal projects.

TREE SHELTERS: Tuma reported total sales for 2025 was over \$17,000, with a net profit of \$986.

NEW PROJECTS: Proposed resolutions were reviewed for pending grant applications to the Wisconsin DNR for AIS prevention at yard waste facilities and landscaping companies in Wood, Portage, Marathon, Waushara, Waupaca, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties. A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Walker, to support the resolutions and recommend their adoption by the full board. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Drabek. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Minutes by: Bob Walker

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Waters Committee Meeting Minutes
September 18th, 2025
Midwest Renewable Energy Association/Online

Attendees: Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Mara Lince (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Shane Wucherpennig (Wood); Todd Morris (Green Lake); Pat Kilbey (Marquette); Nancy Eggleston (Portage).

CALL TO ORDER: Tomandl called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Wucherpennig, to approve the July 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

NEW PROJECTS: Lince presented the LMPN 13 County Regional AIS Program. Discussion was had on possible budget cuts and additional counties joining. A motion was made by Wucherpennig, which was seconded by Eggleston, to approve the project and send it to full council for approval. Motion carried.

COUNTY AND STAFF UPDATES:

Portage (Eggleston): The county is developing an industrial livestock ordinance. Discussion was had on CAFO regulations and how this ordinance would work.

Wood (Wucherpennig/Leichtnam): A large CAFO farm in Juneau County might be starting up operations again. ARPA funds are being utilized for R.O. Systems, nitrogen reduction, and harvestable buffers. The citizens water group has officially become a sub-committee of the Land/Water Committee.

Green Lake (Morris): Green Lake Association is working with the county to create a lake management plan to be combined with an existing 9-Key Element Plan. A recently formed watershed group is getting organized.

Marquette (Kilbey): Contracted with Golden Sands RC&D to author a 9-Key element plan for the Buffalo Lake watershed. CWIP has been active in Marquette County with Jacob & Claire recently doing property inventories and hosting an invasives workshop. The private groundwater testing program is on-going with a workshop scheduled September 23rd.

Taylor (Tomandl): A manure spill resulting in a fish kill was discovered by staff. DNR has been on-site. Soil health activities and discussions have increased.

Lince: She discussed the trappers 2-year education grant, the 9-Key Element Plan with Marquette County, and the Brekke Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan.

Thorstenson: CBCW 2025 grants completed. Acrylic Plant ID samples on-going with large order recently placed.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Morris, to adjourn.
Motion carried.

Minutes by: Pat Kilbey

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Regular Business/Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 18th, 2025
Midwest Renewable Energy Association/Online

Attendees: Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Al Drabek (Marathon); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Gary Beastrom (Member-at-Large); Jennifer Glad (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D); Asher Maliepaard (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Denise Hilgart (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jenna Tuma (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Katherine Jaeger (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Todd Morris (Green Lake); Ron Luethe (Monroe); Brooke Patrick (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Natalie Gruben (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Shane Wucherpfennig (Wood); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Pat Kilbey (Marquette); Bo Hendrickson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Nancy Eggleston (Portage); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Angel Rakow (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Tiana Snyder (TNC); Jon Baker (Doral Renewables, LLC); Leon Dulak (MREA).

CALL TO ORDER: President Wucherpfennig called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Clendenning, to approve the minutes from the July 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hilgart presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Drabek, to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION TO MIDWEST RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION: Glad introduced Leon Dulak, MREA Site Manager, who gave a brief presentation on the history and current initiatives of MREA.

WI RC&D ASSOCIATION: Glad reported that though the state association is not currently meeting, the executive directors of the state's RC&Ds continue to work cooperatively to advance shared interests and opportunities for collaboration.

FEDERAL FUNDING STATUS: Glad reported federal funding for NRCS co-employment contracts and other programs is settling back into normal patterns, though some changes in processes and procedures were needed due to reductions in government staffing.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Glad reported that three counties paid dues in August. She has made in-person visits to the Land & Water Conservation Committees, in various counties where dues have not been paid, to build better awareness of the value Golden Sands RC&D provides to those counties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Each of the four standing committees reviewed its actions from meetings held just before the full board meeting.

RESOLUTIONS: Glad presented four resolutions that serve as precursors for grant applications that will be submitted to the Wisconsin DNR.

- 2026 AIS Prevention For Trappers
- 2026 Lake Monitoring & Protection Network (LMPN) Regional AIS Coordinators 884G
- 2026 AIS Prevention for Yard Waste Facilities and Landscape Companies in Waupaca, Outagamie and Winnebago counties
- 2026 AIS Prevention for Yard Waste Facilities and Landscape Companies in Wood, Portage, Marathon, and Waushara counties

A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Tomandl, to adopt the resolutions. Motion carried.

NEW PROJECTS: The LMPN 13 County Regional AIS Program was presented and discussed. A motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Tomandl, to approve the project. Motion carried.

STAFF/PROJECT UPDATES: Glad reminded attendees that staff activity reports were included with information sent out prior to the meeting.

AGENCY/PARTNER REPORTS: Jon Baker of Doral Renewables, LLC provided an overview and status report on the Vista Sands Solar Project. Golden Sands RC&D is a partner in the project, providing technical assistance as well as other support.

OTHER REPORTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kilbey, which was seconded by Drabek, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Minutes by: Bob Walker, Secretary

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN TOURISM PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 25, 2025

Portage County Annex
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Brad Hamilton called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Keri Beck, Langlade County; Terry Poltrock, Langlade County; Greg Hartwig, Lincoln County; Ginger Deschane, Marinette County; Megan Vruwink, Stevens Point Area CVB; James Przybylski, Shawano County; Lance Pliml, Wood County; and Brad Hamilton, Wood County. **EXCUSED:** Mike Miller, Forest County and Clyde Nelson, Merrill Chamber. **ABSENT:** Chase Erickson, Florence County; Autumn Timblin, Marinette County; Stephanie Holman, Oconto County; Ray Reser, Portage County; and Jacob Hartwig, Shawano County. **OTHERS PRESENT:** John Pavelski, Portage County Executive. **WCA STAFF:** Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Pliml, second by Przybylski, to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Chair Hamilton talked about fall activities in the area and the upcoming hunting season – hopes weather cooperates for a great fall tourism season.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf walked through the financial report dated September 2, 2025. There were no substantive changes from the July report. Revenues in 2025 total \$10,442.14; expenses paid total \$2,442.48; the account balance is \$40,969.68; and unallocated revenue totals \$32,749.16.

REPORT OF THE TOURISM COMMITTEE: A written summary of the Tourism Committee's September planning session was included in the meeting packet. Highlights from the meeting include recommendations to update the logo and booth materials, placing an ad in the Wisconsin Travel Guide, creation of a subcommittee to discuss social media and content creation, participating in the Travel Wisconsin co-op's Minnesota Star Tribune Geofence Display, and participation in a second trade show.

CONSIDERATION OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE UNALLOCATED RESERVE IN 2025: The board reviewed the funding recommendations from the Tourism Committee's planning session. Motion by Przybylski, second by Pliml, to make the following modifications to the 2025 budget:

- From the unallocated reserve, \$750 for 2026 trade show registration (Madison or La Crosse).
- From the unallocated reserve, \$6,000 for logo creation.
- From the unallocated reserve, \$4,000 for a half-page ad in the 2026 Wisconsin Travel Guide.
- Reallocate \$1,000 from the underspending in the 2025 Show Travel Reimbursement line item to the line item on booth material updates.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET: Sarah reviewed the 2026 draft budget based on the discussions from the planning session. A budget proposal will come before the board for action at the November meeting.

PARTNER REPORTS: Christopher Jennings from Travel Wisconsin was unable to attend but sent a written report.

WCA REPORT: The WCA Conference was held earlier in the week. The conference was well-attended and received positive reviews.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: The next meeting will be held on November 20. The next county in the rotation to host is Forest County.

ADJOURN: Chair Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN TOURISM PARTNERSHIP TOURISM COMMITTEE

October 8, 2025

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Keri Beck was elected temporary chair. Chair Beck called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Miller, Forest County; Keri Beck, Langlade County; Autumn Timblin, Marinette County; Ann Maletzke, Spur of the Moment Ranch (Oconto County); Michelle Eron, Shawano Country Tourism; James Przybylski, Shawano County; and Brad Hamilton, Wood County. **VOTING MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Clyde Nelson, Merrill Chamber; Malorie Paine, Plover CVB; and Matt McLean, Visit Marshfield. **OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Megan Vruwink, Stevens Point Area CVB and Meredith Kleker, Wisconsin Rapids Area CVB. **OTHERS PRESENT:** John Pavelski, Portage County, Renee Krueger, Lincoln County; and Christopher Jennings, Travel Wisconsin. **WCA STAFF:** Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Hamilton, second by Przybylski, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: There were no modifications to the report dated September 2, 2025.

REVIEW OF 2025 MARKETING PLAN: The *Round Trip with Colleen Kelly* podcast is currently available. The link to listen is on the agenda. Thanks to Malorie Paine for serving as project lead and appearing on the show.

REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 PLANNING SESSION: Notes from the planning session were included in the meeting packet. Meeting highlights are as follows:

- Need for an updated logo – ask the board for \$6,000 for logo creation
- Ask board to allocate an additional \$1,000 (\$2,000 total) for booth materials and giveaways
- Recommend a half-page ad in the Wisconsin Travel Guide
- Creation of a subcommittee to discuss a social media presence

- Recommend participation in the Travel Wisconsin 2026 Co-op Program – Minnesota Star-Tribune Geofence Display
- Possible participation in one additional trade show

UPDATE ON SEPTEMBER NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN TOURISM

PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING: At their September meeting, the North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership board considered the requests from the September planning session. The board approved the following: spending from the unallocated reserve of \$750 for Madison or La Crosse trade show registration, \$6,000 for a logo update, and \$4,000 for a half-page ad in the 2026 Wisconsin Travel Guide. The board also approved reallocating \$1,000 in underspending from the 2025 show travel reimbursement line item to increase spending on booth materials from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

2026 BUDGET DISCUSSION: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf shared that the North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership board will need to adopt the 2026 budget at its November meeting. A final recommendation will need to be adopted at the committee's November meeting. A proposed budget was presented based on the discussion at the planning session.

REVIEW OF RFP SUBMISSIONS FOR LOGO CREATION: Three RFPs were reviewed by the tourism committee. Motion by Przybylski, second by Maletzke, to accept the proposal from Adam Nelson at an amount not to exceed \$4,750. Motion carried.

A subcommittee was created to work with Adam Nelson. Members of the subcommittee are Michelle Eron, Ann Maletzke, Autumn Timblin and Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf.

TRAVEL WISCONSIN UPDATE:

2026 Travel Guide: Sarah will sign up the North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership for the 2026 guide.

Christopher Jennings reported on the following: increased traffic to the Fall Color Report and other pages on the Travel Wisconsin website; good participation in the Fall Color Report, important to continuously refresh the site as area gets close to peak; state took over Clear Channel billboards in Chicago, Minneapolis, and Chicago the first day of fall – 15 minutes during rush hour; 2026 co-op program launched October 2, assured that additional packages will be available in the coming months; 2026 Travel Guide will be the state's sole print publication.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. A new tourism committee chair will need to be elected at the November meeting.

ADJOURN: Motion by Przybylski, second by Hamilton, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN TOURISM PARTNERSHIP TOURISM COMMITTEE

November 12, 2025

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Autumn Timblin called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR: With the retirement of Clyde Nelson there is a vacancy in the position of chair of the North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership Tourism Committee. The floor was opened for nominations. Keri Beck was nominated. Motion by Maletzke, second by Eron, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Keri Beck as chair of the Tourism Committee. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Hamilton, second by Przybylski, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

2026 MEMBERSHIPS: Sarah shared with the committee that Marathon County will be joining in 2026. Counties were asked to share any changes in membership for 2026.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf reviewed the financial report dated November 11, 2025. The report was emailed out to members. Revenues in 2025 total \$10,442.64; expenses paid in 2025 total \$4,888.34; the account balance is \$38,524.32; expenses approved but not paid total \$16,524.66; and unallocated revenue totals \$21,999.66. Volunteers are also needed to take the lead on two projects – Travel Wisconsin Guide and the Star-Tribune Geofence Display. If there are any unpaid invoices please send them to Sarah ASAP. Sarah will reach out to Malorie regarding the invoice for the podcast. Keri will check on the domain name's ownership.

2026 NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN TOURISM PARTNERSHIP BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD: Sarah reviewed the proposed 2026 North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership budget. The budget was constructed based off of discussions at the strategic planning session and discussions with the board. Motion by Hamilton, second by Miller, to send the proposed budget to the board with the following modifications – add a miscellaneous line item in the amount of \$806 and authorize the Tourism Committee to make any necessary budget modifications so long as the total amount does not exceed \$15,000. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF LOGO DESIGNS: Adam Nelson joined the meeting to discuss his designs for the new logo. He shared three concepts with the committee; the committee agreed that Concept B was the preferred choice. The logo subcommittee will set up another meeting with Adam to discuss the committee's recommended modifications to Concept B.

TRAVEL WISCONSIN UPDATE: Christopher Jennings reported on the following: summer season results – 11% increase in impressions despite a lower spend; on November 11 the state exceeded its all-time web session record (beat the 2024 record); the state's top-performing content includes the hiking report, supper clubs with lake views, fall color report, islands in the sun, and the events page; Illinois is the state's most powerful market; November 18 sneak peak at the winter campaign – 21% of visits come in December, January and February; fall color report is sunsetting; Travel Green – looking for 13 per county; Office of Film – applications available in January; portal content freeze continues – if there is an emergency the state can make changes; send the "big stuff" in your county to Christopher, looking for attractions to build a fun road trip.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: The next meeting will be held on December 10, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

ADJOURN: Chair Beck adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.



Monday, Nov. 17, 2025 @ 2:00pm (Riverblock Auditorium, room 206)

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Leichtnam at 2:01 pm.
- 2.) Public Comment:
 - a. Bruce Dimmick reported that the Sustain Rural Network hosted a lobby call-in day to lobby legislators and it was a success.
- 3.) Approve minutes of Oct. 20th 2025 mtg
 - a. Carrell made a motion to adopt the Oct. 20, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Dimick 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.) Correspondence / Updates / Handouts / Reports on meetings attended
 - a. The Wisconsin County's Association steering committee on ag, environment, and land use met last Thursday in Plover. The nitrate report from the Alliance for the Great Lakes was shared with them.
- 5.) Discussion /Possible Action on Draft Rules
 - a. The name should be changed to Wood County Citizens Water Group in the title, first paragraph and #1.
 - b. In #2 the comma should be removed before 50%
 - c. #6 should have Citizen added before members.
 - d. #9 should have draft added before minutes.
 - e. A motion was made by Clendenning to forward the draft as amended to corporation counsel for review. 2nd by Carrell. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6.) Discussion/Possible Action on Draft Letter
 - a. Change date at the top of letter
 - b. Add Wisconsin County's Association, Wisconsin Town's Association, and Wisconsin League of Municipalities to the To.
 - c. First paragraph add that CWG is also a recognized advisory sub-committee of the Wood County Conservation, Extension, and Education Committee.
 - d. In the last paragraph change address to information.
 - e. Add Signatures of Bill Leichtnam and Bruce Dimick.
 - f. A motion was made by Dimick that the amended letter will be presented to the CEED Committee at their December meeting and once approved will be sent forthwith to those addressed in the letter. 2nd Carell. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7.) Action from the floor

- a. A motion was made by Clendenning to draft an email to County Board Supervisors of the Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative to welcome them to a future CWG meeting. 2nd Raymon. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8.) Possible agenda items for next mtg. (Please note—submit to Jen / Bill one week in advance)
- 9.) Next mtg.—Dec. 15, 2025, 2:00 pm
- 10.) Adjourn – Chairman Bill Leichtnam adjourned the meeting at 3:48 pm.

Present in the meeting: Bill Leichtnam, Jen McNelly, Rhonda Carrell, Bill Clendenning, Bruce Dimmick, Gordon Gottbeheit, Tom Raymon, Shane Wucherpennig, Sandra Cain.

Respectfully submitted by Jen McNelly on November 19, 2025

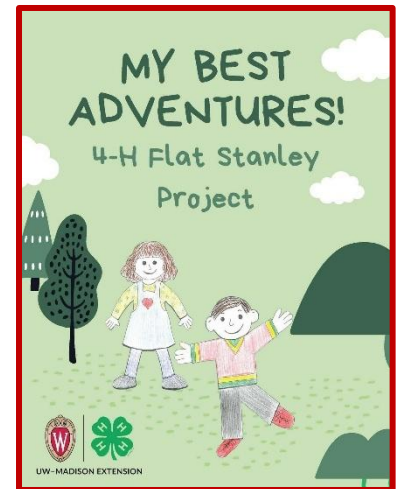
Extension Wood County staff led, delivered, planned or collaborated on all of the following activities:

4-H POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Laura Huber, 4-H Program Educator

Trina Bores, 4-H AmeriCorps member

- A guest speaker enrichment program that is part of the Pittsville After School program where youth learned the engineering design process. Through this activity, youth learned the importance of learning from failures and using those failures to make improvements.
- A multi-county pen pal project for youth in kindergarten - 2nd grade featuring Jeff Brown's book "Flat Stanley." This project will incorporate developing literacy skills with social skills. The program will include two virtual meetings.
 - **Pictured Right:** Journal cover for the 4-H Flat Stanley project
- A direct education program for high school juniors and seniors in which we help youth build independent living skills.



