

AGENDA
WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: Tuesday, July 28, 2026
TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: County Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION: Supervisor Buttke

READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2026, COUNTY BOARD MEETING

EXCUSALS:

RESIGNATIONS:

Leslie Kronstedt, Citizen Member – Health & Human Services Committee

APPOINTMENTS/Re-APPOINTMENTS

Wood County Wildlife Area Advisory Committee – 3-year term - Larry Isensee, Curt Pluke, Dale Weis

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Long-Term Employees

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.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – Parks & Forestry 2025 Annual Report

SET DATE FOR NEXT COUNTY BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, August 18, 2026

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Meeting number (access code): 2494 632 1294

Join by WebEx App or Web

<https://woodcountywi.webex.com/woodcountywi/j.php?MTID=mb591662f95f07d2a7458fde140c48570>

Meeting number (access code): 2494 632 1294

Meeting password: 072826

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 23, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

The Wood County Board of Supervisors, composed of nineteen members convened in the Wood County Boardroom at the Courthouse in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin on June 23, 2026.

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

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

Excused were Hahn & Valenstein

Supervisor Schulz gave the invocation led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Zurfluh/Voight to the following appointment: Board of Adjustments – 3-year term: Tom Nieman, Dan Forbes, Bill Winch (Alternate #2)

The referrals were noted.

Committee minutes presented: Operations.

RESOLUTION 26-6-1

Introduced by: Health & Human Services & Operations Committees

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: A resolution to support sustainable state funding for local public health departments.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Motion by Rozar/Buttke to adopt Resolution 26-6-1. Motion carried unanimously. Excused were Hahn & Valenstein.

RESOLUTION 26-6-2

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To provide funding to the Marshfield Fairgrounds Commission for the specific purpose of funding the improvement, maintenance, repair and operation of the Marshfield Fairgrounds.

FISCAL NOTE: The resolution is requesting \$25,000 per year for a 5- year period, totaling \$125,000.

Motion by Hamilton/Schulz to adopt Resolution 26-6-2. Motion carried. Voting no was Clendenning. Excused were Hahn & Valenstein.

Chair Pliml noted that the next resolution, referring to the sale of tax-deeded property, in the packet did not need to be acted on. Without objection, the item was pulled from consideration.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services, North Central Community Action Program Board of Directors, Veterans Service Commission, Public Safety, Traffic Safety Commission, Conservation, Education, & Economic Development, Citizens Water Group.

RESOLUTION 26-6-3

Introduced by: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

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

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County

Motion by Leichtnam/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 26-6-3. Motion carried unanimously. Excused were Hahn & Valenstein.

Committee minutes presented: Judicial & Legislative, Criminal Justice Task Force, Highway Infrastructure & Recreation.

RESOLUTION 26-6-4

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Releasing excess public right-of-way due to County Trunk Highway BB Project road-relocation.

FISCAL NOTE: Nominal. There may be a fee associated with filings or providing notice to the public and adjacent property owners, but any funds needed are contained within the budget.

Motion by Schulz/Breu to adopt Resolution 26-6-4. Motion carried unanimously. Excused were Hahn & Valenstein.

RESOLUTION 26-6-5

Introduced by: Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To amend the Wood County Forest 15-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2021-2035), due to proposed modifications to the County Forest Blocking Boundaries.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County

Motion by Breu/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 26-6-5. Motion carried unanimously. Excused were Hahn & Valenstein.

Committee minutes presented: Property & Information Technology, Central Wisconsin State Fair Board, Wood County Library Board, South Central Library Board of Trustees.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 9:47 AM. Next scheduled county board meeting is July 28, 2026.

Trent Miner
County Clerk

REFERRALS FOR JULY 28, 2026 – COUNTY BOARD

- 6/19/2026 – Resolution from Waushara County urging the Wisconsin Counties Association & the Wisconsin Legislature to expand the definition of “Forfeiture Expenses” under Wis Stats 961.55 to include drug-related treatment, diversion, and Law Enforcement Program Costs. Referred to Criminal Justice Coordinator Ksionek, and Judicial & Legislative Committee.

MINUTES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, July 7, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Rm 300

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Valenstein, Donna Rozar, Lance Pliml (WebEx), Jake Hahn,

MEMBER EXCUSED: Joseph Zurfluh

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

1. Chair Valenstein called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Rozar/Pliml to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Wellness Coordinator Peterson provided a monthly update on Wellness programming.
5. County Treasurer Gehrt presented a resolution to tax deed property. She reviewed a property in the Village of Milladore on the list and even though the resolution authorized the tax deeding of this parcel, she does not have to and will not until further information is received. Committee, by consensus, agreed with the course of action. Motion by Hahn/Rozar to approve the resolution and forward it to the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A representative of Indulto Studios, LLC, was present to discuss the removal of the statue on the old Port Edwards Mill property that now belongs to the county through tax deed. There is now a place identified for this statue. Motion by Rozar/Hahn to direct the County Treasurer to work with Corporation Counsel to draft an agreement to allow for Indulto Studios, LLC to remove said statue from county owned property. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Finance Director Yang presented two resolutions as follows:
 - Human Services – Create 1 (0.97) FTE CLTS Position
 - Human Services – Create 2 (0.97) FTE Economic Support PositionsMotion by Rozar/Pliml to approve the resolution and forward it to the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Yang reviewed the updated 2027-2031 CIP with the committee. Motion by Valenstein/Pliml to move forward with \$4.5 million in borrowing for 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

9. HR Director McGrath and Tim Deaton from the Horton Group reviewed the most current and projected claims for the Health Fund. He presented several options for the committee to consider. They will continue to monitor the claims coming in before making a firm recommendation for the 2027 renewal and budget.
10. McGrath reviewed the results of the annual wage appeal requests, as recommended by the consultant. Motion by Pliml/Hahn to approve the recommendations of the consultant as listed. Motion carried unanimously.
11. The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 10:00 AM.
12. Chair Valenstein adjourned the meeting at 10:44 AM.

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

Operations Committee
July 7, 2026

NAME	REPRESENTING
DENNIS POLACH	WEB-14
Bill Clodding	WEB-15
Tim Deaton	Marsh/Horton
PANGA JANG	FINANCE
DARRIN STEINBACH	
JEFF FOR KIPP	WEB #11
JUSTIN CIESLEWICZ	EDUCATION
BRANDON VROUWIK	USD
Kim McBrath	HR
Kelli Szymanski	HR
Heather Gehrt	Treasurer
Riley Peterson	Wellness
Kimberly Stinae	Clerk of Courts
Nick Flugaur (Web Ex)	HR
Katie DeKleyn (Web Ex)	County Clerk
Marissa Kornack (Web Ex)	Norwood
Sue Smith (Web Ex)	Health Dept
Katie Milach (Web Ex)	Human Services
Amy Kay (Web Ex)	IT
Tony Bastien (Web Ex)	Dispatch
Matt Ives (Web Ex)	IT
Chad Schooley (Web Ex)	Prof



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OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK

Trent Miner

Letter of Comments – July 2026

- First, my sincere thanks to the County Board for changing their June meeting date to allow for my, and the chief deputy's, attendance at the Wisconsin County Clerks Association Annual Conference in Stevens Point. With it being so close, I thought it would be a valuable learning experience for the chief deputy to attend. I did not attend the second half of the second day or the third day, however, because we had ballots coming in and they have a hard timeline on delivery and being sent out by the municipalities due to it being a federal election.
- Speaking of which, the timeline was absolutely, positively, insane from the time of the certification of the state of the candidates to the ballots being printed and delivered. Because two of the office seekers failed to file non-candidacy for their current offices, we had to hold open the nomination process by 3 days. It ended up being we had less than two weeks to get ballots designed, programmed, approved, and printed. That is insane. Those three extra days are critical. Oh, I'm happy to share with you who the idiots were that did not file non-candidacy and shortened our time...just ask me.
- I have offered to host the Wisconsin County Clerks Association Summer Conference in 2028 in Marshfield, so we are already in some preliminary planning stages for that. The Marshfield area has some really neat things to do and it will be nice to showcase that community.
- I have agreed to do help out with a chief election inspector training in Wausau on Friday, August 7th along with the Marathon County Clerk.
- I am also attending an election table top exercise being conducted by Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Wisconsin Elections Commission, in Wausau on July 23rd.
- We have a couple of our municipal clerks that will be out of their respective offices for medical reasons coming up over the course of the fall election season, so we will be doing some work on our end that is normally done by them. There may be one day I need to be out of the office in order for one of those municipalities to meet the statutory deadline for voter registration.



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Office of
Finance Director

PaNyia Yang
Finance Director

Date: 6/30/2026
To: Operations Committee
From: PaNyia Yang
Subject: Monthly Letter of Comments

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Finance Department Updates

1. ARPA Funds

As of May 31, 2026, we have roughly \$2.7 million remaining – the majority being \$2.1 million of park improvements/building, \$480,000 for radio system updates, Land & Water Conservation of \$103,000 for various projects, and Planning & Zoning of \$9,700 for LiDAR. Funds must be expended by the end of 2026.

2. Year-end Audit

We submitted the 2025 ACFR to the GFOA to be considered for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (COA) on June 30th. We have been awarded the COA since 2000; therefore, it's truly an honor to continue this achievement for Wood County. We did not have any adjusting journal entries or any major adjustments to make from our draft annual report that was submitted to WIPFLI. Majority of changes were related to formatting, which is very minor.

3. Preparing for the 2027 Budget

As the 2025 audit concludes, planning for the 2027 budget year is officially underway following the parameters letter sent to County Board Supervisors and Department Heads on June 30th. We are currently targeting a 3.0% overall budget increase across all departments, supported by specific adjustments to operating and labor costs. There is a tentative 2.0% COLA that remains subject to change pending final budget analysis, alongside an expected 3% decrease in Worker's Compensation rates. Because Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance contracts are currently up for renewal with final figures delayed until August, projections are set at increases of 7%, 5%, and 2% respectively. Meanwhile, PC replacement and Departmental rent remains flat for the majority, while projecting increases of 3% for property insurance and 8% for liability insurance.

Budget instructions will be sent to departments around July 8th to initiate the proposal process. All departments must be prepared to present their 2027 budget to their respective oversight committees in either August or September.

4. New Financial System – Update

We are actively reviewing scopes and contracts with IT for the potential new financial system. Following recent specification updates regarding license types and counts, our user requirements exceed initial estimates. Consequently, licensing costs from the initial presentation will double, bringing the estimated total annual cost to roughly \$50,000. We are also evaluating data retention policies, ensuring that data migrated over not only meets minimum requirements of retention but also meets best practices.



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Office of
Finance Director

PaNyia Yang
Finance Director

AGENDA ITEMS

Resolutions

1. Human Services – Create 1 (0.97) FTE CLTS Position

This resolution is seeking to create a 0.97 FTE Children's Support and Services Coordinator position within the Children's Long Term Support division. Wood County is subject to financial penalties if eligible children are not enrolled within 100 days after referral. An additional case manager is needed to prevent the creation of a waitlist and reduce worker to caseload ratio. The costs of this position will be fully covered with additional revenue and will not require tax levy.

2. Human Services – Create 2 (0.97) FTE ESS Positions

This resolution is seeking to create two 0.97 FTE Economic Support Specialist positions. The WI DHS awarded the NIMC an additional \$672,000 of funding to develop a robust Quality Assurance Program. These positions will ensure that Wood County can continue to monitor Food Share cases and maintain an error rate below the 5% federal benchmark. These two positions will be fully covered with said funds earlier and will not require county tax levy.

Discuss 2027-2031 CIP and Borrowing

I have re-included the CIP funding summary (Scenario 1 handed out at the CIP meeting) in the Operations Committee packet for your review. Please continue evaluating which projects to prioritize and how to allocate our various funding sources. While we can adjust the list as needed, I would like the projects finalized by the August meeting so we can begin entering the projects into our budget software.

Like last year, I would like the committee to make a motion approving a 2026 borrowing amount not to exceed \$4.5 million. Once authorized, I will contact Baird to initiate the borrowing process.



Wood County WISCONSIN

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

June 30, 2026

To: Wood County Operations Committee

From: Kimberly McGrath, Director- Human Resources

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

Human Resources Activity

	June 2026	2026 Year-to Date
Applications Received	98	762
Positions Filled	25	87
Promotions/Transfers	8	23
New Hire Orientations	21	57
Terminations, Voluntary	5*	48
Terminations, Involuntary	1	4
Retirements	1	7
Turnover Rate	.90%	8.13%
Exit Interviews	4	22

*Two of these are casual

Human Resources Narrative

General Highlights

1. The annual Wage Grade Appeal process closed on May 31st. Three (3) appeal requests were received and sent to McGrath Human Resources Group for review and recommendations. Those recommendations will be presented to the Committee at their July meeting.
2. Began preparations for the 2026 Leadership Retreat. We are again partnering with Mid-State Technical College (MSTC) for our annual professional development event, which is preliminary scheduled to take place over three (3) half-days. We are working with MSTC and the facilitator to finalize the schedule and agenda. Information and details will be shared with Department Heads in early July.
3. Shared results of the All-Employee Engagement Survey and Benefits Survey with all Wood County employees. Results can be found on the HR Intranet at: <https://employee.co.wood.wi.us/HR/>

Meetings & Trainings

1. Attended the Operations Committee meeting on June 2nd.
2. Attended County Board on June 23rd.
3. Attended the SPAHRA/CWSHRM presentation “HR Evolved Unveiling Essential Competencies for Modern Success” in Rothschild on June 11th.

4. Attended the monthly conference call with The Horton Group on June 23rd to discuss various benefit topics including the 2027 renewal.
5. Held individual staff and team meetings to discuss and provide updates on the department's identified 2026 goals.
6. Team members attended various webinars related to benefits, employment law, and compliance.

Benefits

1. Nationwide Retirement Specialist, Kerry Johnson, was onsite at various Wood County locations June 2nd-4th to meet with employees regarding their Deferred Compensation benefits.
2. Processed Family and Medical Leave requests, address changes, beneficiary designations, qualifying events, benefit elections or contributions for new hires, terminations, and cancellation/reporting of benefits.
3. Processed and prepared monthly COBRA remittance, EBC admin fees, and stop loss admin fees.
4. Assisted multiple employees with questions related to FMLA, leaves of absence, retirement, and benefit claims concerns.
5. Processed COBRA notifications for dependents on the health plan reaching age 26.

Recruitment

1. Updated the Status of Open Positions, Headcount Sheet (FTE Control), New Hire, and Termination spreadsheets daily. Reported new hires with the Wisconsin New Hire Reporting Center.
2. Assisted multiple departments with interviews and selection process.
3. 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.
4. Communicated with multiple applicants, employees, and supervisors regarding varying positions.
5. 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. Currently running an Indeed campaign for nursing positions at Edgewater and Norwood.
6. Scheduled multiple post-offer, pre-employment drug tests with multiple testing locations for applicants offered employment.

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

<u>Refilled Position</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Replacement	Clerk of Court	Court Clerk	Position posted; interview conducted
Replacement	Victim Witness/ District Attorney	VW Program Asst (FT)	Position posted; interviews conducted, references completed, offer extended and accepted, filled 6/1/26
New Position	District Attorney	Legal Administrative Assistant	Position posted; interviews conducted, references completed, offer extended and accepted, filled 6/15/26
Replacements	Edgewater	CNA, RN, LPN, and Dietary Assistant – (Multiple)	Ongoing recruitment- positions posted, applications reviewed, interviews, references, backgrounds, onboarding. Deadline 8/31/26
Replacement	Edgewater	Director of Nursing	Position posted, deadline 8/31/26
Replacement	Highway	LTE Truck Operator	Position posted; interviews conducted, references/DL check completed, offer extended and accepted, filled 6/2/26

Replacement(s)	Highway	Summer Help	Position posted; interviews conducted, offers extended and accepted, three positions filled, filled 5/11 and 6/1/26
Replacement	Human Services	Case Mgr/SW – Ongoing (2) – 1 in Mfld, 1 in WR	Position posted; interviews conducted, background/references completed, offers extended and accepted, filled 6/29 & 7/6/26
Replacement	Human Services	Fiscal Services Supervisor	Position posted; interviews conducted, filled internally on 6/22/26
Replacement	Human Services	Case Mgr/SW – Youth Justice	Position posted, deadline 6/22/26
Replacement	Human Services	Accounting Assistant	Position posted, deadline 6/29/26
Replacement	Human Services	CLTS Support & Service Coordinator I or II	Position posted, deadline 7/20/26
New Position	IT/Systems	Programmer/Analyst	Position posted; deadline 8/3/26
Replacements	Norwood	Mental Health Technicians, Dietary Aides, RN, and LPN	Ongoing recruitment- positions posted, applications reviewed, interviews, references, backgrounds, onboarding; deadline 7/20/26
Replacement	Norwood	Cook	Position posted; interviews conducted, references/background completed, offer extended and accepted, filled 6/8/26
Replacement	Norwood	Head Nurse – LTC	Position posted; deadline 7/20/26
Replacement	Norwood	Maintenance Technician	Position posted; deadline 7/6/26
Replacement	Norwood	Casual Receptionist	Position posted; deadline 6/29/26
New Position	Norwood	Health Unit Coord – 50%	Position posted; deadline 7/20/26
New Position	Norwood	Health Unit Coord – 100%	Position posted; deadline 7/20/26
New Position	Norwood	Social Worker-Acute Care	Position posted; deadline 7/20/26
Replacements	Sheriff	Correction Officers	Position posted; deadline 6/22/26. Interviews being conducted and selected to move forward, ongoing recruitment

Safety/Risk Management

1. Managed open claims with Aegis/Charles Taylor throughout the month.
2. Corresponded with various insurers regarding claims and pending litigation.
3. Attended Norwood Safety Committee on June 9th.
4. Conducted AHA CPR/AED courses for 17 total Human Services staff on June 4th and 11th.
5. Conducted N95 fit testing for 11 MSTC students and nine (9) staff at Edgewater Haven on June 16th.
6. Provided Property & Liability Insurance and work comp 2027 projections to Finance for budget purposes.

NEW Workers' Compensation Claims (2)

1. 6/3/26 – Human Services – Employee suffered needlestick injury to L hand while giving injection
2. 6/10/26 – Human Services – Employee was bitten on R hand by dog during home visit

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. 7/13/25 – Health – Employee injured L knee after falling at work-related conference
3. 1/20/26 – Sheriff's (Corrections) – Employee injured L knee while responding to emergency in Jail (surgery required)
4. 2/6/26 – Norwood – Employee strained lower back while transferring resident
5. 5/24/26 – Dispatch – Employee fell on steps in Dispatch Center, injuring L upper arm

CLOSED Workers' Compensation Claims (2)

1. 5/15/26 – Sheriff's – Deputy was bitten on R leg by unrestrained dog while taking subject into custody
2. 5/26/26 – Highway – Employee experienced overheating injury at Asphalt Plant

First Aid Injuries (2)

1. 6/4/26 – Norwood – Employee strained R shoulder while reaching for item on high shelf
2. 6/24/26 – Human Services – Employee fell on L side while working at out-of-county office

Property/Vehicle Damage Claims (2)

1. 6/17/26 – Sheriff's – Squad struck deer while on routine patrol (est. damage \$5,288.60)
2. 6/18/26 – Sheriff's – Squad struck deer while on routine patrol (est. damage \$1,217.65)

Liability Claims (1)

1. 6/24/26 – Norwood – Dietary truck backed into vehicle in parking lot while delivering meals (est. damage unknown)

OPEN EEOC/ERD Claims (1)

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.

Other

1. Created and distributed the Monthly Manager Resource, titled "Understanding Sick Time" to all Wood County managers and supervisors.
2. Created and distributed the quarterly employee newsletter, County Connection.
3. Quarter 2 Random DOT Selections completed.
4. Posted multiple announcements on LinkedIn and Facebook throughout the month. These include job advertisements, employee recognition, and other relevant community-focused announcements.
5. Worked with Unemployment Insurance (UI) to provide additional information regarding multiple claims. Worked with various departments to compile information needed.
6. Received and processed multiple invoices for HR, Safety & Risk, and Wellness.
7. Facilitated New Hire Orientation on June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.
8. Conducted exit interviews on June 2nd, 3rd, 18th, and 24th.
9. Responded to multiple verifications of employment.
10. Replied to requests from surrounding counties with varied information.
11. Met with several County employees and managers individually over the month to listen to concerns, provide advice, counsel, resources, and appropriate follow-up.



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OFFICE OF THE
TREASURER

Heather L. Gehrt

LETTER OF COMMENTS—JULY 2026

1. Attended Wisconsin Counties Association weekly calls on Mondays in June.
2. Attended Operations Committee Meeting on June 2.
3. Met with IT Staff to discuss integration from our tax collection software to our general ledger software on June 4.
4. Participated in a Zoom meeting with WoodTrust Bank representatives regarding some process for voiding checks on June 4.
5. Attended the Wisconsin County Treasurers' Association Summer Conference in Oshkosh on June 10-12 where I was awarded a plaque for serving as Association President for the previous year.
6. Participated via Zoom in the Foundation for Rural Housing Board of Directors Meeting on June 15.
7. Attended United Way Community Impact Committee Meeting on June 15.
8. Participated via Teams with other county staff in a follow up ERP question brainstorming meeting on June 16 and June 17.
9. The office sent out Final notices for the 2022 delinquent real estate taxes to 32 homeowners in the amount of \$78,817. If those taxes are not paid by June 30, then we will tax deed the properties at the July County Board meeting.
10. The office sent out over 5,000 postponed notices to remind taxpayers of their upcoming July payment due to the County. The amount postponed is \$13,714,877.
11. The office has been busy with matching values from municipalities after Boards of Review and getting those numbers submitted on the Statement of Assessment to the State.
12. Resolution to sell tax deed properties. Currently there are 8 properties. Of these properties, 5 are homes, 2 are empty lots, and 1 is an old post office. We currently do have at least 5 homes that are occupied and will need to have the eviction process started. I will talk more in depth at the meeting about the post office building.
13. Participated in a zoom meeting with an investment firm on June 30.
14. Year-to-date sales tax is up compared to this time last year. \$3,553,166 (2026) vs \$3,265,649 (2025).



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Employee Wellness

Riley Peterson

Letter of Comments – June 2026

- Health coaching, the 3rd and final qualifying activity concluded on 6/30. During these appointments we reviewed biometric results and discussed health and wellness goals. This time is also utilized to provide resources on various health topics. Below is a table of the results of the qualifying activities for 2026 compared to the previous two years.

Annual Report of Qualifying Activities			
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Biometric Screening	452	478	479
Health Assessment	449	474	469
Health Coaching	451	462	459

- The quarter 2 wellness challenge (Ice Age Step Challenge) concluded on 6/13. This was a 6-week challenge that allowed participants to virtually explore the Wisconsin Ice Age Trail by tracking their steps in the ManageWell portal. As the participants' number of steps increased, they discovered new locations along the map of the Ice Age Trail. Participants also received weekly emails with educational topics based on physical activity. 121 participants completed this challenge and earned 300 points for their wellness program.
- The Wellness Committee has voted that the quarter 3 challenge will be based on nutrition. While working with many participants through health coaching, I found this was a common topic and many goals were based around eating habits. After further discussion with the Wellness Committee, we have decided to make a 4-week challenge that educates participants about nutrition basics; this challenge will start on 7/19/26 and will be worth 300 points.
- I continue to conduct weekly onboarding for new hires and employees who have not yet enrolled in the Wellness Program, including creating wellness portal accounts and initiating the qualifying activity process.



RESOLUTION#

DATE July 28, 2026

Effective
Date

Upon passage & posting

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Health and Human Services Committee and Operations Committee

Introduced by

Motion:	Adopted:	☐
1 st	Lost:	☐
2 nd	Tabled:	☐
No: _____	Yes: _____	Absent: _____
Number of votes required:		
☐ Majority	☒ Two-thirds	
Reviewed by: _____	NF _____	, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: _____	PY _____	, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To create one (1) (.97 FTE) Children's Support and Service Coordinator position.

FISCAL NOTE: Anticipated wages and benefits based upon Grade H, Step 2, with effective start date of August 1, 2026 is:

Wages: \$25,300.26

Fringe: \$ 4,325.93

Total: \$29,626.19

Source of Funding: Medicaid rates as established 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	Goldberg, P			
10	Thao, L			
11	Penzkover, J			
12	Valenstein, L			
13	Casper, L			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department is responsible for providing Children's Long Term Support Services to eligible children in Wood County, and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin statute requires that all eligible children are enrolled without being placed on a waitlist, and

WHEREAS, Wood County Human Services continues to receive a steady number of referrals, that outpaces the number of disenrollments, and

WHEREAS, Wood County is subject to financial penalties if eligible children are not enrolled within 100 days after referral, and

WHEREAS, the Children's Long Term Support Program provides vital services to children who have severe developmental, physical and/or emotional disabilities, and

WHEREAS, an additional case manager would prevent the creation of a waitlist and reduce the worker to caseload ratio, and

WHEREAS, the billable rate fully covers the cost of providing services, and

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, July 28, 2026

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

WHEREAS, the increased costs associated with the positions will be fully covered by additional revenue and will not require county tax levy, and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to

Create one (1) (.97 FTE) Children's Support and Services Coordinator position.

Pay Grade: H

Hours: 2015 per year

FLSA status: Exempt

Department: Human Services

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to amend the Human Services (54450) CLTS budget for 2026 by appropriating \$29,626.19 of unanticipated revenue from Medicaid into the Public Charges account (46530), and,

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



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Health and Human Services Committee and Operations Committee

Introduced by

Motion:	Adopted:	☐
1 st	Lost:	☐
2 nd	Tabled:	☐
No: _____	Yes: _____	Absent: _____
Number of votes required:		
☐ Majority	☒ Two-thirds	
Reviewed by: _____, Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.		

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To create Two (2) (.97 FTE's) Economic Support Specialist positions.

FISCAL NOTE: Anticipated wages and benefits based upon Grade F, Step 2, with effective start date of August 1, 2026, is:

Wages: \$41,993.40

Fringe: \$ 6,899.54

Total: \$48,892.94

		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	Goldberg, P			
10	Thao, L			
11	Penzkover, J			
12	Valenstein, L			
13	Casper, L			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

WHEREAS, Wood County is the lead agency of the eleven county Northern Income Maintenance Consortium, and,

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services awarded the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium an additional \$672,000 of funding to develop a robust Quality Assurance Program, and,

WHEREAS, Wood County will be allocated sufficient funding to cover the entire cost of hiring two additional Economic Support Specialist positions, and,

WHEREAS, The Northern Income Maintenance Consortium currently has a 0% Food Share Error Rate, and,

WHEREAS, these additional positions will ensure that Wood County can continue to monitor Food Share cases and maintain an error rate below the 5% federal benchmark, and,

WHEREAS, the increased costs associated with the positions will be fully covered by additional revenue and will not require county tax levy, and

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, July 28, 2026

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to

Create two (.97 FTE's) Economic Support Specialist positions.

