

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 28, 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 July 28, 2026.

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

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

Excused was Thao.

Supervisor Buttke gave the invocation led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Zurfluh/Penzkover to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Rozar/Hamilton to accept the resignation of Leslie Kronstedt from the Health & Human Services Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Leichtnam/Zurfluh to approve the following appointment: Wood County Wildlife Area Advisory Committee – 3-year term - Larry Isensee, Curt Pluke, Dale Weis. Motion carried by voice vote.

Various committee chairs and department heads came forward to highlight the years of service of selected employees listed in Resolution 26-7-4.

The referrals were noted.

Committee minutes presented: Operations.

RESOLUTION 26-7-1

Introduced by: Health & Human Services & Operations Committees

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

Motion by Schulz/Breu to adopt Resolution 26-7-1. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Thao.

RESOLUTION 26-7-2

Introduced by: Health & Human Services & Operations Committees

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

Motion by Zurfluh/Clendenning to adopt Resolution 26-7-2. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Thao.

RESOLUTION 26-7-3

Introduced by: Operations Committee

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
<u>TAX DEEDING EXP</u>	<u>795.00</u>
TOTAL	\$57,384.95

Motion by Breu/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 26-7-3. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Thao.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services, Public Safety, Civil Service Commission, Conservation, Education, & Economic Development, Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Committee, North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership Board of Directors, North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership Tourism, Judicial & Legislative, Criminal Justice Task Force, Highway Infrastructure & Recreation, Property & Information Technology, South Central Library System Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION 26-7-4

Introduced by: County Board of Supervisors

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

Motion by Valenstein/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 26-6-4. Motion carried by voice vote. Excused was

Thao.

Parks & Forestry Director Chad Schooley presented his 2025 Annual Report to the committee, highlighting the projects & Events that have taken over the parks since inception.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 10:13 AM. Next scheduled county board meeting is August 18, 2026.

Trent Miner
County Clerk