

GREEN LAKE COUNTY



2025

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL MEETING

January 28, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in special session, Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 4:30 PM via remote access and in person for the special meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 16, Absent – Nancy Hoffmann-District 1, Keith Hess-District 17, Richard Trochinski-18

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Charles Buss	2
Curt Talma	3
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Brian Floeter	6
Bob Schweder	7
Nancy Hiestand	8
Bill Boutwell	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Charlie Wielgosh	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF 12/17/2024 MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- Scott Feldt, BugTussel – update on broadband services

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 01-2025 Resolution Seeking Withdrawal from the Tri-County Environmental Health Consortium and Form the rural Environmental Health Alliance

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GREEN LAKE COUNTY FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MIRON CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAY FACILITY

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GREEN LAKE COUNTY FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

CLOSED SESSION

1. Move into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – recommendation from Finance Committee regarding SOW from auditing firm.
2. And move into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever

competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – consideration of Highway Department land acquisition

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, IF APPROPRIATE, TO ACT ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON February 18, 2025

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 20th day of January, 2025

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 12/17/2024 MEETING

- 2. **Motion/second (Buss/Reabe)** to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3. The next meeting of the County Board will take place on February 18, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

- 4. Sheriff Mark Podoll shared that they have officially switched over to the new 911 system and started a 30 day trial. The Sheriff’s Department solved a missing person case by using the Flock Safety Cameras. The Flock camera spotted the individual in Princeton, WI resulting in the missing person being reunited with his family. Podoll also commented on the discussion of the County Administrator position.

APPEARANCES

- 5. Scott Feldt of BugTussel was not in attendance.

RESOLUTIONS

- 6. Resolution 01-2025 Resolution Seeking Withdrawal from the Tri-County Environmental Health Consortium and Form the rural Environmental Health Alliance. Jason Jerome, HHS Director and Rachel Prellwitz, Health Officer, explained the reasoning behind the Resolution. **Motion/second (Krenz/Boutwell)** to adopt Resolution 01-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 01-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17. Trochinski-District 18). Resolution 01-2025 passed as adopted.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MIRON CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAY FACILITY

- 7. The process for the Highway Facility started in August of 2023. The Highway committee interviewed different architectural firms and ended up picking Excel Engineering. They then interviewed 5 different construction management teams in which Miron Construction was the one they picked. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to accept the contract for Miron Construction, and that County Board Chair Dave Abendroth be allowed to fill the responsibilities of the County Administrator by correcting and signing documents regarding the Miron contract. Roll call vote on motion to accept the contract from Miron Construction – Ayes – 15, Nays – 1 (Thom), Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17. Trochinski-District 18). Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GREEN LAKE COUNTY FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

- 8. The committee was given a description of the 3 options they have to choose from regarding the County Administrator position. These descriptions can be found in the packet. Corporation Counsel, Jeff Mann read a brief description of the difference between a County Administrator and a County Coordinator provided by UW-Extension. Board members agreed that they would like to appoint someone from within the building, the interim administrator for the time being. Chair Abendroth allowed Sheriff Mark Podoll to comment. Discussion continued. **Motion/second (Floeter/Reabe)** to instruct the Administrative committee to begin the process to appoint and bring forward recommendations for the county administrative interim position to the County

Board for final approval. Roll call vote – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17. Trochinski-District 18). Motion passed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

9. Chair Abendroth recommended the following appointments:
Raymond Hudzinski to the Veterans Service Commission for a term ending 12/31/2027
Brenda Murkley, Mike Wuest, Mark Stefan, and Joel Strahota have been appointed Fire Wardens for 2025 by the DNR
Motion/second (Boutwell/Buss) to approve the appointments as recommended. Motion carried with no negative vote.