AGRICULTURE

Matt Lippert, Agriculture Educator

- A statewide survey for dairy producers, where participants shared detailed records on inputs, management practices, and expenses associated with raising replacement heifers to generate updated benchmarks and highlight cost-saving opportunities, to support more informed decision-making and improve the economic sustainability of dairy operations.
- A webinar for dairy owner, employees, and industry professionals where participants learned about a free tool that can help calculate forage needs and track inventory plus a dairy producer panel of farmers who built feed centers to reduce waste and save them money. The goal is to help producers better manage feed costs.
 - **Total Reach:** 78 signed up for the webinar.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Kayla Rombalski, Community Development Educator

- Wood County Health Department Strategic Plan Update: Facilitation of the updated Health Department's strategic plan for 2026–2028. This plan will set priorities for the department's future, guided by stakeholder input and the SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results) framework. Once finalized, it will serve as a roadmap for the next three years.



- Regional Housing Summit Planning: Organizing a regional housing summit scheduled for April 15, 2026, titled "From the Foundation Up: Repair, Revive, Reimagine." The event will focus on addressing housing challenges across the five-county Centergy region, emphasizing strategies to improve existing housing stock and encourage small-scale local development. Locally, the Wood County Housing Task Force continues to meet, fostering awareness and coordination around housing initiatives.
- Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Development: Supporting entrepreneurial growth through local and regional initiatives, including: Founders Network events in Marshfield to connect and support entrepreneurs; and planning for a Central Wisconsin Entrepreneurship Coalition to strengthen collaboration and resources for business development.
- Leadership Development - Cultural Competency: Preparing for the Heart of Wisconsin A.C.E. Leadership Program's Cultural Competency learning day. This session will equip participants with tools to foster inclusiveness and ensure communities thrive through diversity and mutual respect.
- Clean Sweep Program - 2025 Results: Completed final reporting grant requirements for the 2025 Clean Sweep household and agricultural hazardous waste disposal program. Collections in Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids achieved record-breaking results, serving 382 households and safely disposing of 23,163 pounds of hazardous waste. This triples total residents served and wastes collected in 2024.

CRANBERRIES

Allison Jonjak, Cranberry Outreach Specialist

- An updated list of all cranberry research being conducted in Wisconsin is being compiled for distribution before the Research Round Table, to be held Nov. 6.

FOODWISE

Hannah Wendels, FoodWise Nutrition Educator

- A 5-week nutrition education series for fifth grade classrooms at Grove Elementary School, where students will learn about MyPlate, making healthy food and beverage choices, how to read nutrition facts labels, and about being physically active to help them to be healthier in school and at home.
 - **Total Reach:** 40 students in 5th grade
- A 5-week nutrition education series for fifth grade classrooms at Mead Elementary School, where students will learn about MyPlate, making healthy food and beverage choices, how to read nutrition facts labels, and about being physically active to help them to be healthier in school and at home.
 - **Total Reach:** 40 students in 5th grade
- A 5-week nutrition education series for fifth grade classrooms at Howe Elementary School, where students will learn about MyPlate, making healthy food and beverage choices, how to read nutrition facts labels, and about being physically active to help them to be healthier in school and at home.
 - **Total Reach:** 55 fifth grade students at Howe Elementary



- 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:** 10 students in SWAG at Grove Elementary
- A direct education program for high school juniors and seniors in which we help youth build independent living skills.
- A partnership with United Way/Hunger Coalition, FOCUS Food Pantry, and the Housing Authority of Wisconsin Rapids that provides "Stockboxes for Seniors", a monthly food box service where low-income seniors can receive around 25-30 pounds of nutritious foods to stock their pantry with. The goal of this partnership is to promote the boxes with community partners with the overall goal to improve food security.
- A 12-week series of strength training sessions (StrongBodies) for older adults/adults at the Pittsville Community Hall, 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:** 30 adult participants, 2 volunteers
- A 12-week series of strength training sessions (StrongBodies) for older adults/adults at the Nekoosa Area Community Center, 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:** 30 adult participants, 2 volunteers

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Ka Zoua Thao, Bilingual (Hmong) Community Health Worker

- Hmong Culture presentations were done at the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department to bring cultural awareness for emergency personnel. Participants learned practical strategies for engaging respectfully with Hmong residents during crises. Through this training, the department enhanced its cultural competency and readiness to serve diverse populations.
 - **Total Reach:** 36 first responders
 - **Partner Testimonial:** "Thank you again for taking time over this past week to educate our staff on cultural differences. There was a lot of positive feedback and informal discussion amongst the employees this week surrounding your topics."
- Each month, Feeding Our Communities with United Services (FOCUS) hosts a food distribution where Hmong families can receive groceries to support their households. This effort helps ensure families have the nourishment they need to care for themselves and their loved ones.
 - **Total Reach:** 13 individuals on a monthly basis



- Weekly cultural practices for Hmong middle schoolers (grades 6-8), where participants explore their heritage and prepare to share their learning with all 6th graders at Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School to promote cultural awareness in December.
 - **Total Reach:** 29 middle school students, grades 6-8
- A bi-monthly support group for Hmong elementary students in grades four and five, 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:** 7 students in 4th & 5th grade
- A bi-weekly meeting for Hmong middle school students to engage in open conversations, cultural storytelling, and guided activities to learn about mental health, domestic violence, and sexual assault within the Hmong community. They gain tools to recognize signs of trauma, understand healthy boundaries, and access support systems - all in a safe, judgement-free environment. Through this effort, we are fostering a generation of informed, compassionate youth who feel seen, heard, and empowered to break cycles of silence and advocate for healing and change in their families and communities.
 - **Total Reach:** 33 students in grades 6-8
- A bi-weekly meeting for Hmong high school students to engage in open conversations, cultural storytelling, and guided activities to learn about mental health, domestic violence, and sexual assault within the Hmong community. They gain tools to recognize signs of trauma, understand healthy boundaries, and access support systems - all in a safe, judgement-free environment. Through this effort, we are fostering a generation of informed, compassionate youth who feel seen, heard, and empowered to break cycles of silence and advocate for healing and change in their families and communities.
 - **Total Reach:** 18 students in grades 9-12
- A Tai Chi class for older adults and individuals with arthritis, where participants learn gentle, low-impact movements designed to improve balance, flexibility, and joint health. Through this activity, the program help reduce the risk of falls and empower participants to lead healthier, more active lives, fostering independence and confidence in their daily routines.
 - **Total Reach:** 25 registered participants
- Building relationships and engaging with partners to address health needs with the Hmong community within Wood County.
- Ongoing one-on-one health coaching meetings with Hmong clients, where resources and referrals are made. Through these efforts, individual clients are able to receive support navigating through the healthcare and legal systems and get connected with community resources.
 - **Total Reach:** 11 one-on-one clients



- 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 12-week series of strength training sessions (StrongBodies) for older adults/adults at the Pittsville Community Hall, 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:** 30 adult participants, 2 volunteers

HORTICULTURE

Janell Wehr, Horticulture Educator

- A diagnostic service for the general public, where Marathon and Wood County residents' horticultural inquiries are answered through evidence-based resources. This effort is designed to reduce pollution through horticultural product (pesticides and fertilizers) misuse.
- A fall gardening program for home gardeners covered best practices for perennial bed care, vegetable garden cleanup, and lawn maintenance. Participants learned how to divide perennials, manage pests and diseases, and protect plants and soil through mulching and cover crops to promote healthier landscapes and reduce winter damage.
 - **Total Reach:** 9 attendees
- 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 newspaper article for local gardeners explained how overwintering insects depend on leaf litter and native plants. This outreach helps raise awareness of simple practices that protect pollinators and birds, supporting biodiversity and healthier local ecosystems.
- A hands-on science activity for over 300 community members, where participants explored plant pigment chemistry through interactive painting and pH experiments to promote informal science education and foster engagement with STEM.
 - **Total Reach:** 300 community members
- Planning for a four-part vegetable gardening series for novice and resource-limited gardeners in collaboration with multiple identified county partners in Wood and Marathon Counties. The goal is to teach foundational gardening skills and integrated pest management principles, so that participants can adopt sustainable practices that reduce chemical use and protect environmental health.



- Planning for a major update to the Sowing Success horticulture curriculum for gardeners and green industry professionals. The goal is to modernize content and delivery through a flipped classroom model with updated multimedia and hands-on labs, so that participants gain practical skills in sustainable gardening and integrated pest management, ultimately reducing environmental impacts and improving ecosystem health.
- Planning for a culturally responsive gardening workshop series for Hmong growers with limited English proficiency. The goal is to help participants gain foundational skills in garden planning, soil health, and integrated pest management while learning to identify reliable resources, so that they can increase awareness of sustainable practices and adopt methods that reduce chemical overuse and prevent environmental contamination.
- Planning for a four-part therapeutic horticulture series for residents of assisted living facilities in rural Marathon and Wood Counties. The goal is to provide accessible, hands-on plant activities that promote emotional and social wellness while teaching environmentally-sound gardening practices, so that residents experience improved mood, confidence in plant care, and stronger community connections.

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS & DEVELOPMENT

Ben Eberlein, Human Development & Relationships Educator

- A 12-week series of strength training sessions (StrongBodies) for older adults/adults at the Nekoosa Area Community Center, 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:** 30 adult participants, 2 volunteers
- A direct education program for high school juniors and seniors in which we help youth build independent living skills.
 - **Total Reach:** 81 students in grades 9-12
- 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. Total Reach: 1 session with one participant
- 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:** 18 students in grades 1-8
- 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:** 2 participants in the Wood County Jail

NATURAL RESOURCES

Jen McNelly, Natural Resources Educator

Anna Mitchell, Natural Resources Educator

- Facilitation of quarterly meetings of the Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative, where representatives from Wood, Waushara, Marquette, Portage, Juneau, and Adams Counties Health and Land and Water Conservation Department and County Board Supervisors meet to discuss groundwater issues and concerns and management actions, plan events, update each other on work being done and identify new collaborations for future work and projects in the Central Sands Region of Wisconsin.
 - **Total Reach:** 14 meeting participants
- A presentation on Groundwater Planning and Policy Options for the Chippewa County Comprehensive Planning team, where planning committee members learned about different planning and policy options that they could include in their comprehensive plan to address groundwater issues and concerns or protection groundwater.
- A series of after-school programs for students in grades 3-6 at Pittsville Elementary School, where participants explore natural resources topics such as soil types, groundwater, and watersheds through hands-on activities and demonstrations. The goal is to spark curiosity and build foundational knowledge about environmental stewardship. Through this ongoing series of programs, students gain exposure to diverse natural resources subjects, fostering awareness and responsibility that supports long-term conservation efforts in their communities.
 - **Total Reach:** 25 students in grades 3-6
 - **Pictured right:** Students create an "aquifer in a cup" model to investigate the layers of an aquifer and observe how water and contaminants move through it.
- A data analysis effort for partners at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, where Natural Resources Educators and Specialists reviewed responses from multiple stakeholder listening sessions to identify common themes across audiences. Through this data analysis, partners gained insights that will guide discussions at an upcoming roundtable event and inform the development of the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, helping ensure the strategy reflects stakeholder perspectives and priorities.



- A meeting with Nepco Lake District, where members reviewed results from a stakeholder engagement survey and outlined the strategic planning process. Through this meeting, participants learned how to incorporate community feedback into planning efforts, ensuring diverse perspectives are considered in decision making. This meeting is designed to foster inclusive and informed strategic planning, laying the groundwork for future meetings and conversations that will guide the Lake District's long-term goals and initiatives.
- 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.
- A planning effort for Marathon County where local decision makers and stakeholders are working to update the County's Groundwater Management plan. The outcome of this effort will be an updated Groundwater Management Plan that provides recommendations to County staff on how to protect and enhance the quantity and quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies in Marathon County.
- A place-based learning event called Science by the River for community members of all ages from Wood County and surrounding areas, where participants celebrated science and the outdoors through Discovery Stations that explored different fields of science through information, demonstration, and hands on learning opportunities. Through this event, attendees learned about opportunities to engage in science and conservation related organizations and gained a better understanding of science and conservation efforts within their communities.



- **Total Reach:** Over 300 community members
- **Pictured right:** Children learning how to age deer using bones at a Discovery Station hosted by the Wisconsin Center for Wildlife. The station featured educational materials and hands-on displays, including animal specimens, antlers and crafts.
- **Participant Testimonial:** "Science by the River was amazing! It expanded from last year and had some very cool hands-on booths for kids. Looking forward to next year already!"
- **Partner Testimonial:** "What we enjoyed most about the event was the wide variety of people and families that engaged who were mostly unfamiliar with the topics of our station."



Wood County, Wisconsin LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Activities Report for Barb Peeters - November 2025

- The 2026 tree/shrub/wildflower seed sale is open for orders through Jan. 16, 2026. Finalized order forms/product descriptions/newsletter and worked with I.T. to have them put on LWCD website. Tree sale information emailed & snail mailed to customers.
- Attended November 5th CEED meeting at courthouse.
- Completed October sales tax report and forwarded to Finance.
- Processed tree sale orders and wildflower/grass seed orders as received. Orders are coming in regularly with fruit tree sales going very strong and garnering lots of interest. Fielded calls & emails from customers regarding tree sale.
- Attended Nov. 11th Wellness Committee meeting and shared updates with LWCD staff & Parks/Forestry staff.
- Worked with Deputy Treasurer to follow up on check issued for venison donation program (issued in January 2025) through the Wildlife Claims & Abatement Program which hasn't been cashed by vendor. Vendor sold business and cannot find check, so check was voided and reissued.
- Generated press release for 2026 tree sale and submitted to area newspapers for publication.
- Recorded 2 cost-share contracts for nitrate removal systems and 2 cost share contracts for harvestable buffers with the Register of Deeds as received (T. Egland, C. Fisher, G. Peplinski (2)). Processed two cost share contracts that were recorded with Portage County Register of Deeds (for parcels located in Mill Creek watershed in Portage County).
- Assisted Conservation Program Coordinator with mailing out letters for 52 nonmetallic mine sites as notice to submit annual permit fees and financial assurance fees by deadline of January 31, 2026 (per Wood County ordinance).
- Downloaded the November DATCP monthly report and shared with LWCD staff.
- Generated/processed cost share contracts for:
 - *harvestable buffers* utilizing ARPA grant funds and Surface Water Grant funds (Roth Golden Acres \$35,250.00).
 - *cover crops* utilizing SWRM grant funds (C. Boerboom (2 contracts) \$1,193.15; Roth Golden Acres \$1,326.50; R. Fait \$11,284.00; K. Heeg (2 contracts) \$11,511.50; A. Grassl (2 contracts) \$1,368.50; G. Gilbertson \$3,500.00)
 - *cover crops* utilizing Mill Creek grant funds (Roth Golden Acres (7 contracts) \$22,701.00; B. Richardson \$1,729.00; C. Baltus (3 contracts) \$4,053.00; A. Grassl \$1,911.00; G. Gilbertson \$6,013.00)
 - *cover crops* utilizing MDV (multi-discharge variance) funds (K. Heeg (4 contracts) \$2,165.00; D. Albert (8 contracts) \$8,825.00)
- Processed reimbursement requests and/or payments for:
 - two first-year *harvestable buffer* cost share contract reimbursement requests (G. Peplinski \$9,787.50; G. Peplinski \$11,745.00). The payments will be made in two installments: half in 2025 (after verification of cover establishment) and half in 2026 (after verification of maintenance).
 - *cover crops* utilizing SWRM grant funds (McMillan Farms \$654.50; McMillan Farms \$343.00)
 - *nitrate removal systems* to Water Excellence (P. Hobart-\$4,960.00; R. Randorf \$4,880.00)
 - *cost-share contract reimbursement requests* for four cost-share contracts totaling \$9,949.50 and submitted them to DATCP
 - *rental of no-till drill* as received (D. Kauth-\$168.00, Roth Golden Acres \$536.00, Roth's \$200.00)
- Discussed DATCP email with County Conservationist to consider transferring unspent SWRM grant funds to another county that has a need for them, especially if our department may not spend and/or allocate the funds by 12/31/25. (Grant funds that are transferred do not affect future grant allocations.) The deadline to submit transfer requests to DATCP is December 1, 2025. County Conservationist planned to discuss potential bond/structural projects with engineer technician to determine whether feasible to allocate grant funds by 12/31/25 as well as reach out to NRCS regarding potential projects that could be cost=shared.

