

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 15, 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 September 15, 2026.

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

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

Excused was Hamilton.

Supervisor Voight gave the invocation led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The referrals were noted.

Committee minutes presented: Operations, Health & Human Services, Conservation, Education, & Economic Development, Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, North Central Wisconsin Tourism Partnership Tourism, Citizens Water Group.

RESOLUTION 26-9-1

Introduced by: Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

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

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County.

Motion by Leichtnam/Breu to adopt Resolution 26-9-1. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Hamilton.

Committee minutes presented: Judicial & Legislative, Highway Infrastructure & Recreation, Wood County Wildlife Area Advisory, Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of Directors, South Central Library System Board of Trustees, UW Commission Subcommittee.

Chair Pliml turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Hahn and reviewed the upcoming ordinance and the timeline behind its inception.

ORDINANCE 26-9-2

Introduced by: County Board of Supervisors

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To enact a county ordinance that requires notice for Large-Scale Data Center developments in Wood County.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Motion by Pliml/Schulz to enact Ordinance 26-9-2. Discussion followed. Motion by Clendenning/Leichtnam to postpone this ordinance until the October County Board meeting. Motion lost. Voting no were: Schulz, Rozar, Buttke, Perlock, Hovendick, Breu, Thao, Valenstein, Casper, Polach, & Pliml. Excused was Hamilton. Vice Chair Hahn called the original motion. Motion carried. Voting no were Clendenning & Leichtnam. Excused was Hamilton.

Chair Pliml assumed the gavel.

ADRC-CW Executive Director Mike Rhea gave an annual report to the board highlighting various programming challenges and budget cuts, as well as methods being implemented to help alleviate the cuts. He noted that the over-60 population in our area is expected to continue to grow until at least 2040.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 10:27 AM. Next scheduled county board meeting is October 20, 2026.

Trent Miner
County Clerk