CLOSED SESSION

10. **Motion/second (Buss/Lenz)** to move into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – recommendation from Finance Committee regarding SOW from auditing firm.
11. And move into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – consideration of Highway Department land acquisition
12. Roll call vote on motion to move into Closed Session at 5:38PM – Ayes - 16, Nays - 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17. Trochinski-District 18), Abstain - 0. Motion carried. Remote access was terminated.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, IF APPROPRIATE, TO ACT ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

13. **Motion/second (Buss/Lenz)** to reconvene into open session at 6:32PM.
14. Roll call vote on motion to return to Open Session – Ayes -16, Nays - 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17. Trochinski-District 18), Abstain - 0. Motion carried.
15. **Motion/second (Floeter/Buss)** to send matter discussed in Closed Session to the Finance and Administrative Committee's for further discussion. Roll call vote – Ayes -16, Nays - 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17. Trochinski-District 18), Abstain - 0. Motion carried.
16. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to authorize Chair of the Highway Committee, Dennis Mulder, to make an offer up to the amount discussed in Closed Session. Roll call vote - Ayes -16, Nays - 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17. Trochinski-District 18), Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON February 18, 2025

17. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

18. To be determined

ADJOURN

19. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 6:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Block

Karissa Block, Deputy County Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-2025

RESOLUTION SEEKING WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TRI-COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM AND FORM THE RURAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 28th day of January, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the respective Boards of Health in Green Lake and Marquette Counties have voted to withdraw from the Tri-County Environmental Health Consortium, but still believe these specialty services are more effectively provided within a partnership.

WHEREAS, customer service and fiscal responsibility are paramount to the operation of a local Environmental Health, Food Safety and Recreational Licensing program.

WHEREAS, WI Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) may designate a local health department as Agent of the State pursuant to WI State Statute Chapters 66.0417, 97.12, 97.41, 68, 125.68(5), 251.04(3), 252.02, 252.03, 254.46, and 254.59; and by WI State Administrative Chapters ATCP 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78 and 79 and SPS 221 and 390.

WHEREAS, ratification of this arrangement will have a ‘cost neutral’ impact on participating counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Marquette County and Green Lake Public Health will consolidate resources and form the “Rural Environmental Health Alliance” (REHA).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marquette County Health Department will act as fiscal agent for this consortium; setting and collecting all associated fees, hiring qualified staff, and assuring compliance with ATCP 74 and applicable local ordinances.

Fiscal note is attached.

A majority vote is needed to pass.

Health & Human Services Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 28th day of January 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 01-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0

Submitted by Health & Human Services Committee: /s/ Joe Gonyo, Chair; /s/ Mike Skivington, Vice Chair; /s/ Christine Schapfel; approved via remote access Nancy Hoffmann, /s/ Mary Hess

GREEN LAKE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 4:30 PM via remote access and in person for the special meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 14, Absent – 4 (Curt Talma-District 3, Brian Floeter-District 6, Nancy Hiestand-District 8, Bill Boutwell-District 9), Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann	1
Charles Buss	2
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Bob Schweder	7
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Charlie Wielgosh	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Keith Hess	17
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MINUTES OF 01/28/2025 MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)
APPEARANCES

- Scott Feldt, BugTussel – update on broadband services
RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – Gary Podoll, Emergency Management Director
APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE AND DISCUSSION
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CLA STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW) FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES
ORDINANCES
 - Ordinance 01-2025 Rezone in the Town of Marquette: Owner – Corneal Troyer
 - Ordinance 02-2025 Rezone in the Town of Marquette: Owner – Nicholas Johnson
 - Ordinance 03-2025 Amending Green Lake County Chapter 350. Zoning

CLOSED SESSION

- Closed Session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – update and possible approval of Highway Department land acquisition.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON March 18, 2025
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION
ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 6th day of February, 2025

Elizabeth A. Otto
Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 01/28/2025 MEETING

4. **Motion/second (Schweder/Lenz)** to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. Chair Abendroth recognized Supervisor #18, Dick Trochinski, who passed away on January 30, 2025. Trochinski had served on the County Board since 2010. Abendroth extended his sympathy and that of the entire Board to Trochinski's family.
6. The next meeting of the County Board will take place on March 18, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