- Discussed three cost-share contracts for nitrate removal systems with County Conservationist that have been installed but invoices haven't been obtained from landowners to date.
- Compiled reports and reviewed *2025 LWCD budget to actual report* for any instances that will exceed the 2025 budget amount(s) at the function level for all six LWCD budgets, then reviewed the report and information with County Conservationist. The 2025 LWCD budget is looking good (*Revenues*: a couple of variances due to unanticipated settlement from court case with Earth Inc/Maple Ridge site and increase in AWO (animal waste ordinance permits). *Expenditures*: going over budget with an increase in staff mileage requests due to blue LWCD truck being out of commission from accident (truck has been in shop for repairs since early September and isn't finished yet, so the department has been functioning with just one vehicle for most of the fall, one of our busier times), hence staff have needed to use personal vehicle(s) for work purposes and submitted mileage requests.
- Generated bid letters for waste facility closure (D. Vruwink)
- Initiated conversation with County Conservationist regarding remaining SWRM grant funds that need to be expended or allocated by 12/31/25; then had further discussions with staff to brainstorm. Corn crops are coming off late and landowners haven't reached out with many structural/bond projects to cost share in 2025. A grassed waterway project with a signed contract that was extended from 2024 to 2025 was canceled by the landowner, so I suggested the County Conservationist reach out to DATCP to verify whether the cancelled contract/cost share funds will affect future grant fund allocations (thankfully it will not).
- I brought it to the attention of the County Conservationist that DATCP may potentially extend an extended cost-share contract an additional year due to extenuating circumstances. It was verified with DATCP who stated a request may be submitted to DATCP (with no guarantee it will be extended, but a good chance that it will). We have two cost-share contracts that were extended from 2024 to 2025, one for a well closure for which there is a 2-3 year waiting list to get well driller on site to close the well and another contract for a waste facility closure that has been affected by weather/contractor availability. Both contracts will be submitted to DATCP with a request to extend the grant funds an additional year.
- Scheduled, compiled agenda, attended and took minutes at Nov. 20th staff meeting.
- Ordered dept. 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 November 13th & 26th payrolls. Reviewed payroll reports and verified distribution by accounts/departments.
- Served as point of contact for LWCD staff while Conservationist was out of the office November 6, 7, 20, 24, 25, 26
- Electronically submitted staff reports/packet materials to the County Clerk's office for the CEED meeting packet.
- Brainstormed with Kendra Wilhelm & Emily Salvinski regarding planning for the 2026 Central WI Farmer Profitability Expo that will be held in mid to late January. The event may be held in/around the Marshfield area in 2026.

Activities Report for Emily Salvinski

-November 2025-

- **Wednesday, November 5.** Put together contract for cover crops in the Mill Creek. Added fields to GIS. Organized and typed up notes dealing with which fields have cover crops for another farmer.
- **Thursday, November 6.** Put together 4 contracts and mapped the fields in GIS. Attended Badger Crop Connect.
- **Monday, November 10.** Looked into “support costs” category of NMFE grant. Calculated reductions with snap plus (updated their nutrient management plan twice with different scenarios) and added that info into gis.
- **Tuesday, November 11.** Calculated reductions with snap plus (updated their nutrient management plan twice with different scenarios) and added that info into gis.
- **Wednesday, November 12.** Met with farmer to sign cover crop contracts and looked over fields that were planted. Followed directions on how to update soil samples in snap plus due to a bug error, and followed directions on the new way to share nutrient management plans.
- **Thursday, November 20.** Attended staff meeting. Field checked cover crops and went along to pick up/hand out contracts.
- **Friday, November 21.** Added many fields over many contracts that were/will be cost-shared to GIS database
- **Monday, November 24.** Field checked residue amounts to see if farmer qualifies for cost-share. Field checked another farm’s cover crops.

Activities Report for Kyle Andreae – November, 2025

- November 3 – No-till Drill Move, Duckett Construction Inspections
- November 4 – No-till Drill Repair and Calibration, Duckett Construction Inspections
- November 5 – No-till Drill Move, Scheunemann Construction Stakeout
- November 6 – Sick
- November 7 – Rogney Site Inspection
- November 10 – Gilbertson Design
- November 11 – Duckett Construction Inspections, Duckett As-Built
- November 12 – Duckett As-Built, Cohort Meeting
- November 13 – Ledden Pit Review
- November 14 – Ledden Pit Review, Duckett As-Built
- November 17 – Vruwink Site Visit
- November 18 – Vruwink Design
- November 19 – No-till Drill Move, Vruwink Design
- November 20 – Vruwink Out for Bid, Duckett As-Built
- November 21 – Vruwink Permitting
- November 24-26 – Vacation
- November 27-28 – Holiday



Activities Report for Kendra Wilhelm – November 2025

- Various days editing and finalizing the two Comprehensive Management Planning Surface Water Grants our department is submitting to the DNR.
 - Also created and sent out templates to obtain letters of support for the two grants.
- Gave presentations for three 5th grade classes at Auburndale Elementary School regarding the Conservation Poster Contest. This year's theme is Soil. Where it all begins.
- Attended a webinar regarding invasive European frog-bit.
- Submitted the final application for the 2026 Lake Monitoring & Protection Network grant.
- Obtained contract signatures from G. Peplinski for implementation of harvestable buffers.
- Answered various questions regarding cover crops and nutrient management plans.
- Answered various questions regarding the Snap Plus nutrient management planning software.
- Created a draft letter of support for the County Conservationist to review and sign in regards to supporting Golden Sands RC&D's Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention grant application to the DNR.
- Attended a webinar on targeting land protection with GIS.
- Participated in a meeting with Mara Lince, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator at Golden Sands RC&D and Keifer Sroka, Adams County Water Resource Specialist to discuss a new initiative brought forward by Mara to work with cranberry growers on aquatic invasive species issues – particularly education and outreach efforts.
 - Set up a second meeting with Allison Jonjak, Regional Cranberry Educator with UW-Extension to further discuss these efforts. This meeting occurred on November 13th.
- Tracked years of cost sharing with Roth Golden Acres based on each individual field and funding source.
- Collected and documented information for Roth Golden Acres cover crop fields for cost-share contracts.
- Participated in the Fall Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership meeting.
- Submitted two cost-share contracts for Roth Golden Acres to Portage County Register of Deeds to be recorded as some parcels fall within Portage County.
- Sent email reminders to obtain letters of support for two surface water grant applications the Land & Water Conservation Department is submitting.
- Met with Nepco Lake District board member Vickie Gukenberger to provide technical assistance related to Clean Boats Clean Waters surface water grants.
- Worked on generating overall data from the Nepco Lake Shoreline assessment.
 - Participated in a meeting with Anna Mitchell and Jen McNelly from UW-Extension along with Andrew Senderhauf, Portage County, to discuss assessment results and how to best represent the data.
- Read the latest issue of "Planting Green – Boost your Diversity, Profitability" that was released by No-Till Farmer.
- Participated in a meeting with Nepco Lake District board member Vickie Gukenberger and UW-Extension staff Anna Mitchell to discuss details regarding educational sessions planned for 2026 that will focus on shoreline protection and restoration.
 - Created a "Save the Date" to help promote the sessions.
- Read NR 115: Wisconsin's Shoreline Protection Program.
- Submitted the final Comprehensive Management Planning grant applications to DNR (two applications total).
- Participated in a staff meeting regarding remaining cost-share dollars for 2025.
- Created field maps and an informational form for cover crop cost-sharing with K. Heeg.
- Worked on creating a survey to send to cranberry growers regarding their awareness of and interest in learning about aquatic invasive species. Also worked on creating handouts specific to cranberry growers.
- Created field maps and informational form for cover crop cost-sharing with R. Fait.

- Created field maps and informational form for cover crop cost-sharing with Baltus Dairy Farms. Dropped off cost-share contracts and verified cover crop establishment.
- Created field maps and information form for cover crop cost-sharing with A. Grassl. Dropped off cost-share contracts.
- Created field maps and information form for cover crop cost-sharing with Albert Acres.
- Continued to track remaining funds for each cost-share funding source and kept in communication with relevant staff members on the status of each cost-share contract.
- Participated in the November 20th staff meeting.
- Assisted customers with tree sale orders when needed.
- Began brainstorming and documenting ideas for the 2026 Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo. Set up a meeting for the beginning of December with partners to begin the planning process. Have been looking at new venues to host the event in the Marshfield area.
- Dropped off cost-share contracts for cover crops at Roth Golden Acres.
- Continuously worked on documenting reporting elements for the Lake Monitoring & Protection Network grant reimbursement request.

Activities Report for Rod Mayer – NOVEMBER 2025

- Processed Non-Metallic Mine site inspections (52 mine sites)
 - Converted GPS data into GIS layers
 - Created active acres maps for each mine site
 - Calculated active acres, road acres, fee acres, and FA (financial assurance) acres
 - Calculated Annual fee amounts and financial assurance amounts
 - Looked up current financial assurances in place and expiration dates
 - Created letters including: mine site fee acres, FA acres, current FA being held notes, deadline dates, inspection notes, violation/issues notes etc.
 - Sent DNR info regarding issues found on mine sites under their jurisdiction (Weichelt, Hansen Sand, Mid WI, Earth, Brehm, Tork)
 - Updated file copies, tracking spreadsheet, NMM software, inspection binder
- Deer damage program contact with landowner explaining program guidelines.
- Blasting complaint – correspondence with landowner.
- Issued pond exemption to new landowner purchasing land with current exemption in place on unfinished pond project.
- Reviewed Bethel pond expansion info – determined DNR jurisdiction under construction permitting.
- Reviewed Earth Biron NMM plan amendment. Printed and inserted into updated reclamation plan.
- Weichelt compliance plan amendment email sent.
- Tork site discussion with owner – DNR wetland compliance – reclamation requirements.
- Meeting with Corp Counsel – discussed Brehm mine site issues.
- Attended Staff meeting on 11/20/25
- Earth Cepress – internal meeting discussing handling current Fee/FA with upcoming Ch. 30 joint jurisdiction, etc.



Wood County, Wisconsin LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Activities Report for Barb Peeters - October 2025

- Generated/processed cost share contracts for:
 - *harvestable buffers* utilizing ARPA grant funds and Surface Water Grant funds (R. Knuth/4 contracts-\$15,960.00); (G. Peplinski/5 contracts-\$49,360.00); and (Roth Golden Acres/3 contracts-\$70,500.00). The payments will be made in two installments: half in 2025 (after verification of cover establishment) and half in 2026 (after verification of maintenance). Per the signed contracts, if upon annual verification by LWCD staff the harvestable buffers are not maintained for the years specified in the contracts (3-year & 5-year), the landowner/grant recipient agrees to repay the incentive amount(s) in full. Created spreadsheet to track annual verification of the harvestable buffers.
 - *cover crops* utilizing SWRM grant funds (L. Jagodzinski \$3,377.50; L. Jagodzinski-\$385.00, A. Weiler \$3,498.95)
 - *cover crops* utilizing Mill Creek grant funds (Roth Golden Acres \$805.00)
 - *manure storage closure* utilizing SWRM structural/bond grant funds totaling \$8,932.00 (M. Duckett).
 - *nitrate removal systems* (M. Warner, P. Hobart, G. Bredl, T. Eglund, C. Fisher, R. Randorf). As a side note, nitrate removal system cost-share contracts include a requirement for grantees to submit nitrate water test results annually for 3 years (in 2026, 2027 & 2028). Created spreadsheet to track annual water test results.
- Processed reimbursement requests and/or payments for:
 - four first-year *harvestable buffer* cost share contract reimbursement requests (R. Knuth) totaling \$10,560.00.
 - *nitrate removal systems* payments to landowners (D. Newman-\$4,880.00; N. Oltesvig-\$4,960.00; G. Bredl-\$4,880.00)
 - *Nutrient Management Farmer Education* (NMFE) payment totaling \$787.00 (T. Barkley). Wood County is the financial manager for the DATCP NMFE Grant in 2025 and responsible for processing reimbursements to class attendees for Wood, Marathon, Taylor, Clark, Portage and Lincoln counties. Also processed first reimbursement payment for NMFE grant totaling \$34,980.00.
 - four *DATCP cost-share contract* payments totaling \$14,394.23 (K. Lewis-\$5,349.58 & T. Bulgrin-\$2,168.20, L. Jagodzinski \$3,377.50, A. Weiler \$3,498.95). Also submitted reimbursement request to DATCP.
 - payments for rental of no-till drill as received (K. Eastling, T. Scheunemann, R. Johnson).
 - NOTE: usage of the no-till drill has decreased over the past two years so the 2026 budget revenue was decreased to reflect this downward trend (partially weather related, but overall general decrease in use). The roller-crimper wasn't rented in 2025 and only rented twice in 2024, so revenue was decreased in the 2026 LWCD budget.
 - Completed TRM grant reimbursement request for Kerry Lewis Rip-Rap project (\$70,420.00), compiled supporting documentation and emailed to County Conservationist due to the fact the request needs to be submitted to the WI DNR by the County Conservationist. Revised TRM grant reimbursement request with changes requested by the DNR Senior Water Resources Mgmt Specialist/ Regional Nonpoint Source Coordinator and resent documents to County Conservationist for resubmission to DNR (due to the fact both TRM grant funds & SWRM grant funds were used).
- Attended October 1st CEED meeting at courthouse.
- Completed mandatory employee Wood County Security Training Fall 2025 assignment.
- Assisted Conservation Program Manager (Rod Mayer) by making copies for a nonmetallic mining public records request for the Milestone/Dupee Farms Quarry. Generated invoice and processed payment for copies.
- Recorded five cost-share contracts for nitrate removal systems with the Register of Deeds as received (N. Oltesvig, L. Goodwin, M. Warner, G. Bredl, R. Randorf).
- Attended open enrollment benefits meeting at courthouse.
- Worked with I.T. to obtain Adobe Pro license for Kendra Wilhelm/Conservation Specialist due to the fact Adobe Pro is required for the grant writing she is doing and supplied appropriate account number for cost of annual license.
- Attended the WI Land+Water Conservation 2025 Fall Technical Tour hosted by the Juneau County Land & Water Resource Dept. on Oct. 2nd. It was a VERY informative and interesting tour highlighting conservation practices. The first stop was at the *National Wildlife Refuge* in Necedah where we witnessed work being done to remove 100-year-old ditch "laterals" branching across the land draining 60,000 acres of wetland in order to restore the Little Yellow River and the surrounding wetland habitat within the refuge. The current ditches are dumping excessive water and speeding up the flow which negatively impacts the ecosystem and causes downstream flooding. Their work aims to restore the river's natural, meandering form and function and the ability of wetlands to hold the water. The second stop was at *Cranberry Creek*

Cranberries where they strive to combine cutting-edge technology with deep-rooted sustainability to grow nearly 10% of Wisconsin's cranberries. They are participants in Wisconsin's Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program (NOPP). Through this initiative, they are helping to refine best practices in nitrogen management to improve nutrient use efficiency while protecting water quality and soil health. They also maintain an ongoing partnership with UW-Madison researchers and the Wis. Cranberry Research & Education Foundation, supporting and participating in research projects spanning horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, genetics, weed science, and soil and water management. The final stop was the *WI Air National Guard Hardwood Bombing Range* where we split up into multiple groups to see the inner workings of the range and the different conservation efforts being used (i.e. pollinator plantings in drop zones and buffer areas, management of invasive species, etc.). The Hardwood Bombing Range encompasses 7,200 acres in Juneau County with its northern boundary along the Wood County line.

