

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: Operations Committee

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: Operations Committee

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