7. None

APPEARANCES

8. Scott Feldt of BugTussel provided an update and background on the work currently underway to provide broadband coverage within Green Lake County. He spoke in particular about the BEAD (Broadband Equity Access and Deployment) program which provides federal funds to connect to high speed internet. There are currently 32 eligible projects in Green Lake County and BugTussel is looking for county endorsement for the bidding process. Chair Abendroth stated that this can not be done at this time since there is no item on the agenda for this.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – GARY PODOLL, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

9. Chair Abendroth and Sheriff Mark Podoll presented Gary Podoll, Emergency Management Director, with a plaque in recognition of his 37 years of service to Green Lake County. Podoll is retiring effective February 28, 2025. Podoll thanked everyone for the many years of working together.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

10. Chair Abendroth stated that he would like to appoint HHS Director Jason Jerome as Interim County Administrator until the Board decides how to proceed long term. **Motion/second (Schweder/Krenz)** to approve the appointment. Roll call vote – Ayes - 14, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent – 4 (Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Boutwell), Vacant – 1. Jerome thanked the Board and outlined his 3 main goals including maintaining the high quality of services provided by Green Lake County, analyzing the financials of the county, and long term structure.

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

11. County Clerk Liz Otto stated that she will be working with Jason Jerome moving forward in regard to HR services and how to proceed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CLA STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW) FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

12. Chair Abendroth called for a motion to approve the contract as provided in the packet by CLA (the auditing firm).
Motion/second (Mulder/Buss) to approve the Statement of Work from CLA for financial services as approved by the Administrative Committee. Roll call vote – Ayes - 14, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent – 4 (Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Boutwell), Vacant – 1.

ORDINANCES

13. Ordinance 01-2025 Rezone in the Town of Marquette – Owner: Corneal Troyer. Supervisor Gonyo requested an explanation of the ordinance. Supervisor Buss explained the process. **Motion/second (Thom/Buss)** to enact Ordinance 01-2025. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 01-2025 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 4 (Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Boutwell), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 01-2025 passed as enacted.
14. Ordinance 02-2025 Rezone in the Town of Marquette – Owner: Nicholas Johnson. No discussion. **Motion/second (Buss/Thom)** to enact Ordinance 02-2025. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 02-2025 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 4 (Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Boutwell), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 01-2025 passed as enacted.
15. Ordinance 03-2025 Amending Green Lake County Chapter 350. Zoning. Supervisor Buss explained that this amendment is in regard to regulating solar and wind energy farms that fall below the federal standard. Discussion held. **Motion/second (Buss/Thom)** to enact Ordinance 03-2025. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 03-2025 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 4 (Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Boutwell), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 03-2025 passed as enacted.

CLOSED SESSION

16. **Motion/second (Wendt/Lenz)** to move into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – update and possible approval of Highway Department land acquisition.
Roll call vote on motion to move into Closed Session at 5:29 PM – Ayes - 14, Nays - 0, Absent – 4 (Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Boutwell), Abstain - 0, Vacant - 1. Motion carried. Remote access was terminated.
Motion/second (Schweder/Krenz) to allow Derek Mashuda, County Clerk Liz Otto, and Deputy County Clerk Karissa Block to remain in closed session. Motion carried with no negative vote.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, IF APPROPRIATE, TO ACT ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

17. **Motion/second (Skivington/Schweder)** to reconvene into open session at 5:37 PM.
Roll call vote on motion to return to Open Session – Ayes - 14, Nays - 0, Absent – 4 (Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Boutwell), Abstain - 0, Vacant - 1. Motion carried.