- Logged third quarter mileage for both LWCD trucks and generated journal entries for Wildlife & NMM mileage.
- Finalized plans for Albert Acres Demo Trials Field Event on October 7th; called in final head count to caterer, obtained supplies, attended event and assisted with clean up at conclusion of event. It was a successful field event with demos of skip-row plantings in corn grain with an inter-seeded cover crop in the rows to increase cover crop biomass in corn grain. Winter camelina (a new type of cover crop to our area) in a soybean rotation was also showcased. The event was co-sponsored by Wood County LWCD and EPPIC (the Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation) which is a network of farmers, landowners, farm groups, lake stewards, etc. whose purpose is Integrating resilience into the natural resources, community, and economy of the Eau Pleine Watershed.
- Verified wildlife damage general ledger, printed reports and assembled all invoices and attachments for third quarter 2025 reimbursement request to the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources.
- Worked with fruit tree broker to finalize fruit tree orders from two nurseries for the 2026 tree sale. We're offering fruit trees for the first time in our 2026 tree sale (apple trees (Honey Crisp, Empire & Wolf River), pear trees (Flemish Beauty & Wisconsin Jung Hardy) and peach trees (Reliance & PF24C-Cold Hardy)). If fruit tree sales are well received, we'll continue to include them in the annual tree sale and possibly expand varieties per customer preferences. I anticipate the fruit trees will go over well due to the number of customers that have called/emailed this month requesting information and inquiring when the sale starts (the 2026 tree/shrub/seed sale runs from early November 2025 through January 16, 2026).
- Finalized 2026 tree sale order forms, product descriptions and tree sale newsletter.
- Organized County Board packet materials and electronically submitted to the County Clerk's office.
- Assisted I.T. with updating four computers in our department to Windows 11 and troubleshooting issues that arose.
- Completed September sales tax report and forwarded to Finance.
- Worked with I.T. to have the 2026 poster contest information updated on the LWCD website. The 2026 theme is "**Soil. Where It All Begins.**" Posters are due in our office for judging by Friday, January 16, 2026. First place winners in each division will advance to the Area Contest on January 28th and first place winners there will advance to the state contest at the WI Land+Water Conference in March. The contest is open to all Wood County students in grades K-12.
- Worked with I.T. over a two-week period to troubleshoot issues with sending LWCD photos taken with new dept. cell phone (photos are for work projects/event purposes).
- Scheduled, compiled agenda, attended and took minutes at October 23rd staff meeting.
- Assisted Conservation Program Coordinator with mailing nonmetallic mine reclamation permit and processing of 2025 permit fee (for new Mathy-Marshfield site with Mathy Construction Co.).
- Worked with Deputy Finance Director to revise 2026 LWCD payroll percentages due to budget adjustments voted on by the Operations Committee for the 2026 budget year. Printed updated reports and shared with County Conservationist.
- Ordered dept. supplies and processed invoices/payments. Processed journal entries for truck mileage and well testing.
- Downloaded the DATCP monthly report for October and shared with LWCD staff (CREP reporting deadline, NMFE survey)
- Vacation days on Friday, October 17th & Monday, October 20th.
- Attended Oct. 21st Wellness Committee meeting and shared updates with LWCD staff & Parks/Forestry staff via email.
- Processed department invoices/vouchers and deposits weekly for submission to the Treasurer/Finance.
- Submitted CREP Annual In-Kind Cost Reporting to DATCP (submission deadline of 12/5/25).
- Completed LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to the October 2nd, 16th and 30th payrolls. Reviewed payroll reports and verified distribution by accounts/department.
- Reviewed 2025 budget due to unanticipated increase in staff mileage reimbursements as a result of Sept. accident with LWCD truck (truck will be out of commission until at least the end of November with \$13,700+ in repairs).
- Served as point of contact for LWCD staff while Conservationist was out of the office October 3, 9, 15, 16, 21, 24, 29, 31.
- Electronically submitted staff reports/packet materials to the County Clerk's office for the CEED meeting packet. Obtained approval of Conservationist to include article in *The Field Note* publication highlighting Kyle Andreae, LWCD Engineer Technician, as well as Mill Creek phosphorus results for 2025 and added to CEED agenda as informational items.

Activities Report for Emily Salvinski

-October 2025-

- **Wednesday, October 1.** Made a map to show where nitrate water treatment systems have/will go in. Added information to that shapefile. Made a document on step by step guide with pictures on how to convert old mxd to arcpro so I can refer to it.
- **Thursday, October 2.** Converted and updated a large NMP so I can use it for reductions next. Prepared materials for water testing.
- **Monday, October 6.** Updated gis layers to match records so far in spreadsheets (cost-sharing).
- **Tuesday, October 7.** Attended field day at Dust Albert's farm.
- **Wednesday, October 8.** Sampled baseflow at 6 locations within SE Wood County. Added results to our tables and DNR's SWIMS database. Prepared information for future cost sharing of cover crops.
- **Thursday, October 16.** Prepared for farmer meeting. Collected samples in the Mill Creek watershed to be tested for total suspended solids and total phosphorus.
- **Friday, October 17.** Visited farmer and landowner to sign contracts and check cover crops. Created project in BITS and filled in the information for a TRM grant so we can get reimbursed from the DNR.
- **Wednesday, October 22.** Received Mill Creek total phosphorus results and updated spreadsheets and brochures for the final time for 2025.
- **Thursday, October 23.** Attended staff meeting. Used GPS to measure areas with and without cover crops in the field. Took that information and put onto computer to get acreages and added that information to contract. Wrote up answers to questions received on water testing from a student.
- **Friday, October 24.** Met with farmer to sign contract and check cover crops. Attended NMFE meeting.
- **Tuesday, October 28.** Field checked cover crops, took pictures, organized pictures back at office. Started adding information to GIS.

Activities Report for Kyle Andreae – October, 2025

- October 1 – Lippert Design
- October 2 – Tech Tour
- October 3 – Gilbertson Site Visit, No-till Drill Transport
- October 6 – Gilbertson Site Investigation
- October 7 – Albertson Field Day
- October 8 – Cohort meeting, Gilbertson Site Investigation
- October 9 – Gilbertson Design, No-till Drill Repair
- October 10 – No-till Drill Repair
- October 13 – Mine Site Coordinate Transformations, Gilbertson Design
- October 14 – Gilbertson Design
- October 15 – No-till Drill Transport, Duckett Site Visit
- October 16 – Duckett Permitting
- October 17 – Duckett Site Visit, Gilbertson Design
- October 20 – Gilbertson Design
- October 21 – Eastling Design
- October 22 – Mine Site Inspections, Eastling Design
- October 23 – Staff Meeting, CREP Annual Report
- October 24 – No-till Drill Trouble Shooting, Eastling Design
- October 27 – No-till Drill Move/ Assess Repairs, CREP Annual Report
- October 28 – CREP Annual Report
- October 29 – Gilbertson Design/ Site Visit, Duckett Construction Inspection
- October 30 – Duckett Construction Inspection
- October 31 – Duckett Construction Inspection



Activities Report for Kendra Wilhelm – October 2025

- Coordinated the use and transport of the no-till drill for 3 operators.
 - This consists of answering questions via phone, managing the schedule of the no-till drill, and transporting the no-till drill to renters.
- Received signatures on harvestable buffer contracts for R. Knuth.
- Attended an open enrollment meeting hosted by Human Resources.
- Assisted the Nepco Lake District with Surface Water Grant technical assistance.
- Assisted with a phone call regarding the tree and shrub sale.
- Organized documentation and reporting for the Lake Monitoring & Protection Network Grant.
- Communicated water quality testing results with office staff.
- Attended the Albert Acres' Demo Trials Field Day hosted by our office.
- Read the latest version of Cover Crop Strategies.
- Presented for two classes at River Cities High School about conservation in our everyday lives, what a County Land & Water Conservation Department is/does and the conservation poster contest.
- Participated in a debrief meeting regarding Nepco Lake District's surface water education grant and how the educational sessions went this year and ideas for next year.
- Completed "Prevent the Spread" signage checks at all boat and kayak landings.
 - All data along with corresponding photos of each landing was entered into the SWIMS (DNR) database.
- Completed an organisms in trade check at Ace Hardware. No aquatic invasive species found.
- Answered questions via phone regarding invasive Japanese Knotweed.
- Answered questions via phone regarding soil testing, residue management, and cover crops.
- Worked with the IT Department to remove Kofax PDF from computer and install Adobe Pro.
- Coordinated with a 5th grade teacher from Auburndale Elementary School regarding a date to present information about the conservation poster contest.
- Coordinated with Roth Golden Acres to map out harvestable buffers they implemented this fall. Mapping occurred on October 15th. Transfer to ArcGIS Pro and compiling information for cost-share contracts occurred on October 16th. Cost share contracts were reviewed and signed on October 21st.
- Created a general soils presentation that can be used at various ages to promote the conservation poster contest.
- Met with Anna Mitchell, UW-Extension, to discuss goals of the Nepco Lake District, their ongoing strategic planning process, and educational programs for next year.
- Attended a webinar on harmful algal blooms.
- Communicated and coordinated a field visit with the City of Marshfield Street Superintendent on a consult to identify potential NR40 invasive species. The field visit occurred on Thursday, October 16th. No invasive plants were found.
- Answered various questions about the Snap Plus nutrient management software.
- Delivered cover crop cost-share contracts to McMillan Farms and verified the cover crop fields.
- Completed grant documentation for the Management Plan Implementation Surface Water Grant.
 - Included budget tracking, match tracking, calculating harvestable buffer reductions, and ensuring all reporting paperwork is readily available.
- Completed GIS mapping of the roads the Wood County Highway Department sprayed during the 2025 season. I overlay this map with known invasive species populations to track years of treatment at each site.
- Reviewed updates made to Wisconsin's Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (WisCALM) that establishes impaired waters of the state.
- Read the "Nitrates on Tap: The Cost of Nitrate Contamination in Wisconsin's Drinking Water" report published by the Alliance for the Great Lakes and Clean Wisconsin. This report was shared by Jen McNelly, UW-Extension.

- Participated in a discussion with Nepco Lake District board members regarding the shoreline assessment that was completed on Nepco Lake this summer. We discussed goals of the Nepco Lake District and how they would like to represent the data from the shoreline assessment.
- Participated in the October 23rd staff meeting.
- Participated in the Fall Aquatic Invasive Species Partnership Meeting as required by the Lake Monitoring & Protection Network grant.
- Put together information for cover crop cost share contracts for Roth Golden Acres.
- Watched recordings of the 2025 nutrient management regional meeting updates.
- Participated in a meeting with DNR and UW-Extension staff regarding our surface water grant applications.

Activities Report for Rod Mayer – OCTOBER 2025

- Met with landowner owning property near Milestone Dupee mine site – reviewed plan and answered questions.
- Completed Civil Rights training.
- Staff meeting 9/24/25, 10/23/25
- Knuth wildlife damage (soybean and corn) field appraisals, damage acres maps, calculations, DNR database input, conversions, etc. (8 fields)
- Process Bymers Act82 permit application for damage shooting permits – re-map and calculate acres changes, update database & file, sent to DNR.
- Sent pond exemption info to landowner for shoreland zoning check.
- Completed Know Be 4 security training.
- Reviewed Anderson pond site exemption, approval letter sent, file updates, spreadsheet updates.
- Raikowski wildlife damage (soybean) field appraisals, damage acres maps, calculations, DNR database input, conversions, etc. (2 fields)
- Contact with Shane, Bank, Corp. Counsel, and permit holder for expired Financial Assurance on site. Drafted and sent deadline letter to have updated FA in place. Reviewed Corp Counsel second letter to be sent for compliance – etc.
- Scan Grube Peat Site file – respond and send the info to DNR. Multiple phone discussions and emails with DNR.
- Email to Earth for needed info – amendment to Biron site plan, update on 186 map layer needed, Cepress plan review updates, and MR 2 map layer needed.
- Earth Cepress preliminary draft 1 plan review (68 pages) – drafted and sent needed info and clarification. Noted also need to work with DNR CH 30 permitting and stormwater permitting – with all operations clarified and matching.
- Milestone Dupee public notice ended – emailed Milestone for needed material to issue permit (hard copy, fee, FA, digital boundary).
- Input coordinate layer into GIS for Cepress permit area – found errors – corresp. to Earth for needed corrections.
- Bear advice to landowner (bear in corn) – able to line up a hunter and the bear was harvested under the hunter's tag.
- Drafted new NMM inspection route list (changes/edits)
- Called all mine operators for updates for mine site inspections. (52 sites)
- Input Milestone Dupee permit area and wetlands digital boundaries into GIS – convert, adjust, etc.
- Reviewed Milestone Dupee FA – create mine site in software, update spreadsheet, review hard copy, process fee, issue permit, etc.
- Bear in wildlife fence issue – gave advice – put in contact with APHIS.
- Mine site inspections – completed site inspections on 52 mine sites – GPS all changes and boundaries, pictures taken and filed under mine site name of issues found, etc. (2 weeks)
- Bear hit silage on farm – enrollment info from landowner – site visit and deployed fox lights to prevent further damage and move bear off of site.
- Completed 3rd ¼ wildlife damage program reimbursement. Entered expenses into DNR database, put report together (20 pages), sent to DNR.
- Updated spreadsheet with all mine site inspection dates.



Wood County WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

FR: Jason Grueneberg, Planning & Zoning Director
Emily Arndt, 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 December 2025

1. Economic Development (Jason Grueneberg)

Main Street Marshfield – On November 12th I met with the new Main Street Marshfield Director, Carter Howe and the President, Jenna Hanson. The purpose of the meeting was to gain a better understanding of how the County and Mainstreet Marshfield can work together and align resources.

Leadership Retreat – On November 14th I participated in the annual Wood County Leadership retreat held at Mid-State Technical College. The training focused on high functioning teams and team problem solving, practical AI tools and prompting, and the kickoff of the employee engagement survey.

Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund (CWED) – On November 21st I participated in the CWED Board of Directors' meeting. Items that were discussed included Loan Committee updates, monthly fund status & activity report, the administrator/service provider report, and an evaluation of the fund administrator.

UWSP Marshfield Campus – On November 25th I met with UWSP Marshfield Campus representatives and the Lead Estimator from Scherrer Construction, Matt Jones to tour the Laird Theater to develop estimates for the remodel project. The proposal is to update and modernize the Helen Connor Laird Theater and convert the space to a community theater and meeting space. The cost estimates will be included in a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation grant application in hopes of receiving a \$2 million grant. I plan on having the grant application submitted before Christmas.

Wood County Planner – Emmett Simkowski will be the new County planner beginning on December 1st. Emmett brings experience from the Portage County Planning & Zoning Department as well as the City of Marshfield and has been a Wood County resident most of his life. We wish Emmett a warm welcome to the Planning & Zoning Department and look forward working with him.

2. Planning & Zoning (Vacant)

3. Land Records (Paul Bernard)

- Parcel Mapping

- Address Mapping
- Custom Map Requests
- Integrating Permits
- Building Layout Digitizing

4. Code Administrator (Brad Cook)

-No report submitted

5. Code Technician (Kayla Rautio)

- A. Reviewed and approved POWTS & well permit applications
- B. Reviewed and approved soils evaluations
- C. Completed inspection reports
- D. Studied floodplain zoning Eljen component manual
- E. Assisted with daily phone calls/emails/office questions
- F. Inspections/Investigations:
 - 10-30-25: Mound plow inspection TN: 08; Conventional inspection TN: 18; Well inspection TN: 18
 - 11-3-25: Mound reinspections TN: 10, 08
 - Holding tank inspection TN: 01; Mound inspections TN: 15, 02, 15; Well inspections TN: 01, 15
 - 11-6-25: Mound inspection TN: 17; Conventional inspection TN: 07
 - 11-13-25: Conventional inspections TN: 18, 07, 27; Well inspections TN: 18, 07
 - 11-14-25: Holding tank inspection TN: 08
 - 11-18-25: Conventional inspection TN: 07; Well inspection TN: 07
 - 11-24-25: Conventional inspection TN:14
 - 11-25-25: Conventional inspections TN: 07, 07
- G. Attended Meetings/Trainings/Etc.
 - 10-31-25: WCCA fall conference – WI Dells
 - 11-4-25: Staff lunch

6. Office Activity (Victoria Wilson & Julie Manc)

- a. Monthly Sanitary and Well Permit Activity – There were 12 sanitary permits, 5 shoreland permits, 9 well permits issued as well as 2 CSMs recorded and 2 received in November 2025.
- b. Septic Maintenance – Letters from our Corporation Counsel office were processed and mailed from our office. 114 property owners have not had maintenance completed/and or reported to our online system at this time.
- c. Triennial Program Fee – 2nd Notices for 981 property owners will be mailed on were Monday December 8th for those who have not paid the program fee. The due date for this fee was November 21st.

d. Attended the following meetings/trainings & activities:

- i. November 5th CEED meeting (VW & JM)
- ii. November 4th Staff meeting (VW & JM)

MINUTES JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, December 5, 2025

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 302

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

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 Voight/Hovendick to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. There were no claims against the county.
5. The vouchers and reports from the departments the committee oversees were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Hovendick/Perlock to approve them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Supervisor Leichtnam provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Citizens Water Group and reviewed the letter sent to various stakeholders.
7. A contract for the Family Court Commissioner was presented and introduced by the Corporation Counsel. He noted a change in the document, striking the small claims court commissioner duties from the document. There was discussion about the yearly amount and this will be revisited next budget cycle. Motion by Hovendick/Voight to approve the contract as presented, with the \$55,000 yearly fee in place with an evaluation of duties occurring before the next budget cycle. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Motion by Leichtnam/Hovendick to approve per diem for any member attending any Joint Legislative Committee meeting, and to Supervisor Clendenning to attend any Criminal Justice Task Force meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
9. The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 2, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
10. Motion by Leichtnam/Clendenning to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 9:35 AM.

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

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MINUTES CRIMINAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

DATE: Wednesday, November 12, 2025
TIME: 12:00 PM
PLACE: Courthouse – County Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judge Gregory Jerabek, Lance Pliml, Bill Clendenning, Dillon Ksionek, Quentin Ellis, Tara Warner

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

1. Judge Jerabek called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Pliml/Ksionek to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Judge Jerabek informed the committee of the new Branch 3 judge, Judge Emily Nolan-Plutchak. She was not able to attend today due to a judicial conference.
5. Criminal Justice Coordinator Ksionek gave an update on the status of his department and that with the passage of the county budget, the department is sustainable for 2026. An additional FTE was garnered so as to be able to use this person in both drug court and jail programming. He reviewed participation numbers, year-to-date.
6. Ashley Normington, Public Health Strategist from the Health Department reviewed the second round of applications for the Opioid Settlement fund. Seven out of 12 requests were either fully or partially funded with this round.
7. Chief Deputy Ellis highlighted the hiring of a co-responder position within the Sheriff's Department, which is grant funded for 2 years. They are working on deflection programming and looking for unique opportunities to use this position. She is currently working with the mental health deputy.
8. Motion by Pliml/Ksionek to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 12:23 PM

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

Criminal Justice Task Force
November 12, 2025

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CHILD SUPPORT
AGENCY

DECEMBER 2025

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Prepared by Child Support Director Brent Vruwink

- As we move into December, we will start work on annual trainings that are required by the Bureau of Child Support.
- We are back to full staff now as everyone is back from leave. We had been down at least one staff member since July.
- I attended the Department Head Meeting on November 19th.
- On Friday December 5th Claire Evers the Policy Initiatives Advisor with the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families will be onsite for a tour and discussion. We will be talking about potential changes to the ELEVATE Program.
- I will be attending the WCSEA Board meeting on December 11th.
- We started the first month of the Federal Fiscal year with strong arrears collection numbers. Current support collections are off slightly with a collection rate of 79.09%
- The current IV-D case count is 3,712.



