

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
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NAME	REPRESENTING
DENNIS POLACH	WCB-14
Bill Clodding	WCB-15
Tim Deaton	Marsh/Horton
PANGA JANG	FINANCE
DARRIN STEINBACH	
JEFF FOR KIPP	WCB #11
JUSTIN CIESLEWICZ	EDUBWATR
BRANDON VROUWIK	USD
Kim Mcbrath	HR
Kelli Szymanski	HR
Heather Gehrt	Treasurer
Riley Peterson	Wellness
Kimberly Stimac	Clerk of Courts
Nick Plugaur (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