Motion/second (Buss/Schweder) to approve the acquisition of the parcel outlined in Closed Session with all terms and conditions applied. Roll call vote - Ayes - 13, Nays – 1 (Reabe), Absent – 4 (Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Boutwell), Abstain - 0, Vacant - 1. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON March 18, 2025

18. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

19. To be determined

ADJOURN

20. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 5:39 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Otto
Elizabeth Otto,
County Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2025
Relating to: Rezone in the Town of Marquette
Owner: Corneal Troyer

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 11th of February 2025, does ordain as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Green Lake County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 350 as amended, Article IV Zoning Districts, Section 350-26 Official Map, as relates to the Town of Marquette, shall be amended as follows:

Owner: Corneal Troyer, **Location:** N2853 Nicolet Road, **Parcel:** 014-00513-0000. **Legal Description:** Lot 1 of CSM 1473 V6, located in Section 36, T15N, R11E, Town of Marquette, ±.1.0 acres. **Request:** The owners are requesting a rezone from R2, Single-Family Mobile Home Residence District, to R4, Rural Residential District.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.
A majority vote is needed to pass.

Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 11th day of February 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 01-2025

Ayes 14, Nays 0, Absent 4, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, Chair; /s/ Bill Boutwell, Vice Chair; /s/ Gene Thom; approved via remote access Curt Talma

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2025
Relating to: Rezone in the Town of Marquette
Owner: Nicholas Johnson

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 11th of February 2025, does ordain as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Green Lake County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 350 as amended, Article IV Zoning Districts, Section 350-26 Official Map, as relates to the Town of Marquette, shall be amended as follows:

Owner: Nicholas Johnson, **Location:** N2901 Cedar Road, **Parcel:** 014-00482-0100. **Legal Description:** SE ¼ of SW ¼ and SW ¼ of SE ¼, located in Section 34, T15N, R11E, Town of Marquette, ±.35.0 acres.

Request: The owners are requesting a rezone from A1, Farmland Preservation District, to A2, General Agriculture District.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.
A majority vote is needed to pass.

Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 11th day of February 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 02-2025

Ayes 14, Nays 0, Absent 4, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, Chair; /s/ Bill Boutwell, Vice Chair; /s/ Gene Thom; approved via remote access Curt Talma

ORDINANCE NO. 03–2025

Amending Green Lake County Chapter 350. Zoning

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 11th day of February, 2025, does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee has deemed it advantageous to the citizens of and visitors to Green Lake County to adopt zoning ordinance regulations that address wind and solar energy system siting, and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee has proposed these zoning ordinance amendments in accordance with Chapter 66.0401 Wis. Stats. and Administrative Code Chapter PSC 128, that serves to preserve or protect the public health or safety, does not significantly increase the cost of the system or significantly decrease its efficiency, and allows for an alternative system of comparable cost and efficiency, and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee has deemed that adoption of these zoning ordinance standards will help mitigate negative impacts to neighboring land owners, agricultural land capabilities, and lakes and streams. Further, the zoning ordinance amendment will establish a public hearing requirement that will provide the public the opportunity to be informed about the siting of these systems.

Fiscal note is not applicable

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the ordinance shall be amended as follows:

350-19 Height Regulations

C. Height exceptions. Farm buildings not for human habitation; chimneys; cooling towers; ~~roof-mounted~~ solar panel arrays; **wind turbines**; elevator bulkheads; fire towers; monuments; penthouses; stacks; scenery lofts; tanks; water towers; ornamental towers; spires; wireless, television or broadcasting towers; masts or aerials; telephone, telegraph and power transmission poles and lines; and microwave radio relay structures and necessary mechanical appurtenances are hereby excepted from the height regulations of this chapter and may be erected in accordance with other regulations or ordinances of Green Lake County.