Pay Grade: F

Hours: 2015 per year

FLSA status: Non-Exempt

Department: Human Services

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to amend the Human Services (54420) Economic Support (ESS) budget for 2026 by appropriating \$48,892.94 of unanticipated revenue from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services into the ESS IM GPR account (43561), and,

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



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Introduced by Operations Committee

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No: _____	Yes: _____	Absent: _____
Number of votes required:		
☒ Majority	☐ Two-thirds	
Reviewed by: _____	NF	, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: _____	PY	, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Tax deed eligible property – authorize the tax deeding of property in compliance with Section 75.14, Wisconsin Statutes.

FISCAL NOTE: TAXES 2019 – 2025	\$51,104.47
SPEC. CHARGES	2,693.99
SPEC. ASSESSMENTS	408.39
DELINQUENT UTILITIES	1,996.75
PUBLICATION FEES	386.35
TAX DEEDING EXP	795.00

TOTAL \$57,384.95

		NO	YES	A
1	Schulz, W			
2	Rozar, D			
3	Buttke, T			
4	Perlock, R			
5	Hovendick, T			
6	Breu, A			
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WHEREAS, Wood County holds tax certificates which have not been redeemed as provided by law on the described land, and,

WHEREAS, there are delinquent taxes and special charges owing since 2022. It is in the best interest of the County to tax deed this property so it may be sold and put back on the tax roll, and,

WHEREAS, Notice of Application for taking Tax Deed has been served on owners of record as provided by Section 75.12, Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wood County Board of Supervisors that the land described be taken by tax deed pursuant to Section 75.14, Wisconsin Statutes.

05-00262AB That part of the E ½ of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 28, Township 22 North, Range 4 East, Town of Cranmoor, Wood County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the above described twenty acre tract for a starting point, run thence North a distance of 1040 feet, thence East 209 feet, thence South 1040 feet, more or less and to the South line of said forty, thence West along the South line of the forty a distance of 209 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, July 28, 2026

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

Taxes 2022-2025	\$9,161.31
Publication Fees	\$20.00
Tax Deed Expense	\$85.00

Property is located at 6140 State Hwy 54, Town of Cranmoor.

16-00496 The SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 24, Township 24 North, Range 2 East, Town of Rock, Wood County, Wisconsin.

Taxes 2022-2025	\$5,754.18
Special Charges	\$1,201.32
Publication Fees	\$39.00
Tax Deed Expense	\$85.00

Property is located at 8148 County Rd B, Town of Rock.

21-00570A The NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 29, Township 23 North, Range 5 East, Town of Sigel, Wood County, Wisconsin, except Wood County Certified Survey Map No. 6133, recorded in Volume 21 of Surveys, page 133, as Document No. 802194.

Taxes 2022-2025	\$1,968.45
Publication Fees	\$39.00
Tax Deed Expense	\$85.00

Property is vacant land on Apple Rd, Town of Sigel.

26-00057 That part of Lot 8, in Block 2 of the Village of Milladore, Wood County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwesterly corner of Lot 8 in Block 2 of the Village of Milladore according to the recorded plat thereof; running thence Westerly along the Southerly line of said lot a distance of 42 feet; thence Northerly parallel to the Easterly line of said Lot a distance of 80 feet; thence Westerly parallel with the Southerly line of said Lot to the Westerly line of said Lot; thence Southerly along the West line of said lot to the place of beginning.

Taxes 2022-2025	\$791.21
Special Charges	\$916.63
Special Assess.	\$408.39
Delinquent Utilities	\$1,996.75
Publication Fees	\$39.00
Tax Deed Expense	\$85.00

Property is located at 144 Main Street, Village of Milladore.

27-00417 Lot 1, Block 26 of the Fourth Addition to the Village of Port Edwards, Wood County, Wisconsin, except and subject to streets, highways, easements, and right-of-way of record.

Taxes 2022-2025	\$8,680.01
Special Charges	\$576.04
Publication Fees	\$20.00
Tax Deed Expense	\$85.00

Property is located at 911 Wisconsin River Drive, Village of Port Edwards.

33-06727 Lot 9 of Green View Mobile Home Subdivision, City of Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin.

Taxes 2022-2025	\$10,642.69
Publication Fees	\$39.00
Tax Deed Expense	\$85.00

Property is located at 1501 E 25th Street, City of Marshfield.

34-03375 Lots 5 & 6 of Block 5 of Cloverdale Addition, City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood County, Wisconsin; except the South 35 feet of said Lot 6.

Taxes 2022-2025	\$6,157.24
Publication Fees	\$39.00
Tax Deed Expense	\$85.00

Property is located at 250 17th Ave S, City of Wisconsin Rapids.

34-04605 Lot 7 of Block 7 and the N ½ of the vacant alley lying South of said Lot, Wickham’s Subdivision, City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood County, Wisconsin.

Taxes 2022-2025	\$4,610.27
Publication Fees	\$20.00
Tax Deed Expense	\$30.00

Property is located at 1961 Wickham Ave, City of Wisconsin Rapids.

34-04606 Lot 8 of Block 7 and the N ½ of the vacant alley lying South of said Lot, Wickham’s Subdivision, City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood County, Wisconsin.

Taxes 2022-2025	\$689.42
Publication Fees	\$39.00
Tax Deed Expense	\$85.00

Property is located at 1951 Wickham Ave, City of Wisconsin Rapids.

34-05982 Lot 78 of East Side Assessor’s Plat No. 47, City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood County, Wisconsin.

Taxes 2019-2025	\$2,649.69
Publication Fees	\$92.35
Tax Deed Expense	\$85.00

Property is located at 330 14th Street South, City of Wisconsin Rapids.

MINUTES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2026
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Wood County Annex & Health Center – Classroom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Tom Buttke, Linda Casper (WebEx), Lee Thao, Laura Valenstein (WebEx), Rachel Stankowski, Dr. Tim Golemgieski (arrived at 5:08 PM), Marie Topping

MEMBER EXCUSED: Leslie Kronstedt

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

1. Chair Rozar called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment.
3. The consent agenda was reviewed and items discussed. Motion by Buttke/Thao to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Public Health Strategist, Jacob Wagner, along with Emily Oetzman from the Health Department and Officer Derek Iverson of the Marshfield Police Department gave a presentation on the Wood County Place of Last Drink (POLD) Report. This voluntarily tracks where a person had their last drink before being picked up for a DUI. Information is used for educational purposes for establishments serving alcohol. The group reviewed numbers over the past 3-4 years.
5. Health Director Smith presented a request for out-of-state travel for two Health Dept. staff to attend the National WIC Association Nutrition and Breastfeeding Conference in Atlanta, GA on November 15-18, 2026, with all expenses paid with grant funds. Motion by Buttke/Stankowski to approve the travel request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Norwood Administrator Kornack reviewed the status of the water system replacement. The initial plans have been completed and are waiting to be submitted to the state for review. Once the state receives them, they will set a review date. Once that review is complete, the project will go out to bid.
7. Kornack reported that she is implementing the operational efficiencies that were discussed at the previous meetings and have been taking applications for Unit Clerks as well as moving some RN's to different hours.

8. Human Services Director presented two resolutions to create new positions that are non-levy funded; two Economic Support Specialist positions and one Support and Service Coordinator position. Motion by Buttke/Golemgeski to approve the resolutions and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Edgewater Haven Administrator Cielewicz reviewed the current private-pay rate for the nursing home as well as the actual cost of care. Currently, the private pay amount is \$375.00/day and the actual cost is \$426.60/day. This amount include ancillary items, where a number of for-profit homes charge extra for this. Motion by Golemgeski/Buttke to approve increasing the daily rate to \$430.00, effective September 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Cielewicz updated the committee on the CBRF plans. The architectural plans are completed. They are waiting on the mechanical plans for the HVAC system. Once completed, the plans will be turned over to the state for their approval before going to bid.
11. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 5:00 PM at Edgewater Haven Nursing Home Conference Room in Port Edwards.
12. Motion by Stankowski/Thao to go into closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(f) Wis. Stats to consider a leave of absence request. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Motion by Stankowski/Buttke to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Chair Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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

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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

- **2027 Budget Preparation:** Kathy has been working with her successor, Macy, on setting up the worksheets and other documents to start drafting the 2027 budget. Kathy's last day is July 8, and we plan to have the budget in a good place so only minor tweaks would need to be made thereafter. Macy is a quick study and is doing an amazing job catching on, so I am confident that our budget process will once again go smoothly.
- Speaking of budgets, we were notified that we will be receiving a **35% reduction in lead funding and a 50% reduction in immunization funding**. The total dollar amounts are not staggering...about a \$15,000 cut overall. However, this highlights the need for regular, predictable, sustainable funding for local health departments. I appreciate the HHS Committee as well as the Operations Committee and County Board passing the public health funding resolution.
- I've been providing information regarding **data centers** to various individuals with the City of Wisconsin Rapids. Supervisor Penzkover has been a good contact for me and the Mayor and I have communicated several times about where things are at and strategies moving forward. My position has not been anti-data center, but more around best practices to reduce the negative consequences/support the public's health and advocating for a community benefits agreement.

SUPERVISOR OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT – KRISTIE RAUTER EGGE, MPH

- Attended the Grant Writing Without Grief Webinar hosted by the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health to enhance skills in interpreting Requests for Proposals, crafting grant proposals, and aligning projects with funder priorities for better funding success.
- Attended the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA)- Wisconsin Association of Local Health Department and Boards (WALHDAB) annual conference and presented at 2 sessions.

Communication/Branding

Staff cleaned and analyzed the Wood County Health Department Communication Survey Data.

Policy

- Presented to Nekoosa High School students on civic engagement.
- Presented to the Northeast Regional Health Educators group on policy and advocacy.
- Attended the American Public Health Association's Policy Action Institute in Washington DC as part of WPHA Policy & Advocacy Committee Chair role.

Healthy People Wood County

- **Community Health Assessment (CHA):**
 - Monthly planning meetings with healthcare system partners to plan next CHA cycle.
 - Finalizing the next CHA Survey to be released in August.
- **Community Health Improvement Plan:**
 - The Healthy People Wood County 2025 Year in Review is published. Visit healthypeoplewoodcounty.org to explore the highlights from 2025 in addressing the challenges identified in the 2025-2027 Community Health Improvement Plan.

Transportation

- 5304 Grant (Completing a Transportation Feasibility Study): Finalized draft of the Wood County Public Transportation Survey.
- Catch a Ride Update: Met with Marshfield Rotary members to apply for a matching grant.

Housing

- Planned a Coordinated Entry presentation for community partners. The presentations will be held in Marshfield, Wisconsin Rapids, and virtually. Partners will learn how to enter data into the system for people who are experiencing homelessness.
- Met with community members to talk through solutions for people who are homeless.

Access to Care

- Analyzed DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and acellular Pertussis) immunization data among 18-month-olds, 2-year-olds, and 3-year-olds in Wood County
- Summer oral health clinics are starting through the department; this year clinics are expanded to the Marshfield area. Clinics will happen throughout the summer.

Financial Security

Hosted 2 tabling events at Parent Cafes to learn about food insecurity among parents in Wood County funded through Marshfield Clinic & Security Health Plan grant.

Central Wisconsin Farmers Market Efforts

- **Central Wisconsin Regional Farmers Market Collaborative:**
 - Onboarded new Graduate Assistant & Grant Research Assistant.
 - Trained and onboarded New Waupaca Farmers Market Manager.
 - Worked with 5 farmers market vendors to implement booth improvements.
 - Prepared for and attended Clintonville Farmers Market pre-season meeting.
 - Prepared for Waupaca and WI Rapids Farmers Market opening day.
 - Attending Stevens Point and Wausau Farmers Markets to begin data collection processes.
 - Oriented and trained new Stevens Point Farmers Market booth operator intern.
 - Mailed out Double Up Food Bucks vouchers for statewide program as North Hub Coordinator.
- **Wood County Farmers Markets; Marshfield Farmers Market and Wisconsin Rapid Downtown Farmers Market:**
 - Completed the [Marshfield Farmers Market Co-op website](#) with new logo and brand kit.
 - The Wisconsin Rapids Downtown Farmers Market officially begins on Thursday, June 11, and we are focused on final preparations for opening day. Staff have been coordinating vendor communications, site logistics, and promotion efforts to ensure a successful start to the market season.
 - Opening day will include family-friendly activities such as rock painting, seed planting, and coloring activities to encourage community engagement and attendance.

Substance Use – IMPACT and MACY

- **Providers and Teens Communicating for Health (PATCH):** Had our end of year celebration. Recruitment started for the new year. Applications will stay open until July 10. New contract will start July 1.
- **Peer Support:** Pamela currently has 7 peers on her Peer Support caseload with all meeting their recovery goals. She also has 1 parent on her Parent Peer Support caseload with two more referrals. Pamela is registered for the Parent Peer Support state exam on September 9.
- **Jail Programing:** Pamela continues to co-facilitate the Childhood Trauma course in the jail. She did the overdose prevention/ STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections) training for all of the recovery pod. There is a tentative date of July 18 for the recovery pod graduation.
- **Wi Wins:** All tobacco compliance checks are finished and all required activities for the 2025-2026 program year are done. The 4sight teens made thank you cards to congratulate retailers on not selling to minors. The new contract will start on July 1.
- **Public Health Vending Machines (PHVM):** 345 supplies were vended in May throughout all 6 PHVM. Sent updated numbers to some of our partners. Took out winter supplies to make room for summer supplies.
- **Opioid Settlement:** The [2025 Wood County Opioid Settlement Report](#) has been completed and will be shared with the Health and Human Services Committee. The next Opioid Task Force meeting will be scheduled in July to review current awards and discuss the focus of future projects. (*Report attached*)
- **Overdose Prevention:** The Vivent Health mobile unit launched in May to offer syringe service programs, testing, and referrals to resources through a van route. The van will be in the Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids areas twice a month to increase access to lifesaving resources.
- **Make it Awkward:** Members of the Healthy People team presented to the Make it Awkward parent's group on the topic of substance use. The presenters shared tips for having age-appropriate conversations with children and answering difficult questions kids may ask. Resources were also provided, such as Small Talks (a campaign to help adults talk to children about the dangers of underage drinking).
- **Alcohol Age Compliance Checks:** Healthy People team members discussed Wood County's alcohol age compliance check process with representatives from other Wisconsin counties during the virtual training series, "From Compliance to Counterfeit: Preventing Youth Alcohol Access in Wisconsin Communities," hosted by Northwoods Coalition on May 27. The presentation highlighted the expansion of Wood County's compliance checks to cover the entire county. This information will assist other counties in Wisconsin in understanding the steps necessary to implement alcohol age compliance checks in their communities.
- **Wood County THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) Report 2025:** On May 28, Healthy People team members presented the Wood County THC Report 2025 to the Health and Human Services Committee. The report reviews 2025 Community Scans in Wood County, which identified 76 businesses selling intoxicating hemp products. It raises concerns about age-verification practices, limited product knowledge, product placement and advertising, varying product potency, and the absence of purchase limits. To address these concerns, Wood County can implement several regulatory measures, including:
 - Creating a licensing process for retailers
 - Establishing education, compliance, and enforcement programs
 - Strengthening age verification requirements
 - Implementing packaging regulations
 - Enforcing clear advertising and marketing restrictions
 - Setting limits on product potency and purchase quantities

- **Drug Task Force:** The task force met on May 5 to discuss the implementation of a teen court program in Marshfield. Several members of the school district plan to attend the Teen Court Program in Marathon County next year to gain a better understanding of it. The team is also collaborating with Pittsville to introduce a K-6 prevention program in Marshfield schools. In the coming months, the task force aims to implement the Talk, They Hear You campaign within the community. Additionally, they are exploring ways to help parents safely store and secure alcoholic beverages at home to prevent youth access. The team is also working on strategies to promote the Drug Task Force and distribute resources to the community, considering whether they can continue this initiative during their booth at the Central Wisconsin State Fair.
- **Mental Health Task Force:** The task force met on May 11 to discuss the "Let's Keep Talking" series. This series consists of monthly presentations held at the library for the community, aiming to promote education and awareness around mental health-related topics. The committee is exploring new ways to share these materials with the community, as attendance at the series events has been low. During the meeting, the task force also discussed plans to promote September's Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. In May, the task force distributed 300 May Baskets containing positive messages and mental health information to community members. The team is seeking to recruit new members to enhance its network for mental health-related work within the community, aiming to uncover resources and connections relating to mental health.
- **MACY Board of Directors:** The board met on May 20 to discuss leading the nonprofit coalition work. Plans were developed to hold a Tabletop Opioid Simulator Training on November 18 at the Marshfield Mid-State campus. SOR (State Opioid Response) funding was recently submitted for the October and April take-back events. The board is currently exploring options for nonprofit sustainability training. All of the committee's work was discussed, including the Drug Task Force, Mental Health Task Force, and the Marshfield and Columbus Leadership Alliance (MCLA), along with a review of MACY's current financial reports. The team considered inviting interested students from Auburndale and Pittsville High Schools to attend MCLA's October retreat to learn about the program and potentially implement it in their schools.

Safe Kids Wood & Clark Counties

- Staff completed monthly DOT (Department of Transportation) car seat reporting. Staff participated in a Safe Kids Wood & Clark Counties Coalition meeting. Water safety Facebook posts were created and published. Staff are preparing for the next Child Death Review meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – BEN JEFFREY, R.S.

New Businesses and Consultations

A pre-licensing inspection was completed for two short-term rentals last month. A pre-licensing inspection was completed for Thor's Eggrolls, a new mobile food business operating in the Wisconsin Rapids area. A pre-licensing inspection was completed for Evolution Throwing, a new business in Wisconsin Rapids. A pre-licensing inspection was completed for 8 Byte, a new mobile food business. A pre-licensing inspection was completed for Tommy's Tamales, for a new mobile unit. A pre-licensing inspection was completed for Big Red, a new mobile food business in the Wisconsin Rapids area. A pre-licensing inspection was completed for The Cheesecake Slice located in Wisconsin Rapids. A consultation was completed for Just 1 Scoop. A pre-licensing inspection was completed for Daily Special 2, a mobile retail food business operating in the Marshfield area. A pre-licensing inspection was completed for Able's Coffee Co, a new mobile business in the Marshfield area.

Complaint Investigations

Six complaint investigations were completed in the month of May.

- A complaint was received regarding mold in the bottom of a walk-in cooler at a licensed food establishment. Staff conducted an onsite inspection and required corrective action to be done to resolve the issues.
- A caller reported the pool at a lodging facility smelled bad and had green water. Environmental health staff completed a complaint inspection. The pool had already been closed when staff arrived. A follow-up inspection has since been completed to ensure pool was in compliance prior to reopening.
- A complaint was received regarding an accumulation of material items and appliances at a lodging facility. Environmental health staff followed up with management regarding concerns and they are working on disposing of the items properly.
- A caller reported a bad smelling odor coming from a local factory. Environmental health staff discussed with the factory operator and made a referral to the WI DNR department that regulates wastewater treatment.
- A complaint was received regarding mold on the bottom of a milk container at a retail store. Environmental health staff conducted a complaint inspection and required shelves of the cooler be cleaned. A follow-up inspection has been completed, and the shelves of the cooler have been properly cleaned.
- A complaint was received regarding a rental lease agreement and maintenance issues at a rental property. Environmental health staff advised complainant that a lease agreement would be a legal matter between the tenant and their landlord and that the maintenance concerns would not be something covered under our ordinance. No further follow-up at this time.

HEALTHY SMILES FOR WOOD COUNTY REPORT – NICOLE BURLINGAME, RDH

During the 2025/2026 school year the Healthy Smiles for Wood County program completed 59 visits, provided oral screenings and oral health education for 1848 children, applied 1832 fluoride treatments, and placed 1859 sealants. The number of children found with unmet dental needs totaled 313 and all these children were referred to their dentist or case managed for dental treatment. We were awarded \$33,800.00 from Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile funding for the 2026/2027 school year.

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

Parents as Teachers (PAT)

- The PAT program received a generous donation from Altrusa International of Marshfield to purchase children's books to support early literacy. With these funds, approximately 175 books will be distributed.
- We are currently working on a Family Foundations Home Visiting grant proposal through Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. This grant would support expansion of PAT, increasing our capacity to serve more families.
- Our May group connection at the Wildwood Zoo in Marshfield was a great success! Several families attended and learned how to plant and care for vegetables from a UW-Extension educator. We will be hosting our annual Farmer's Market group connection in July.
- We supported Human Services with two Parent Cafes in May, one in Marshfield (16 attendees) and one in Wisconsin Rapids (22 attendees). Topics included "making time for you" and "the connected home."

Family Health & Injury Prevention

Cribs for Kids received a donation from a private donor which will support the purchase of 10 portable Pack N Play cribs, crib sheets, and children's board books promoting safe sleep practices.

Communicable Disease

We continue to keep a pulse on the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. Very low/low risk travelers to affected countries are being monitored throughout the state, none in Wood County at this time. A health advisory has been communicated to local EMS and healthcare system infection preventionists. The risk of spread in the US remains low.

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

- One of our quality improvement projects this year aims to increase WIC caseload by 1% by December 31, 2026, by increasing in person appointments and local agency Facebook presence. We completed 2 local agency posts in March, 3 in April, 6 in May, and plan to continue weekly local agency Facebook posts in June with goals to increase building rapport with families and word of mouth/social media WIC referrals.
- The one-month WIC media campaign posted on free video and audio streaming platforms started mid-May and aims to increase WIC participation. If we see success with increasing participation, we will continue another month.

Caseload for 2025 (Contracted caseload 1676)

	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Active (initial)	1356	1344	1339	1319	1314	1322							
Active (final)	1369	1356	1353	1329	1327								
Participating	1356	1352	1350	1328	1320	1331							

WOOD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT June 2026

Director Update by Brandon Vruwink

Last month, I shared that we entered into a contract with MTM for transportation services. While we have signed a contract, we have not yet transitioned the service delivery model. This will happen over the next couple of weeks. We will continue to monitor the volume of rides authorized by MTM and ensure payments are made on time and at the agreed-upon rate. We will know much more over the next several weeks on whether this arrangement will be workable.

Over the past two months, I have provided the H&HS Committee with updates on additional Quality Assurance funding that would be allocated to the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium and Wood County. The Consortium Directors, along with the Consortium Administrator, have developed a comprehensive Quality Assurance Plan. The plan calls for the hiring of six additional Quality Assurance Workers to serve the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium. Two of the six workers are assigned to Wood County. To fill these positions, I drafted a resolution, which is included in the packet. The request and the resolution will be discussed at the Health and Human Services Committee meeting this month.

Health and Human Services Committee Chair Rozar and I discussed the need for long-term strategic goals for the Human Services Department. Together, we met with Kayla, who works at UW Extension, to discuss the options for developing a strategic plan. Kayla was one of the leaders in developing the Health Department's plan and has graciously agreed to assist us. We will begin our strategic planning process with Edgewater Haven, as we believe that it is the most pressing area within the Department. As this process moves along, we will keep the H&HS Committee apprised.

You will find a resolution in the H&HS Committee packet, requesting an additional Children's Support and Service Coordinator position. The State of Wisconsin requires that counties not have a waitlist or be subject to financial penalties. To prevent a future waitlist, we need to hire a new case manager. This will allow us to meet our current needs and manage the ever-increasing number of referrals we receive. The number of new referrals far outpaces the number of annual case closures. As we move closer to the 2027 budget process, we will need to review again whether additional case managers are necessary. If the current trends continue, we will be at max capacity by year-end.

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. 2026 meetings scheduled with outcomes reviewed and conversations encouraged
- Edgewater claims billing "Triple Check Meeting," participants include accountant, assistant manager, billing representative
- Additional accomplishments: ongoing EHR SmartCare learning, cross training, workflows and processes reviewed and updated as needed. WIMCR work started by multiple team members
- Budget working documents creation started
- One open position in the Administrative Services leadership team
- Supervision of A/R team to solve problems through various billing needs

Accounting and Accounts Payable Team

- Accountant attended GWAAR webinar on elder abuse monthly reporting
- State Aids- submitted reports for April 2026 (DCF/FSET/Energy/GEARS/GWAAR-March)
- Contract Coordinator completed 2 contracts and 5 addendums
- CLTS program added 20 new enrollments (4 were transfers for other counties). Prior authorizations submitted
- Reviewed and finalized 2025 Medicare Cost Report
- Final work on audit requests

- Norwood completed and submitted WHA and AHA surveys
- Received Edgewater Haven NH PBJ audit results- no further actions needed

Support Services Team

Behavioral Health Clinic service notes: all appointments notes are accounted for through 5/19/26/2026 with system in place to review and communicate with clinicians twice a week about service notes or errors.

Records Released in May:

- Behavioral Health records released: 56
- Family Service record/background checks released: 26
 - Records pending/in progress: 6
 - Total completed: 82

Records Retention: completion of destruction of past retention client documents

- FS MFLD records 4th floor- reviewing 2026 records due for destruction
- RB- FS and CCS records located in vault- reviewing 2026 records due for destruction
- RB- Foster care provider records in progress- scanning/destroying per retention guidelines (on hold until vacancies are filled)
- IMS/TCM- shutdown; EHR records past retention -destroyed from original source

Other Unit Information

- Support Services staff updates – no vacancies
 - 1 staff intermittent FMLA
- Compiled information needed for Title IV-E funding for DCF: tracking administrative services staff time and fees spent on CHIPS and TPR legal services (*combined)
 - May* 87.75 total hours spent on legal services
 - \$300.00 total spent on misc. legal expenses
 - Total allowable reimbursement Jan- April: \$6562.60
- Attended Smartcare super-user mtgs & SHS WI users mtgs
- Attended Administrative Services division meetings MFLD and RB - survey results/feedback
- Met with Family Services leadership team DA's office to review process, filings and timelines
- Attended HSD all staff meetings
- Attended child welfare workgroup with Judicial Engagement JET team
- ShareTru confidential document repository: 4 admin services staff are testing in various BH and FS programs- limited usage- redaction issues found with pdfs
- HIPAA:
 - 0 HIPAA/ Confidentially breaches- investigated /resolved
 - Privacy/Security: in progress- SRA risk mitigation 10 of 11 completed; partnership with *MetaStar- BH Connect*; DHS funded
 - Attended "Medicaid Privacy" webinar

Service Claims & Accounts Receivable

- Interim coverage of department continues
- Monthly A/R review to determine collectability at Community, Norwood and EW locations
- Attended Behavior Health billing workgroup meeting for strategic planning
- Project: review and correcting EHR service codes, ensuring accuracy for reporting

Insurance Claims created and submitted for current reporting period

- Norwood: 275 claims billed: \$1,321,397
- Edgewater: 101 claims billed, \$798,683
- Community: 1,818 claims submitted in the amount of \$132,778. Cash receipts \$104,971

Service Admission Intakes

- NHC Admissions: 32 Hospital, 2 LTC
- Edgewater: 7

- Community
 - 54 intakes for new clients conducted. Waitlist is currently only for psychiatric services
 - 1,243 appointments scheduled, 959 attended (77%)

2026 TRIP Monies Year to Date:

- Norwood: \$40,559
- Community: \$28,866

Employment and Training Programs Update by Lacey Piekarski

FoodShare Employment & Training (FSET) Program Update: Serving Wood, Portage, Adams, Marathon, Lincoln, Langlade, Oneida, Vilas, Forest Counties. The regional NorthCentral FSET Program served 877 total customers through May 2026, averaging 708 customers in the month. The region ranked 4th in referred-to-enrolled customers, totaling 36.09%. Portage, Adams and Wood County caseload totals average 61 customers per case manager, averaging 60% of the regional caseload total.