Wood County

WISCONSIN

Kimberly A. Stimac

CLERK OF
CIRCUIT COURT

December 2025

Monthly Report to the Judicial and Legislative Committee
Prepared by Kimberly Stimac, Clerk of Circuit Court

Meetings Attended:

- Judicial & Legislative Committee meeting on 10/31/2025.
- WCCCA Executive Committee meeting virtually on 11/3/2025.
- Operations Committee meeting on 11/4/2025.
- Monthly judges meeting on 11/11/2025.
- WCCCA Executive Committee meeting virtually on 11/18/2025.

Due to short staffing and court coverage needed, I was unable to attend the Leadership Retreat, however, my chief deputy clerk was able to attend.

We have one of the two court clerk positions filled with a court clerk starting on December 8th. The 2nd position has been posted and will be up until December 8th.

The first mailing of juror qualification questionnaires have been entered. We mailed out a total of 3,159 questionnaires and received back 2,584. That is an 82% return rate which surpassed my original goal of 60%. We will be mailing out a Second Notice to the 575 that did not respond to the first request the first week in December.



Wood County

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CORPORATION
COUNSEL

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

November 2025

Hearings and Court Cases:

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

- 19 Mental Commitments (includes Probable Cause, Final Hearings, and Recommitments)
- 13 Guardianship/Protective Placement Hearings
- 29 WATTS Review/Contested Hearings

Child Support – During the month of October, the Corporation Counsel's office participated in six dates for Child Support related hearings (in custody and hearing days) which included two hearings relating to requests for a stay in support amounts owed during periods of incarceration.

CAPTA Hearings – During the month of October, the Corporation Counsel's office participated in one CAPTA scheduled prehearing conference and advocated to the Wisconsin Division of Hearings and Appeals in support of a motion to dismiss due to appellant's abandonment of their appeal.

Wood County Annual Leadership Retreat:

On November 13, 2025, I joined approximately 68 Wood County Supervisors, Managers and Department Heads to participate in the annual Leadership Retreat at MSTC. The retreat focused on building high-functioning teams, team problem solving, and AI basics. I particularly enjoyed the morning session on team problem solving, as it was interactive and a great opportunity to work collaboratively with colleagues in finding innovative ways to approach unique issues and problem solve.

Presentation and Team Meeting with Human Services Department:

In the month of November, the Corporation Counsel's Office participated in team-meetings with the Human Services Department, which included:

1. Presentation at Human Services Leadership Team meeting regarding open records laws. This included information regarding processing and responding to open records requests.
2. Joint meeting with Corporation Counsel's Office and APS/EMH to review processes relating to Ch. 51 (mental health) and Ch. 54/55 (guardianship/protective placement) matters. The meeting was a great opportunity to bring everyone together to review procedures, debrief on more complex matters, and get insight/input on upcoming items. We plan to have periodic meetings of a similar nature in 2026.



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WOOD COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

November 2025

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Respectfully submitted by Criminal Justice Coordinator, Dillon Ksionek

Meetings Attended:

10/21/2025: Collaborative meeting with Clark County about Jail Programming
10/21/2025: Mental Health Court Staffing/Court
10/23/2025: DHS 2026 contract meeting
10/23/2025: Staffing with Outpatient Clinic
10/24/2025: DOJ site visit/compliance review (2023 visit)
10/27/2025: Drug Court Staffing/Court
10/29/2025: Mental Health Court Staffing/Court
10/30/2025: Staffing with Outpatient Clinic
10/31/2025: Judicial and Legislative Sub-Committee meetings
11/3/2025: Drug court Staffing/Court
11/4/2025: Operations Sub-Committee Meeting
11/5/2025: Mental Health Court Staffing/Court
11/6/2025: Staffing with Outpatient Clinic
11/7/2025: Wood County Opioid Task Force
11/10/2025: Drug Court Staffing/Court
11/11/2025: Treatment Pod Application Review
11/12/2025: County Board Meeting
11/12/2025: Criminal Justice Task Force Meeting
11/12/2025: Mental Health Court
11/13/2025: Wood County Leadership Retreat at MSTC
11/17/2025: Overdose Fatality Review Team
11/17/2025: Presentation on Human Services, Criminal Justice, and Mental Health at UWSP
11/19/2025: Mental Health Court Staffing/Court
11/20/2025: Drug Court Sustainability Meeting
11/20/2025: Monthly DOJ RSAT Meeting
11/20/2025: Monthly DOJ Deflection Meeting
11/20/2025: Staffing with Outpatient Clinic
11/21/2025: Presentation at Assumption High School
11/21/2025: Meeting with Portage County DA Concerning Diversion Programming
11/24/2025: Drug Court Staffing
11/24/2025: Criminal Justice Coordinator statewide monthly virtual round table

Adult Drug Treatment Court:

Current Participants: 22
Active Referrals: 1
Pending Referrals: 1
2025 Admissions: 20
2025 Terminations: 6

2025 Graduations: 14
2025 Referrals: 38

We continue to have monthly sustainability meetings with representatives from the district attorney's office, the division of community corrections, the state public defender, the criminal justice department, and with our treatment court judge. The conversation centers around all aspects of sustainability but varies from month to month. November's meeting focused almost entirely on team composition and on the members of our team that are leaving the county in the near future. We spoke about potential replacements, specifically individuals who would be a good fit for our culture. Also, the potential need to evaluate our application review process moving forward.

We received word that our TAD funding and budget for 2026 has been approved. The County Executive and I have already signed the agreement and returned it to the DOJ. We should have everything in place to continue our treatment court next year after securing the same amount of funding as we did in 2025.

Jail Programming (STRONG):

Medication Assisted Treatment Program (MARF):

Current Participants: 33

Year to date participants: 136

Jail Residential Treatment Program (RSAT):

Current Participants: 15 (8 males and 7 females)

Year to date graduates: 10

Year to date participants: 40

We reviewed applications for our next cycle of recovery pod programming this month and had 41 total applications for 16 available beds. The number of applications has increased with each cycle, and to see so many interested in this program speaks volumes about the level of demand there is for treatment opportunities within the Wood County Jail. The newest cohort has already started programming at the time of this report.

Emily Primeau has now been approved to have a portion of her salary tax levied, which will have an immediate impact on our jail programming in 2026, even with just an extra 16 hours. This added flexibility will provide me with opportunities to grow if needed but also will provide a safety net of sorts (if my funding situation changes drastically). I am grateful for the support that I received from other departments, the judicial and legislative committee, and the county board as a whole in this request.

Other Matters:

My departments request for County Opioid Settlement dollars was preliminarily granted by the Opioid Task Force, pending final approval by the oversight committee and the county board. This will also allow me some financial flexibility moving forward and will be instrumental in accommodating some of the gaps in funding that came from my reduced contracts in 2026.

After speaking with several invested parties here in Wood County, I have started speaking with other counties about their diversion programming. I met with Portage County on November 21st and plan to go to Marathon County on December 15th. A diversion program is appealing to most every agency that I have spoken with that works within the criminal justice system here in Wood County and is something that would have a major impact on our current justice system back logs and delays.



Wood County

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Jonathan E Barnett

December 5, 2025
Report to Judicial and Legislative Committee

The District Attorney's Office has had a few interviews for the position of Assistant District Attorney. We have offered one of those individuals, but he has requested to have until early December to make his decision as he has an active legal practice and would need to address wrapping up that work if he accepts the position. We are still checking references on the second candidate, but are hoping we can make an offer there as well. Unfortunately, we received the resignation of ADA Jennifer Zima. She will be staying until December 5, 2025, to ensure she finishes out a serious trial that she did not want to leave behind.

From November 11 through November 14, the District Attorney and ADAs Lisa Temich and Emily Brown attended the State Prosecutors Education and Training Fall Conference in Green Bay. On October 28, 2025, the District Attorney and ADA Michael Montgomery attended a Juvenile Workgroup with the Department of Human Services. On November 19, 2025, the District Attorney attended the Department Head Meeting. On November 6, 2025, the District Attorney met with Judge Gebert, Dillon Ksionek and Katie Miloch to discuss the future of Mental Health Court and the possibility of converting the resources toward a precharging diversion program. District Attorney also met with Dep. Brundidge about a possible deflection program through the Sheriff's Office and their new Coresponder.

There was one jury trial since the last committee meeting. DA Jonathan Barnett obtained a conviction for Child Abuse – Causing Bodily Harm in a one day trial on November 4, 2025. This same defendant has two other open cases that are likely to be settled after the felony conviction in this case. We have had a few high profile cases come through this month. There was the recent homicide case in Wisconsin Rapids. We worked with WRPD to view the scene and attend the autopsy to ensure we have the best information in the most timely manner. There were also two cases of high managers of non-profit organizations stealing from their organizations in Marshfield. Marshfield Police Department has been incredibly thorough and we have been working with the victim organizations to time out these charging decisions.

The office is moving quickly toward paperless. Wood County IT has worked with the Office to make sure that all our laptops work with an increased bandwidth so that we can operate without paper files in the courtrooms. Starting January 1, 2025, the Wood County District Attorney's Office will no longer create paper files. We are working to clear all the backlog of charging decisions, but also balancing that with the fact that each new charged decision also creates another file in the caseload of our young ADAs.



Wood County WISCONSIN

REGISTER IN
PROBATE

December 2025

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Prepared by Register in Probate, Tara Jensen

- Attended Wisconsin Counties Association weekly Zoom meetings on Mondays.
- November 4 – Operation Committee Meeting
- November 11 – Monthly Judges Meeting
- November 12 – CCIP (Children's Court Improvement Program) Zoom training focused on Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act (WICWA)
- November 12 – Annual County Budget Hearing and Operations Committee Meeting
- November 12 – County Board Meeting
- November 13 – Wood County Annual Leadership Retreat at Mid-State Technical College
- November 19 – Wood County Department Head Meeting

The Probate Office has 3 small printers and a large copier/fax machine. The small printers are connected through CCAP for our computers through the state. Working with CCAP and the Wood County IT Department we were able to have the large printer/copier connected for printing from our state computers. The large printer will be more cost effective when we have large print jobs. Overtime this will be a savings in our print costs.

Tara Jensen
Register in Probate
Probate Registrar

Karrie Moore
Deputy Register in Probate
Juvenile Clerk



Wood County

WISCONSIN

REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE

Tiffany R. Ringer
Register of Deeds

DECEMBER 2025

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

- I attended WCA's County Leadership weekly meetings for the month.
- I attended several WRDA Legislative committee virtual meetings this month.
- I attended Property Records Industry Association's (PRIA) virtual training: Recording Corrective Documents.
- Wendy Markworth, from IT, and I attended an informational meeting regarding the WI Department of Revenue upgrade that is scheduled for January 2026. Fidler shared their plan and provided dates to our county for the necessary & required software updates. This is a major change for DOR and we will do everything possible to ensure there are no disruptions to recording.
- I attended the Wood County Board of Supervisors meeting.
- All Register of Deeds Deputies attended one of the Wisconsin Land Title Association's Title Examiner Courses. Chief Deputy Breunig successfully completed all six courses and was awarded her "Graduate" plaque. Congratulations on this accomplishment!
- Per the request of Katie Miloch, Deputy Director of Human Services, I gave a short presentation on Property Fraud Alert to the Adult Protective Services group. Thank you for the opportunity to share.

MINUTES

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, November 6, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Hahn, Al Breu, 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 8:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. Under public comment, residents along CTH AA (Plank Hill) inquired about the status of the bridge and how they do not see updates. Hawk reviewed the timeline and funding mechanisms in play to try and get that road open in 2026 or 2027.
3. The minutes of the October 2, 2025, meeting were presented. Motion by Breu/Brehm 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 Thao/Hokamp to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Chairman Hahn reviewed the budget changes to the Highway Dept. 2026 budget, to date. It was noted that one of the patrol trucks requested under levied CIP was removed, however Chairman Hahn suggested that if we do order the truck that was removed, it may be possible to take delivery in 2027, or if we must take delivery in 2026, perhaps it could be paid for by short term financing for the little bit of time in 2026 until it could be paid off in 2027. Highway Commissioner Hawk will review the possibilities. Motion by Hahn/Breu to direct the highway commissioner to obtain 2 trucks in 2026 if payment on one coming can be done in 2027. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Committee reviewed the status of the 2026 cost of living adjustment.
9. The committee reviewed the 2026-2030 CIP. Hawk reviewed the adjustments made and grant funding mechanisms that are currently fluid. He recommends moving a portion of CTH HH project to a 2027 construction and using that funding to complete CTH AA in 2026. Motion by Brehm/Breu to approve the change as described above. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Hawk reported that the CTH N bridge project has started but because of the late timing, the approaches to the bridge will remain unpaved through the winter.
11. The mastic and crack filler quotes are due in a week. Hawk is requesting the committee to accept the quotes deemed most advantageous to the county. He will report back the actual numbers at the next meeting. Motion by Breu/Thao to allow the highway commissioner to review the quotes and accept those deemed most advantageous to the county. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Hawk reviewed the funding proposal for the land at the intersection of CTH B & BB whereby the owner would donate the land to the Community Foundation and the Highway Dept. would then file an offer to purchase with that entity. Motion by Brehm/Breu to allow the Highway Commissioner to draft an offer to purchase for said property, pending Corporation Counsel review. Motion carried unanimously.
13. There is a resident on CTH A that put a concrete paver driveway in the road right-of-way that goes against the ordinance and without a permit. A letter was sent to the landowner with no response, as well as a registered letter, that was refused. This type of driveway can cause significant damage to plow trucks and wings during winter snow removal. Motion by Breu/Thao to authorize Hawk, working with Corp Counsel, to have served a letter to the landowner giving him until December 15, 2025 to remove the block, or a fine will be assessed. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
15. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley presented 3 special use permits for approval:
 - a. Pittsville Lions Club Fisheree at Dexter Shelter House with a fee waiver
 - b. South Wood County Humane Society Fundraiser at South Park
 - c. Wisconsin Interscholastic Cycling League Youth Mountain Bike Festival at Powers BluffMotion by Hokamp/Breu to approve the special use permits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
16. The final draft Open Spaces Plan is complete. A resolution to the county board approving the finalized document will be presented at the December meeting. The county board will be provided a link to the document within their county board packet.
17. The Wood County Wildlife Advisory Committee minutes were reviewed.
18. The Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
19. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion approved unanimously.
20. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4th, at 9:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room. The January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
21. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:41AM.

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

November 6, 2025

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MINUTES

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, December 4, 2025
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Krause, Highway Program Assistant, see attached sign-in sheet

1. Chairman Hahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. Public Comment – Lights at a business in CTH W are very bright. B. Clendenning has received complaints. S. Brehm received complaints about the speed of snowplows.
3. Correspondence – none
4. The minutes of the November 6, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Breu/Hokamp to accept them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Highway Staff reports were reviewed. Meeting with Village of Biron regarding CTH U through the Village of Biron. All right of way will be transferred to the Village. Resolutions to JT this section and CSM will be coming in 2026. No municipal boundaries will be redrawn. Village of Biron will pay 50% of right of way acquisition costs and 5% of the County's construction costs.
6. Highway revenue report was reviewed.
7. Motion to approve Highway vouchers by Hokamp/Thao. Motion carried unanimously.
8. CTH N bridge abutments were poured, deck will poured next week. Anticipated to reopen in February.
9. At the direction of the committee Hawk has been investigating financing options for one patrol truck in 2026. Kreit has agreed to finance the chassis and the build. In the past each vendor had been paid separately. If Kreit would finance the entire build, there would be a 3-4% charge on the vender invoices for the build. To avoid this both chassis could be financed, or financing could be sought with a local lender.