[Amended 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 9-2020]

350-20 Side and rear yard regulations

F. **Wind energy facilities may have yard setbacks waived.**

350-31 NRC Natural Resource Conservancy District

B. Permitted uses

- 22. **Wind energy systems**
- 23. **Small solar energy systems**

350-32 C-1 General Commercial District

A. Permitted uses

- 7. **Wind energy systems under 1 MW**
- 8. **Small solar energy systems**

350-34 I Industrial District

A. Permitted uses.

1. Any use permitted in the C-2 Extensive Commercial District, except residential, educational or institutional uses.

- 2. **Solar and wind energy systems**

350-35 M-1 Mineral Extraction District

A. Permitted uses.

- 1. **Solar and wind energy systems**
- 2. **All other uses in this district are conditional uses.**

350-36 M-2 Sanitary Landfill District

A. Permitted uses.

- 1. Solar and wind energy systems
- 2. All other uses in this district are conditional uses.

350-37 RC Recreation District

B. Permitted uses. Recreational activities, such as:

- 5. Solar and wind energy systems

350-38 R-1 Single-Family Residence District

A. Permitted uses:

- 8. Wind energy systems under 1 MW
- 9. Small solar energy systems

350-40 R-3 Multiple-Family Residence District

A. Permitted uses

- 18. Wind energy systems under 1MW
- 19. Small solar energy systems

350-41 R-4 Rural Residential District

A. Permitted uses

- 18. Wind energy systems under 1MW
- 19. Small solar energy systems

350-44 Fences

~~§ 350-43.2 Solar panels. [1]~~

[Added 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 9-2020]

Solar panel arrays shall comply with the following:

~~A.~~

~~Ground-mounted solar panel arrays that can exceed eight feet in adjusted height (lowest adjacent grade to maximum vertical extent) or have a solar panel surface area greater than 32 square feet must be authorized by a land use permit and are required to meet all the required setback set forth in this chapter.~~

~~B.~~

~~Ground-mounted solar panel arrays shall not exceed 25 feet in height (lowest adjacent grade to maximum vertical extent).~~

~~C.~~

~~Roof-mounted solar panel arrays are not subject to §§ 350-19 and 350-20 of this chapter and are exempt from the land use permit requirement under § 350-65.~~

~~[1]~~

Editor's Note: Former § 350-43.2, Wind energy facilities, added 12-16-2008 by Ord. No. 942-08, was repealed 12-15-2009 by Ord. No. 969-2009

350-45 Driveways and walkways

350-46 Mobile tower siting regulations

350-47 Solar and Wind Energy Systems

A. Wind energy systems

1.) Purpose Statement

The purpose of this ordinance is to incorporate and adopt the requirements of § 66.0401, Wis Stats, and Wis. Admin. Code Ch. PSC 128 as a local ordinance and to establish local regulations on the installation and use of

wind energy systems that are authorized by, compliant with, and no more restrictive than the rules promulgated by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and that serve to preserve or protect the public health or safety, do not significantly increase the cost of the system or significantly decrease its efficiency, or allow for an alternative system of comparable cost and efficiency.

2.) *Land Use Permit*

- A. Wind energy systems shall require a land use permit prior to installing, constructing, or modifying the wind energy system.
 - 1. Land use permits for wind energy systems shall be valid until 90 days after the system commences operation.
 - 2. Land use permits for wind energy systems shall expire if construction of the wind energy system is not commenced within 24 months of the date of permit issuance.
- B. A land use permit may not be issued to install, construct, or modify a wind energy system in a township under county zoning unless the system is included in a department approved wind energy system application.

3.) *Pre-Application*

- A. A pre application notice must be filed at least 90 days before an owner files an application to construct a large wind energy system. For applications to construct a wind turbine with a maximum blade tip height exceeding 600 feet the owner shall provide written notice of the wind energy system to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission at least 180 days before the owner files the application.
 - 1. The owner shall use commercially reasonable methods to provide written notice of the planned large wind energy system to the following:
 - A. Landowners within one mile of a planned wind turbine host property.
 - B. The department and any towns, villages, or cities within which the wind energy system may be located.
 - C. Emergency first responders and air ambulance service providers serving a political subdivision within which the wind energy system may be located.
 - D. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation
 - E. The Wisconsin Public Service Commission
 - F. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
 - G. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
 - H. The Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Defense.
 - 2. A pre application notice shall be filed at least 60 days before an owner files an application to construct a small wind energy system and the notice shall be provided only to adjacent landowners and the department.
 - 3. Pre application notices for wind energy systems shall include the following:
 - A. A complete description of the wind energy system including the number and size of the planned wind turbines
 - B. A map showing the planned location of all the wind energy system facilities
 - C. Contact information for the owner
 - D. A list of all potential permits or approvals the owner anticipates may be necessary for the construction of the wind energy system
 - E. Whether the owner is requesting a joint application review process and the name of each political subdivision that may participate in the joint review process.