Personnel changes: A Wood County- WI Rapids FSET Case Manager is on family leave May through early August. In the six northern counties, three new FSET Case Managers have been hired through subcontractor, CW Solutions, to serve Oneida (1 Case Manager) and Marathon Counties (2 Case Managers). This is due to staff resigning from positions and promotion of a CW Solutions FSET Case Manager to FSET Supervisor role.

Independent Living Program Update: Serving Wood, Portage, Adams, Marathon, Lincoln, Langlade, Oneida, Vilas, Forest Counties. On May 28, 2026, the local Independent Living (IL) Program Coordinators attended the “Hands Around the Capitol” event at the State Capitol, joining families, partners, youth and community members with lived experience in the child welfare and youth justice systems. Four youth attended from our region with IL Coordinator staff. In addition to attendance, local youth displayed their art projects at the event, now displayed in our local offices.

In June, we welcomed 8 IL youth to the local Youth Advisory Council (“YAC”), which is a youth-led advocacy group for current and former foster youth ages 14 to 26. This is the highest attendance total in the last year, and we are excited to continue their momentum including creating officer positions to provide leadership opportunities and attending community outreach events to represent this young adult population of youth aging out of home care. The local YAC also represents the NorthCentral IL Region at the state Youth Advisory Council, assisting in planning events such as “Hands Around the Capitol.”

Community Resources Update by Olivia Lloyd

Transportation: In May, the Transportation program provided 636 bus rides. Of these rides, 180 were for employment, and 118 were for medical. The program also provided 73 volunteer rides. Of these, 22 were for employment, and 50 were for medical.

WHEAP: The 2026 heating season began October 1, 2025. Through May, Wood County has provided Energy Assistance services to 2149 households. The program has also provided HVAC services to 78 households.

Edgewater Haven Update by Justin Cieslewicz

Census Update: In the month of May, we had 7 admissions and 9 readmissions. Current Memory Care census is 12 residents. Census comparison to last year:

May 2025 – 43.65 average census with 10.61 rehab

May 2026 – 41.97 average census with 13.58 rehab

May 2025 – Admissions 13/Discharges 6/Readmissions 7/Deaths 0

May 2026 – Admissions 7/Discharges 9/Readmissions 9/Deaths 3

Personnel Update: Open positions of writing this:

Nursing: Director of Nursing, 4 Full-time Nurses, 1 Part-time Nurse, 2-time CNA

Dietary: 1 Full-time Dietary Aide

Edgewater Haven's Director of Nursing, Joanne Rodriguez, has submitted her retirement notice. Joanne has been with Edgewater Haven for 27 years and has served as Edgewater Haven's Director of Nursing since 2019. Joanne's last day at Edgewater Haven will be August 28, 2026. Upon receiving Joanne's retirement notice, Human Resources was notified and recruitment for this position began. Edgewater Haven is actively accepting resumes; if there is anyone that would be ideal for this role, please have them reach out to justin.cieslewicz@woodcountyiwi.gov

Norwood Health Center

Norwood Health Center Update by Marissa Kornack

Food Services Supervisor Transition: With Larry Burt retiring on July 1, Joe Miller stepped into the Food Services Supervisor role on June 8. We appreciate the period of overlap, which has allowed for a smooth transition and effective onboarding as Joe assumes his new responsibilities.

Staffing Challenges: Nurse and CNA staffing continues to be a significant challenge. Ongoing vacancies are putting steady pressure on schedule coverage, and while we are managing, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain flexibility. Our staff have been exceptionally committed- many have taken on additional hours to ensure clients continue receiving high-quality care- and we are grateful for their dedication.

Recruitment remains a high priority. We are actively pursuing both new hires and agency support, though both avenues have been more difficult than in past years. We will continue to monitor staffing levels closely and keep the board informed as the situation evolves.

Social Services Leadership Update: Nichole Sloniker has assumed an expanded role as Social Services Supervisor, now overseeing services for both the hospital and the long-term care unit at Norwood. Previously, these areas were managed by separate coordinators. Consolidating this oversight under a single leader strengthens continuity, improves coordination, and supports a more unified approach to client services. We appreciate Nichole's willingness to take on this broader responsibility and her continued commitment to the residents and patients we serve.

Health Information Department Update by Jerin Turner

Norwood is adding two Health Unit Coordinator (HUC) positions to strengthen operational efficiency on the hospital unit and reduce the administrative burden currently placed on nursing staff. We are recruiting for one full-time (100%) and one part-time (50%) HUC.

These roles will take on key non-clinical tasks, including completing and auditing documentation, managing incoming phone calls, and assisting with obtaining signatures and consents, allowing nurses to focus more fully on direct patient care. Both HUCs will also receive Vistelar training to support the team during STAT situations when appropriate.

Once hired, HUCs will provide eight hours of coverage daily, seven days a week, including weekends and holidays. This consistent support is expected to improve workflow, enhance communication, and provide meaningful relief to nursing staff across the unit.

We continue to recruit for a casual receptionist.

Norwood Nursing Department by Liz Masanz

Open positions:

RN: 6 FTE, 1 60%, 5 Casual

MHT: 5 FTE, 1 50%, 1 Casual

We currently have 2 agency nurses and 2 agency techs on board. We are converting our nurse positions into 36-hour/week with 12-hour shifts effective the July 19 pay period. We hope this will help us recruit nurses. In the meantime, we will need to bring additional agency nurses on board to cover vacancies. We executed contracts with two new staffing agencies with the hopes that they are able to meet our needs.

Admissions Unit: The average census for the month of May was 6.71 and 7.05 YTD. The average length of stay was 5.80 and 6.81 YTD. There were 32 admissions and 33 discharges.

Long Term Care: The long-term care unit had two admissions and four discharges in May, with an average census of 11.10 on Crossroads and 14.40 on Pathways.

The head nurse position remains vacant, with Director of Nursing Masanz continuing to cover the duties.

Norwood Dietary Department by Larry Burt

Congregate meals for the month of May were 4,567 with revenue of \$38,950, with 16,666 (12.6% decrease from 2025) meals and \$181,042 (2.6% decrease from 2025) in revenue YTD.

Projecting out the experience through May, we would expect to serve 50,959 meals in 2026, compared to our budget of 48,700. It's encouraging to see the meal counts improving and hope to continue to see this progress.

Norwood Building Operations by Lee Ackerman

CIP Updates

Water Pipe Replacement- The design engineer and architect are working on updating the plans with information discussed at our meeting in April. The final draft is projected to be ready on June 15th.

Admissions Nurse Call System- No updates currently; still waiting for DHS plan approval for the contractor's schedule to open.

Other Maintenance

The vacant Maintenance Technician position remains open. Only two applicants were considered viable for the position and interviewed. One was deemed unqualified, the other was well qualified, but stated wage was lower than other opportunities and withdrew from consideration.

MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, July 13, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – Room 300

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

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 May 11, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Zurfluh/Hamilton to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 10:00 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 his report and bill listing for review.
9. Sheriff Becker reviewed various reports and activities of the Sheriff's Department.
10. Motion by Voight/Hamilton to approve the voucher listings for Communications, Coroner, Dispatch, Emergency Management, and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Chairman Zurfluh declared the meeting adjourned 9:11 AM.

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

Public Safety Committee
July 13, 2026

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MINUTES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: Friday, June 26, 2026
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION Courthouse – Room 302

Members Present: Mike Meyers, Dave Laude, Robert Levendoske, Lee Garrels, Gus Mancuso

Others Present: Charles Hoogesteger, Quentin Ellis, Lance Pliml, Shawn Becker

1. Chairman Meyers called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. The minutes of February 26, 2026, Commission meeting were reviewed. Motion by Laude seconded by Garrels to approve them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Garrels, seconded by Laude to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to review the current Deputy Sheriff Eligibility List for the Wood County Sheriff's Department and discuss establishing a new eligibility list. Roll call vote resulted in the motion passing unanimously.
5. Motion by Garrels, seconded by Mancuso to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion by Garrels, seconded by Mancuso to adjourn. Motion carried at 11:10 AM.

Robert Levendoske
Secretary



June Monthly Report

Wood County Sheriff's Rescue

Submitted by: Ann Burger, WCSR Secretary

June Training Descriptions

Date	Type	Description
2-Jun	Business Meeting	June Business Meeting
9-Jun	Water Rescue	Training with Marine 1: driving & review of Hummingbird controls.
16-Jun	Extrication	Used spreaders and cutters, removed two doors.
23-Jun	Extrication	Med bag cleanout & extrication.
30-Jun	Project Lifesaver	Practice finding receiver.

Call Summary

Call #	50	51	52	53	54
Date	6/2/2026	6/5/2026	6/6/2026	6/7/2026	6/9/2026
Time	13:36	15:46	18:37	17:41	16:35
Day of Week	Tuesday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday
Township	Rudolph	Rudolph	Sigel	Seneca	Grand Rapids
Location	STH 66 & STH 34	STH 66 & CTH O	5715 KNUTH RD	3963 GEORGE RD	36TH ST S & CTH W
Rescue 3	M. Wiberg	M. Wiberg	Out of Service	C. Stoflet	T. Young
Rescue 4					
Rescue 5					
10-22ed			Yes	Yes	Yes
Call Type	10-50 w/ Injuries	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries
Medical/Extrication					
Ambulance	UEMR	UEMR		WRFD	UEMR
EMR	Rudolph	Rudolph		Port Edwards	Grand Rapids
Fire	Rudolph	Rudolph		Port Edwards	Grand Rapids
Air					
Tools/Equipment Used					
Notes					
Other members on scene					

Call Summary

Call #	55	56	57	58	59
Date	6/12/2026	6/12/2026	6/23/2026	6/23/2026	6/24/2026
Time	6:33	11:19	16:13	17:31	0:04
Day of Week	Friday	Friday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Township	Grand Rapids	Richfield	Rudolph	Saratoga	Saratoga
Location	80TH ST N & WASHINGTON AVE	8600 BLUFF DR	CTH C & STH 34	1060 STH 73 S	CTH U & STH 73 S
Rescue 3	M. Wiberg	M. Wiberg	M. Wiberg	M. Wiberg	M. Wiberg
Rescue 4					
Rescue 5					
10-22ed		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Call Type	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries	Water Rescue	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries
Medical/Extrication					
Ambulance	UEMR	Pittsville	UEMR	WRFD	WRFD
EMR	Grand Rapids	Vesper	Rudolph	Saratoga	Saratoga
Fire	Grand Rapids	Vesper	Rudolph	Nekoosa	Rome
Air					
Tools/Equipment Used					
Notes	Grant EMR also on scene.	Rudolph FD, Arpin EMR, Auburndale EMR, Pittsville EMR also on scene.			
Other members on scene		D. Westfall B. Franz		D. Westfall	

Call Summary

Call #	60	61	62		
Date	6/26/2026	6/26/2026	6/27/2026		
Time	6:51	8:01	7:09		
Day of Week	Friday	Friday	Saturday		
Township	Port Edwards	Rudolph	Nekoosa		
Location	10147 CHAK HA CHEE LN	STH 66 & CTH O	1010 MARKET ST		
Rescue 3	D. Westfall	D. Westfall	Out of Service		
Rescue 4					
Rescue 5					
10-22ed	Yes				
Call Type	Snowmobile/AT V	10-50 w/ Injuries	10-50 w/ Unknown Injuries		
Medical/ Extrication					
Ambulance	WRFD	UEMR	WRFD		
EMR	Saratoga	Rudolph	Saratoga		
Fire	Nekoosa	Rudolph	Nekoosa		
Air					
Tools/ Equipment Used					
Notes					
Other members on scene		M. Wiberg			



WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



SHAWN BECKER, SHERIFF

June 30th 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR Sheriff Becker; Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Monthly Crime Stoppers Report – June 2026

The Crime Stoppers program received 22 tips in the month of June that were forwarded to the appropriate agencies for follow-up, as reported by P3.

The last monthly board meeting was held on May 13th, 2026. The next regular meeting will August 12th 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Berres
Investigator Sergeant
Wood County Sheriff's Department



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June 2026 K9 Report

	TRAINING HOURS	USEAGE/ DEPLOYMENTS	DEMO/ COMMUNITY
K9 Bingo	16.5	3	0
K9 Timo	14	5	0
K9 Rosco	14	3	0
K9 Lola	SEE	BELOW	
K9 Ripp	SEE	BELOW	

TRAINING (MONTHLY) –

Wood County K9 handlers trained with the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department, Portage County Sheriff's Department, Stevens Point Police Department, and Fond du Lac Sheriff's Department during the month of June. Training venues included Wood County firearms range, Wood County Highway Department, Camp Bandy K9 Training Center, and various training sites in the Stevens Point area. Areas of training consisted of obedience, odor detection, tracking, article detection, building search for person, and certification practice.

TRAINING (INDIVIDUAL) –

- K9 Rosco and Deputy Beathard had 3 hrs of on duty training time in addition to 11 hr training day. Areas of focus included narcotic detection, obedience, and podcast training for handlers on case law.
- Sergeant Arendt and K9 Timo conducted 2 hours of on duty training during the month of June. Training areas focused on article detection. While on patrol Sergeant Arendt also listened to K9 related podcasts focusing on Drone vs K9 application
- Lieutenant Christianson and K9 Bingo completed 4.5 hours of on duty training. Training consisted of obedience, tracking, and odor detection.

USEAGE –

- Deputy Beathard and K9 Rosco had three deployments for the month of June. Two deployments were traffic stops, 2.8g of marijuana was collected. K9 Rosco completed a sniff at the Wood County Jail with no CIB or indications.



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- Sergeant Arendt and K9 Timo had 5 deployments for the month of June. 4 of these deployments were for vehicle sniffs that resulted in 3 indications and 1 verbal admission. These deployments resulted in searches and locating methamphetamine, marijuana, THC vape devices, illegally possessed suboxone, and drug paraphernalia. The final deployment was for a citizen assist who lost her vehicle key at Dexter Park. Timo was deployed to an approximate 1,000,000 square foot search area with no last known location. Timo did not locate anything during this deployment.
- Lieutenant Christianson and K9 Bingo had three deployments during the month of June. Two deployments were tracks assisting Marshfield Police Department and Wisconsin Rapids Police Department in locating suspects. Each track ended shortly after it was started, as suspects either surrendered or were located. Last deployment was for suspect involved in domestic abuse case for the Wood County Sheriff's Department. Suspect was located by other Deputies and failed to comply with commands to stop. K9 Bingo was deployed and verbal commands given. Suspect immediately complied and was taken into custody with no further incident.

DEMO/COMMUNITY –

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION –

K9 Timo is recovering well from his surgery to remove a tumor from the back of his neck.

Lola's Work and Training Log for June 2026

- June 1st
Jail Interview
- June 3rd-5th
Vacation
- June 9th
Lt. Meeting
- June 12th
Jail Interview
- June 17th
Jail Interview
- June 18th
Recovery Pod Graduation



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- June 19th
Visited 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors of jail

- June 26th
Obedience Training

- June 29th
Obedience Training

- June 30th
YMCA CAMP for Kids
Obedience Training

Ripp's Training/Work Log- June 2026

June 4

- AHS State Athlete Track Send-Off

June 5

- AHS Summer School W/ Students

June 8

- Therapy Class

June 15

- Therapy Class

June 16

- Attended Summer School @ AHS

June 19

- Therapy Class

June 20

- Therapy Certification Test (Passed with official Certification)

June 24

- Visited Groomer

June 25

- Visited Courthouse/Dispatch Center

June 27

- Attended Music Fest in Auburndale W/ K9 Ripp

June 30

- K9 Therapy Presentation at Camp Alexander



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Respectfully,

Brandon Christianson

Brandon Christianson
Patrol Lieutenant



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SHAWN BECKER, SHERIFF

HUMANE OFFICER

06-01-26 to 06-30-26

Animal Bites:	<u>Dog</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Squirrel</u>
• Arpin	0	0	0
• Biron	0	0	0
• Grand Rapids	0	0	0
• Nekoosa	0	0	0
• Wis. Rapids	3	4	0
• Wood	0	0	0
• Marshfield	0	0	0
• Rudolph	0	0	0
• Seneca	0	0	0
• Saratoga	0	0	0
• Pittsville	0	0	0
• Richfield	0	0	0
• Lincoln	0	0	0
• Port Edw	0	0	0

Inhumane /Abuse Case: 0

Abandonment: 0

Animal vs Animal: 0

Abatement Order: 0

Animals at Large: 0

Major Incidents: 0

Follow-up-Brooke: 0

Follow-up-Susa: 0

Monthly Hours: 17

2026 YTD Hours: 134.5

Submitted by: Jenna McDonald



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Department of Natural Resources Patrols

June 2026

ATV

- Patrol Hours 76.5
- Citations- 1
- Warnings- 6

BOAT

- Patrol Hours 22
- Citations- 1
- Warnings- 1

SNOWMOBILE

- Patrol Hours 0
- Citation- 0
- Warnings- 0

Submitted by

Sgt. Matt Susa



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Operations Overtime/Comp Time Totals

MAY 2025 (05/24/26to 07/04/26)

Patrol

Overtime hours:	177.83
Comp time hours:	327.05
Holiday Pay/Comp hours:	108/12

Investigations

Overtime hours:	55.83
Comp time hours:	22.425

Security Services

Overtime hours:	78.5
Comp time hours:	5.25

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



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Shawn Becker
SHERIFF

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Security Services June 2026 Report

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

Guns - 0
Knives - 82
O.C. - 3
Misc. Items - 9

The miscellaneous items that were located were 2 (two) pairs of scissors, a screwdriver, 2 (two) wrenches, handcuffs, a can opener and a hammer.

Security Services screened 9,357 people entering the courthouse in June. Security Services had 43 security requests from different departments within the Courthouse for the month and we had 1 (one) jury trial.

We also served fifteen civil process papers and fulfilled 6 (six) warrants for the month.

Security Services handled eleven complaints in the jail last month. The complaints were for Criminal Damage to Property X6, Threats X2, Fighting X2, and battery to a C.O.

During the Month of June, I utilize part-time employees for 56.75 hours to fill employee shortage hours. Several shifts ran short due to no part-time employees being able to help.

Report submitted by: Lieutenant Bryan D. Peterson



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Public Safety Committee Meeting

School Resource Officer (Auburndale) June 2026 Report

For the month of May, the School Resource Officer initiated/responded to 41 calls of service while at the Auburndale High School/Middle School/Elementary School and/or assisting other Wood County Sheriff Divisions. The calls for service included:

- Civil Paper Service Complaints-29 Complaints
- Traffic Stops/Enforcement
- Extra Patrols
- Suspicious Persons
- Motorist Assists
- Escorts/Transports
- CPS Sexual Assault Investigation

The School Resource Officer also participated in the following:

- Safety walk at the High School/Middle/Elementary School for Summer School
- Weekly training with K9 Ripp-Obedience/Therapy Classes
- K9 Therapy Certification Test
- Attended Music Fest in Auburndale W/ K9 Ripp
- Attended Auburndale Baseball/Softball Games
- School Resource Training in Appleton (3 days)

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

Report submitted by: SRO Nehls #441



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US HWY 10 Cross Traffic Monthly Report

JUNE (06/01/26 – 06/30/26)

Intersection	Time Spent (min)	Citations	Warnings
USH 10/Day RD	75	0	1
USH 10/CTH T	529	0	11
USH 10/CTH E	0	0	0
USH 10/STH 186	1385	8	16
USH 10/North RD	0	0	0
USH 10/CTH K	91	1	1
USH 10/Blueberry RD	60	0	0
USH 10/CTH N	165	3	1
USH 10/CTH S	30	0	0
USH 10/Brookside RD	0	0	0
USH 10/CTH F	1315	6	30
Totals:	3650	18	60

MINUTES – 3650

WARNINGS – 60

CITATIONS – 18

REPORTED WW DRIVERS – 2

CRASHES – 3 (2 deer and 1 Property Damage)

Submitted By: Charles Hoogesteger – Operations Captain

WOOD COUNTY JAIL

JANUARY - JUNE 2026

TOTAL POPULATION / DAILY POPULATION / ELECTRONIC MONITORING

DAY	JAUNUARY			FEBRUARY			MARCH			APRIL			MAY			JUNE					
	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP			
1	180	0	22	177	3	23	175	4	19	175	5	23	171	4	22	188	4	17			
2	175	0	21	177	3	23	177	4	19	179	6	23	166	4	22	181	4	17			
3	177	0	19	175	4	24	169	4	21	180	6	22	167	4	21	178	2	19			
4	177	0	19	173	4	24	170	5	22	182	6	22	163	4	20	176	2	19			
5	177	0	19	177	6	23	174	5	22	185	6	21	163	7	19	180	2	21			
6	177	1	21	176	6	22	169	5	21	185	6	20	160	4	20	182	3	23			
7	183	1	22	175	6	23	171	5	21	180	5	19	163	4	21	183	3	23			
8	184	1	24	180	6	22	171	5	21	178	5	19	167	4	21	182	3	23			
9	179	1	24	181	6	21	172	5	21	181	5	19	171	4	21	185	3	24			
10	174	1	22	178	6	21	175	5	23	181	5	19	172	4	21	183	3	23			
11	176	1	22	180	6	21	175	4	24	185	5	20	173	4	21	183	3	24			
12	175	1	22	183	6	21	175	5	24	185	5	20	173	4	21	183	3	24			
13	163	1	22	176	6	22	169	5	22	189	5	20	180	4	22	181	4	25			
14	167	1	23	177	6	21	169	5	22	187	7	21	179	4	21	190	4	25			
15	162	1	23	177	6	21	176	5	22	178	7	22	179	5	21	188	5	22			
16	164	1	23	179	6	21	176	5	22	174	5	22	183	3	21	180	6	22			
17	159	1	23	171	8	21	179	5	22	168	5	23	180	3	19	181	5	23			
18	165	3	23	171	8	23	169	5	22	169	4	23	181	3	19	178	5	23			
19	169	3	23	171	7	24	167	4	22	171	4	22	178	4	19	181	5	22			
20	171	3	24	175	6	24	166	4	21	169	4	21	174	2	18	185	5	23			
21	173	3	25	171	5	24	173	4	22	170	4	21	171	2	20	187	5	23			
22	171	3	24	172	5	24	174	6	22	174	4	20	174	2	20	188	5	22			
23	172	1	26	171	5	23	175	6	22	172	4	20	175	2	20	188	6	23			
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31	178	3	24							178	5	22				188	3	17			
AVERAGES																					
Total Jail	172.45			174.96			173.58			177.50			173.55			183.80					
IMMG	1.42			5.39			4.97			4.87			3.52			4.47					
EMP	23.32			22.39			21.65			21.07			19.87			22.40					
Length of Stay	26.70			40.80			28.40			26.60			26.00			0.00					

WOOD COUNTY JAIL

JULY - DECEMBER 2026

TOTAL POPULATION / DAILY POPULATION / ELECTRONIC MONITORING

DAY	JULY			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP	TOTAL	IMMG	EMP
1	184	6	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	183	6	21															
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AVERAGES																		
Total Jail	190.67			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
IMMG	5.50			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
EMP	20.67			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
Length of Stay	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		

2026 YEARLY AVERAGES	
OVERALL POPULATION	178.07
IMMG HOLDS	4.30
ELECTRONIC MONITORING	21.62
AVERAGE LENGTH of STAY	29.70

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

	DATE	POPULATION
Color indicates low population	5/6/2026	160
Color indicates high population	6/29/2026	190

MONTHLY	HIGH	LOW
JANUARY	184	162
FEBRUARY	183	169
MARCH	181	166
APRIL	189	168
MAY	188	160
JUNE	190	176
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER		
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER		

Electronic Monitoring 2026

Month	Monthly Average
January	23.32
February	22.39
March	21.65
April	21.07
May	19.87
June	22.40
July	20.67
August	0.00
September	0.00
October	0.00
November	0.00
December	0.00
TOTAL	21.62

Wood County Sheriff's Department Kitchen

MONTH		Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Special
January 1/09/2026	WEEK 1	1241	1242	1216	0
1/16/2026	WEEK 2	1186	1196	1145	0
1/23/2026	WEEK 3	1114	1133	1102	0
1/30/2026	WEEK 4	1124	1128	1107	0
2/6/2026	WEEK 5	1146	1137	1141	0
		5811	5836	5711	0
February 2/13/2026	WEEK 6	1193	1182	1188	0
2/20/2026	WEEK 7	1202	1181	1159	0
2/27/2026	WEEK 8	1131	1126	1125	0
3/6/2026	WEEK 9	1131	1126	1125	0
		4657	4615	4597	0
March 3/13/2026	WEEK 10	1146	1146	1129	0
3/20/2026	WEEK 11	1154	1156	1139	0
3/27/2026	WEEK 12	1161	1154	1150	0
	WEEK 13	1199	1178	1188	0
		4660	4634	4606	0
April	WEEK 14	1237	1220	1229	0
	WEEK 15	1234	1229	1212	0
	WEEK 16	1158	1182	1153	0
	WEEK 17	1200	1203	1182	0
	WEEK 18	1140	1159	1114	0
		5969	5993	5890	0
May	WEEK 19	1165	1170	1167	0
	WEEK 20	1230	1224	1212	0
	WEEK 21	1210	1218	1202	0
6/4/2026	WEEK 22	1235	1233	1218	0
		4840	4845	4799	0
June 6/11/2026	WEEK 23	1211	1208	1196	0
6/18/2026	WEEK 24	1226	1224	1207	0
	WEEK 25	1238	1227	1224	0
	WEEK 26	0	0	0	0
		3675	3659	3627	0
July	WEEK 27	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 28	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 29	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 30	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 31	0	0	0	0
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August	WEEK 32	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 33	0	0	0	0

	WEEK 34	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 35	0	0	0	0
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September	WEEK 36	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 37	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 38	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 39	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0
October	WEEK 40	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 41	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 42	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 43	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 44	0	0	0	0
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November	WEEK 45	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 46	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 47	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 48	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0
December	WEEK 49	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 50	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 51	0	0	0	0
	WEEK 52				
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TOTAL		29612	29582	29230	0