10. Discussion on how CTH F/HH intersection and CTH AA were being paid for. Funds for CTH F/HH intersection will come from bonded money and grant funds. CTH AA will come from a combination of bonded money, grant funds and GTA.
11. CTH A driveway letter was delivered on 11/17/2025 and the owner has until Sunday to comply. Hawk will work with corporation counsel to see how to proceed if the property owner does not comply with the demands of the letter.
12. Motion to approve the mastic and crack filler quotes by Breu/Brehm. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Update on the CTH B/BB property. A project needed to be created with the Marshfield Area Community Foundation to accept the donated funds. The Foundation approved the creation of the project. Resolutions have been approved by the PIT committee to create the fund and purchase the property. The donor of the funds has made an offer to purchase the property. If the resolutions are approved by county board Commissioner Hawk will create the project with Marshfield Area Community Foundation and the Highway Department can take over the current offer to purchase and pay with the donated funds.
14. STH 186/USH 10 intersection no updates.
15. Parks and Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
16. Special Use Permits – none at this time
17. Open spaces plan was reviewed. Motion to approve the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Plan Update Resolution by Brehm/Breu. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Schooley reviewed parks fees to be adjusted for 2027. Motion to approve the Parks and Forestry Fees by Thao/Hokamp. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Motion to approve Fall Timber Bids by Hokamp/Breu. Motion carried unanimously.
20. Forestry contract extensions were presented. Motion to extend the contracts presented by Breu/Hokamp. Motion carried unanimously.
21. Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed
22. Motion to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers by Thao/Breu. Motion carried unanimously.
23. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Highway Department Conference Room.

24. Motion to move into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to conduct performance evaluation of the department heads the committee oversees by Breu/Hokamp. Motion carried unanimously.

25. Motion by Brehm/Thao to return to open session.

26. Chair Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Minutes taken by Rachel Krause, Highway Department Program Assistant, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee
December 4, 2025

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Wood County

WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF
HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Roland Hawk
COMMISSIONER

November 25, 2025

To: Highway, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

From: Roland Hawk, PE Highway Commissioner

Subject: Commissioner Report for December 4, 2025, HIRC meeting

Department Activities

Personnel/Administration

The Highway Department currently has no vacancies.

Highway Department submitted STP Rural Grant Application to WISDOT for reconstruction of CTH A from WIS 73/80 intersection to Grant Road approximately 3.17 miles. This segment of CTH A includes 4 horizontal curves, one major county road intersection, and one 48-foot-long structure that was installed in 1936. If awarded, the County would pay for design, R/W acquisition, and compensable utility relocations. Construction would be scheduled for 2029.

Commissioner coordinated with Corporation Counsel to deliver a letter to a resident on CTH A with a driveway violation and no permit.

Commissioner coordinated with Corporation Counsel to draft resolutions for PIT Committee to obtain a grant through Marshfield Area Foundation Inc to purchase a property at the CTH B & BB intersection.

Commissioner has been asked to present recycled asphalt and recycled asphalt chips process at National Association or County Engineers Conference in April 2026 in Dallas, Tx.

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. East & West abutments poured in November; deck is anticipated in early December.
- 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.
 - December 9, 2025, Bid Opening.
 - Commissioner working with Village on Jurisdictional Transfer
- CTH AA Lynn Creek
 - Preliminary Road & Structure Plans 95% 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 construct in 2026. HIRC approved moving CTH HH (CTH F – STH 186) to 2027 construction to make funds available for CTH AA in 2026.
- Marshfield Facility Fueling Station
 - New pumps and tanks installation complete.
 - Existing underground tanks and pumps were removed, no contamination detected in the area of old underground tanks. This will eliminate insurance for potential underground leaking tanks.

Highway Maintenance

Work in November included:

- Sign replacements
- Culvert replacements
- Mowing roadside vegetation & tree trimming
- Ditching & drainage maintenance
- Mastic and asphalt patching
- Snow & ice removal

WCHA Events & Misc. Meetings since the last HIRC meeting

Commissioner attended the following events/meetings:

- October 31, met with TDS at CTH F & HH project to identify relocation.
- November 4, WCHA/WisDOT Machinery Management Committee mtg, Portage Co Hwy.
- November 5, Stadt Rd Bridges, weekly progress meeting, virtual
- November 5, CTH N Bridge pre-pour meeting, virtual
- November 5, CTH N Bridge weekly progress meeting, virtual
- November 6, HIRC Highway Office
- November 10, Highway Safety Work Group meeting,
- November 10, WCHA Executive Committee meeting, virtual
- November 11, CTH N Bridge weekly progress meeting, virtual
- November 12, County Board meeting, Court House
- November 13, Transportation Development Association annual meeting, Madison
- November 17, Highway Machinery Management Work Group meeting,
- November 18, CTH N Bridge weekly progress meeting, virtual
- November 19, North Central Region Commissioner meeting, Marathon County
- November 20, CTH AA progress meeting, virtual
- November 24-26, vacation
- November 27-28, holidays

EQUIPMENT

The new high-capacity brine maker will be installed at the Marshfield facility during the weeks of December 8 & December 15, 2025. WisDOT is providing 100% of the funding to purchase the brine maker and equipment. The Brine Boss mixing pump was installed on November 18.

Commissioner & shop supervisor working with truck dealership to finance one of two 2026 patrol trucks as directed by HIRC.

Accounting Supervisor Report

By John Peckham, Wood County Highway Department Accounting Supervisor

HIRC Meeting

Revenues and Expenses

We have done a number of Road and Bridge Aid projects that bump up revenues as the invoices are approved and sent.

The Maintenance Fund is fairly low but should carry us to year-end. Snow Removal Fund is in the red. The Capital Projects fund balance has been helped by 2026 funding but the CTH T and CTH U projects both came in high for the year.

The Marshfield Fuel System has been completed and is up and running. When the final invoices are sent, I will forward them to Finance for our last federal funding payment.

Other

Usually at this time of year, I develop a resolution for expenses that are over budget. In conversations with Finance, we felt it would be more beneficial to do that resolution after the books are closed in February.

County of Wood
DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT W/SUBTOTALS
 Highway Departmentwide
 Sunday, November 30, 2025

		2025		
		Actual	Budget	Variance
				Variance %
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental Revenues				
43300	Federal Grants-American Recovery & Reinvest Act	\$172,714.73	\$400,000.00	(\$227,285.27)
43531	State Aid-Transportation	2,545,399.09	2,497,341.00	48,058.09
43534	State Aid-LRIP	470,745.05	844,061.00	(373,315.95)
	Total Intergovernmental	3,188,858.87	3,741,402.00	(552,543.13)
Licenses and Permits				
44101	Utility Permits	28,798.84	30,550.00	(1,751.16)
	Total Licenses and Permits	28,798.84	30,550.00	(1,751.16)
Intergovernmental Charges for Services				
47230	State Charges	1,525,590.54	1,264,109.00	261,481.54
47231	State Charges-Highway	243,300.18	268,014.00	(24,713.82)
47232	State Charges-Machinery	26,423.91	(14,629.00)	41,052.91
47300	Local Gov Chgs	509,355.29	848,896.00	(339,540.71)
47330	Local Gov Chgs-Transp	1,777,040.02	1,964,726.00	(187,685.98)
47332	Local Gov Chgs-Roads	211,759.68	267,134.00	(55,374.32)
47333	Local Gov Chgs-Bridges	77,157.02	117,697.00	(40,539.98)
	Total Charges to Other Governments	4,370,626.64	4,715,947.00	(345,320.36)
Interdepartmental Charges for Services				
47470	Dept Charges-Highway	2,562,384.90	2,731,559.00	(169,174.10)
	Total Interdepartmental Charges	2,562,384.90	2,731,559.00	(169,174.10)
	Total Intergovernmental Charges for Services	6,933,011.54	7,447,506.00	(514,494.46)
Miscellaneous				
48340	Gain/Loss-Sale of Salvage and Waste	5,451.00	10,605.00	(5,154.00)
	Total Miscellaneous	5,451.00	10,605.00	(5,154.00)
Other Financing Sources				
49110	Proceeds from Long-Term Debt	2,725,250.00	2,451,500.00	273,750.00
49280	Transfer from Trust Funds	470,745.05		470,745.05
	Total Other Financing Sources	3,195,995.05	2,451,500.00	744,495.05
	TOTAL REVENUES	13,352,115.30	13,681,563.00	(329,447.70)
EXPENDITURES				
Public Works-Highway				
53110	Hwy-Administration	373,498.01	437,391.41	63,893.40
53120	Hwy-Engineer	203,229.55	210,931.64	7,702.09
53191	Hwy-Other Administration	359,383.99	402,931.49	43,547.50
53210	Hwy-Employee Taxes & Benefits	(953,188.84)		953,188.84
53220	Hwy-Field Tools	41,378.10	(45,534.22)	(86,912.32)
53230	Hwy-Shop Operations	166,758.47	397,971.95	231,213.48
53232	Hwy-Fuel Handling	(23,625.72)	(17,766.00)	5,859.72
53240	Hwy-Machinery Operations	(1,659,917.48)	(71,912.30)	1,588,005.18
53250	Hwy-Crushing Operations	48,940.66	17,936.97	(31,003.69)
53251	Hwy-Crushing Operations Production	141,065.49	103,564.60	(37,500.89)
53260	Hwy-Bituminous Ops	155,842.52	214,888.22	59,045.70
53266	Hwy-Bituminous Ops	1,823,623.18	2,017,610.84	193,987.66
53270	Hwy-Buildings & Grounds	264,628.11	233,326.35	(31,301.76)
53290	Hwy-Salt Brine Operations	(7,596.43)	(1,013.49)	6,582.94
53291	Hwy-Salt Brine Operations	15,587.25	(4,800.49)	(20,387.74)
53281	Hwy-Acquisition of Capital Assets	587,388.87		(587,388.87)
53310	Hwy-Maintenance CTHS		65,522.15	65,522.15
53311	Hwy-Maint CTHS Patrol Sectn	1,861,589.19	2,296,960.44	435,371.25
53312	Hwy-Snow Remov	839,804.78	990,000.16	150,195.38
53313	Hwy-Maintenance Gang	314,118.03	217,072.03	(97,046.00)
53314	Hwy-Maint Gang-Materials	2,732.98	8,302.00	5,569.02
53320	Hwy-Maint STHS	1,703,361.40	1,264,109.05	(439,252.35)
53330	Hwy-Local Roads	2,088,969.23	1,964,726.04	(124,243.19)
53340	Hwy-County-Aid Road Construction	558,435.33	330,037.42	(228,397.91)
53341	Hwy-County-Aid Bridge Construction	197,574.55	250,731.09	53,156.54
53490	Hwy-State & Local Other Services	581,326.89	848,895.86	267,568.97
53491	Hwy-ATV Route Signage		17,346.37	17,346.37
	Total Public Works-Highway	9,684,908.11	12,149,229.58	2,464,321.47
Capital Outlay				
57310	Highway Capital Projects	3,965,747.69	3,423,665.39	(542,082.30)

County of Wood
 DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT W/SUBTOTALS
 Highway Departmentwide
 Sunday, November 30, 2025

		2025		
		Actual	Budget	Variance Variance %
	Total Capital Outlay	3,965,747.69	3,423,665.39	(542,082.30) (15.83%)
	Other Financing Uses			
59210	Transfers to General Fund	470,745.05		(470,745.05) 0.00%
	Total Other Financing Uses	470,745.05		(470,745.05) 0.00%
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,121,400.85	15,572,894.97	1,451,494.12 9.32%
	NET INCOME (LOSS) *	(769,285.55)	(1,891,331.97)	1,122,046.42 (59.33%)



Parks & Forestry Department Reports

December 4, 2025

Director Report, by Chad Schooley

- Powers Bluff Trailhead Shelter project is moving along nicely. Exterior walls are up with trusses scheduled to be completed the week of December 1st.
- Received preliminary plan set for Dexter Beach Open Shelter construction project. Bidding will be completed this winter with construction beginning in spring.
- Continue planning for other ARPA projects: South Park shower building, playground equipment replacement, etc..
- Link to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Plan Update was sent out to all HIRC members. A resolution will also be in the packet for approval.
- 2027 Fee recommendations are in the packet.
- **Special Use Permits**
 - None at this time.

Maintenance Program Supervisor Report, by Dan Vollert

Construction Projects

- South Park-Campground Storage Shed has been installed and electric connected.
- Dexter Park: Old beachhouse has been removed.
- Powers Bluff: New Trailhead Shelter construction project continuing. Parks staff working on staining pine tongue & groove boards for open shelter ceiling.
- Powers Bluff: New Shop interior setup, shelves, work benches, gate installed.

Maintenance Operations

- ALL Parks: All but Dexter campgrounds closed for season. Ash & dead tree removal operations. Mulching leaves.
- Dexter Park: Road work in Pine Point & Giligan's Island areas. Closing boat landing for season.
- South Park: Walk Trail maintenance. Mulching leaves.
- NEPCO Park: Ski Trail Maintenance. Closing boat landing for season.
- North Park: Table Maintenance. Mulching leaves. Trees.
- Powers Bluff: Putting all overhead powerlines, from shelter building to tube tow building, underground with aid from Alliant Energy & McMillan electric. Trenching, hauling of rock material, and burying conduit being done internally with Parks Staff.
- CERA Park: Continued cleanup of old shops.

Employee Matters

- Employee meeting slated for Tuesday, Dec. 16, for yearly Powers Bluff Winter Operations Training, and to go through year end numbers, information, etc.; and also upcoming projects for 2026.

Snowmobile/ATV

- Auburndale (DH) Snowmobile Bridge project off of CTH N east of Arpin has been completed and Grant Reimbursement Submittal is underway.
- All seven Snowmobile Clubs are prepping trails for 2025-26 snowmobile season.
- Range Road ATV Connector Trail to Intensive Use Area is shaped up and hoping to install road base soon.
- Hay Creek-Peterson Road ATV Trail will be closed for season on October 26, along with Jackson County Trails, for deer & snowmobile seasons.

Office Supervisor Report, by Stacie Kleifgen

- Assisted with November Timber Sale
- Worked with Forest Administrator to create reservation process, signage and application for Accessible Hunting Blinds
- Reconciled miscellaneous revenue and created new tracking process
- Created report to compare 2024 reservation fees we charged to credit card processing fees and sales tax we paid
- Worked in reservation system to update shelter information.

Forest Administrator Report, by Fritz Schubert

- Timber Sales: Five active timber sales in November. Logging activity on Wood County Forest has increased significantly due to weather conditions and good market demand for pine sawlogs. If these conditions persist and loggers are able to complete these timber harvests, we should achieve our budgeted timber revenue for 2025.
- Continued work on Nekoosa Marsh Road Cranberry land trade and land withdrawal, (application sent to WDNR on 11/18/2025).
- Continued work on Accessible Hunting Blinds and Hunting Areas. Installed perimeter signs, one gate and posts, informational signs. One gate remains to be installed and on-line reservation system to be completed.
- Cleaned shooting range.
- Forestry Technician: Cleaned shooting range. Painted forestry gates. Continued work on snowmobile trail reroute (County Line Road & Batterman Road). Started grading and prepping 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.

