

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 15, 2024 – 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

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

Supervisors present: Brehm, Breu, Buttke, Clendenning, Hahn, Hamilton, Hokamp, Hovendick, Leichtnam, Penzkover, Perlock, Polach, Pliml, Rozar, Thao, Valenstein, Voight, and Zurfluh.

Excused was Schulz.

Supervisor Hamilton gave the invocation led the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Miner was recognized and offered remembrances for former County Board Supervisor & Chairman, and former County Clerk, Anthony Ruesch. Without objection, Item 8-1 was brought forward for action.

RESOLUTION 24-11-1

Introduced by: County Board of Supervisors

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Relating to the life and public service of Anthony C. Ruesch.

Motion by Clendenning/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 24-11-1. Motion carried by voice vote. Excused was Schulz. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Chairman Ruesch. Daughters of Chairman Ruesch were in attendance and were presented the signed resolution.

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

There was no public comment.

Referrals were noted.

Committee minutes presented: Operations.

RESOLUTION 24-11-2

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To establish Wood County's Tax Levy for 2024 collectable in 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution establishes the tax levy for the 2025 Wood County Budget. The total levy is \$34,279,503, the components of which are the following:

Operating	\$23,028,026
Debt service	10,137,394
<u>Aid to libraries</u>	<u>1,114,083</u>
Total Levy	\$34,279,503

Motion by Breu/Zurfluh to adopt Resolution 24-11-2. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Schulz.

RESOLUTION 24-11-3

Introduced by: Operations Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Adoption of the 2025 Wood County Budget.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution adopts the 2025 Wood County Budget of \$151,707,779 including the appropriations, revenues and use of fund balances proposed by the Operations Committee as outlined in the 2025 Wood County Proposed Budget document.

Motion by Zurfluh/Hamilton to adopt Resolution 24-11-3. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Schulz.

Committee minutes presented: Health & Human Services, Public Safety.

RESOLUTION 24-11-4

Introduced by: Public Safety Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To authorize Wood County to enter into an agreement and seek funding under §165.90 for Law Enforcement Services on Restricted Tribal Lands.

FISCAL NOTE: \$25,484

Motion by Hamilton/Breu to adopt Resolution 24-11-4. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Schulz.

RESOLUTION 24-11-5

Introduced by: Public Safety Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To provide for unanticipated revenue from Opioid Settlement Funds to finance the Sheriff's Department's Employee Wellness Initiative to be administered from November 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to Wood County. The costs funded in the 2024 budget are in lines 101-2501-52110-000-342 (Sheriff-Admin Public Safety). The adjustment to the budget is as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
52110	Sheriff Admin Public Safety		\$32,020
48900	Sheriff Dept Misc Revenue	\$32,020	

Motion by Hamilton/Voight to adopt Resolution 24-11-5. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Schulz.

Committee minutes presented: Conservation, Education & Economic Development

RESOLUTION 24-11-6

Introduced by: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

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

FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Motion by Buttke/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 24-11-6. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Schulz.

RESOLUTION 24-11-7

Introduced by: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To endorse Frontier Communications to apply for Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) grant funding to construct highspeed broadband infrastructure in unserved/underserved households of Wood County.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Motion by Clendenning/Hovendick to adopt Resolution 24-11-7. Motion carried unanimously. Excused was Schulz.

Committee minutes presented: Judicial & Legislative, Wood County State Wildlife Area Advisory, Property & Information Technology, Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of Directors, South Central Library Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION 24-11-8

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: Relating to the life and public service of William Goodness.

Motion by Rozar/Leichtnam to adopt Resolution 24-11-8. Motion carried by voice vote. Excused was Schulz. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Chairman Goodness.

Without objection, Chairman Pliml adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM. Next scheduled county board meeting is December 17, 2024.

Trent Miner
County Clerk