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Total meals	Food Cost plus Labor
3699	\$9,351.08
3527	\$9,230.16
3349	\$9,095.88
3359	\$9,123.04
3424	\$8,960.61
17358	\$45,760.77
3563	\$9,324.37
3542	\$9,269.41
3382	\$8,850.70
3382	\$8,850.70
13869	\$36,295.18
3421	\$8,952.75
3449	\$9,026.03
3465	\$9,067.91
3565	\$9,329.61
13900	\$36,376.30
3686	\$9,318.21
3675	\$9,290.40
3493	\$9,141.18
3585	\$9,062.88
3413	\$8,931.82
17852	\$45,744.49
3502	\$9,164.74
3666	\$9,267.65
3630	\$9,176.64
3686	\$9,318.20
14484	\$36,927.23
3615	\$9,138.72
3657	\$9,328.90
3689	\$9,325.79
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10961	\$27,793.41
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88424	\$228,897.38

Cost per meal \$2.59

Cost Per day \$7.77

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MINUTES

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, July 1, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 300

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: Wayne Schulz

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

1. Chairman Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There were no public comments.
3. The minutes of the June 5, 2026, meeting were presented. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion Buttke/Perlock to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
5. County Planner Simkowski presented a preliminary plat for C&C Acres, a subdivision in the Town of Saratoga. It meets all county requirements. Motion by Hovendick/Perlock to approve the preliminary plat for C&C Acres as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Rick Schmidt from the City of Nekoosa presented a request for economic development dollars to replace blacktop between the two shelter houses at Riverside Park in Nekoosa as well as some repair to the bike path. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the release of \$10,000 of economic development grant dollars to the City of Nekoosa. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Denise Sonnemann from the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry presented highlights from their 2025 annual report and requested release of the ear-marked economic development grant funds. Motion by Perlock/Buttke to approve the release of \$25,000 of economic development grant funds to MACCI. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Staci Kivi from the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce presented highlights from their 2025 annual report and requested release of the ear-marked economic development grant funds. Motion by Hovendick/Perlock to approve the release of \$25,000 of economic development grant HOW Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Sarah Franklin from the Child Care Center of Marshfield highlighted the work done to modernize their facility and requested release of the ear-marked economic development grant funds. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to release \$13,000 of economic development grant funds to Child Care Center of Marshfield. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Meredith Klecker from Wisconsin Rapids Convention & Visitors Bureau provided the committee with a project scope and rationale behind having an indoor recreation facility in South Wood County. She is requesting \$7,500 of REDI Grant funding to fund a more detailed feasibility study on such a project. Motion by Perlock/Hovendick to approve the release of \$7,500 of REDI Grant funding for the feasibility study. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Planning & Zoning Director, in the absence of any representative from the Central Wisconsin State Fair, brought forth a request from the Executive Director of the Fair for \$30,000 of REDI Grant funding to update the sewer system for the wash rack at the fairgrounds. Motion by Hovendick/Perlock to postpone this request until after the CEED Committee reviews the economic development grant applications for next year. Motion carried unanimously.
12. County Conservationist Wucherpfennig informed the committee that no bids were received for the Lippert stream crossing project so this will be coming back next month. Wucherpfennig reported that some rules for bidding have changed, and he would like to discuss the streamlining of the bidding process to be more inline with DATCP rules. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
13. Wucherpfennig updated the committee on NR151 compliance from the state. Of the 16 farms that the state asked us to review, 11 have been closed out, 1 of the farmers just recently passed away, and 4 others have not been able to be contacted.
14. Wucherpfennig reported that another 30 well owners in the “hot spots” for nitrates have agreed to have their water tested. The testing will be conducted at UWSP and entered into the state database. More information will follow.
15. Extension Area Director McNelly reviewed the 4H Membership Campaign that will be conducted this year. Funding for this effort will come from the sale of the Meadowbrook 4H Club land that was sold recently.
16. McNelly and Extension Educator Rombalski reviewed the participation of the clean sweeps during the past couple of years. They reviewed the budgetary implications and noted that there should be enough funding for approximately the next 4 years. After that, some other funding mechanism would be needed to keep the program going at the current level. More information will follow.
17. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, August 5th at 9:00 AM. A special committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29th to review the economic development grant applications.
18. Motion by Hovendick/Buttke to go into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(f) to consider of leave of absence request. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to move back into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
20. Chair Leichtnam adjourned the meeting at 10:46 AM.

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

Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

July 1, 2026

NAME	REPRESENTING
Jason Gruenberg	P+Z
Emmett Sinkowski	P+Z
DENNIS POLACH	WCB-14
Bill Cleveland	WCB-15
Rick Schmitt	NEKOOSA
Staci Kivi	How Chamber
Denise Sonnenmann	MACT
Sarah Franklin	Child Care Centers of Mfld
Debra Bowshack	" " " " "
George Gilbertson	LWC Rep
Shane WachterFennig	LWCD
Meredith Alexander	W's Roads Area CURB
Victoria Wilson	P+Z
Kayla Rombalski	Extension
Julie Hanel (WebEx)	P+Z
Barb Peeters (WebEx)	LWCD
Darrin Steinbach (WebEx)	Finance
Katie Dekleyn (WebEx)	County Clerk
Lance Pliml (WebEx)	CB Chair
Kayla Rombalski (WebEx)	Extension
Brad Hamilton (WebEx)	County Board # 18

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Personnel/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
May 21st, 2026
Golden Sands RC&D Office/Online

Attendees: Shane Wucherpennig (Wood); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Brian Haase (Waupaca); Jared Mader (Marathon); Jennifer Glad (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Katherine Jaeger (Golden Sands RC&D Staff). Bill Clendenning (Wood) also attended.

CALL TO ORDER: Wucherpennig called the meeting to order at 9:01

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Mader, which was seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the minutes from the March 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mader, which was seconded by Leichtnam, to go into closed session at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried.

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Haase, to come out of closed session at 9:47 a.m. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF TEMPORARY RECORDING SECRETARY: Wucherpennig discussed the need for new members and to appoint a temporary recording secretary for the Personnel and Finance Committee. Leichtnam recommended Clendenning for the committee. Wucherpennig recommended Dustin Ladd.

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

FINANCIAL PROCEDURES: Glad reported that they are no longer able to receive advances with federal funding and they are changing from quarterly billing to monthly billing. Glad also reported that she and Thorstenson were working on the 2025 budget vs. Actual Analysis. There was also a discussion about signing authority and a new option for electronic signatures.

STAFF AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATES: Glad provided updates on hiring. There's been a lot of onboarding in the last week with new hires. Gurklis and Jaeger received new titles and an offer has been made to the new Admin Coordinator (awaiting acceptance). Wucherpennig provided updates about the resignation of committee member Bob Walker, and the need to pursue filling the committee position.

TRIBUTE FOR AL BARDEN: Glad provided updates about the tribute and stated that a highlight video from the event would be shown during the full council meeting.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE: Glad shared the draft organizational chart. Glad also gave an update about the Vista Sand Solar Contract Review for Grass Bank Program. Things are moving forward with invoicing Doral and working to get landowners committed.

PR & COMMUNICATIONS: No updates.

OTHER BUSINESS: No other business.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mader, which was seconded by Haase, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes by: Jared Mader, Temporary Secretary

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
May 21st, 2026
Golden Sands RC&D Office/Online

Attendees: Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Ken Borzick (Marquette), Tracy Arnold (Portage), Abby Leis (Wood; Asher Maliepaard (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jennifer Glad (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Brooke Patrick (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Ben Babcock (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Brady Albers (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Robert Bauer (Golden Sands RC&D Staff).

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 Arnold, which was seconded by Borzick, to approve the March 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

STAFF & COUNTY MEMBER UPDATES:

Tessmer (Taylor): Brent stated they have 8 manure pit closures, which is higher than previous years. Most haven't been used for 15+ years. They had a good spring with no spills reported. The Tree Sale went well. They are applying for a planning grant with Golden Sands RC&D to create a Water Resource Action Plan in the National Forest; the watershed has yet to be determined. Glad stated they have a potential new employee with a hydrology background that could be very beneficial to this project.

Arnold (Portage): Tracy stated they have been working hard to collect nutrient management plans. There have been mixed reviews from residents but making progress. All the SWRM cost share dollars are spoken for and several manure pits are being closed. They have received numerous spreading complaints and followed up on each one. After investigation, most are not over application but educating residents about ag practices along the way. Shawn and Andrew did a terrific job with the Central WI Prairie Chicken Fest and was a big success again this year.

Borzick (Marquette): Ken stated Morgan Kepler has and currently is doing an outstanding job with their NMP program. Getting residents to class and making sure things are turned in. Their tree sale went well. The Land and Water committee has new members. Ken is the chair.

Bauer: Robert stated he is busy with grazing plans from referrals from partner organizations. Meeting with landowners continues. Golden Sands RC&D is receiving funds for providing services. He is working in the Driftless Area to increase partnership and coordinate a workshop.

Babcock: Ben stated he continues to work on grazing plans as they come in.

Albers: Brady stated he is wrapping up grazing plans. Hoping for more resident interaction as summer gets going.

Patrick: Brooke stated she was working on 6 different plans and 2 events. She is mentoring Annika, who is the new grazing intern for the summer. The Beef Marketing workshop and the Central WI grazing meeting were successful. Working on a grant to start a producer led group with Sand County Foundation. A soil workshop with UWSP also went well.

Maliepaard: Asher stated the grazing team was busy with plans and a study flow coming in. Grant funding to cover these plans and interest continues. Grazing events are being planned. He continues to provide tech support to grazers. A grant proposal for biochar was submitted.

Glad: Jennifer stated the community gardens opened May 1st. They have raised beds with ODC. Fruit trees have also been installed. They are hosting a rain barrel workshop at Central Waters, who gave them barrels at a reduced cost. The pumpkin smash event will be coming back for the second year, which is in partnership with Recycling Connections. Annika is also the grazing intern with Golden Sands for the summer. Jennifer also discussed the grassland habitat incentive program Golden Sands RC&D is developing.

NEW PROJECTS IDEAS/APPROVAL: Valley Stewardship Network grant to provide grazing tech support in Southwest WI, 9 Counties included. They will be subcontracting Golden Sands RC&D for about \$7,500. A motion was made by Borzick, which was seconded by Arnold, to send the proposal to the full committee. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Borzick, which was seconded by Tessmer, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Minutes by: Tracy Arnold

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Forestry/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes
May 21st, 2026
Golden Sands RC&D Office/Online

Attendees: Al Drabek (Marathon); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Katherine Jaeger (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Sandy Sackmann (Golden Sands RC&D Staff).

CALL TO ORDER: Drabek called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Drabek, which was seconded by Clendenning, to approve the minutes from the March 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

HABITAT FOR KARNER BLUE BUTTERFLY, POWESHIEK SKIPPERLING & OTHER POLLINATORS: Jaeger reported that final reporting is completed. Jaeger and Thorstenson are working with NFWF to officially close out the project.

COOPERATIVE FORESTRY/DEMO FORESTS: Harwood & Fluor reported. The second annual Demonstration Forest banquet was held in March. A Clark county forestry intern hired, but still looking for a Taylor county intern. A spring demo forest meeting through new funding is being planned. Harwood is helping the WI Tree Farm Committee manage their website. Fluor and Harwood got their certification in chainsaw safety level 1 and 2.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN INVASIVES PARTNERSHIP (CWIP) / NORTHEAST WISCONSIN INVASIVES PARTNERSHIP (NEWIP): Fluor & Harwood reported. Planning is underway for the 2026 season, with projects on both public and private lands. Fluor and Harwood are using funding from the grazing team to complete EQIP site visits. Fluor and Harwood completed their first baseline assessment for the Green Lake Conservancy via contracted services which may lead to more assessments in the future. Additional grant funding is being sought.

TREE SHELTERS: Jaeger reported that we've had a net profit of \$378.21 from January through April 30. Jaeger mentioned that we may need to adjust pricing to increase profits in the future.

NEW PROJECTS:

55-6003-999-898 - General Operating for Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council (Waupaca and Outagamie counties). Harwood presented the project, which is funded by a \$10,000 Community Foundation of the Fox Valley grant for services in Waupaca and Outagamie counties. The project involves general community outreach and funding for further grant writing. Runs from May 2026 through July 2027.

55-6003-999-893 - UWCC Cooperative Forestry Funding. Harwood presented the project, which is funded by a \$22,770 UW Center for Cooperatives grant for services within all Golden

Sands RC&D counties. The project focuses on developing the Demonstration Forest program. Runs from March 2026 through July 2027.

Both projects were approved by Drebek and Clendenning.

OTHER BUSINESS: Both NEWIP and CWIP applied for DNR Weed Management Area (WMA) grants.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Drebek, which was seconded by Clendenning, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Minutes by: Claire Harwood

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Waters Committee Meeting Minutes
May 21st, 2026
Golden Sands RC&D Office/Online

Attendees: Jared Mader (Marathon); Shane Wucherpennig (Wood); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Chris Hamerla (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Mara Lince (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Shala Pence (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Brooke Cherek (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Tyler Kunze (Portage)

CALL TO ORDER: Tomandl called the meeting to order at 10:22 am.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Wucherpennig, which was seconded by Mader, to approve the March 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

NEW PROJECTS: No gold sheets.

COUNTY AND STAFF UPDATES:

Lince: Things have been really busy this year. She was part of a Furbearers Ecology Workshop, Lakes and Rivers Convention, and Spring AIS Meetings. She is also working with Trempeleau County for the first time on a PLS biocontrol project. Other updates include Snapshot Day, Cranberry Growers event, and helping with an AIS outreach event in Columbia County that included around 3,000 students.

Gurklis: She is finished with her groundwater and AIS lessons for 5th grade students. She reported they all went very well and in total she taught 75 lessons. She participated in an Earth Day event at the Boston School Forest that hosted around 1,000 people. She has also been onboarding new staff including 4 CBCW staff.

Cherek: She stated it was her third day of employment so no updates at this time. She will be the AIS Technician over the summer and the CBCW staff at Lake Helen.

Hamerla: Stated they received a grant for trapper education. As part of this he has presented at furbearer workshops, the Wisconsin Trappers Association spring banquet, and presented furbearer ecology to UWSP students. He worked with Taylor County to set up 24 pots for PLS biocontrol, worked an outdoor expo for 5th grade students (150 students), attended the Common Ground Event in Marathon County, did PLS digs in Marathon County, and participated in a Tap Talk about lake management practices.

Thorstenson: She spoke on predator exclusion cages and the research done with milfoil weevils. There have been positive results with this practice. Brandy Lake in Vilas County and Long Lake in Minnesota have started these practices. These practices should be a cost effective way to control milfoil populations.

Pence: Provided updates that she is busy working on contracts with NRCS.

Wood (Wucherpfennig): Finished their tree sale selling about 20,000 trees. They are currently working with 2 sites that have very high nitrates. They will be using point source tracing to help determine if the pollution is being caused by human or agricultural sources. Wood County also received 2 new surface grants in the 4 mile watershed to monitor nutrient loading.

Marathon (Mader): Actively working on a couple projects with local municipalities to convert their municipal well recharge areas from conventional agricultural use to perennial prairie. It's been a very busy spring with manure spills and runoff complaints. Shoreland restoration projects were so successful last year that another 8 projects are signed for completion this summer.

Portage (Kunze): Finished some sampling events near Nelsonville. Sampling of monitoring wells at the Buena Vista Solar Project are continuing. He participated in an education event at Pacelli school, and is currently working to set up a multi-county water quality monitoring program.

Taylor (Tomandl): The tree sale went well selling about 14,000 trees. Taylor county will have 9 pit closures this year and they had a lot of success with their buckthorn bash event.

OTHER BUSINESS: Hamerla explained that RC&D recently purchased a D.O. meter that could be used on area lakes if needed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Wucherpfennig, which was seconded by Tomandl, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

Minutes by: Jared Mader, Temporary Secretary

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Regular Business/Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 21st, 2026
Golden Sands RC&D Office/Online

Attendees: Shane Wucherpennig (Wood); Al Drabek (Marathon); Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Jared Mader (Marathon); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Jennifer Glad (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D); Asher Maliepaard (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Katherine Jaeger (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Ken Borzick (Marquette); Tracy Arnold (Portage); Abby Leis (Wood); Sandy Sackmann (Golden Sands RC&D Staff)

CALL TO ORDER: President Wucherpennig called the meeting to order at 11:06 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 March 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

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

WI RC&D ASSOCIATION: Glad reported on their participation at the Lakes Convention. Clendenning brought up the idea of being part of the national association of RC&D.

FEDERAL FUNDING STATUS: Glad reported that they are not seeing RFPs, they are no longer able to get advances on federal funding, and they are moving from quarterly invoices to monthly.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Jaeger reported that a lot of counties still haven't paid 2026 dues. 2027 invoice will be sent out in August. 2026 invoices will be re-sent in an attempt to collect the remaining dues.

MEETING LOCATION FOR SUMMER 2026: Glad reported that Clendenning offered to fund the location for the July 16th summer meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY RECORDING SECRETARY: Wucherpennig provided updates about the resignation of committee member Bob Walker. He stated that Dustin Ladd had expressed interest in joining the Personnel and Finance Committee.

GROUNDWATER LEGISLATION: No updates.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES: Wucherpennig discussed the situation with county delegates. Adams, Columbia, Green Lake, Monroe, Waupaca, and Waushara were not present to provide any updates. Wood, Marquette, Marathon, and Taylor will not have any changes to their

delegates. Portage will know their situation on June 2nd, and Juneau may have Dustin Ladd as the delegate.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY: Glad reminded the committee that every member needs to sign the policy every other year.

AL BARDEN TRIBUTE: Glad reported that the tribute happened. A video highlight was shared.

2025 BUDGET vs. ACTUAL ANALYSIS: Glad reported that it is not completed yet.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Clendenning nominated Wucherpennig for President. Wucherpennig nominated Leichtnam for Vice President. Wucherpennig stated that Personnel and Finance Committee members need to be determined first before nominating the Treasurer and Secretary. Wucherpennig nominated Dustin Ladd to the Personnel and Finance Committee. Glad nominated Nancy Eggleston to the Personnel and Finance Committee. To be brought back up at the July meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO CENTRAL WISCONSIN WINDSHED PARTNERSHIP (CWWP): Clendenning will continue to be the delegate.

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

NEW PROJECTS:

55-6003-999-896 - VSN Partnership for Regenerative Agriculture

A motion was made by Tomandl, which was seconded by Drabek, to approve. Motion carried.

55-6003-999-893 - UWCC Cooperative Forestry Funding

A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Tomandl, to approve. Motion carried.

55-6003-999-898 - General Operating for Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council.

A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Drabek, to approve. Motion carried.

STAFF/PROJECT UPDATES: No updates.

OTHER REPORTS: Glad shared that they participated in an Arbor Day event at Franklin St. community garden. The local news covered the event. News story shared with the committee.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Drabek, which was seconded by Clendenning, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Minutes by: Jared Mader, Temporary Secretary

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN TOURISM PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 26, 2026

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Lance Pliml called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mike Miller, Forest County; Keri Beck, Langlade County; Terry Poltrock, Langlade County; Autumn Timblin, Marinette County; Stephanie Holman, Oconto County; Ray Reser, Portage County; James Przybylski, Shawano County; Lance Pliml, Wood County and Brad Hamilton, Wood County. **EXCUSED:** Greg Hartwig, Lincoln County.

ABSENT: Chase Erickson, Florence County; Ginger Deschane, Marinette County and Jacob Hartwig, Shawano County. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Richard Heath, Oconto County and Jim Rosenberg, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. **WCA STAFF:** Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Reser, second by Miller, to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Vice Chair Pliml will turn the gavel back to Chair Hamilton as soon as he is able to reconnect to the meeting.

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN TOURISM COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT:

Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf reviewed the financial report dated March 24, 2026. The report was also emailed to committee members. She noted that although the revenue section denotes nine member counties in 2026 there are actually 10 member counties (Marathon County paid 2026 dues in 2025). Expenses paid in 2026 total \$8,172.86 – expenses paid cover items budgeted in both 2025 and 2026. Unallocated revenue totals \$21,170.30.

REPORT OF THE NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN TOURISM PARTNERSHIP TOURISM COMMITTEE:

Travel Wisconsin 2026 Travel Guide: Text and photos were submitted. The state required us to add our social media accounts to the ad (we needed to create them). The guide will be released in May.

Travel Wisconsin Co-op Program: The NCWTP is participating in the Minnesota Star-Tribune Geofence Display. The display will run for three months – April - June. A concern was raised regarding the state replacing our photo submission without our permission.

Green Bay and Madison Trade Shows: The Green Bay RV Show had great attendance, 700 bags with our new logo and website were given away, along with our new stickers. The Madison Fishing Show had less interest in travel destinations – people were there for the deals, only 300 bags were distributed. Discussion focused on shows closer to the region e.g., Wausau. The Tourism Committee will make recommendations back to the board about future trade show attendance.

Creation of a Social Media Subcommittee: The Tourism Committee created a Social Media Subcommittee to create a plan for populating our new Facebook and Instagram accounts. Discussion included whether the committee could do the work internally or if we need to contract out and how to get followers. The group discussed the first few posts and themes for the next several months. Sarah will send the page links to the members of the NCWTP board and Tourism Committee and request that all members follow the pages.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO TRADE SHOW TRAVEL

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY: When preparing for the Madison Fishing Show the Tourism Committee discussed the hotel costs versus the allowable hotel reimbursement rates included in the North Central ITBEC Travel Reimbursement Policy Governing Trade Shows. Concern was raised that counties will not sign up to work the trade shows if they incur uncovered expenses. The committee recommends increasing the lodging reimbursement rate to \$160 per night from the current \$90. Motion by Pliml, second by Miller, to increase the lodging reimbursement rate in the North Central ITBEC Travel Reimbursement Policy Governing Trade Shows to \$160 per night effective with the start of the Madison Fishing Show. Motion carried.

PARTNER REPORTS:

Travel Wisconsin: No report.

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation: Jim Rosenberg announced that he was retiring on April 1.

WCA UPDATE: Sarah indicated that by the end of the following week she will be sending out board and committee appointment forms for the 2026-2028 term. She also discussed the

upcoming County Officials Workshops and 2026 WCA District Meetings. Vice Chair Pliml encouraged members to visit the newly remodeled WCA offices.

FUTURE MEETINGS: The next meeting is scheduled for May 28 at 10:00 a.m. pending receipt of board appointments from all member counties.

ADJOURN: Chair Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN TOURISM PARTNERSHIP TOURISM COMMITTEE

June 10, 2026

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Keri Beck called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mike Miller, Forest County; Keri Beck, Langlade County; Bill Bialecki, Lincoln County; Autumn Timblin, Marinette County; Ann Maletzke, Spur of the Moment Ranch (Oconto County); Jodi Maguire, Stevens Point Area CVB; Michelle Eron, Shawano Country Tourism; Meredith Kleker, Wisconsin Rapids Area CVB; James Przybylski, Shawano County; and Brad Hamilton, Wood County. **EXCUSED:** Tim White, Wausau Chamber. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelly Schwartz, TEDCOR, Sarah Brooks, Merrill Chamber; Renee Krueger, Lincoln County; Eric Olson, Portage County; and Christopher Jennings, Travel Wisconsin. **WCA STAFF:** Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chair: Nominations were opened for the position of Chair of the North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership Tourism Committee. Keri Beck was nominated. Motion by Hamilton, second by Maletzke, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Keri Beck as Chair of the North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership Tourism Committee. Motion carried.

Vice Chair: Nominations were opened for the position of Vice Chair of the North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership Tourism Committee. Autumn Timblin was nominated. Motion by Hamilton, second by Bialecki, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Autumn Timblin as Vice Chair of the North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership Tourism Committee. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Hamilton, second by Bialecki, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

REORGANIZATION OF THE NCWTP BOARD AND TOURISM COMMITTEE: Sarah explained that after the April elections each county was required to submit its nominations for the NCWTP Board and Tourism Committee for the 2026-28 session. Some changes have been

made to the voting delegates for a couple of the counties; however, all current voting members who were not reappointed as the voting delegate will remain on the Tourism Committee as a nonvoting member. As very few votes are taken members should not read too much into any modifications that have been made.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report was emailed out prior to the meeting. There were no changes to the report, except for interest and bank fees, from the prior report.

REVIEW OF PROMOTIONS BUDGET AND PROJECTS: The three-month Minnesota Star-Tribune geo-fence display has been active since April 1. Concerns were raised with the modifications made to the photo and submitted text. The state's travel guide is out, it includes an ad from the NCWTP.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA SUBCOMMITTEE: The Social Media Subcommittee met right before the meeting. The committee worked on connecting the Instagram and Facebook accounts, as well as assigning account posts for July and August. Counties assigned to post for the month will create 1-2 posts per week, as well as one county-specific post.

WEBSITE UPDATES AND ANALYTICS: Sarah will reach out to Tim White from the Wausau CVB regarding populating the Marathon County page on the website.

PRELIMINARY 2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION: Members are to be prepared at the next meeting to discuss potential budget items.

TRAVEL WISCONSIN UPDATE: Christopher Jennings reported on the following topics: "One More" marketing strategy; economic impact numbers; Wisconsin Destination Guide in May issue of Chicago magazine; TIC grant deadline July 1, JEM grant deadline August 1; Wisconsin Travel Guide just released; 2026 Rustic Roads Guide available; partner portal – photos required by end of August for Points of Interest; What's New for 2027-2028.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: The next meeting will be held on July 8 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Chair Beck adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.



LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

STAFF REPORTS – JUNE 2026

Barb Peeters

Conservation Administrative Specialist

- Assisted with setup of the new ProQuatro handheld multiparameter water quality meter and obtaining necessary supplies needed to calibrate/clean before/after each use. The meter will be used monthly to measure dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature and conductivity to gather two years of baseline water quality data at the inlets and outlets of Nepco and Wazeecha Lakes (along with water quality sampling and water level measurements). Also initiated request with Health Dept. to utilize lab space for monthly meter calibration in sterile environment.
- Generated list for County Conservationist of deferred items from February, March, April and May staff meetings for items to be addressed/completed.
- Worked with Finance Director to submit tax exempt certificate to AgSource (requested by AgSource to maintain tax-exempt status for monthly invoices).
- Downloaded the June DATCP monthly report and shared with LWCD staff (i.e. upcoming DATCP engineering services survey and strategic planning survey).
- Worked with Henricksen Account Executive regarding part for stand-up desk. Replacement part was sent under warranty at no cost to the county.
- Scheduled and attended a meet & greet session for LWCD staff with Matt Krueger, Executive Director of Wisconsin Land+Water on Wed., June 3rd. Matt was shown photos and drone footage of the cost-share projects at Keuffer's farm (streambank crossing, rotational grazing, solar watering) and Lewis rip-rap project and was then taken to the Keuffer farm to see projects in person. *Matt noted he plans to attend a future CEED meeting for a meet-and-greet with the committee due to the fact he was unable to make it to the rescheduled June 5th CEED meeting.*
- Processed cost-share contract and payment to landowner for residue management totaling \$1,864.80 utilizing SWRM grant funds (A. Weiler).
- Scheduled/attended virtual bid opening meeting for grassed waterway project and generated bid summary.
- Worked with Conservation Specialist who is on FMLA to edit timesheets for the next 4 pay periods to assure FMLA time is recorded accurately.
- Recorded responses from landowners interested in having private well water tested in "hot spot" areas of Grand Rapids and Nekoosa as received.
- Attended June 5th CEED meeting to provide LWCD report(s) on behalf of County Conservationist.
- Completed LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to the June 11th and 25th payrolls.
- Reviewed payroll reports and verified distribution by accounts/departments.
- Assisted Rod Mayer, Conservation Program Coordinator, with documents for nonmetallic mine plan.
- Reserved River Block conference room on behalf of County Conservationist for potential meetings on June 10-11.
- Reached out to WI DNR regarding 1st quarter reimbursement request submitted on April 13th due to the fact the reimbursement payment hasn't been received.
- Researched fruit trees to include in 2027 tree sale and submitted list to fruit tree broker.
- Shared updates from the Wellness Committee with LWCD staff and Parks/Forestry staff.
- Assisted with reservation of crimper roller and obtaining signatures on rental agreement (this is the first time the crimper-roller has been used in two years!).
- Organized County Board packet materials and electronically submitted to the County Clerk's office.
- Scheduled and attended meeting on June 10th to review Publisher brochures/documents with LWCD staff and discuss updating both Nonmetallic and Animal Waste Ordinances with County Conservationist. Per notices from I.T., Microsoft Publisher will no longer be supported effective 10/1/26 so I compiled a list of Publisher documents utilized by our dept. and/or posted on LWCD website. Compiled list of LWCD documents to convert by 10/1/26.

- Via email & phone correspondence with Nick Flanagan/Corp Counsel, determined that ordinance-codification occurs every 10 years (last reviewed in 2017). Discussed reviewing NMM and AWO ordinances by Nov./Dec. followed by meeting with Corp Counsel to review changes prior to Corp Counsel's goal to codify in January 2027.
- Took half day off on June 12th.
- Processed 1st quarter reimbursement payment from WI DNR for Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program totaling \$8,029.23 (submitted in April).
- Worked with fruit tree broker to finalize 2027 fruit tree order. Two fruit trees were subject to availability and broker was able to source them from another nursery. As it currently stands, the 2027 tree sale will include Crab apple trees; Montmorency cherry (tart) trees; Zestar and Cortland apple trees; Contender peach trees (subject to availability); and two species of plum trees. Processed deposit payment for fruit tree order and submitted signed acknowledgement form to nursery.
- Contacted nurseries to obtain 2027 price lists (for non-fruit trees) and began researching/compiling tentative lists and prices for 2027 sale.
- Assisted County Conservationist with obtaining contact numbers for landowners in hot spot areas for testing of private wells.
- Generated bid letters for stream crossing project (Lippert). Scheduled bid opening for July 1st at 8:00 a.m.
- Reviewed Surface Water Grant materials to verify funds approved for water testing.
- Began compiling information on tree and fruit tree descriptions for 2027 tree sale.
- Processed invoices from UWSP lab for samples submitted in May from 14 sites in Nepco/Wazeecha and Fourmile watershed utilizing Surface Water Grant funds (Nepco Lake Grant and Fourmile watershed grant).
- Processed two cost-share contracts for residue management and payment to grant recipient utilizing MDV funds totaling \$1,211.20 (G. Gilbertson).
- Processed payments for use of no-till drill and assisted landowners with reserving no-till drill. Assisted staff with finding routes to deliver/pick up no-till drill due to road construction/closures on Highways 73/Co. Road F and width restrictions.
- Electronically submitted staff reports/packet materials to the County Clerk's office for the CEED meeting packet and set/entered LWCD agenda items. Compiled LWCD only meeting materials and sent to producer representative.
- Began project to convert LWCD Publisher documents (this will be an ongoing project to be completed by 10/1/26).
- Worked with I.T. to have documents and links updated/removed as needed from LWCD website as Publisher documents were converted.
- Ordered department supplies as needed.
- Processed department invoices/vouchers and deposits weekly for submission to Finance/Treasurer.
- Served as point of contact for LWCD staff while County Conservationist was out of the office partial/half days on June 2, 3, 4, 10, 12, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24 and full days on June 5, 9, 18, 19, 25.

Emily Salvinski

Conservation Specialist

- On vacation and will include with next month's staff reports.

Kendra Wilhelm

Conservation Specialist

- On FMLA

Kyle Andreae

Engineer Technician

- June 1 – Lippert Permitting, Kempf Site Visit
- June 2 – CREP Update, Animal Waste Ordinance Audit with Intern
- June 3 – Visit, and Site Visit with Executive Director of Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association. Coordinating Sampling and Transect, Transect Map Update
- June 4 – Gilbertson Bid Opening, Transect Survey
- June 5 – Roller Crimper and No-Till Drill Coordination, Pro Quatro Meter Calibration
- June 8 – Move Roller Crimper, Transect Survey
- June 9 – NCLWCA Meeting
- June 10 – Staff Meeting, NPRA Site Visit, CREP Paperwork
- June 11 – Move No-Till Drill, NPRA inspection, Lippert Permitting
- June 12 – Wetland Site Visit, NPRA inspection, Invasive Species Check, Water Level Logger Recording, Potential Nitrate Bio-Reactor Site Visit
- June 15 – NPRA Desktop Review, Lippert Permitting
- June 16 – Lippert Permitting
- June 17 – Lippert Permitting
- June 18 – Move Roller Crimper, Lippert correspondence
- June 19 – Stream Testing, Lippert out for bid, No-Till Drill Coordination
- June 22 – Move No-Till Drill, Denitrifying Bio Reactor Research, CREP communication, Pankratz Pit Closure Plan Review
- June 23 – NPRA Site Visits, Denitrifying Bio Reactor Design Meeting
- June 24 – Wilke Site Investigation, AWO Permitting
- June 25 – Technical Committee Meeting, Wilke Design
- June 26 – Vacation
- June 29 – NPRA Site Visits
- June 30 – Staff Meeting, NPRA Site Visits

Rodney Mayer

Conservation Program Manager

- Drafted Financial Assurance release to Forward Bank for Bach excavating replacing Mid-WI financial assurance on mine site. Completed review and sent to bank, Mid-WI rep., and Bach Excavating.
- Processed Rezin Berry Apiary enrollment. Delivered temporary fence, obtained signatures, updated DNR database and apiary equipment spreadsheet.
- Correspondence with Corp Counsel, Star Environmental, Shane, and Brad Behm for Vision plan deadline reminder.
- Emails from Brehm review, Corp. Counsel correspondence, Draft and issue plan deadline extension, detailed listing of plan submission process sent again, updates to timeline document and file.
- New file created for Bach Excavating (permit transfer).
- Initial preliminary to submittal plan review of Vision site. Created a draft of additions needed and clarifications – awaiting official submittal to send.
- Draft of Brehm Vision public notice documents: Letter for publication, listing of landowners within 300', etc.

- Met with Land & Water director.
- Knuth regular managed wildlife damage and abatement program enrollment: New field maps, permit application, enrollment application, field checks, delivered for signatures, processed into DNR database, file updates, sent to DNR.
- Mineral rights, leases, regulations researched for Brehm questions – corresponded results.
- Went over Brehm Vision issues with Shane to confirm issues and finalize preliminary review. Awaiting official submittal to send review.
- Correspondence with Brehm with water table questions and requirements.
- Review of Weichelt wetland delineation – forwarded by DNR. Shared with Shane. Review of previous plan, created document listing all amendments needed to existing plan to shrink the permit boundary and avoid wetland areas found, informed conditions to prevent entire new plan needed, setbacks, etc. Discussed with DNR. Sent to landowner, DNR, and engineer.
- Brand financial assurance review. Updated to County software, spreadsheet, and file.
- DNR correspondence – discovery of preliminary Vision plan not corresponding with DNR stormwater plan.
- Had a full week off – and a portion of the second week with remote work due to surgery recovery.

Shane Wucherpennig

County Conservationist

- Contacted Landowners on N Bioreactor installations in the 4-mile Watershed. Have been having many discussions with Partners on the projects.
- Attended - NPRA office hours – NR151 compliance project with DNR, UW Ext and WI Land + Water weekly all month.
- Used the Drone on several installed BMPs to get before/after footage.
- Water testing Private well at George Gilbertson and Map review for No-Till.
- Participated in the June 3rd LWCD staff meeting.
- Matt Krueger, Executive Director of Wisconsin Land + Water was here for meet and greet and a field visit.
- George Gilbertson Bid Opening.
- Attended North Central Land & Water Conservation Association area meeting & LCC Training in Merrill.
- Participated in the June 10th LWCD staff meeting.
- Paul Mueske Livestock site assessment and review/walkover.
- NRCS meeting at river block with State & Assistant State Conservationists.
- Wetland restoration site visit near Mill Creek.
- Attended Citizens Groundwater Meeting.
- Isaac Isherwood & Curt Soik field visits for Bioreactor siting.
- Corresponded with partners regarding the two Comprehensive Management Planning Surface Water Grants that were approved. Both grants are for water quality monitoring within the Fourmile Creek Watershed and the inlets and outlets of Wazeecha and Nepco Lakes to identify hotspot areas of nutrient and sediment loading.
- Attended Golden Sands RC&D Special meeting in Stevens Point.
- Zoom meeting with Kevin Masarik
- Zoom Meeting with Matt Woodrow & Travis Buckley from DATCP on Denitrifying Bioreactors and siting.

- Attended Nitrogen Optimization field day in Stratford for EPPIC.
- Staff meeting on June 30th.
- Attended virtually the County Con Support Network meeting.
- Cost-share contracts with landowners.
- Corresponded with Nick Flannagan (Corp Counsel) on multiple violation discussions.

Abby Leis

Summer Intern

- Updated manure storage files
- Scanned CREP landowner files and uploaded them to the online file folders
- Conducted Transect Survey
- Attended CEED Meeting on June 3rd
- Clean Boats Clean Waters at Lake Wazeecha June 5th, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Met Matt Krueger, Executive Director of Wisconsin Land & Water
- Attended North Central Area Land + Water LCC Training on June 9th
- Attended LWCD Staff meeting
- Looked for updates on the Wood County Website
- Picked up and dropped off the no-till drill
- Completed internship assignments
- Out of office on mission trip June 12-30



Wood County WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

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

RE: Staff Report for July 1, 2026

1. **Economic Development** (Jason Grueneberg)

Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund (CWED) – On June 17th I participated in the CWED Board of Directors' meeting. Agenda items included updates on loan committee activity, the administrator/service provider status activity report, review of financial reports and approval of 1 loan application.

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) – On June 24th I met with Josh Miller who was recently hired to be the Regional Economic Development Director for the region. We shared project updates and talked about opportunities to collaborate, as well as funding opportunities to advance economic development in the region.

UW-Marshfield Helen Connor Laird Theater Renovation – On June 24th Chair Pliml signed the contract for the \$2,000,000 Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) grant that will be applied to the UW-Stevens Point Marshfield Campus renovation of the Helen Connor Laird Theater. Next steps in the project will include press releases providing more details, and appointment of a project oversight committee by the UW-Marshfield Commission.

Wisconsin Rapids Sewer Service Area Plan – Darryl Landeau from the North Central Regional Plan Commission recently reached out to me with a possible funding opportunity to cover costs of updating the Wisconsin Rapids Sewer Service Area Plan. I talked with City of Wisconsin Rapids staff, and we agreed to attempt to secure the funds to update the plan that is currently 14 years old. The Planning & Zoning Department uses the plan to review sanitary sewer construction and extensions in the Wisconsin Rapids area. The Department also administers the process of amending sewer service area boundaries if requested.

Downtown Wisconsin Rapids Planning – The city of Wisconsin Rapids continues to make progress on the Jackson St. reconstruction project. In addition, the City has shared a timeline for other transportation improvements to streets in front of the Courthouse. The detailed timeline will be shared with the Board, county staff, as well as the public in the near future. Construction plans and schedules can be found on the City's website at <https://www.wirapids.gov/198/Transportation-projects.html>. Furthermore, anyone can sign up to receive weekly construction updates.

The County is working on surveying the property that has been acquired in front of the Courthouse to provide future parking. A Certified Survey Map (CSM) is being drafted to combine the individual parcels into one lot. Under the Development Agreement with the City,

Wood County has agreed to dedicate property to the City that is necessary for right-of-way use on Jackson St. and 2nd Street. These dedications will be reflected in the CSM and approved by the City in August. A draft of the CSM is being prepared and should be ready in a few weeks.

2. Planning & Zoning (Emmett Simkowski)

- a. Survey work has remained steady throughout June with 7 CSM's and 1 subdivision plat, pending a town rezoning. The Town of Rock Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Town Board, and I attended a public hearing for their revised zoning ordinance on the 17th. I am hopeful to bring that to CEED in August after Town Board approval. Attached with this report, you'll find the C&C Acres subdivision plat in the Town of Saratoga. Approval by CEED is the final step in the approval process and if no further changes are proposed, it can go forward and be recorded.

3. Land Records (Paul Bernard)

- Updating our Real Estate Transfer Return GIS integration process to match the new Department of Revenue system.
- Significant work on Extract/Transfer/Load (ETL) processes to improve the publication speed
- Parcel Mapping
- Address Mapping
- Custom Mapping requests

4. Code Administrator (Brad Cook)

6-01-2026- (1) HT inspection TN: 09, (1) mound inspection TN: 02; <24, plow, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL, organize office room and documentation.

6-02-2026-, (1) SL Inspection TN: 07, (1) mound inspections TN: 02; <24, plow, abs. cell, tanks, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

6-03-2026- (1) SF office visit with NRCS, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

6-04-2026-(1) mound inspections TN: 08; <24, abs. cell, tanks, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

6-05-2026- (1) SF letter reviewed and issued TN:07, (1) HS letter reviewed and issued TN: 20, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

6-08-2026-(1) soils onsite eval TN:18, (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new conv TN: 18, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL, organize office room and documentation.

6-09-2026- (1) HT inspection TN: 11, (1) SF letter reviewed and issued TN 13, (1) well permit reviewed and issued TN:07, (1) HS letter reviewed and issued TN:10, (1) soils eval TN: 10:, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

6-10-2026-(2) SF letter reviewed and issued TN: 07, (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new HT TN:15, (1) SF inspection TN: 13, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

6-11-2026- (1) FL permit reviewed TN:20, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

6-12-2026- (1) SF permit reviewed and issued TN:07, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

6-15-2026- (2) HS-OR letter reviewed and issued TN:03, 07, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

6-16-2026- (1) soil eval TN:10, (1) SF permit reviewed and issued TN:07, (1) mound permit review TN: 06, plow, abs. cell, tanks, answer, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

6-17-2026- (2) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for recore mound TN: 20, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

6-18-2026- (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for rep mound TN: 07, (1) soils onsite eval TN: 07, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

6-19-2026- (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new mound TN: 01, review unpermitted & maintenance septic list that needs compliance, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

6-22-2026-(1) SF permit reviewed and issued TN:15 review unpermitted & maintenance septic list that needs compliance, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

6-23-2026-(1) SF permit reviewed and issued TN:22, (1) rep conv insp drain field and tanks TN: 07, answer, review, and gather information for phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

5. Code Technician (Kayla Koziczowski)

A. Reviewed and approved POWTS & well permit applications

B. Reviewed and approved soils evaluations

C. Reviewed POWTS & well codes

D. Completed inspection reports

E. Watched POWTS Chat June recording

F. Assisted with daily phone calls/emails/office questions

G. Inspections/Investigations:

- 5-28-26: Mound tanks inspection TN:11; Well inspection TN:11
- 6-1-26: Mound plow inspection TN: 07; Mound reinspection TN:07
- 6-8-26: Reconnect inspection TN: 10

- 6-18-26: Soils on-site inspection TN:07; Conventional inspection TN:13
- H. Attended Meetings/Trainings/Etc.
- 6-23-26: Staff lunch meeting

6. Office Activity (Victoria Wilson & Julie Mancl)

- a. Monthly Sanitary and Well Permit Activity – There were 13 sanitary permits, 6 shoreland permits and 7 well permits issued in June 2026.
- b. Economic Development Grants – Grant applications are slowly starting to roll in. Applications are due July 10th and we anticipate most applications coming in during that week.
- c. GIS Projects – Julie is scanning in driveway permits from the Town of Saratoga for Paul. She continues to work on Marshfield permits when time permits. Victoria continues to work on an address enhancing project.
- d. Attended the following meetings/trainings & activities:
 - i. June 5th CEED meeting (VW)
 - ii. June 23rd staff meeting

MINUTES JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, July 7, 2026
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – Room 300

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 8:30 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Hovendick/Voight to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Two dog claims were submitted to the committee and reviewed by Corporation Counsel Flanagan. Motion by Voight/Leichtnam to approve the claims of South Wood County Humane Society for \$120.00 and Progressive Veterinary Services, LLC for \$114.00. Motion carried unanimously.
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. A resolution from Waushara County regarding the expansion of the definition of “forfeiture expenses” to include drug-related treatment, diversion, and law enforcement program costs was reviewed by the committee. No action was taken by the committee.
7. The topic of hiring a coordinator to oversee the Deferred Prosecution Agreement and Deferred Entry of Judgment programs was revisited by the committee. Criminal Justice Coordinator Ksionek reviewed some conservative financial numbers with the committee and noted that if the position started mid-September, there is enough grant funding in place to fund the position through 2027. In addition, if this position was housed within his office and oversight, he could act as the coordinator and a case manager could be hired for the day-to-day functions, thereby saving money. Motion by Clendenning/Hovendick to direct the Criminal Justice Coordinator to draft a resolution authorizing the hiring of a case manager position for deferred prosecution agreements and deferred entry of judgment programs and bring it back to the August committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
8. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 8:30 AM.
9. Motion by Leichtnam/Perlock to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:03 AM.

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

Judicial & Legislative Committee
July 7, 2026

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CHILD SUPPORT
AGENCY

JULY 2026

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Prepared by Child Support Director Brent Vruwink

- During the month of July, we will begin working on the agency budget.
- I am in the process of reviewing the statewide child support funding allocation. I will be trying to determine if we need to ask the legislature for increased funding in the next state budget.
- I will be speaking at the WCA Health and Human Services Steering Committee Meeting on July 13th in Wisconsin Dells.
- I will be attending WCSEA meetings on July 16th and 17th.
- I will be attending the Policy Advisory Committee meeting with the Department of Children and Families on July 30th.
- We continue to do well in arrears collections but are down in current support collections.
- The current IV-D case count is 3,668.



Wood County

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Kimberly A. Stimac

CLERK OF
CIRCUIT COURT

July 2026

Monthly Report to the Judicial and Legislative Committee

Meetings Attended:

- Judicial & Legislative Committee meeting on 6/2/2026.
- Operations Committee meeting on 6/2/2026.
- Criminal Justice Task Force meeting on 6/2/2026.
- Wisconsin Counties Association District meeting on 6/3/2026.
- Monthly Judges meeting on 6/9/2026.
- WI Clerks of Circuit Court Association Summer Conference 6/10/2026 – 6/12/2026.
- County Board meeting on 6/23/2026.

On June 17th, 2026, Order to Show Cause hearings were held for jurors who have failed to complete their 2026 juror qualification questionnaire. We had only 1 individual show up and complete his. Many individuals had mailed in their questionnaires prior to that hearing date. We now have 87 individuals who will or have already been served by the Sheriff's Department for another Order to Show Cause hearing on July 17, 2026. At this point, because the sheriff has had to serve the documents, the individual is responsible to pay the \$75 service fee along with completing their questionnaire. Individuals who do not agree with the \$75 fee, will need to attend the hearing and speak with the judge about their circumstances.

Interviews were conducted for the court clerk position but we were unsuccessful in finding a candidate. I will be reposting the position, however, due to light court calendars over the summer months, I will be postponing this request to a later date.

This report has been prepared and submitted by Kimberly A. Stimac



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CORPORATION
COUNSEL

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

June 2026

Prepared by Corporation Counsel Nick Flanagan

Hearings and Court Cases:

Health & Human Services – The following is a breakdown of Ch. 51 (mental commitment) and 54/55 (guardianship/protective placement) matters handled by my office in the month of May 2026:

- 18 Mental Commitments (includes Probable Cause, Final Hearings, and Recommitments)
- 12 Guardianship/Protective Placement Hearings
- 17 WATTS Review/Contested Hearings

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

CAPTA Hearings– During the month of May, 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.

CAPTA – DCF Technical Issue and Follow-Up:

The Corporation Counsel's office represents the County Human Services Department in actively contested Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) matters. This occurs when an individual requests an appeal of the final determination of child abuse and/or neglect. As relevant background, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) is responsible for setting policies for local child protective services (CPS) agencies related to how they handle reports and cases involving abused or neglected children. While DCF oversees statewide policy, it is the responsibility of local CPS agencies to provide CPS services to families in their respective counties, to carry out decision-making related to CPS intervention, and to complete required documentation associated with these decisions. Then, DCF assists agencies with this by maintaining a statewide confidential system that stores records and provides forms for agencies to use in their work and does so with an automated system.

Late last year, the State discovered a technical issue in their automated system, which resulted in substantiated individuals during the time-period between February 14, 2015, to June 22, 2024, not receiving paperwork in the notice of final determination (NOFD) letters and outlining appeal rights. Our County had a number of individuals affected by this technical error, which was provided to us by the State in a spreadsheet. Over the last several months, I've been meeting with Human Services to review the spreadsheet, determine how to best proceed, and in those cases where we are not changing the substantiation determination, provide the needed steps of notification and generating new dates for appeal rights to send to any affected substantiated maltreaters. We plan to work through this process over the next several months to clear up any of the outstanding Wood County matters affected by the State's aforementioned technical error.



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WOOD COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

June 2026

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Respectfully submitted by Criminal Justice Coordinator, Dillon Ksionek

Meetings/Trainings Attended:

5/28/2026: DHS statewide grant meeting
6/1/2026: Drug Court staffing/court
6/2/2026: Judicial and Legislative sub-committee meeting
6/2/2026: Operations sub-committee meeting
6/2/2026: Criminal Justice Task Force meeting
6/3/2026: Mental Health Court staffing/court
6/4/2026: Bi-weekly staffing with Outpatient Clinic
6/8/2026: Drug Court staffing/court
6/9/2026: Presentation for DOC on Jail MOUD programming
6/9/2026: Invisible Connections Board meeting
6/11/2026: Presentation at NCTC PATH Conference
6/12/2026: Collaborative meeting with Noble Clinic
6/15/2026: Drug Court Standards training (DOJ)
6/16/2026: Diversion Standards training (DOJ)
6/22/2026: Drug Court staffing/court
6/23/2026: Count Board meeting
6/24/2026: Deflection Team meeting
6/25/2026: DHS grant meeting

Adult Drug Treatment Court:

Current Participants: 19
Active Referrals: 2
Pending Referrals: 2
YTD Admissions: 8
YTD Terminations: 5
YTD Graduations: 5
YTD Referrals: 15

Our monthly sustainability meeting in June was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts; we will have our next sustainability meeting on July 16th. In July we will be bringing several policy change ideas to the table that more closely align with the standards training we just completed. We have been working on getting more closely aligned with the standards for about the last two years as a program.

Both of my treatment court case managers and I attended a DOJ run standards training for treatment courts. This training focused on best practices, and we were fortunate to have 10 members of our staffing team in attendance. Both case managers are now also ORAS risk assessment trained, which could help us to expedite the onboarding process for new referrals. One of these case managers also completed an MI training that was hosted by the DOJ during the month of June.

Jail Programming (STRONG):

Medication Assisted Treatment Program (MARP):

Current Participants: 21

YTD Admissions: 81

There are no significant updates with our jail's MAT program. Grant money that is available to run programs like these continues to decrease, but I have worked out a budget (and some sustainability ideas) that should get us through 2027 without making any significant changes (so long as our applications are approved). The primary funding source for this program is a DHS grant, and I hope to have that application completed in the coming days.

Jail Residential Treatment Program (RSAT):

Current Participants: 0

YTD graduates: 11

YTD participants: 21

We celebrated a treatment pod graduation for 5 individuals on June 19th (2 female and 3 male). We have also re-started the application process for the next set of pods. It is my understanding that we had over 30 applications for the 16 available beds. The demand remains high for treatment opportunities in the jail. We may not have enough female applications to fill the female pod, but the demand for male spots is the highest it has been.

Other Matters:

At last month's Judicial and Legislative meeting, I was tasked with looking into numbers that would support the sustainability of a diversion program becoming a part of the tax levy budget. I have included that report in this month's packet. I provided some numbers on both recidivism and potential cost savings. I tried to provide some very conservative estimates based on the research that I did.

The case manager who is currently involved with diversion efforts attended a DOJ led Diversion Standards training with me on 6/16/2026. This provided both of us with a lot of insight into how these types of programs need to be run in order to be successful. She also completed MI training the following day, which provides her with some perspective on how to be a better case manager specifically with justice involved individuals (as this training was also facilitated by the DOJ).



Wood County WISCONSIN

REGISTER IN PROBATE

July 2026

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Prepared by Register in Probate, Tara Jensen

Corporation Counsel Attorney Nick Flanagan and I have been reviewing bonds of corporate guardians in place on guardianship cases. I have been collecting the most recent bonds of these guardians and Nick is reviewing for compliance and coverage. We are to provide a report at the next monthly Judges meeting with an update on coverage that our corporate guardians have. There are around ten corporate guardians that are active in guardianship cases through the County.

We have undertaken in our office a huge project of “cleaning up” guardianship cases. The goal is to efficiently identify which wards have a corporate guardian and to be able to quickly create a list of wards each corporate guardian has. With close to 1,000 guardianship cases this will take some time but will provide more efficient searches once completed.

Meetings Attended:

- 6/09 – Monthly Judges Meeting
- 6/24 – Security Meeting



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REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE

Tiffany R. Ringer
Register of Deeds

JULY 2026

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

- I attended WCA's County Leadership weekly meetings for the month.
- I attended the Judicial and Legislative Committee meeting, where I shared information about the Property Fraud Alert program. If anyone has any additional questions or would like more information, please feel free to reach out.
- I attended the Operations Committee meeting.
- The WRDA Advisory Committee met to review and discuss updates to the procedural handbook. The proposed changes were presented to the membership and voted on during the WRDA Summer Conference.
- I attended the WRDA Summer Conference, where I participated in a panel discussion on Chapter 59.43. My role was to share the importance of building and maintaining strong relationships with legislators and how those partnerships contribute to advancing meaning legislation.
- I attended the Wood County Board meeting.
- The public access court computer located in the vault has lost its network connection and has been unavailable for several days. The State is aware of the issue and is working to restore the connection.