FEES	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Non-Electric Camp	\$20	\$21	\$21	\$22	\$23
Electric 30/50 amp Camp	\$25	\$26	\$26	\$27	\$28
Waterfront ELEC	\$28	\$29	\$29	\$30	\$31
Water / Sewer / Electric- Full Hookup	\$35	\$36	\$36	\$40	\$42
OFF SEASON - NON-E	\$17	\$18	\$18	\$19	\$20
OFF SEASON - ELEC	\$22	\$23	\$23	\$24	\$25
OFF SEASON - Full Hookup	\$32	\$33	\$33	\$34	\$38
GROUP 1 - Dexter	\$125	\$130	\$130	\$135	\$140
GROUP 2 - Dexter	\$100	\$105	\$105	\$110	\$115
GROUP 3 - Dexter	\$125	\$130	\$130	\$135	\$140
GROUP - NORTH	\$100	\$105	\$105	\$110	\$115
RESERVATION FEE	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
SKI SHOW - RESER - ELEC	\$35/nt	\$40/nt	\$40/nt	\$42	\$45
SKI SHOW - RESERVE - NON-E	\$30/nt	\$35/nt	\$35/nt	\$37	\$39
SKI SHOW - WATERFRONT ELEC	\$38/nt	\$43/nt	\$43/nt	\$45	\$47
Dump Station	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Firewood	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$8
ICE - small	\$4	\$4	\$4	TBD	TBD
ICE - large	\$7	\$7	\$7	TBD	TBD
Washer/Dryer (\$4) / Pod (\$1)	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Camper Storage Weekly	\$15	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$25
Camper Storage ONSITE DP/November	300/month	300/month	\$300/month	\$300	\$325
Trail Pass- Daily (Bike OR Ski)	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8
Trail Pass- Annual (Bike OR Ski)	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Trail Pass - Family (Bike OR Ski)	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
PB 1st Session Tube	\$12	\$13	\$13	\$14	\$14
PB 2nd Session Tube	\$12	\$13	\$13	\$14	\$14
PB TUBING ALL DAY PASS (2019)	\$20	\$22	\$22	\$24	\$24
Tube/Ski Parties (1T = 1 TUBE HILL / 2T = 2 TUBE HILLS / 1S = 1 SKI HILL / 1TS = 1 TUBE HILL & 1 SKI HILL) / 2TS = 2 TUBE HILLS AND 1 SKI HILL)	\$400/\$550/\$300/ \$500/ \$600	\$515/\$655/\$515/ \$725/\$865	\$515/\$655/\$515/ \$725/\$865	\$515/\$655/\$515/ \$725/\$865	\$530/\$670/\$530/ \$740/\$880
Shelter - Dexter Park Enclosed Shelter	\$100/\$125	\$100/\$125	\$100/\$125	\$125/\$150	\$125/\$150
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$175	\$175
Shelter - Dexter Campground Open Shelter	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Shelter - Dexter Beach Open Shelter			x	\$225	\$225
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>			x	\$250	\$250
Shelter - South Park Community Shelter Open	\$125	\$125	\$175	\$200	\$200
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>	\$150	\$150	\$200	\$225	\$225

Shelter - South Park Community Shelter Storm	X	X	\$200/\$250	\$250/\$300	\$250/\$300
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>	X	X	\$300	\$350	\$350
Shelter - Red Sands Beach Open Shelter	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$250	\$250
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$275	\$275
Shelter - White Sands Beach Open	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$125	\$125
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$150	\$150
Shelter - White Sands Beach Open w/Kitchen	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$150	\$150
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$175	\$175
Shelter - Red Sands Stone Enclosed	\$200/\$250	\$200/\$250	\$200/\$250	\$225/\$275	\$225/\$275
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$325	\$325
Shelter - North Park Stone Enclosed	\$200/\$250	\$200/\$250	\$200/\$250	\$225/\$275	\$225/\$275
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$325	\$325
Shelter - Nepco Park Enclosed Shelter	\$250/\$300	\$250/\$300	\$250/\$300	\$300/\$350	\$300/\$350
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$400	\$400
Shelter - Powers Bluff Stone Enclosed	\$125/\$150	\$125/\$150	\$125/\$150	\$150/\$175	\$150/\$175
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>	\$175	\$175	\$200	\$225	\$225
Shelter - Powers Bluff Welcome Center		x	x	\$300/\$350	\$350/\$400
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>		x	x	\$400	\$450
ATV Shelter (Hwy. 54)	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$125	\$125
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$150	\$150
Shelter - Cera Park Picnic Shelter		x	\$75	\$75	\$75
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>		x	\$100	\$100	\$100
Shelter - Cera Park Riverside Shelter		x	x	\$225/\$275	\$225/\$275
<i>*Holiday Rate</i>		x	x	\$325	\$325
Boat Launch - Daily	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7
Boat Launch - Annual	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Disc Golf - Daily	\$4	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Disc Golf - Daily CAMPER	\$2	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
Disc Golf - Annual	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Disc Golf - Family	\$40	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
General Park User Fee	\$50	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Violations	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
FEES	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027

Wood County Forest Timber Bid Summary

Tuesday November 25, 2025

<u>Tract</u>	<u>Bids</u>	<u>High Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Value</u>	<u>Appraised Value</u>	<u>Acres</u>
1-25	1	Weekly	\$ 18,809.44	\$14,790.10	53
8-25	3	Matticks	\$ 10,890.00	\$5,500.00	37
9-25	1	Koerner	\$ 9,810.00	\$5,685.00	32
10-25	0	n/a	\$ -	\$2,170.00	10
11-25	0	n/a	\$ -	\$10,699.00	42
12-25	0	n/a	\$ -	\$5,625.00	20
14-25	2	Koerner	\$ 57,865.00	\$42,620.00	35
ALL Tracts Totals	7		\$ 97,374.44	\$87,089.10	229

	Pulp - Tons						Sawtimber - MBF		Firewood - Cords
	Aspen	Mixed HW	Oak	Pine/Spruce	Red Pine	White Pine	Mixed HW	Oak	Dead Oak
Volume - available	2595	3055	1690	60	955	1200	43	19.0	27
Volume - sold tracts	1150	2015	1360	0	645	1200	19	19	27
Max Bid	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.90	\$ 15.72	\$ -	\$ 31.80	\$ 35.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 15.00
Weighted Average (all bids - sold Tracts)	\$ 7.58	\$ 6.54	\$ 8.98	\$ -	\$ 25.23	\$ 28.81	\$ 162.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 9.76

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Bid Comparison Report

Tract 1-25

WEEKLY TIMBER & PULP, INC.

Winning Bid

18,809.44 ☒

WEEKLY TIMBER & PULP, IN

	Vol	Value	
20T-MX	1390	5.680	7,895.20
20T-OO	375	6.600	2,475.00
10-MX	19	162.000	3,078.00
10-OO	19	162.000	3,078.00
23-OO	12	10.420	125.04
20T-A	330	6.540	2,158.20
Bid Total:			18,809.44

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Bid Comparison Report

Tract 8-25

MATTICK'S LOGGING

Winning Bid
10,890.00 ☒

FLINK FOREST PRODUCTS

7,233.00 ☐

WEEKLY TIMBER & PULP, INC.

6,989.00 ☐

MATTICK'S LOGGING				FLINK FOREST PRODUCTS				WEEKLY TIMBER & PULP, IN			
	Vol	Value			Vol	Value			Vol	Value	
20T-OO	525	9.900	5,197.50	20T-OO	525	7.510	3,942.75	20T-OO	525	6.600	3,465.00
20T-A	300	9.900	2,970.00	20T-A	300	5.000	1,500.00	20T-A	300	6.540	1,962.00
20T-MX	275	9.900	2,722.50	20T-MX	275	6.510	1,790.25	20T-MX	275	5.680	1,562.00
Bid Total:			10,890.00	Bid Total:			7,233.00	Bid Total:			6,989.00

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Bid Comparison Report

Tract 9-25

KOERNER FOREST PRODUCTS, LTD

Winning Bid

9,810.00 ☒

KOERNER FOREST PRODUC

	Vol	Value	
20T-OO	130	8.000	1,040.00
20T-PR	255	14.000	3,570.00
20T-A	300	8.000	2,400.00
20T-MX	350	8.000	2,800.00
Bid Total:			9,810.00

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Bid Comparison Report

Tract 14-25

KOERNER FOREST PRODUCTS, LTD

Winning Bid

57,865.00 ☒

BIEWER WISCONSIN SAWMILL

46,531.60 ☐

KOERNER FOREST PRODUC				BIEWER WISCONSIN SAWMI			
	Vol	Value			Vol	Value	
20T-A	220	10.000	2,200.00	20T-A	220	7.900	1,738.00
20T-OO	330	10.000	3,300.00	20T-OO	330	15.720	5,187.60
18T-PR	390	26.000	10,140.00	18T-PR	390	31.800	12,402.00
23-OO	15	15.000	225.00	23-OO	15	4.000	60.00
18T-PW	1200	35.000	42,000.00	18T-PW	1200	22.620	27,144.00
Bid Total:		57,865.00		Bid Total:		46,531.60	

Contract Extension Notes – December 2025

#790 Schreiner Forestry

- Bid November 2021 – contract expires: December 31, 2025.
- Contract extensions: two.
- % completion = 0%.
- Job constraints: Much of sale area requires frozen conditions for harvest operations. Access for pulp trucks exists via private land. Oak Wilt restriction April 1 through July 15.
- Considerations: Contractor has completed many contracts in past years, has had a good payment history, and quality of work is good. Cut/operated, and completed **1 contract** according to specs in the past year and generated \$22,627.03 in revenue to the County. Logger began opening up roads and landings for this contract last fall with hopes of logging last winter, however wet ground conditions did not allow for logging to occur.

Recommendation:

Grant contract extension to December 31, 2026 with **no increase in stumpage**.

#804 Koerner Forest Products LLC

- Bid November 2022 – original contract expires: December 3, 2025.
- Contract Extensions: 1
- % completion = 90%.
- Job constraints: Seasonally wet access, large portions of harvest area require frozen or unusually dry ground for access/logging operations.
- Considerations: Contractor started cutting last winter but could not complete it before spring road postings. Contract has already overcut by 22% in value. Contractor has completed many contracts in past years, has had a good payment history, and quality of work is good. Cut/operated and completed **7 contracts** according to specs in the past year and generated \$215,150.33 in revenue to the County. Logger currently cutting another contract and hopes to finish 804 this winter.

Recommendation:

Grant contract extension to December 31, 2026 with **no increase in stumpage**.

#807 Flink Forest Products

- Bid November 2022 – original contract (3-years) expires December 31, 2025.
- Contract Extensions: 0
- % Completion = 25%
- Job Constraints: Seasonally wet access requires frozen ground. Endangered species restriction, logging may not occur from March 20 to July 31.
- Considerations: Contractor started cutting in 2023 but had to stop due to deteriorating ground conditions and was cutting other Wood County sales in 2024 and 2025. Contractor has a good payment history and does fair quality work. Cut/operated and

completed **2 contracts** according to specs in the past year and generated 16,150.34 in revenue to the County.

Recommendation:

Grant contract extension to December 31, 2026 with **no increase in stumpage**.

#817 Koerner Forest Products LLC

- Bid December 2023 – contract expires: December 31, 2025.
- Contract extensions: 0
- % completion = 0
- Job Constraints: Access very wet, frozen ground most likely necessary for pulp trucks. Oak wilt restriction.
- Considerations: Contractor has completed many contracts in past years, has had a good payment history, and quality of work is good. Cut/operated and completed **7 contracts** according to specs in the past year and generated \$215,150.33 in revenue to the County. Logger currently cutting another contract and hopes to move to #817 this winter providing adequate freezing conditions occur.

Recommendation:

Grant contract extension to December 31, 2026 with **no increase in stumpage**.

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

November 2025 Revenue (December HIRC)

Budget Year 2025

			CONTRACT AWARD AMOUNT	CONTRACT AWARD DATE	CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE	\$ RECEIVED CURRENT MONTH	AMOUNT BILLED TO DATE	AMOUNT RCVD TO DATE	BALANCE
CONTRACT	TRACT	CONTRACTOR							
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	12/31/2025		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$14,237.72	\$24,214.32	\$14,237.72	-\$9,976.60
804	10-22	KOERNER	\$84,093.60	11/16/2022	12/3/2025		\$103,155.10	\$103,155.10	\$0.00
807	13-22	FLINK	\$9,450.00	12/31/2022	12/31/2025		\$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	\$18,016.49	\$34,923.13	\$41,249.88	\$6,326.75
817	9-23	KOERNER	\$17,310.00	1/4/2024	12/31/2025		\$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		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
821	1-24	KOERNER	\$26,270.00	4/30/2024	5/1/2026		\$4,995.40	\$0.00	-\$4,995.40
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	\$73,035.71	\$102,254.74	\$73,035.71	-\$29,219.03
827	7-24	MEDDA	\$60,286.80	12/19/2024	12/31/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
828	8-24	MIDWEST HW	\$75,328.40	12/19/2024	12/31/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$3,105.06	\$11,001.60	\$9,532.16	-\$1,469.44
836	9-24	WEEKLY	\$34,063.30	6/18/2025	6/30/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
755		FIREWOOD				\$20.00	\$164.66	\$164.66	
Total Active Contract Value			\$972,833.55						
						Payments Received This Month:	\$108,414.98		
						\$ RECEIVED CURRENT MONTH			
2025 Budgeted Total Revenues						\$400,000	Jobs Finished		
2025 Total County Forestry Revenues this month (90%)						\$97,573.48	Jobs Started		
2025 Total Township Revenues this month (10%):						\$10,841.50	Jobs Continuing/Reactivated		
							Jobs Gone Inactive		
2025 TOTAL NET FORESTRY REVENUE TO DATE:						\$324,141.21			

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

November Revenue - December HIRC

BUDGETED REVENUES 2025	46721	FEES	YTD REVENUE	YTD REVENUE	NOV REV	NOV REV	ACTUAL REV
	SOURCE		2025	2024	2025	2024	2024
\$ 612,000.00	Camping Reservations	\$10 Resv. Fee+/\$21/\$26/\$29/\$36	\$607,212.15	\$ 547,283.22	\$5,278.04	\$ 6,285.20	\$ 559,084.56
\$ 45,000.00	Campground Firewood Sales	\$7 per rack	\$38,333.45	\$ 39,824.60	\$99.83	\$ 540.28	\$ 39,888.11
\$ 10,000.00	Ice	\$4 (small) /\$7 (large)	\$7,002.80	\$ 7,887.62	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 7,887.62
\$ 3,900.00	Non-Camper Dump Station	\$20	\$2,268.82	\$ 2,867.50	\$18.96	\$ 180.09	\$ 2,905.41
\$ 400.00	Camper Storage	\$20/wk - \$300/mo	\$41.74	\$ 99.87	\$27.52	\$ 6.41	\$ 99.87
\$ 900.00	Washer/Dryer/Showers	\$2 wash / \$2 dry/\$1 Laundry Pods	\$772.03	\$ 799.06	\$7.58	\$ 28.44	\$ 802.85
\$ 59,000.00	Shelters Enclosed	Various Fees based on 4 or 8 hrs or all day.	\$56,014.21	\$ 57,264.62	\$6,328.13	\$ 3,105.95	\$ 62,254.51
\$ 13,000.00	Shelters - Open	Various Fees based on location of shelter.	\$13,686.85	\$ 12,314.35	\$137.56	\$ 114.47	\$ 12,862.13
\$ 3,000.00	General Park User Fees (Use of open areas within parks)	\$75 / \$10 per picnic table	\$1,109.00	\$ 450.24	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 450.24
\$ 38,000.00	Powers Bluff Winter Recreation Tickets, Parties, Rentals & Concessions	\$13/\$22/\$515/\$655/\$515/\$725/\$865	\$13,987.01	\$ 1,824.33	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 1,824.33
\$ 5,000.00	Trail Passes (Ski/Snowshoe/Multi-Use)	\$8/daily; \$30/annual; \$60/family	\$3,464.56	\$ 4,627.74	\$288.46	\$ 172.95	\$ 4,936.78
\$ 8,500.00	Disc Golf	\$3 / \$5 / \$25 / \$50	\$3,962.06	\$ 4,650.13	\$47.24	\$ 39.81	\$ 4,677.66
\$ 500.00	Parks Pulpwood	Market Price	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 25,000.00	Boat Launch	\$25/annual; \$7/daily	\$22,394.03	\$ 24,755.49	\$143.43	\$ 119.20	\$ 24,755.49
\$ 17,000.00	Miscellaneous		\$6,176.16	\$ 9,897.77	\$2,039.56	\$ 516.63	\$ 19,360.22
\$ 8,800.00	Gift Certificates	Gift Certificates	\$83.21	\$ 355.29	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 9,035.75
\$ 850,000.00	November Misc - advertising, kayak rentals		\$776,508.08	\$714,901.83	\$14,416.31	\$11,109.43	\$ 750,825.53
\$ 400,000.00	46813 - Timber Sales & Wood Cutting (90%/County & 10%/Townships) Monthly totals = NET Revenue	CONTRACTED	\$324,141.21	\$ 308,134.84	\$97,573.48	\$ 3,543.27	\$ 377,740.88
\$ 1,250,000.00		TOTAL REVENUE:	\$1,100,649.29	\$1,023,036.67	\$111,989.79	\$14,652.70	\$1,128,566.41



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Number of votes required:		
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Reviewed by: _____ NF _____, Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by: _____ PY _____, Finance Dir.		

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To adopt the *Wood County, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Plan 2026-2030*

FISCAL NOTE: Allows eligibility for Wood County and cooperating municipalities to apply for state and federal cost-sharing outdoor recreation grants.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter NR 50 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, a prerequisite to participation in several state and federal cost-sharing recreation related grant programs is the adoption and subsequent WDNR acceptance of a local recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Wood County Parks and Forestry Department has been awarded over \$2.5 million of WDNR outdoor recreation grants since the 2018 plan update; and

WHEREAS, the county recreation plan should be updated every five (5) years to remain eligible for these grants; and

WHEREAS, on 01/02/2025 the Wood County Highway, Infrastructure and Recreation Committee approved the Parks and Forestry Department 2025 Work Plan, which included updating the 2018 plan; and

WHEREAS, over the past year, the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) has prepared the *Wood County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Plan 2026-2030*, in cooperation

with the Parks and Forestry Department; and

WHEREAS, a public participation strategy was identified early in the planning process to foster public involvement to ensure the plan truly reflects the needs of the community, and included a community survey and informal public input; and

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, December 16, 2025

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

WHEREAS, the plan identifies goals, objectives and recommendations that will serve as a guide for recreation related decision making, management and policy over the next five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, on 12/04/2025 the Highway, Infrastructure and Recreation Committee reviewed the plan and recommended adoption; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wood County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the *Wood County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Plan 2026-2030* as a guide for recreation policy and decisions in Wood County.



Parks, Recreation, & Open Spaces Plan 2026-2030

The 2026-2030 Wood County Parks & Forestry Parks, Recreation, & Open Spaces Plan can be found at the following link:

[3-DRAFT Oct-2025 Wood-County-ORP-2026-2030 Prod.pdf](#)

MINUTES

PROPERTY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, December 1, 2025

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 302

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

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 November 3, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Brehm/Penzkover to accept them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. There were two resolutions presented to the PIT Committee regarding the purchasing of property at the intersection of CTH B & BB in the Town of Lincoln. This is ultimately for Highway Dept. use to improve vision at the intersection. One of the resolutions is for the funding mechanism being used through the Marshfield Community Foundation. The other resolution is for the outright purchase of the land. Motion by Hamilton/Brehm to approve both resolutions and forward them onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
5. The Information Technology vouchers were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. The IT Report was reviewed and discussed with the challenges of the radio upgrade being highlighted. It appears that the issues will be resolved shortly.
7. The Maintenance vouchers were reviewed. Motion by Brehm/Hamilton to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
8. The Maintenance Report was reviewed and discussed.
9. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
10. Motion by Hamilton/Brehm to move into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to conduct yearly performance evaluations of the department heads the committee oversees. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Motion by Hamilton/Brehm to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Chairman Breu declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM.