MINUTES

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, July 8, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Hahn, Al Breu (WebEx), Wayne Schulz, Jeff Penzkover, Lee Thao

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

1. Chairman Hahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment
3. The minutes of the June 4, 2026, meeting were presented. Motion by Thao/Breu to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Highway Dept. staff reports were reviewed.
5. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
6. Motion by Hahn/Schulz to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Highway Commissioner Hawk discussed how it is important to keep CTH A pavement that is currently in place in as good of condition as possible as the rebuilding of this road will likely take multiple years to complete. One item for the committee to consider it to get some of the heavy truck traffic back onto STH 80 by putting a Class B restriction on CTH A. This would allow for local trucks that have business down that road to still be able to deliver to those entities/farm. Motion by Schulz/Hahn to approve the Class B restriction on CTH A from USH 10 to STH 73, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Hawk received a request from the DNR and Jackson County to do a large culvert replacement on a town road in Jackson County. All expenses would be paid for by the county and municipality in which this culvert lies. It will also be used as training for Jackson County in hopes they would be able to do culvert projects such as this in the future. Motion by Breu/Penzkover to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
9. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
10. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley presented two special use permits to be reviewed by the committee.
 - Mountain Bike Demo by the Sports Den in Marshfield at Powers Bluff
 - South Wood County Humane Society Fundraiser at South ParkMotion by Schulz/Thao to approve the special use permits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Schooley provided a copy of the 2025 Annual Report, which will be presented at the next county board meeting.
12. The discussion of E-Bikes in county parks and on trails was discussed. The safety of other park users was a concern, especially with certain classes of the bikes. The committee discussed multiple scenarios and actions that could be taken. The current ordinance does not allow for motor vehicles on any trails, and some E-bikes can be considered as a motor vehicle. The existing ordinance will be used for education and enforcement for the time being.
13. Forest Administrator Schubert noted that 3 positions on the Wood County Wildlife Area Advisory Committee have come due and that the three incumbents wish to remain for another term. Motion by Hahn/Penzkover to recommend to the County Board Chair that Larry Isensee, Curt Pluke, and Dale Weis be renominated for the open positions. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed. Motion by Schulz/Penzkover to approve the revenue reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Motion by Breu/Thao to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion approved unanimously.
16. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
17. Motion by Thao/Schulz to go into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85(1)(f) to review a personal leave of absence request for Highway Dept. employee. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Motion by Thao/Schulz to move back into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:11 AM.

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

Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

July 8, 2026

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Wood County

WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF
HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Roland Hawk
COMMISSIONER

July 1, 2026

To: Highway, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee

From: Roland Hawk, PE Highway Commissioner

Subject: Commissioner Report for July 8, 2026, HIRC meeting

Department Activities

Personnel/Administration

Commissioner and property owner have agreed that the Highway Department will take possession of 10499 CTH B, Marshfield on or before September 30, 2026. Funds have been secured through a local donation and are in escrow with Avenue Title in Marshfield. Crews are anticipated to demo the site in October.

Commissioner continues to investigate risks of receiving possession of 8896 CTH A, Marshfield. Site has contamination and preliminary plans for CTH A reconstruction show possible need for R/W to expand the intersection at Richfield Drive & CTH A. Commissioner is communicating with WDNR and possible new owner on transfer of parcel.

WisDOT is not planning to release information regarding 2026 – 2031 Rural STP Grant Program until late in 2026. Applications were submitted in October 2025. Wood County submitted for construction funding only to reconstruct CTH A from STH 73 – Grant Road. The pavement on CTH A is at End of Life and needs to be replaced. In addition to pavement replacement, the application is requesting funds to bring the roadway up to standards, to include wider shoulders, safer curves, flatter in-slopes and back slopes, safer ditches and replacing the bridge south of CTH C. If funding is not approved for this project, Commissioner proposes to place Class B Road posting on CTH A until such funding is secured.

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
 - Preconstruction meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026.
 - Work will begin July 13 and is anticipated to be complete by September 22, 2026.
- CTH F Bono Ave – CTH HH Pavement Replacement **Construction 2026**
 - Work to be completed by County forces as the CTH F & HH Intersection work progresses.
 - Initial pavement recycling completed June 19, 2026.
 - Paving new surface scheduled for late August – early September.
- WisDOT STP Urban (BIL) CTH U Village of Biron **Construction 2026**
 - Earth Inc was successful bidder
 - Work started week of June 22, 2026.
 - Phase I included underground water, sewer, and storm sewer in urban area of the Village.

- Project is scheduled to be completed November 6, 2026.
- CTH AA Lynn Creek
 - Preconstruction meeting held Wednesday, June 3, 2026.
 - Bridge construction began Monday June 8, 2026, anticipated completion July 17, 2026
 - Road work and retaining wall work anticipated to begin July 6, 2026.
 - Project anticipated to be complete and open to traffic October 15, 2026.

Highway Maintenance

Work in June included:

- Mowing & vegetation control
- Ditching
- Sign replacements
- Mastic and asphalt patching
- Culvert repair and replacement
- Bridge maintenance

WCHA Events & Misc. Meetings since the last HIRC meeting

Commissioner attended the following events/meetings:

- June 1, CTH U, Village of Biron Preconstruction Meeting, WisDOT office WR
- June 1, CTH U, Village of Biron Construction Information Meeting, Village of Biron, Village Hall
- June 3, CTH AA Preconstruction Meeting, WR Highway Shop
- June 3, meeting with property owners on 80th St N, Village of Biron
- June 3, virtual meeting w/ Dynamic Infrastructure. Software program for bridges/ infrastructure
- June 4, HIRC meeting WR Highway Shop
- June 8 – 10, WCHA Summer Road School, Wisconsin Dells
- June 8, WCHA Board of Directors meeting, Wisconsin Dells
- June 9, WCHA County Highway Association of Past Presidents meeting, Wisconsin Dells
- June 11, Operations/Finance Budget Meeting, Court House
- June 15, CTH F & HH RAB Preconstruction meeting, WisDOT office WR
- June 15, CTH F & HH RAB Construction Information Meeting, Town of Sigel
- June 16, Delasoft Permit Software check in meeting, virtual
- June 16, CTH Z Bridge replacement Public information meeting, Town of Grand Rapids
- June 23, County Board Meeting, Court House
- June 23, Meeting with CORRE Engineers, review for CTH M & H/ M & Y intersections
- June 23, CTH U weekly construction meeting
- June 24, LEPC meeting, virtual
- July 1, meeting with property owners on CTH AA project

EQUIPMENT

Two 2026 single axel Mack patrol trucks are scheduled to be in service by late October – early November. HIRC granted Commissioner permission to purchase two 2026 trucks with ability to finance one if necessary. Vendor produced two chassis and is willing to finance the building of the box and accessories, (plow, under body, wing, brine system, & controls). Highway paid for the chassis and may only need to finance remaining costs for two months.

Commissioner along with 11 other NC Region counties, signed agreement with Frost Solutions for two remote weather stations to go into service this summer. Because of the volume of weather stations obtained, Wood County received significant savings. These stations can monitor weather conditions, pavement conditions, provide weather predictions, and provide images to verify the existing conditions. These weather stations/cameras will save our staff lots of time not having to drive and verify road conditions during nights, weekends and in poor conditions. All equipment is leased, and no data or information will be stored on County servers.

Accounting Supervisor Report

By John Peckham, Wood County Highway Department Accounting Supervisor

HIRC Meeting

Revenues and Expenses

We will be getting the second of three General Transportation Aids payments in early July. We have started up the asphalt plant so asphalt revenues will start to come in. Also, the increased trucking due to construction projects will result in higher machinery fund revenues.

Other

In mid-July, I will begin work on the budget.

County of Wood
 DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT W/SUBTOTALS
 Highway Departmentwide
 Tuesday, June 30, 2026

	Actual	2026 Budget	Variance	Variance %
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental Revenues				
43531 State Aid-Transportation	\$731,802.23	\$2,927,208.95	(\$2,195,406.72)	(75.00%)
Total Intergovernmental	731,802.23	2,927,208.95	(2,195,406.72)	(75.00%)
Licenses and Permits				
44101 Utility Permits	38,895.20	30,550.00	8,345.20	27.32%
Total Licenses and Permits	38,895.20	30,550.00	8,345.20	27.32%
Intergovernmental Charges for Services				
47230 State Charges	923,048.17	1,442,179.00	(519,130.83)	(36.00%)
47231 State Charges-Highway	187,659.66	263,817.00	(76,157.34)	(28.87%)
47232 State Charges-Machinery	35,163.04	(14,629.00)	49,792.04	(340.37%)
47300 Local Gov Chgs	278,554.70	847,362.00	(568,807.30)	(67.13%)
47330 Local Gov Chgs-Transp	412,002.39	1,961,954.00	(1,549,951.61)	(79.00%)
47332 Local Gov Chgs-Roads		265,997.00	(265,997.00)	(100.00%)
47333 Local Gov Chgs-Bridges	(30,968.57)	117,349.00	(148,317.57)	(126.39%)
Total Charges to Other Governments	1,805,459.39	4,884,029.00	(3,078,569.61)	(63.03%)
Interdepartmental Charges for Services				
47470 Dept Charges-Highway	50,012.54	2,862,576.00	(2,812,563.46)	(98.25%)
Total Interdepartmental Charges	50,012.54	2,862,576.00	(2,812,563.46)	(98.25%)
Total Intergovernmental Charges for Services	1,855,471.93	7,746,605.00	(5,891,133.07)	(76.05%)
Miscellaneous				
48100 Interest	2.22		2.22	0.00%
48340 Gain/Loss-Sale of Salvage and Waste	4,910.70	10,605.00	(5,694.30)	(53.69%)
Total Miscellaneous	4,912.92	10,605.00	(5,692.08)	(53.67%)
Other Financing Sources				
49110 Proceeds from Long-Term Debt		4,261,700.00	(4,261,700.00)	(100.00%)
Total Other Financing Sources		4,261,700.00	(4,261,700.00)	(100.00%)
TOTAL REVENUES	2,631,082.28	14,976,668.95	(12,345,586.67)	(82.43%)
EXPENDITURES				
Public Works-Highway				
53110 Hwy-Administration	216,828.64	427,565.04	210,736.40	49.29%
53120 Hwy-Engineer	130,153.17	272,041.52	141,888.35	52.16%
53191 Hwy-Other Administration	223,346.38	400,326.78	176,980.40	44.21%
53210 Hwy-Employee Taxes & Benefits	(994,771.02)		994,771.02	0.00%
53220 Hwy-Field Tools	(22,751.07)	(45,386.55)	(22,635.48)	49.87%
53230 Hwy-Shop Operations	189,209.02	325,400.34	136,191.32	41.85%
53232 Hwy-Fuel Handling	(10,812.29)	(17,415.00)	(6,602.71)	37.91%
53240 Hwy-Machinery Operations	(1,035,492.97)	(344,515.87)	690,977.10	(200.56%)
53250 Hwy-Crushing Operations	10,096.55	35,624.03	25,527.48	71.66%
53251 Hwy-Crushing Operations Production	(4,527.91)	127,671.91	132,199.82	103.55%
53260 Hwy-Bituminous Ops	145,324.93	215,368.25	70,043.32	32.52%
53266 Hwy-Bituminous Ops	38,770.66	2,032,292.73	1,993,522.07	98.09%
53270 Hwy-Buildings & Grounds	134,934.64	258,245.36	123,310.72	47.75%
53290 Hwy-Salt Brine Operations	(14,762.90)	(0.45)	14,762.45	#####
53291 Hwy-Salt Brine Operations	(29,312.18)	1,170.55	30,482.73	2,604.14%
53281 Hwy-Acquisition of Capital Assets	25,482.00		(25,482.00)	0.00%
53310 Hwy-Maintenance CTHS		62,998.99	62,998.99	100.00%
53311 Hwy-Maint CTHS Patrol Sectn	1,155,690.55	2,676,572.21	1,520,881.66	56.82%
53312 Hwy-Snow Remov	937,762.86	992,793.92	55,031.06	5.54%
53313 Hwy-Maintenance Gang	118,733.29	272,777.37	154,044.08	56.47%
53314 Hwy-Maint Gang-Materials	2,490.00	8,302.00	5,812.00	70.01%
53320 Hwy-Maint STHS	1,065,566.79	1,442,179.24	376,612.45	26.11%
53330 Hwy-Local Roads	485,556.02	1,961,954.25	1,476,398.23	75.25%
53340 Hwy-County-Aid Road Construction	95.48	326,618.11	326,522.63	99.97%
53341 Hwy-County-Aid Bridge Construction	263,265.56	249,955.50	(13,310.06)	(5.32%)
53490 Hwy-State & Local Other Services	277,338.43	847,361.79	570,023.36	67.27%
53491 Hwy-ATV Route Signage		17,080.61	17,080.61	100.00%
Total Public Works-Highway	3,308,214.63	12,546,982.63	9,238,768.00	73.63%
Capital Outlay				
57310 Highway Capital Projects	187,660.89	4,233,864.78	4,046,203.89	95.57%
Total Capital Outlay	187,660.89	4,233,864.78	4,046,203.89	95.57%

County of Wood
DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT W/SUBTOTALS
Highway Departmentwide
Tuesday, June 30, 2026

	Actual	2026 Budget	Variance	Variance %
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,495,875.52	16,780,847.41	13,284,971.89	79.17%
NET INCOME (LOSS) *	(864,793.24)	(1,804,178.46)	939,385.22	(52.07%)



Parks & Forestry Department Reports

July 8, 2026

Director Report, by Chad Schooley

- Powers Bluff Trailhead Shelter construction project is near completion. Estimated completion date is now mid-July due to continued delays of storefront door delivery/install from Rib Mountain Glass, who are the subs for Eagle Construction Inc.. Future ribbon cutting date will be established and communicated to the public and County Board of Supervisors.
- Dexter Beach Shelter Building and South Park 2nd Loop Campground Shower Building projects are progressing very well.
- Office staff completed the 2025 Annual Report. A copy is in the packet. I will give a presentation at the July 28th County Board meeting highlighting the year in review.
- **Special Use Permits**
 - None at this time.

Maintenance Program Supervisor Report, by Dan Vollert

Construction Projects

- South Park: Loop 2 Shower Building underway. Block walls are up.
- Dexter Park: Beach Shelter Building-Concrete pad is poured and plumbing installed. Septic is complete. Block walls going up.
- Powers Bluff: New Trailhead Shelter parking lot is complete and striping scheduled. Landscaping underway.
- North Park: New Puff Creek bridge has been completed by Highway Dept. and is now complete with asphalt installed on the approaches.
- CERA Park: New entrance sign construction has been completed

Maintenance Operations

- Dexter Park: Campgrounds, beach and shelters in full swing.
- South Park: Campgrounds, beaches and shelters in full swing. Some storm damage yet to cleanup.
- NEPCO Park: Mowing & brushing trails.
- North Park: Campgrounds, beach and shelter in full swing.
- Powers Bluff: Trails open. Mowing operations and landscaping ongoing.
- CERA Park: New woodshed area prepped. Brush and building cleanup. Planning for other projects.

Employee Matters

- All parks LTE, Ranger, & Camp Host positions are full.
- Employee annual evaluations to be completed and shared in July.

Snowmobile/ATV

- Range Road ATV Connector Trail to Intensive Use Area is open, along with Peterson Road to Hay Creek Trail. (Grant Reimbursement process is underway for Range Road.)
- Working on Grant Reimbursement for the 2025-2026 work year for Snowmobile & ATV trails, and ATV Intensive Use Area.
- Accepting donation check for ATV Intensive Use Area from Saratoga ATV Club on July 21.

Office Supervisor Report, by Stacie Kleifgen

- We had the opportunity to host the Wisconsin County Forests Association (WCFA) Annual Summer Tour June 17th-19th. Approximately 110 Forestry Leaders from across the state met in Wood County to collaborate on common goals and travel throughout the county learning about our County Forest, local forestry business partners, and County Parks. Tour stops included:
 - Nine Dragons Paper
 - Golden Eagle Log & Timber Homes
 - Rooted in Red
 - Sandhill State Wildlife Area
 - Badger State Fruit Processing
 - Site Prep demo by Koerner Forest Products in County Forest
 - ATV Intensive Use Area
 - South Park Community Shelter
 - Powers Bluff Welcome Center

Forest Administrator Report, by Fritz Schubert

- Timber Sales: Three active timber sales in June, no harvesting occurred this month but some limited hauling has taken place. Logging activity on Wood County Forest has slowed due to wet ground conditions and restrictions due to oak wilt and endangered species. This is normal for Wood County Forest in summer.
- Timber sale establishment in compartment 41.
- Conducted 2026 WCFA Summer Tour. It was a great success with excellent presentations, many positive comments and perfect weather.
- Continued next steps towards finishing details associated with land trade (Nekoosa Marsh Road Cranberry LLC). Modified Wood County Forest Blocking Boundaries and submitted entry application/paperwork to WDNR.
- Attended prescribed fire workshop at Necedah National Wildlife Refuge.
- Cleaned and mowed shooting range.
- Forestry Technician: Continued project to mow brush and improve ATV trails in the ATV intensive use area. Assisted with drainage improvements, playground development, landscaping at new shelter site at Powers Bluff Park.

WOOD COUNTY PARKS & FORESTRY DEPARTMENT
REVENUE SUMMARY 2026

June Revenue - July HIRC

BUDGETED REVENUES 2026	SOURCE	YTD REVENUE 2026	YTD REVENUE 2025	JUN REV 2026	JUN REV 2025	ACTUAL REV 2025
\$ 656,000.00	Camping Reservations	\$270,191.61	\$ 282,140.61	\$110,896.50	\$ 91,701.45	\$ 615,822.96
\$ 55,000.00	Campground Firewood Sales	\$12,281.00	\$ 13,641.80	\$7,135.96	\$ 7,642.66	\$ 38,413.07
\$ 4,000.00	Non-Camper Dump Station	\$509.22	\$ 464.46	\$301.36	\$ 293.84	\$ 2,287.78
\$ 500.00	Camper Storage	\$37.91	\$ -	\$37.91	\$ -	\$ 41.74
\$ 1,000.00	Washer/Dryer/Showers	\$78.20	\$ 118.01	\$78.20	\$ 84.83	\$ 772.03
\$ 75,000.00	Shelters Enclosed	\$33,739.98	\$ 30,428.31	\$8,419.51	\$ 7,006.56	\$ 62,509.69
\$ 25,000.00	Shelters - Open	\$8,758.61	\$ 8,951.62	\$2,441.66	\$ 1,701.79	\$ 14,075.70
\$ 3,000.00	General Park User Fees (Use of open areas within parks)	\$1,351.25	\$ 1,109.00	\$56.88	\$ -	\$ 1,260.66
\$ 45,000.00	Powers Bluff Winter Recreation	\$11,363.84	\$ 13,797.44	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 38,148.71
\$ 5,000.00	Trail Passes (Ski/Snowshoe/Multi-Use)	\$2,630.86	\$ 1,714.45	\$617.05	\$ 525.38	\$ 4,797.66
\$ 5,000.00	Disc Golf	\$2,248.86	\$ 2,454.42	\$1,030.21	\$ 760.10	\$ 3,984.96
\$ 30,500.00	Boat Launch	\$12,996.59	\$ 14,267.09	\$5,645.96	\$ 5,835.59	\$ 22,394.03
\$ 10,000.00	Gift Certificates	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 9,828.00
\$ 10,000.00	Miscellaneous	\$2,602.26	\$ 1,456.01	\$0.00	\$ 1,176.87	\$ 6,217.70
\$ 925,000.00		\$358,790.19	\$ 370,543.22	\$136,661.20	\$116,729.07	\$ 820,554.69
\$ 400,000.00	46813 - Timber Sales & Wood Cutting (90%/County & 10%/Townships) Monthly totals = NET Revenue	\$391,946.24	\$ 199,828.60	\$9.00	\$ 10,589.63	\$ 459,136.61
\$ 1,325,000.00		\$750,736.43	\$570,371.82	\$136,670.20	\$127,318.70	\$1,279,691.30

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

June Revenue - July HIRC

Budget Year 2026

CONTRACT	TRACT	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACT AWARD AMOUNT	CONTRACT AWARD DATE	CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE	\$ RECEIVED CURRENT MONTH	AMOUNT BILLED TO DATE	AMOUNT RCVD TO DATE	BALANCE
780	2-16	MIDWEST HW	\$42,886.00	7/10/2020	7/31/2026		\$31,778.92	\$31,778.92	\$0.00
800	6-22	SCHREINER	\$16,440.00	5/27/2022	7/31/2026		\$1,921.20	\$1,921.20	\$0.00
801	7-22	WILSON	\$11,750.00	8/4/2022	7/31/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
804	10-22	KOERNER	\$84,093.60	11/16/2022	12/31/2026		\$103,155.10	\$103,155.10	\$0.00
807	13-22	FLINK	\$9,450.00	12/31/2022	12/31/2026		\$2,274.03	\$2,274.03	\$0.00
814	6-23	FLINK	\$21,055.00	4/28/2025	3/31/2028		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
817	9-23	KOERNER	\$17,310.00	1/4/2024	12/31/2026		\$18,621.11	\$18,621.11	\$0.00
818	10-23	MIDWEST HW	\$51,768.30	1/4/2024	12/31/2026		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
824	5-24	KOERNER	\$53,280.00	4/30/2024	11/1/2026		\$49,164.31	\$49,164.31	\$0.00
827	7-24	MEDDA	\$60,286.80	12/19/2024	12/31/2026		\$65,108.27	\$63,118.82	-\$1,989.45
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
836	9-24	WEEKLY	\$34,063.30	6/18/2025	6/30/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
838	8-25	MATTICKS	\$10,890.00	12/11/2025	12/31/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
839	9-25	KOERNER	\$9,810.00	12/11/2025	12/31/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
840	14-25	KOERNER	\$57,865.00	12/11/2025	12/31/2027		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
841	6-25	SCHREINER	\$91,583.00	6/5/2026	6/30/2028		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
842	10-25	YODER LUMBER	\$2,480.00	6/5/2026	6/30/2028		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
843	12-25	KOERNER	\$7,312.50	6/5/2026	6/30/2028		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
844	13-25	KOERNER	\$130,770.00	6/5/2026	6/30/2028		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
845	2-26	TNT	\$115,122.70	6/5/2026	6/30/2028		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
755		FIREWOOD				\$10.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Total Active Contract Value			\$892,776.20						
						Payments Received This Month:	\$10.00		
						\$ RECEIVED CURRENT MONTH			
2026 Budgeted Total Revenues						\$400,000	Jobs Finished		
2026 Total County Forestry Revenues this month (90%)						\$9.00	Jobs Started		
2026 Total Township Revenues this month (10%):						\$1.00	Jobs Continuing/Reactivated		
							Jobs Gone Inactive		
2026 TOTAL NET FORESTRY REVENUE TO DATE:						\$391,946.25			



Wood County Parks & Forestry

Annual Report 2025

HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE (HIRC) 2025 WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEMBERS



Jake Hahn
Chair



Allen Breu
Vice Chair



Scott Brehm



John Hokamp



Lee Thao

2025 Wood County Parks & Forestry Employees

Parks & Forestry Director	Chad Schooley
Forest Administrator	Fritz Schubert
Parks Maintenance Program Supervisor	Dan Vollert
Parks & Forestry Office Supervisor	Stacie Kleifgen
Parks & Forestry Program Assistant	Monica Anderson
Forest Technician	Clyde Dammann
Parks Lead Maintenance Dexter Park	Matt Huber
Parks Lead Maintenance North Park & Powers Bluff	Jeff Okonek
Parks Lead Maintenance South Park & Nepco	Brad O'Donnell
Parks Maintenance Dexter Park	Mitch Darr
Parks Maintenance North Park & Powers Bluff	Seth Dupee
Parks Maintenance South Park & Nepco	Jesse Kostolny
Parks Maintenance South Park & Nepco	Dawson Simon
Parks Maintenance All Parks	Jonathan Rahm

2025 Seasonal Employees

LTE II Dexter Park	Alison Brandl
	Lane O'Donnell
LTE II North Park & Powers Bluff	Elric Guldán
	Benjamin Friday
LTE II South Park & Nepco	Ron Mehlbrech
	Lydia Smits
	Greg Stashek
	Jacob Thomas
Ranger Cera Park	Jade DeBoer
Ranger Dexter Park	Talayn Baker
Ranger North Park	Scott Tranbarger
Ranger South Park	Weston Glomstad
Host Cera Park	Paul Mortensen
Host Dexter Park	Ken & Peggy Rowe
Host North Park	Ron & Kay Hardesty
Host South Park	Bruce Foster
First Responder Powers Bluff Winter Recreation Area	Chris Bohl

Director's Report

Chad Schooley, Parks & Forestry Director

Throughout Two Thousand Twenty-Five (2025), Wood County Parks celebrated its 90th (1935-2025) anniversary. Our mission statement is “To develop, maintain, and operate facilities, resources, and programs that meet the outdoor recreation, environmental, and economic needs of the public; and provide clean, safe, quality family enjoyment at a reasonable cost”. To guide our department in fulfilling this mission, the P&FD completed the 2026-2030 Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Plan Update, which was adopted by County Board in 2025.

In addition to our multiple parks, Wood County owns and manages approximately 38,000 acres of county forest property. Wood County was one of the initial counties in the state to enroll land under the County Forest Crop Law, beginning in 1932. Through the years, this program has gone through numerous changes. The forestry program’s mission statement is: “To manage, conserve and protect these resources on a sustainable basis for present and future generations.”

In 1991, the Wood County Parks Department merged with the Forestry Department to form the Wood County Parks and Forestry Department (P&FD).

Wood County P&FD properties hosted several large community events in 2025, including: Winter and Summer Kiwanis Youth Outdoor Events, State Waterski Show Tournament, Bluegrass Music Festival, Lions Club Fisherees, Mountain Bike Endurance Race, and multiple other non-profit fundraising events.

Tourism continued to play a huge role in economic development and impact within Wood County. According to Travel Wisconsin, Wood County saw \$117.8 million of direct visitor spending in 2025; a 2% increase over 2024. Wood County Parks and Forestry played a huge role in bringing visitors to our area.

In this annual report, we have summarized some of the different projects and timber sales that were completed in 2025. Larger projects completed in 2025 included: Completion of the Powers Bluff Maintenance Shop, removal of the old shop, and beginning construction of the Powers Bluff Welcome Center.

Director's Report Continued

The Parks and Forestry Department maintains a variety of properties with the help of local volunteers and clubs. Some of the clubs that we worked with in 2025 included the Central Wisconsin ATV Riders Club, 7 snowmobile clubs, River Cities Nordic Ski Club, 2 disc golf clubs, MSTC Urban Forestry Program, 4 campground hosts, Friends of Powers Bluff, as well as many other volunteers. Without their assistance, we could not provide the opportunities that we do. The Parks and Forestry Department is also a host site for Emergency Management work crews throughout the year. In 2025, this crew worked 1,107 hours for the department.

The WCP&F Department has continued to pursue Federal and State DNR matching grants in the development and improvement of our parks. In 2025, Wood County applied for and was awarded a Stewardship grant of \$300,000 for the construction of the Dexter Beach Open Shelter.

The P&FD took over the management of Cera Park on Jan. 1, 2025. This park was developed, beginning in the 1970's, by employees of Consolidated Papers for the purpose of creating a recreational area for employees and their families. The owner of the property, Consolidated Water Power Company (CWPCO) made the decision not to renew the lease with the employee group beyond its term, ending December 31, 2024. By resolution, Wood County Board of Supervisors approved entering into a 10-year lease with CWPCO to manage the park, and to sign an MOU outlining the intent and process of transferring ownership to Wood County. During the 1st year of management, a few improvements that were made included: Remodeled the campground shower house and large shelter building, removed over 1,000 cords of dead ash trees, replaced water treatment equipment, removed old unsafe playground equipment, and began updating signage throughout the park.

County Forest operations continue to be an important resource to Wood County. There are 37,823 acres of managed "County Forest Land" for timber production and public hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other non-consumptive recreational uses. We also administer the timber sales program to manage the forest on Wood County Forest Lands. In 2025 timber revenue increased due to relatively dry fall and very good winter logging conditions. 2025 timber revenue was \$510,151.79 (gross) or \$459,136.61 (net), thus exceeding budgeted timber revenue (\$400,000.00).

Director's Report Continued

2025 LARGE PARK PROJECTS

SOUTH PARK

1. Completed Storm Shelter construction, parking lot expansion and paving.
2. New campground storage building.

POWERS BLUFF

1. Completed maintenance shop construction.
2. Removed old maintenance shop.
3. Began Welcome Center construction.
4. Paved Welcome Center entrance road.

DEXTER PARK

1. Removed old beach house and prepped for new construction.
2. Resurfaced enclosed shelter parking lot.
3. New concrete sidewalk around enclosed shelter, and construction of asphalt path leading to boat landing restroom.

NORTH PARK

1. Installed signage on both sides of entrance road river crossing.

NEPCO

1. Assisted LWCD, and Nepco Lake District with new signage at boat landing

ATV

1. Opened Peterson Road-Hay Creek Road ATV Trail.
2. Began construction of 1.5 mile Hwy 54-Range Road ATV Trail.

Snowmobile

1. Completed Auburndale (DH) Snowmobile Bridge Replacement Project, off of Cty. Hwy. N, Arpin.

Other

1. Celebrated Wood County Park's 90th anniversary with several promotional activities, including a sign/logo creation contest.
2. Added Wood County Cera Park campsites and shelter buildings to the reservation system.
3. Updated the P&FD brochure.

Forest Administrator's Report

Fritz Schubert, Forest Administrator

TIMBER SALES AND RECON

- Established 14 County Forest timber sales totaling 448 acres. Three tracts went unsold totaling 72 acres, appraised at \$18,494.00.
- Total bid value was \$207,562.74 in spring (5-22-25) and winter (11-25-25) bid openings, and two direct sale contracts. *Note: Verso mill closure in July 2020, uncertainty in local timber markets, and other economic pressures continued to have negative effects resulting in decreased bidding, unsold tracts, and lower average stumpage prices, especially in regards to aspen and mixed hardwood pulpwood.*
- Routine administration of all active timber sales. There were 17 timber sales active during 2025.
- For 2025 Timber Revenue = \$510,151.79 (Gross) - or - \$459,136.61 (Net).
- Updated compartment reconnaissance data on 2,005 Acres.

ACCESS/ FOREST ROADS & TRAILS

- Mowed grass and small brush on 6.08 miles of county forest access roads.
- Graded 3.14 miles of county forest access roads.
- Fecon/brush mowed 15.42 miles of County Forest access roads and trails.
- Road improvement projects:
 1. Hazelnut Trail - Improved approximately .25 miles with addition of 1.25" road base and regraded other rough areas.
 2. ATV Intensive Use Area – Continued project to improve emergency access routes for first responders.
- Mowed all hunter-parking areas.

TREE PLANTING, SITE PREPERATION, INVASIVE SPECIES, & TSI

- Hand planted 81,200 red pine and 5,400 white pine seedlings:

compartment 19-stand 14 (8acres)
compartment 20-stand 20 (18 acres)
compartment 62-stand 1 (30 acres)
compartment 71-stand 2 (29 acres)
- Mechanical site prep with DNR Dozer:

Root-raked	compartment 70-stand 3 (15acres)
Trenched	compartment 71-stand 20 (14 acres)
- Chemical site prep/pre-planting herbicide treatment (drone application):

compartment 14-stand 1 (27acres)
compartment 19-stand 24 (19 acres)

Forestry Report Continued

LAND TRANSACTIONS

- Nekoosa Marsh Road Cranberry/Wood County Forest Land Trade: Received proposal for trade of 20 acres of Wood County Forest land in the Town of Seneca for 46.95 acres of privately held forest/river bottom adjacent to WCF in the Town of Dexter. Began the process for withdrawal of the 20- acre parcel from County Forest program. Gained HIRC Committee and Wood County Board approval, submitted withdrawal application to WDNR, worked with Corporation Counsel on subsequent steps to be completed in 2026.

ACCESS & PERMIT ISSUES

- FGM Wilderness LLC License: Completed effort to alleviate encroachment issue involving adjacent cranberry grower in the Town of Hiles. Worked with Corporation Counsel to develop a license for FGM to use a small portion of Wood County Forest and Wood County Wildlife Area Land. Negotiated timeframe, fee and other terms. Gained HIRC Committee approval. Signed license document.
- Completed HIRC Committee approved ditch cleaning project proposed by Cranberry Creek Cranberries Inc. Worked with applicant planning phases of the project which involved: obtaining necessary permits (if any), removing trees on ditch banks, and leveling approximately 2900 feet of drainage ditches, removal of accumulated debris from ditch, brush grinding/mulching, final grading, and seeding.
- There were no other access related issues in 2025.
- Participated/permitted individual interested in conducting experimental mechanical buckthorn control treatment.

RECREATION RELATED

- Graded and maintained signage on Wood County ATV Trails located on Wood County Forest (5.1 miles).
- ATV intensive use area: maintained signs, painted trees/color coded loops and segments, improved sections of trail.
- Completed work on Hay Creek ATV Trail project. Assisted HWY Department with road grading, drainage improvements, culverts, gate installation, etc.(Parks dept. dozer and skid steer, rented mini excavator).
- Assisted with new ATV trail development project (HWY 54 to Range Road). Assisted HWY Department with shaping, stumping, drainage improvements, road base, etc.
- Assisted with temporary Snowmobile trail reroute on Wood County Forest due to bridge closure on County Line Road. Reroute included mowing, grading, and stumping portions of alternate route. Bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2027, at which time trail will be relocated back to original.
- Shooting Range maintenance: mowing (6x), cleaning (10x), snowplowing (2x). Clean-ups consisted of whole range efforts, or simply emptying barrels depending on need. The Wilderness Sportsman's Club assisted in clean-up efforts at times. Graded parking lot in early summer.
- Worked with Central Wisconsin Rifle and Pistol Club on range improvement plan and gaining HIRC Committee approval.
- Worked with individuals associated with new mountain bike trail in South Bluff block of County Forest.

Forestry Report Continued

- Replaced rotten boards on Richfield 360 foot/walking bridge.
- Handicapped Accessible Hunter Blinds: Developed, improved, and implemented rules for use, developed reservation system, added and graded fine gravel to improve access paths, installed gate, cleared and signed perimeters around both hunting areas associated with blinds (appx 40 acres each).
- Met with horse riding club representatives interested in expanding horse riding opportunities on the County Forest.
- Removed several illegal ladder stands. Stands sold on public auction site.

WILDLIFE RELATED

- Attended Wood County Wildlife Area Committee meetings, provided input/information, and performed designated duties.
- Wildlife projects funded with “Nickle-an-Acre” State Wildlife Habitat Grant: This program was slightly prorated in 2025. No projects were undertaken in 2025 and funds were carried over for 2026 project(s).
- Conducted Karner Blue Butterfly surveys as needed for timber sale purposes. Completed and submitted necessary reports to WDNR.
- Continued and monitored process of redrafting/renewing Karner Blue Butterfly SHCA. This issue seems to have been temporarily put on hold by USFWS.
- Investigated beaver dam activity/complaints. Removed two beaver dams (Compartments 67 and 32). Enlisted volunteer help from professional trappers. Beaver activity continues to increase and is becoming a management problem as fur prices have plummeted and trapper numbers have decreased.
- Skunk Creek Dam – Mowed grass and brush on dike as required by DNR dam program.
- Mowed various wildlife openings located throughout county forest during regular road and trail mowing efforts.

OTHER

- Located section corners and ran property lines between county and adjacent private land as needed. Located 3 section corners and survey markers. Total line distance run was approximately 0.85 miles.
- Participated and hosted WDNR audit (aka Internal Review) of Wood County Forestry program. These audits occur every five years. Audit went well and achieved excellent results and comments from DNR auditors.
- Assistance to parks: Dexter Park beach house demolition, Powers Bluff walk path repair, Cera Park brush mowing, clean-up, and campsite improvements.
- Fecon mowed vision triangle (.6 acre) along HWY 54 in the Town of Hiles to improve visibility and safety.
- Investigated and answered questions related to several instances of illegal camping in County Forest along Batterman Road, and also in developed area associated with ATV Intensive Use Area. These “campers” were most likely homeless. Situations such as this are increasing yearly but have been resolved peacefully with assistance from Wood County Sheriff Dept.

Forestry Report Continued

- Contributed to parks firewood efforts by locating suitable supply of firewood from Wood County Forest, arranging harvest and transport of wood.
- Set up several public firewood cutting areas.
- Investigated several instances of dumping, illegal tree cutting, and illegal motorized use on the county forest.
- Cleaned up and disposed of tires and other large items dumped along roads in the County Forest.

Forestry Report Continued

MEETINGS AND TRAINING

- Served on WCFA Personnel Committee, and Legislative/Certification Committee.
- WCFA: Attended spring and fall forest administrator meeting, quarterly conference calls, and summer tour
- Training:
 - 1) Attended pesticide applicators training and obtained Wisconsin Pesticide Applicators License- Forestry
 - 2) DNR firefighter annual refresher.
- Attended regular monthly HIRC meetings.

2025 Parks & Forestry Budget Summary

	Revenue	Expense	Beginning Carryover	Ending Carryover	Parks Total
2101 Parks Administration	\$1,324,412	\$2,145,835	\$0	\$0	\$821,423
2102 Parks Snowmobile Trails	\$272,205	\$262,205	\$101	\$10,101	\$0
2103 Parks ATV Trail Maintenance	\$324,836	\$265,301	\$(45,348.00)	\$14,187	\$0
2104 Parks State Wildlife Habitat	\$1,767	\$5,000	\$3,786	\$553	\$0
2105 Parks County Forests State Aid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$352,374	\$352,274	\$0
2106 Parks State Forestry Road	\$3,654	\$5,000	\$1,998	\$652	\$0
2107 Parks Capital Projects	\$514,330	\$4,330	\$(330,370)	\$179,630	\$0
2108 Parks Powers Bluff Dev. Projects	\$500	\$10,000	\$13,378	\$3,878	\$0
	\$2,441,704	\$2,697,671	\$(4,081)	\$561,375	\$821,423

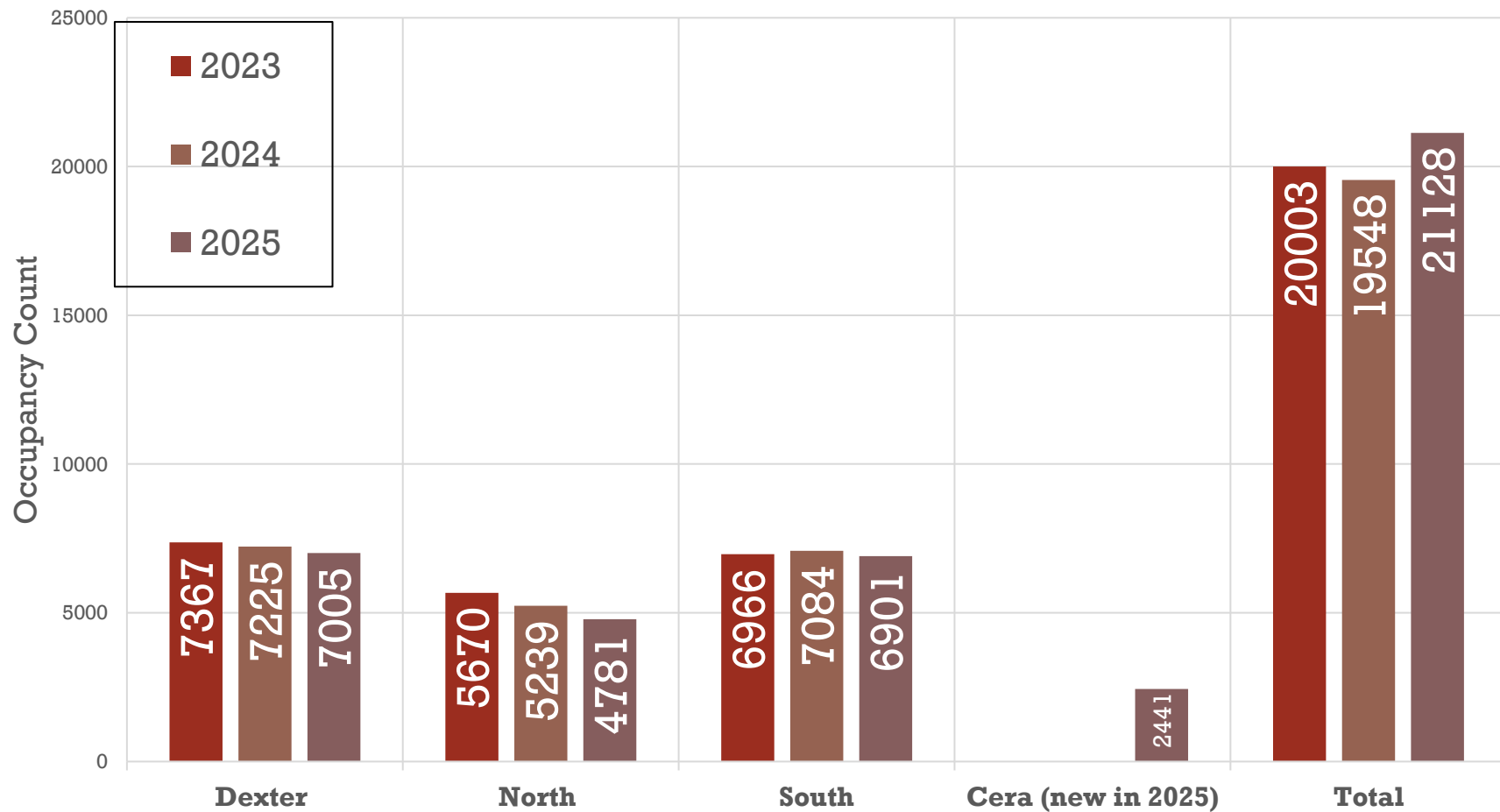
Net Tax Levy 3 Year Summary

	2023	2024	2025
Parks Operation Expenses	\$2,907,653.18	\$3,644,867.18	\$2,786,822.14
Parks Revenues	\$2,021,796.50	\$1,825,921.18	\$2,646,500.23
Carry Over	-\$138,520.28	-\$956,433.98	\$655,317.98
Net Tax Levy	(747,336.40)	(862,512.02)	\$(795,639.89)

Wood County Parks & Forestry 2-Year Net Revenue Comparison				
	2024	2025	Percent Change	
State Aid-Forestry				
Forestry Admin Grant	\$54,757.88	\$56,458.59	↑	3%
County Parks Violations				
Violations/Fines	\$969.43	\$2,299.95	↑	137%
County Parks Revenue				
Camping Services	\$610,688.42	\$664,340.38	↑	9%
Shelters	\$75,116.64	\$76,585.39	↑	2%
Powers Bluff Winter Recreation	\$1,824.33	\$38,148.71	↑	1991%
Trail Passes	\$4,936.78	\$4,797.66	↓	-3%
Disc Golf	\$4,677.66	\$3,984.96	↓	-15%
Boat Launch	\$24,755.49	\$22,394.03	↓	-10%
Gift Certificates	\$9,035.75	\$9,828.00	↑	9%
Miscellaneous	\$19,810.46	\$30,394.16	↑	53%
County Forest Revenue				
Timber Sales	\$377,574.37	\$458,952.72	↑	22%
Wood Cutting Permits	\$166.50	\$183.89	↑	10%
Rental Income				
DNR Lease	\$16,464.34	\$16,464.34		0%
Totals	\$1,200,758.05	\$1,384,832.78	↑	15%

**WOOD COUNTY PARKS CAMPING OCCUPANCY
3 YEAR COMPARISON**

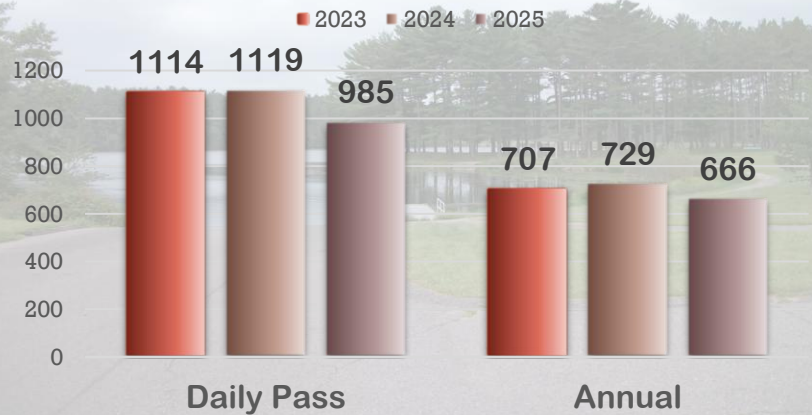
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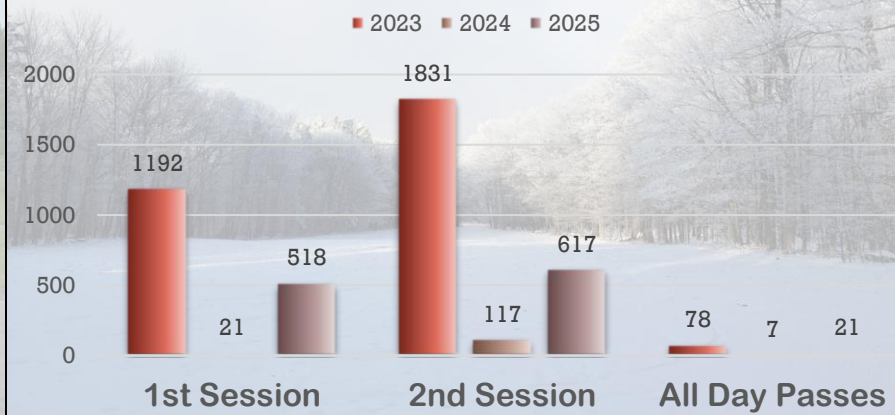
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WOOD COUNTY PARKS PASSES 3 YEAR COMPARISON

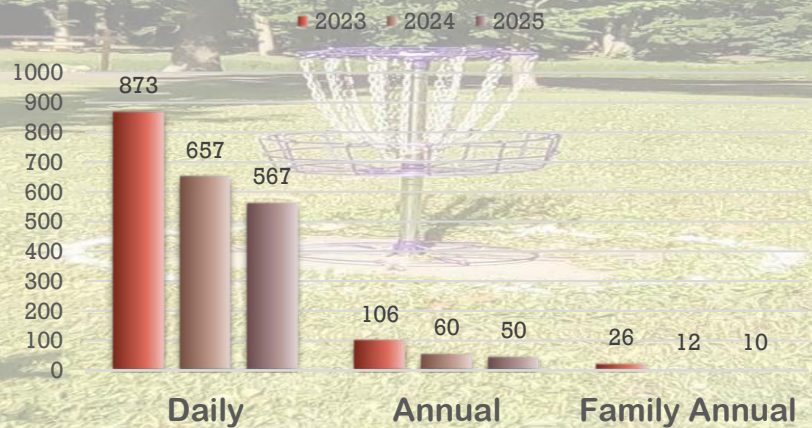
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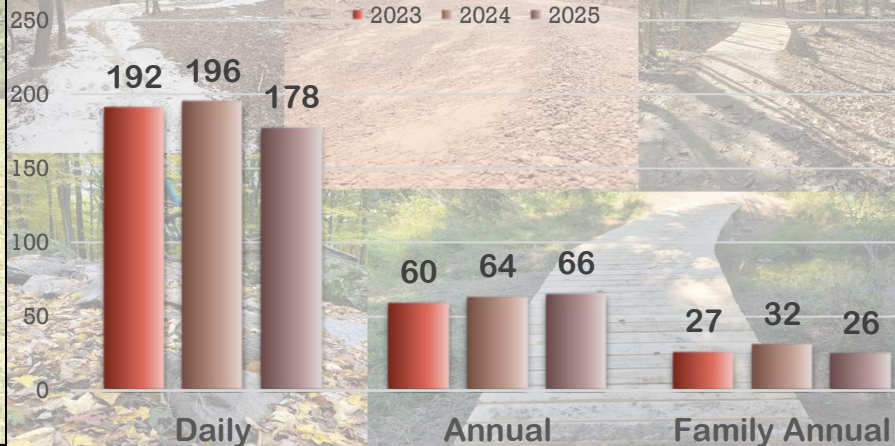
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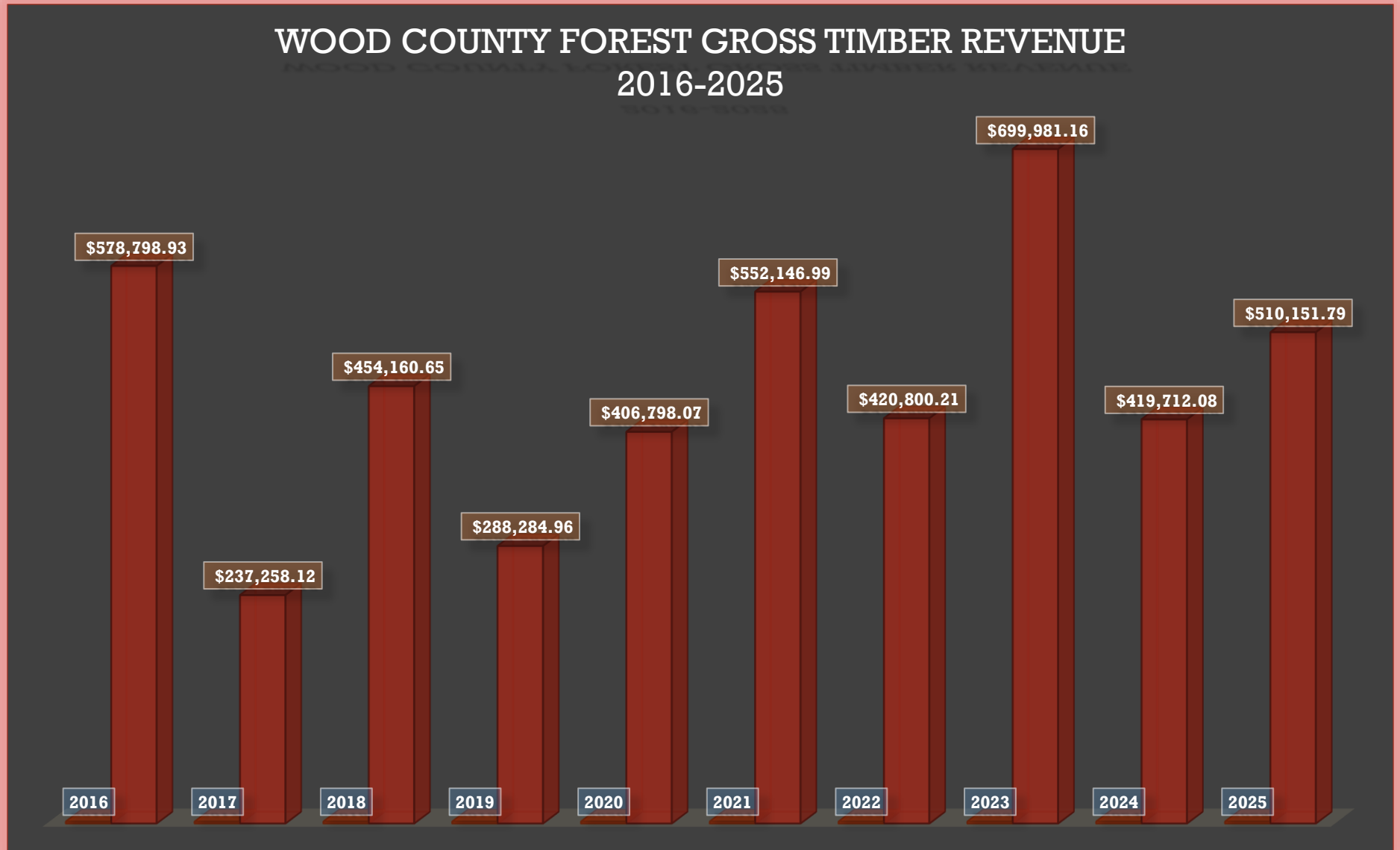
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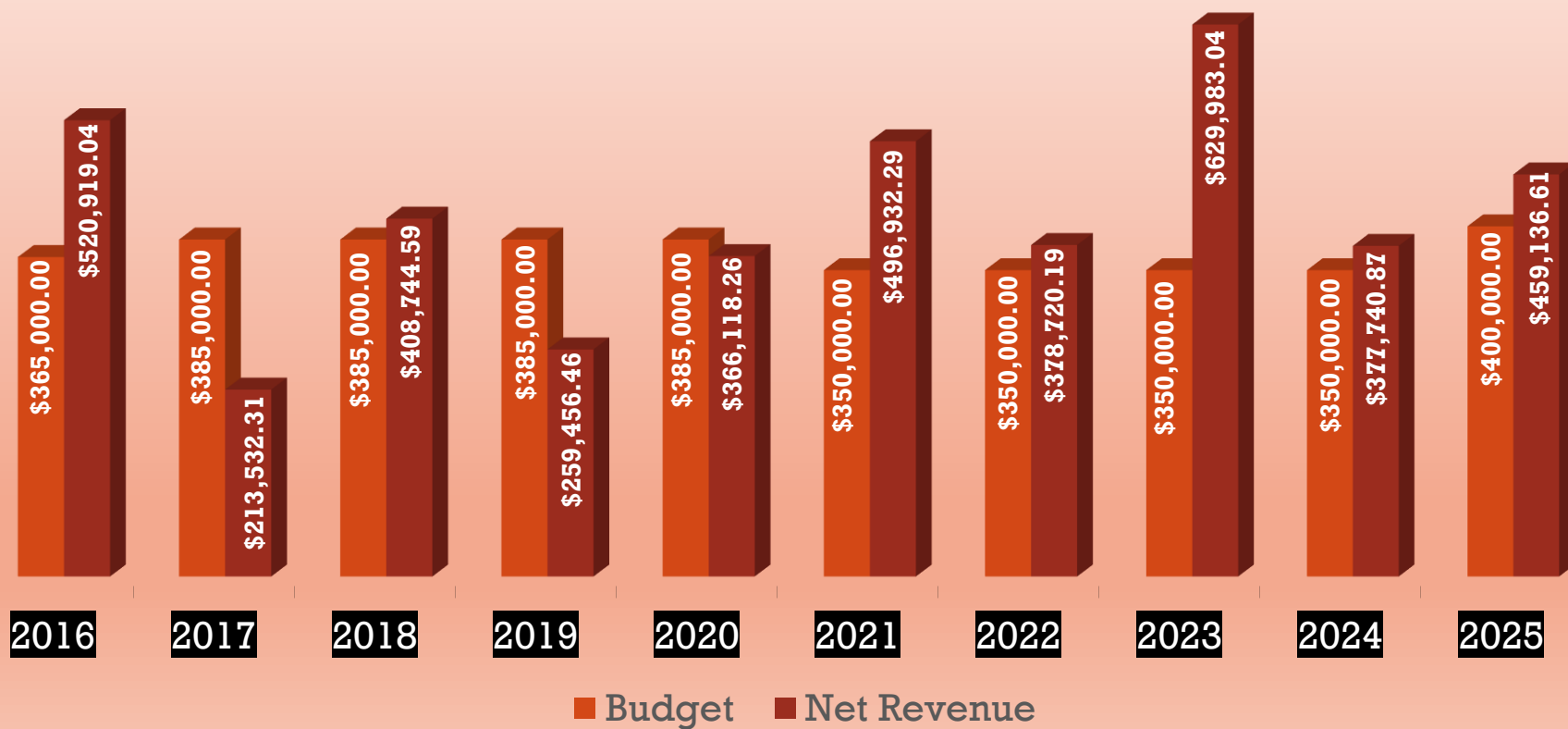
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WOOD COUNTY FOREST GROSS TIMBER REVENUE 2016-2025