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

Property & Information Technology Committee
December 1, 2025

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November 2025

1. Staff continue to work on items related to the Law Enforcement Center occupancy. The network team re-configured 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. This will allow isolation of the Detention networks. Hardware provided by the vendor could not accommodate proper secure network separation so IT researched and ordered an alternative device. Device implementation is nearly complete and research is being conducted to find the best way to notify staff of connection status.
2. Network staff continue to work with the Communications Department on the radio over IP upgrade project. The vendor was onsite for installation the week of June 16th. Network staff had taken steps to meet requirements as outlined and provided remote access to verify. Upon switchover, issues were found and staff continue to work to ensure the network is configured to meet project requirements. Documentation and testing results have been provided to the radio vendor. Go-Live was reschedule for early November and issues were encountered during the second night of cutover. IT staff worked with a vendor and the root issue was identified and corrected. All channels that have now been brought online on the new radio network have been monitored and remain stable. Staff will continue to work with vendors and the Communications Director to reschedule another go-live.
3. After reviewing the feedback from the State audit on jail forms, research begins to obtain CJIS compliance.
4. Continued implementing Laserfiche document management for the Finance department.
5. The Courtrooms A/V system project is complete. This update will improve reliability for in room and video conference communication. All branches are complete. New equipment is working well and there are noticeable improvements in the courtrooms.
6. Plans for a firmware update to all County network devices is underway.
7. Worked with the DA office to provide enhanced WiFi to all District Attorney's office laptops. These settings are intended to assist them with being able to use their electronic case management system. This project was completed in November.



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8. Network staff created a new network project document to have better visibility into all network projects and be able to set priority on each project.
 9. 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.
 10. IT staff begin 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.
 11. Staff work to configure the new version of software for the County paging software so that we can migrate to the new, more robust version of the software.
 12. The Courthouse & Riverblock network refresh project is nearly complete. This project is one of the CIP projects that was approved for this year. There is a set of switches configured for placement at Riverblock. Migration at Riverblock will need to occur over a weekend due to the number of devices that rely on the hardware. All switches at the Courthouse have been refreshed.
 13. 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. The migration of the workhorse software to new servers has begun.
 14. Network staff met 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.
 15. Monitoring daily software installs for all computers managed by Desktop Central. Removed unapproved or questionable software as needed.
 16. 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.



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17. 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. Planning the rollout of this system to other departments in the near future.
 18. Triaged and followed up with 14 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.
 19. Investigated 4 alerts received from the County's SIEM, Security Information and Event management system. In each instance, IT staff reached out to the user in question to verify if the attempt was legitimate.
 20. The IT Security Team continues the Security Awareness Program. Additional security training is being assigned to all who fail a phishing campaign.
 21. Employees submitted approximately 142 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.
 22. 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.
 23. Continue to work with the Dispatch manager to implement the Total Response Project. Total Response will replace ProQA for the Emergency Medical Dispatch software in dispatch. The interface to CIS is complete and tested. Total response software has been installed on all dispatch workstations. Go live has been scheduled for early December and the vendor will be onsite to train dispatch staff.
 24. The EvenTide project for Dispatch has begun. 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 after Total Response implementation is finalized.



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25. 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.
 26. 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. System feature enhancements were completed and the 2026 open enrollment was completed successfully.
 27. System\code improvement for the in-house Planning & Zoning permitting system continues.
 28. Continued work on forms process improvement and document storage in Information Technology leveraging Laserfiche.
 29. Continued work on a project request from the Division Chief of EMS/Service Director for WR Fire Department to have WFRD 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.
 30. 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. Research is complete and a project request by Edgewater Haven Director to utilize AI supported software that can vet and speed up admission referral processes has been approved. Amnis system implementation continues.
 31. 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 to kick off the 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.
 32. For the month of October, 712 helpdesk requests were created, with staff completing 711 tickets and leaving 125 open requests. In addition, there are currently 163 project requests.



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33. 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. Support continues for eMAR which 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).
34. 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. IT staff worked to resolve application access issues that were caused by an unplanned OS upgrade.
35. 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.
36. The Register of Deeds work to upgrade multiple applications continues. IT staff escorts and assists the vendor, Fidar Technologies, with server and application updates and maintenance on a regular basis. Work to resolve and improve database server space issues is complete.
37. Staff are actively reviewing and updating Active Directory (AD) to ensure employee details such as department, titles and managers are accurate.
38. The 2025 PC replacement 4th quarter devices are about 60% replaced. Staff will begin to prepare 2026 1st quarter surveys shortly so the 1st order will be ready to be placed early in January. Reviewing department needs for tablets and mobile devices to replace equipment due for refreshing.
39. Reviewing all 2025 PC Replacement orders to ensure all charges to departments have been billed and processed.



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40. Met with Streamline, HS Electronic Health Records, to review contract and kick off discussion on hosting migration.
 41. Continue conversion of Human Service's TCM client financial data for import into Laserfiche. Created a Family Services Laserfiche repository and moved bulk of FS only documentation to it. Behavioral Health staff was also provided another demo and training on their Laserfiche repository of IMS and TCM legacy data.
 42. IT staff work to schedule and upgrade various server operating systems and database management systems, SQL servers, begins a new cycle. This ongoing project that takes considerable time to plan, test, and implement.
 43. Continue to apply numerous security patches to servers and network hardware. These updates include fixes for functionality and security patches that keep servers and network hardware as secure as possible.
 44. Research is scheduled for a Veteran's office record system for a user request for client notifications via text messaging functionality.
 45. IT staff continues to research Always On VPN. This will ensure that all communications from Wood County devices are secure using an encrypted connection even while connected to public or home networks. Additional options for restricting internet access are also being researched.
 46. Several staff attended the Wood County Annual Leadership Retreat coordinated by HR.
 47. 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.



Letter of Comments December 2025

Ongoing Projects and Planning

Jail Project – Remaining work is nearing completion. All work that is necessary to make the restricted parking area functional should be complete before the end of the year; there are some elements, such as landscaping, that will need to be finished next spring.

Building automation and security system adjustments are ongoing.

Courthouse – HVAC system replacement is nearly complete. Air balancing revealed a moderate amount of the existing duct work is not sealed properly and will not provide adequate air flow to some areas of the building; the duct work will need to be patched and sealed before re-balancing the deficient areas. The contractor is continuing to work on programming to provide better temperature control throughout the building.

Miscellaneous

Attended PIT, County Board, and numerous project meetings.

Supporting Norwood team with water line replacement project planning.

Reviewing service contracts for the upcoming year; some contracts will be unchanged, while others will have adjustments to include equipment in the new jail.

Working to finalize a job description for the approved Building Automation Specialist position; we should be able to start scheduling interviews in January.

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

Testing various ice-melt products to ensure we are finding a good balance between cost and performance.



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

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the Highway Department to enter into a funding agreement for specific funding from the Marshfield Area Community Foundation, Inc. that would provide funds to purchase property.

FISCAL NOTE: None

WHEREAS, the Highway Commissioner has been contacted by a resident of Wood County who is concerned about the safety of the intersection of CTH B and CTH BB; and

WHEREAS, the structures located on the property located in the southwest corner of this intersection (Parcel #1000484) create vision issues and do not meet current set back limits; and

WHEREAS, this resident has offered to provide needed funding to purchase the property inhibiting vision at this intersection and will donate the funds to Marshfield Area Community Foundation, Inc., a 501c3 as a restricted donation, to be provided as project specific funding for purchase of the property by Wood County; and

WHEREAS, receipt of these funds would allow the Highway Department to purchase the property and demolish the vacant, neglected structures located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the resident donating the funds would like to erect a plaque acknowledging the local "Bakerville" history.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wood County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Highway Commissioner to enter into a funding agreement with the Marshfield Area Community Foundation, Inc. to receive project specific funding for the purchase of a property at the intersection of CTH B & CTH BB.

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize the Highway Commissioner to purchase the property located in the southwest corner of the intersection of CTH B & CTH BB in the Town of Lincoln (Parcel #1000484).

FISCAL NOTE: None

WHEREAS, the vacant and neglected structure located in the southwest corner of the intersection of CTH B and CTH BB sits partially in the highway right-of-way, blocking vision for approaching vehicles; and

WHEREAS, purchasing this property would allow the Highway Department to remove the structure and create a safe vision triangle; and

WHEREAS, removing the structure would increase the safety of this intersection, and remove an eyesore from the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, donated funds would be used to purchase the property this structure sits on.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wood County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Highway Commissioner to purchase the property located on the southwest corner of CTH B & CTH BB intersection in the Town of Lincoln (Parcel #1000484) with funds received from the Marshfield Area Community Foundation, Inc.

		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			

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County Board Chairman

CWSF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 22nd, 2025, at 6:30 PM – Fair Office

Call to order – Sandy Leonhard 6:32 pm

Roll Call- Andrew Reigel (New City Rep Roll), Dale Christiansen, Gary Bymers, Brad Hamilton, Joyce Karl, Scott Karl, Kara McManus, Sandy Leonhard, Kate Kohl, Dave Lang, Heather Wellach, Peggy Sue Behselich (virtual)

Not present- Nick Wayerski

Public Comments: none

Approval of Minutes: Gary Bymers moved, and Dave Lang seconded approval of the minutes as presented. -unanimous approval

Financial Report: Gary Bymers moved, and Kara McManus seconded to approve the report as presented. -unanimous approval

Executive Director's Report: Dale Christiansen- Started with a thank you to the group for the long hours and time dedicated to this year's fair. Highlight the expansion of the fair. We are growing! Positive movement, looking at options for additional help.

Junior Fair Report: Kate Kohl – Fair book changes - No broom in the JR expo building- Concerns with clean out skid steers - age to show. These items moved to new business.

Fair update: Final numbers in the works- grandstand entertainment reviewed. Looking for ideas for next year, Wed-Saturday Music. Review of Carnival and food vendors. Free acts reviewed with feedback.

Committee Report & Reassignment:

Executive Committee- did not meet

Sponsorship Committee- did not meet

Marketing Committee- Billboard for the Christmas show is up! Hype video out there, and need to find ways to share. Dave had a shout out to 107.9 did an amazing job!

Fairest of the Fair- Heidi here to share the week. Coronation in November with Christmas Dinner Show.

Volunteer Committee- didn't meet. Always looking for more. Looking at making lists for next year, to accommodate last minute additions. Working on a Policy for volunteers/guidelines to help with volunteer organization and task focused. Thankful for each and every volunteer!

Livestock Committee- Check out Sunday was good. Much improvement on the last day. Care to share for Jr fair change over. Was discussed at Jr Fair. The forms that were not available for Sept meeting will be addressed in October. Suggestion for trailer assigned parking.

Draft Horse Committee- did not meet.

Building & Grounds Committee- review of needs found after fair.

Fair Park Management: Commission -Approved dog exercise rent in Lang building. Rental of buildings is approved. Dale completed a review with the finance director.

New Business:

Fair wins and losses are reviewed and noted throughout the minutes.

DATCAP AGE - Committee to Review – Heather Wellach, Kate Kohl, Dave Lang, Joy Karl

DATCAP double fee- In order to collect state aid, we have to follow DATCAP rules. Reviewed more discussion to come.

WOW - weed contest went over well, cranberry spitting was fun. Finding a different spot for WOW was discussed.

Market Sale would like to fix the pipes in the Show Palace. Gary Bymers motioned, and Dave Lang seconded to allow Market Animal Sale to redo the pipe securement in the show palace – unanimous approval.

Request to add garbage can placement request to the superintendent request items.

New Code of Conduct Policy- Reviewed and implemented

Holiday Event- set Holy Rocka Rollaz– focus on Christmas music for the first ½.

Winter Storage-

Agenda Item for next meetings. Review Harassment policy, DATCAP, show age, premiums for animals held over for open show, and care to share forms

Adjournment: Gary Bymers moved, and Scott Karl seconded to adjourn the meeting. - 8:47 pm

MINUTES
South Central Library System Board of Trustees
October 23, 2025

Present: Joan Honl (Portage Co.), President; Jacob Wright (Dane Co.), Vice President; Susan Feith (Wood Co.), Secretary; Mary Nelson (Adams Co.), Treasurer; Richard Bloomquist (Dane Co., Online); Gen Carter (MPL Rep., online); Bill Clendenning (Wood Co.); Joan Fordham (Sauk Co., online); Nancy Foth (Portage Co.); Michael Howe (Dane Co., online); Marlee Jorgensen, (Dane Co.); Gary Poulson (Dane Co.); Henry St. Maurice (Columbia Co., online); Tayler Palkowski (Dane Co.); Amanda Smith (Dane Co., online); Jordan Tilleson (Dane Co., online).

Administration: Shannon Schultz, Director

Absent: Chassitti Clark (Dane Co., excused), Brenda Carus (Green Co., Excused); Latonya Jackson-Flynn, (Dane Co.); David Peterson (Dane Co., excused).

Recorder: M. Doyle, Office Manager

1. Call to Order

President J. Honl called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

J. Honl welcomed newly appointed trustee T. Palkowski, who represents Dane County.

3. Changes/Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Requests to Address the Board

None.

5. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by N. Foth to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes. Seconded by M. Nelson. **Motion carried with J. Wright, M. Howe and M. Jorgensen abstaining.**

6. Review of Financial Statements

S. Schultz provided an overview the financial statements.

7. Presentation and Approval of Bills for Payment

Motion by M. Nelson to approve bills for payment in the amount of \$103,324.23. Seconded by B. Clendenning. M. Nelson inquired as to why a few AP form were off by small amounts from invoice and check provided, to which S. Schultz replied it may be due to cost adjustments. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. Reports

a. Committees

i. Nominations

G. Poulson reported that he, B. Clendenning, and N. Foth would be meeting to compose a slate of officers for 2026.

b. System Director's Report

S. Schultz's report is available in the documents online.

9. New Business

a. Approval of the 2026 Annual System Plan to DPI

S. Schultz stated that the Administrative Council recommended that the Board approve the 2026 Annual System Plan at its October 16 meeting. Motion by N. Foth, to approve the proposed 2026 Annual System Plan. M. Howe seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Announcements and Information Sharing

- a.** The next meeting will take place on November 21, 2025. The bill examiner will be C. Clark, with S. Feith serving as alternate.
- b.** M. Howe shared concerns regarding federal shutdown and if we should be doing anything to address these any concerns.
- c.** S. Schultz shared an update regarding Heidi Moe's retirement.

11. Adjourn

Motion by G. Poulson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by M. Nelson. Meeting adjourned by President J. Honl at 1:02 p.m.



RESOLUTION#

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Introduced by County Board of Supervisors

Motion:	Adopted:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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 recognize these Wood County employees for years of devoted and faithful service to Wood County.

FISCAL NOTE: None

WHEREAS, the following employees, are being recognized for their long-term employment with Wood County,

William England	- 25 years – Norwood
Betty Ninneman	- 30 years – Edgewater
Shannon Lobner	- 30 years – Child Support
Randy Kundinger	- 35 years – Highway
Jennifer Garfield	- 35 years - Edgewater

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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			

WHEREAS, these employees have served Wood County conscientiously throughout these years and in the best interest of all its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Wood County Board of Supervisors recognize and applaud these employees for their many years of dedication to Wood County and wish them many happy years ahead;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread at length upon the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy be made available to each employee.

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, December 16, 2025

County Clerk

County Board Chairman



RESOLUTION # _____

Introduced by: WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RELATING TO THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF LEROY JOOSTEN

WHEREAS, it has pleased the Almighty to call from this transitory life former County Board Supervisor Leroy Joosten, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Joosten was born July 9, 1940, and passed from this world on October 28, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Joosten served his country in both the National Guard and US Army for 8 years, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Joosten, worked at the Nekoosa Papers Port Edwards Mill (Georgia Pacific) for 37 years, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Joosten was appointed to the Wood County Board of Supervisors in June of 1997, and served until April of 2000, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Joosten served with honor and distinction on the Planning & Zoning, Board of Health, and Census Review & Redistricting Committees, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Joosten enjoyed the respect of his colleagues and the service organizations to which he belonged, including Rudolph American Legion Post 485, the Jim Beam Bottle & Specialties Club, as well as service on the Town of Rudolph as Assessor and Zoning Board Chair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wood County Board of Supervisors commend Supervisor Leroy Joosten’s public service, express their sorrow at his passing, and extend condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to his wife, Sally, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we stand in silence for one minute in respect to his passing.

WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Adopted by the Wood County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of December, 2025.

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County Clerk	County Board Chairman