Wood County Forest Net Timber Revenue 2016-2025



Wood County Forest Timber Harvest					
		2024		2025	
		Total Contractors - 6		Total Contractors - 7	
		Total Contracts - 14		Total Contracts - 16	
Timber Species	Unit	Quantity	Average Price Per Unit (Weighted Average)	Quantity	Average Price Per Unit (Weighted Average)
Oak Firewood	Cords	157.075	\$8.14	53.139	\$6.25
Mixed Hardwood Sawlogs	MBF	19.07	\$142.33	18.68	\$206.50
Oak Sawlogs	MBF	35.73	\$189.63	100.02	\$305.00
Red Pine Commingled Product	Tons	5579.51	\$36.67	707.037	\$28.13
White Pine Commingled Product	Tons	1187.763	\$29.19	8548.449	\$28.70
Aspen Pulpwood	Tons	1667.667	\$6.50	2455.583	\$5.40
Mixed Hardwood Pulpwood	Tons	3884.252	\$7.41	3640.563	\$10.60
Oak Pulpwood	Tons	2130.066	\$8.20	2731.093	\$9.70
Jack Pine Pulpwood	Tons	26.67	\$13.00	300.67	\$16.28
Red Pine Pulpwood	Tons	1021.754	\$22.67	3740.717	\$34.73
White Pine Pulpwood	Tons	9.01	\$12.00	2114.591	\$27.61
White Spruce Pulpwood	Tons	18.55	\$31.47	485.506	\$10.55
Total Cords		157.075		53.139	
Total MBF		54.8		118.70	
Total Tons		15,525.24		24,724.21	
Total Gross Revenue		\$419,712.08		\$510,151.79	

2025 Established Timber Sales Tract Summary – Wood County Forest				
Tract #	Township	Acres	Appraised Value	Bid Value
4-24	Richfield	52	\$14,710.00	n/a
9-24	Hiles	42	\$28,100.00	\$34,063.30
1-25	Hiles	53	\$16,271.00	n/a
2-25	Seneca	21	\$12,800.00	\$19,840.00
3-25	Dexter	14	\$3,010.00	\$7,740.00
4-25	Seneca	39	\$34,200.00	\$36,980.00
*5-25	Port Edwards/Seneca	11	\$1,215.00	\$1,215.00
**7-25	Remington	40	\$10,350.00	\$10,350.00
1-25	Hiles	53	\$14,790.10	\$18,809.44
8-25	Remington	37	\$5,500.00	\$10,890.00
9-25	Seneca	32	\$5,685.00	\$9,810.00
10-25	Richfield	10	\$2,170.00	n/a
11-25	Richfield	42	\$10,699.00	n/a
12-25	Cary	20	\$5,625.00	n/a
14-25	Hiles	35	\$42,620.00	\$57,865.00
Totals		501	\$207,745.10	\$207,562.74

*Direct Sale for purpose of ATV Trail development

**Did not receive bid, sold as direct sale for advertised minimum bid.

2025 County Forest Timber Revenue Payment to Towns
Total Township Revenue: \$51,015.18

Township	Acres in County Forest	% of Total Acres	10% Payment
Cary	701.37	1.8544	\$946.03
Cranmoor	3,601.08	9.5209	\$4,857.10
Dexter	7,880.48	20.8353	\$10,629.17
Hiles	9,360.28	24.7477	\$12,625.08
Port Edwards	5,602.18	14.8116	\$7,556.16
Remington	6,582.71	17.4041	\$8,878.73
Richfield	358	0.9465	\$482.86
Seneca	3,736.71	9.8795	\$5,040.04
Total	37,822.81	100.00	\$51,015.18

MINUTES

PROPERTY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, July 6, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – Room 300

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Breu, Dennis Polach, Brad Hamilton, Paul Goldberg, Linda Casper

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 June 1, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Information Technology vouchers were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Goldberg to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. The IT Report was reviewed.
6. Chairman Breu stated he has received complaints from department heads concerning contacting the IT Department for issues and how those issues get prioritized. IT Director Kaup went through the call process, the on-call process for after-hours, and how individual tickets get tracked within the system. It was recommended that she present at a future department head meeting so all of them know the various procedures in place.
7. The Maintenance vouchers were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Goldberg to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
8. The Maintenance Report was reviewed and discussed.
9. Facilities Director Van Tassel & Planning & Zoning Director Grueneberg reviewed the UWSP at Marshfield grant funded project to the Helen Connor Laird Fine Arts theater and building. This was a \$2 million grant from the state to revitalize the 2-year campus, with a \$500,000 additional grant from the Laird Foundation. The project is anticipated to be overseen by a group of county and city representatives appointed by the UW Commission since the buildings at the campus are legally owned by both the County and the City. Grueneberg has requested that Van Tassel be allowed to serve on this committee, if he is asked to. Committee consensus was to approve his service to this committee.
10. Van Tassel reported that a house that is adjacent to the Courthouse went up for sale this past month, and had an accepted offer within a few days. He noted that perhaps the county may want to acquire some of these parcels at some point in the future. A voluntary right of first refusal document was discussed as a way to keep the county informed of when these parcels come up on the market. Motion by Hamilton/Goldberg to direct Corporation Counsel to draft a

letter to the landowners adjacent to the courthouse property along 5th St. N and Saratoga St. inquiring of their interest in signing a “right of first refusal document” with the county. Motion carried unanimously.

11. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

12. Chairman Breu declared the meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM.

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

Property & Information Technology Committee

July 6, 2026

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June 2026

1. The County phone line contract ends at the end of July. Staff work with multiple vendors to secure the best pricing and support.
2. Network staff replaced the internet router. Earlier this year when the County data circuit contracts were up, pricing for triple the internet speed was secured for a lower cost than the previous circuit. In order to take advantage of the increased speed, new hardware needed to be in place. Staff worked after hours to place and migrate to the new hardware. During the migration, internet was down for less than 5 minutes.
3. Staff continue to prepare for the rollout of CoPilot, the County's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Platform. In preparation for the implementation of CoPilot, OneDrive migration is being researched and tested. A preliminary group from several departments has been identified. These staff will work with IT on the implementation and rollout. This will involve setting up a Wood County tenant to ensure County data is secure.
4. Staff continue to assist county email users with mailbox cleanup in preparation for migration of the County Outlook email system. We have been identifying possible issues and making changes to improve the overall process of moving user mailboxes. A lot of time has gone into the planning of migration to Exchange Online. Testing with moving on premises mailboxes to the cloud continues.
5. The EvenTide project for Dispatch was completed. This replaced their current solution as the emergency protocols recording software in Dispatch. There are enhancements to the new solution that dispatch staff would like to see implemented. IT will continue to work towards completing these configuration changes.
6. Upgraded the Citrix NetScalers and Console to the latest versions. The updates patch vulnerabilities as well as fix bugs. This upgrade also allows us to run the current version on a FIPS 140-3, (Federal Information Processing Standard 140) validated image.
7. Triaged and followed up with 12 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.



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8. Programming staff composed an RFP for a replacement system for HRMS, payroll and Finance. The RFP was released in late January. Staff reviewed responses received by the March 25th deadline. Finance, HR, the Treasurer and IT staff met to review RFP's and narrow down options. Demos for the two vendors of interest were held. Meetings were held in June to discuss next steps. Continued work with the Finance Department and Treasurer's Office on selecting, planning and implementing a new general ledger accounting software system.
9. A total of 11 actionable security alerts were received this month. Each incident was addressed and resolved. Users were contacted along with their supervisors to reinforce safe browsing practices and additional training was assigned.
10. Hardware to create redundancies for the critical path for the radio network is now arriving. This setup will help ensure public safety, quick highway radio recovery in the event of hardware failures, and the ability to switch to backup hardware during security patching.
11. The Countywide backup solution is up for renewal in 2026. Staff continue to meet with vendors to review options to determine the best backup solution. IT continues to make progress with the migration to Exchange Online. A new backup solution was configured for M365 applications which includes Exchange Online and SharePoint. This addresses immediate backup needs while allowing additional time to review options for onsite data backup.
12. Staff continues to work with CIS, Countywide law enforcement software, on resolving interface and various software issues. IT staff spends time following up on issues and assisting with troubleshooting on the servers and user devices. IT is piloting a ticketing system with CIS. The new ticketing system will allow us to view our support requests, comments, assigned support contact and track status.
13. Staff continues preparing for the CIS upgrades that will be completed in July or August.
14. GIS provided IT with updated map files for CIS and they should be available in the CIS Update Manager by early August.
15. Completed system improvement research for Land and Water Conservation Tree Sales system.



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16. Continued work on forms process improvement and document storage in Information Technology leveraging Laserfiche.
 17. Staff worked on troubleshooting issues with the Norwood paging system. Norwood has requested an upgrade to this system as part of their CIP, IT strongly supports this replacement.
 18. Staff have held several meetings with vendors who attended the Spring GIPAW Conference to discuss alternative backup solutions, virtualization platforms, and security products.
 19. Reviewed status of printing devices with our Print Management provider. Service calls and printed page volumes were considered as an evaluation of current demand and productivity of installed machines. Did not note major areas for improvement but will monitor a few for adjustments to provide a reliable service for the county departments.
 20. The new IT request form and procedure developed and implemented has improved 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.
 21. Continue to rollout the Software Restriction Policy to all County 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. This month policy restriction was enforced to Health, Human Services, and Sheriff's employees began testing the policy. The only department remaining is Dispatch. Once the last departments are completed, all devices will have the Software Restriction Policy enforced.
 22. Time has been spent preparing for migrating Wood County's paging system to the latest version of software. There are some intricacies that need to be observed such as changing the way the paging system communicates with phones to allow for the old and new systems to be operating at the same time.
 23. For the month of May, 556 helpdesk requests were created, with staff completing 556 tickets and leaving 140 open requests. In addition, there are currently 224 project requests.



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24. Wood County internet and intranet website updates are being posted continually as we work to keep employees and citizens informed. The IT intranet website has been improved for user ease of use and locating important resources and instructions.
 25. Staff continue reaching out to other anchor organizations in our community about the interest in bringing another networking provider into the Wisconsin Rapids area. There are several benefits to this including different internet services such as redundant circuits where our websites would remain available, even if internet services were interrupted in South Wood County, the ability to connect primary sites on the north and south end of Wood County without running our own fiber, and the ability to add a cellular backup to some of our remote sites, such as Parks, for a reasonable cost.
 26. Support for GCS\Catalis property tax systems is ongoing. Initial training and migration of the 34 municipalities to the new system is complete. Training and communication regarding the Register of Deeds data interface to the Treasurer's tax system was investigated and addressed. Work and research begins to create and support an import of tax data into the Dynamics, the general ledger system.
 27. Programming staff continue courses and training to maintain and advance best practices concerning code, security and support of in-house developed systems.
 28. Addressing recent Personnel Action Form and other onboarding process concerns. Composing online forms to streamline the flow of information to key stakeholders. Having all the information in one place will allow the onboarding process to be as smooth and as fast as possible for the hiring department, the new hire, and all the departments involved in making sure the employee is setup for their first day.
 29. IT network staff work on mapping and documenting network infrastructure and hardware. This includes detailed documentation, physical and logical diagrams, and backups of config files.
 30. Met with various companies regarding an external network pen test. After reviewing proposals, a vendor was selected to perform this test. Testing will be scheduled in the near future.
 31. The IT Security Team continues the Security Awareness Program. Additional security training is being assigned to all who fail a phishing campaign. A 2026 Social Engineering Red Flags training was assigned to all staff.



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32. Employees submitted approximately 192 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.
 33. Due to the delays in receiving hardware, staff have also placed the 3rd and 4th quarter PC Replacement orders. Most equipment in quarter 1-3 arrived. Quarter 4 equipment is still in transit. Traveled on-site to County facilities to place new equipment deployments for orders that did arrive.
 34. Implementation phase continues and training begins for a project for the Highway Department to replace the current Highway permit system with Delasoft vendor software. Project request is complete and approved for an app requested by Highway staff that will assist in tracking Caterpillar equipment codes and parts. Highway project request research and approval for equipment needed for air emissions training and regulation compliance has been completed.
 35. System\code improvement for the in-house Planning & Zoning permitting system continues.
 36. Continued work improving database server security.
 37. 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 is complete. Claims user setup process was tested, refined and step by step procedures documented.
 38. Support for Norwood Healthcare Center and Edgewater Haven Matrix (EHR) and CART (CMS abstraction and reporting tool) software is ongoing. IT support works to improve the user reliance on IT for basic system functionality. eMAR provides ability to dispense patient medication when the EHR system is not accessible. Super user training continues and results in improved support of the EHR (electronic health record) system.
 39. 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 to support new job codes is complete for existing codes. CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid_ PBJ data format new requirements were complete and submission issues have been resolved.



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40. The Register of Deeds work to upgrade AVID/Apex application is scheduled for early July. IT staff escorts and assists the vendor, Fidlar Technologies, with server and application updates and maintenance on a regular basis. Work to increase server security via user account permissions and port access is scheduled for early July 2026. Review and research regarding the Fidlar Tech hosted solution and backup solution is scheduled.
 41. Support is ongoing for Cyber Recruiter upgrades and super user support, the HRMS extension system and website used for new hire applications.
 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 takes considerable time to plan, test, and implement. Continued work improving database server security.
 43. Discussions with Maintenance continue regarding space needs for the IT department. There is significant increase of technology being supported in the LEC and the increase of staff and services in other Departments within the County increases the demands on IT support as well. IT will need additional IT staff and space in order to properly support the County's expanded facilities, staff, software, hardware, systems and the increased reliance on technology. The IT Conference room now serves as our vendor staging area, network setup area, equipment storage and conference room. We have repurposed and triple purposed as much space as possible. IT needs more space to function properly.



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Reuben Van Tassel
Facilities Manager

Letter of Comments July 2026

Ongoing Projects and Planning

Jail Project – The engineer and contractor have implemented part of their solution to prevent the water infiltration affecting the first floor of the Courthouse where the old jail was demolished. There has been some improvement; additional measures will be taken in the future.

The security electronics contractor is still working on a few items and should be submitting close-out documents soon.

Building automation system adjustments are ongoing.

Courthouse – The second phase of road construction near the courthouse will begin soon; I met with City staff on June 25th to discuss access to our facility during the work, and they have assured me that the work crew will do their best to maintain vehicle access to the small ADA parking lot near the main entrance, as well as pedestrian access between the north (Baker St) parking lot and the main entrance. Construction phasing, put together by the City Engineering Department, is attached to this report.

Recent survey and design work has identified the required right-of-way that must be dedicated to the City for the alteration of Jackson, Market, and Second streets; pursuant to the development agreement between the City and County, I will work with the appropriate parties to complete this process in the coming weeks.

Contractors are continuing to update components and programming for the courthouse chiller to keep it operating more effectively; some of the recent hot and humid days have been challenging for our historic facility.

River Block – Working to update some of the air conditioning equipment that is beginning to struggle during warmer weather; the original design has made the system challenging to maintain and should be modified in order to provide more reliable operation.

Miscellaneous

Attended PIT, HHS, County Board, and numerous project meetings.

Supporting Norwood and Edgewater with various project planning.



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
444 West Grand Avenue
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-2780
Engineering (715) 421-8205 FAX (715) 421-8291

Re: Roadway Construction – East Jackson St (Jackson St Bridge to East Grand Ave)

Dear Property Owner,

Phase 2 of the E Jackson St project is set to begin in early to mid-July. Phase II will be from the Jackson St Bridge to 3rd St / Market St, including 2nd St N between E Jackson St and Baker St.

PHASE II – WORK AREA



Scheduling and Phasing

Once work begins on Phase II there will be an initial closure (Phase II-A) that will still allow some traffic to continue moving through the area. During this initial phase, pavement will be removed and bypass pumping will be set up to facilitate that sanitary sewer replacement.



Once things are set up and ready in Phase II-A, the 1st St N and E Jackson St intersection will be closed in Phase II-B, which will also impact traffic across the bridge for approximately two weeks while utilities are replaced within the intersection. Once complete, temporary pavement will be reinstalled, and the 1st St N and E Jackson St intersection will be reopened.

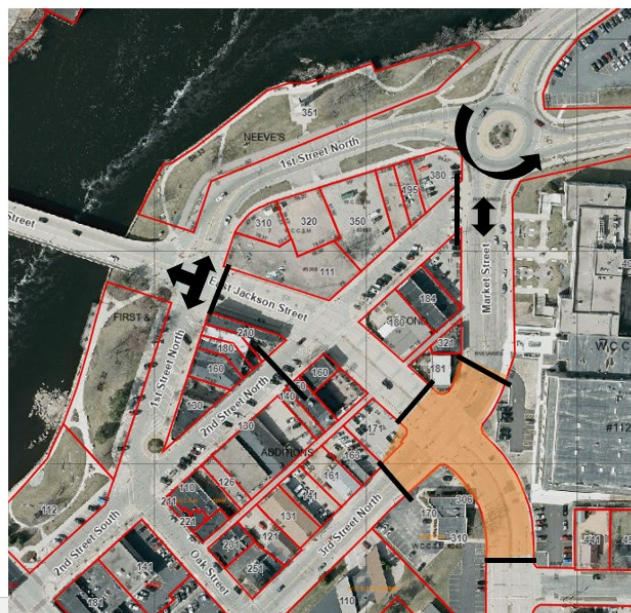


Following Phase II-B, work will be focused on E Jackson St between 2nd St and 3rd St in Phase II-C, including extending utilities north on 2nd St toward the Baker St roundabout. Utilities will then be placed within the Baker St roundabout requiring the roundabout to be closed for approximately 2 weeks.



PHASE II - C

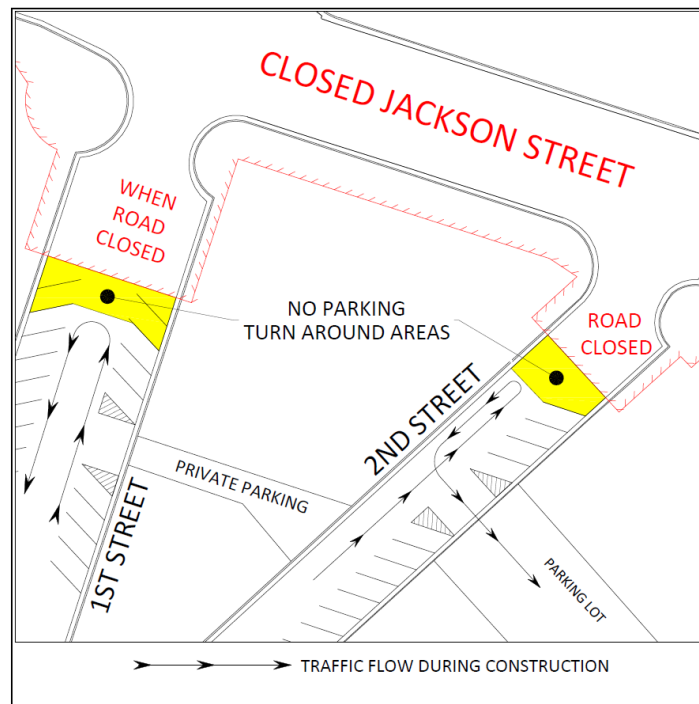
After work at the Baker St roundabout utility work will focus on E Jackson St at the 3rd St intersection and toward the east in Phase II-D. During this time, it may be possible to re-open 1st St N between E Jackson St and Baker St. Timing and coordination between road grading work and the concrete & asphalt paving contractor will play into what will be opened or remain closed.



PHASE II - D

Traffic Flow

With 1st St and 2nd St, south of E Jackson St, being one-way streets, we will need to allow temporary two-traffic and allow for a turnaround on both streets while the E Jackson St is closed. To facilitate this, the Engineering Dpt will create a graphic that each of the businesses can distribute to their customers. Furthermore, we will post signage at the intersection of Oak St & 1st St/2nd St to aid customers in navigating the changes to the traffic patterns. Graphics will look like this.



If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 715-421-8251 in the Engineering Department.

Sincerely,

Joe Eichsteadt, P.E.
City Engineer

The construction plans and schedules can be found on City's website at <https://www.wirapids.gov/198/Transportation-projects.html>. Furthermore, if you'd like to receive weekly construction updates please subscribe.



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Project Updates

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Cc: Mayor Zacher, Public Works Committee, Alderpersons, Todd Weiler (WWLC), Derek Budsberg (Wastewater), Adam Breunig (WWLC), McKenna Schudy (WWLC), Paul Vollert, Matt Graf, Cody Knutson, Engineering Dept, File

MEETING MINUTES
South Central Library System Board of Trustees
May 28, 2026

Present: Nancy Foth, President; Mary Nelson, Vice President; Marlee Jorgensen, Treasurer; Michael Howe, Secretary (online); Richard Bloomquist; Bill Clendenning; Susan Feith; Joan Fordham (online); Gary Poulson (online); Henry St. Maurice; Amanda Smith; Jordan Tilleson (online).

Administration: Kerrie Goeden, HR & Finance Coordinator.

Excused: Gen Carter; Chassitti Clark; Shannon Schultz; Jacob Wright

Absent: Latonya Jackson-Flynn, Tayler Palkowski

Recorder: Megan Doyle, Office Manager

1. Call to Order

N. Foth called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Amy Gannaway from SCLS ILS team attend to give a demonstrator of SCLS's new LINKcat system.

3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Requests to Address the Board

None.

5. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by S. Feith to approve the minutes of the 4/23/2026 Board of Trustees meeting.
Seconded by B. Clendenning. **Motion carried.**

6. Review of the Financial Statements

K. Goeden provided an overview the financial statements. S. Feith asked with the price of gas has been affecting SCLS delivery. K. Goeden shared that they have and there has been some discussion on if it would be necessary to change fuel providers or not.

7. Presentation and Approval of Bills for Payment

Motion by B. Clendenning to approve bills for payment in the amount of \$209,829.07.
Seconded by H. St. Maurice. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. Demonstration: Patron Interface of New LINKcat

A Gannaway provided a demonstration for the new LINKcat system.

9. Reports

a. Committees

- i. Budget & Finance and Personnel Committees – scheduled to meet virtually at 12:30 p.m. on June 22, 2026 for midyear budget review.
- ii. Personnel – scheduled to meet in person at 11:00 a.m. on June 25, 2026 before the regular board meeting for the system director's performance review.

b. Director's Report

- i. K. Goeden shared updates from S. Schultz's Director's Report. Report is available in the documents online.

10. Unfinished Business

- a. **Approval of auditor recommendation to increase the capital asset policy from \$1000 to \$5000**
 - i. Motion by R. Bloomquist to approve the 2025 audit report as of January 1, 2026. Seconded by S. Feith. **Motion carried unanimously.**

11. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on 2027 Resource Library Agreements between SCLS and MPL (Statutory, Supplemental and Cataloging)**
 - i. Motion to approve B. Clendenning. Second by M. Nelson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

12. Announcements and Information Sharing

- a. N. Foth shared Carnegie Corporation gave portage county \$10,000 that they will be using for OverDrive.
- b. B. Clendenning brought up potential impact of data centers and if that needs to be a bigger discussion.

13. Next meeting: May 28, 2026

Bill Examiner is S. Feith, and the alternate is H. St. Maurice. Items of business include approval of the 2026 Midyear Budget Adjustment.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by President N. Foth at 1:22 p.m.

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RESOLUTION#

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Introduced by County Board of Supervisors

Motion:	Adopted: ☐
1 st _____	Lost: ☐
2 nd _____	Tabled: ☐
No: _____ Yes: _____ Absent: _____	
Number of votes required:	
☒ Majority	☐ 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,

Joann Wormet	- 25 years – Human Services
Chad Schooley	- 25 years – Parks
Mai Lee Thao	- 30 years – Health
Crystal Varsho	- 30 years – Norwood
Shane Wuchpfennig	- 35 years – Land & Water Conservation
Jennifer Vetrone	- 35 years - Edgewater

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.

		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	Goldberg, P			
10	Thao, L			
11	Penzkover, J			
12	Valenstein, L			
13	Casper, L			
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, July 28, 2026

County Clerk

County Board Chairman