4.) *Real Property Provisions*

A.) *Easement recording required*

- 1. A wind energy system easement or wind access easement shall be recorded under § 706, Wis. Stats. A wind energy system easement or wind access easement shall include the term of the easement and a full legal description of the property subject to the easement.

B.) *Wind Lease and Waiver Provisions*

- 2. A wind energy system lease and any waiver of noise or shadow flicker requirements shall hold harmless and indemnify the real property owner for all of the following:
 - a. Any violation of federal, state or local law by the owner of the wind energy system.

- b. Any damages or bodily injury caused by the construction, operation or decommissioning of the wind energy system.

5.) Existing Property uses

A.) Land Use and Commercial Enterprises

- 1. An owner shall make reasonable efforts to ascertain and accommodate any land use or commercial enterprise located on a nonparticipating property within 0.5 mile of a proposed wind turbine site if the land use or commercial enterprise exists when the owner gives their pre-application notice, or if complete publicly-available plans for construction are on file with a political subdivision within 30 days of the date the owner gives their pre-application notice.
 - a. For small wind energy systems, only adjacent non-participating properties are required to be accommodated.

B.) Agricultural Use

- 2. An owner shall design a wind energy system to reasonably minimize the conversion of land from agricultural use.

6.) Siting Criteria

A.) Setback distance and height requirements

- 1. An owner shall design and construct a large wind energy system using the wind turbine setback distances shown in Table 1.

Table 1

Setback Description	Setback Distance
Occupied Community Buildings	The lesser of 1,250 feet or 3.1 times the maximum blade tip height
Participating Residences	1.1 times the maximum blade tip height
Nonparticipating Residences	The lesser of 1,250 feet or 3.1 times the maximum blade tip height
Participating Property Lines	None
Nonparticipating Property Lines	1.1 times the maximum blade tip height
Public Road Right-of-Way	1.1 times the maximum blade tip height
Overhead Communication and Electric Transmission or Distribution Lines — Not including utility service lines to individual houses or outbuildings	1.1 times the maximum blade tip height
Overhead Utility Service Lines — Lines to individual houses or outbuildings	None

- 2. An owner shall design and construct a small wind energy system using the wind turbine setback distances shown in Table 2.

Table 2

Setback Description	Setback Distance
Occupied Community Buildings	1.0 times the maximum blade tip height
Participating Residences	None
Nonparticipating Residences	1.0 times the maximum blade tip height
Participating Property Lines	None
Nonparticipating Property Lines	1.0 times the maximum blade tip height
Public Road Right-of-Way	None
Overhead Communication and Electric Transmission or Distribution Lines — Not including utility service lines to individual houses or outbuildings	1.0 times the maximum blade tip height
Overhead Utility Service Lines — Lines to individual houses or outbuildings	None

3. An owner shall measure wind turbine setback distances as a straight line from the vertical centerline of the wind turbine tower to the nearest point on the permanent foundation of a building or residence or to the nearest point on the property line or feature, as applicable.
4. An owner shall work with the department and owners of participating and nonparticipating properties to site wind turbines to minimize individual hardships.
5. The owner of a nonparticipating residence or occupied community building may waive the applicable large wind energy system wind turbine setback distances in Table 1 for those structures to a minimum setback distance of 1.1 times the maximum blade tip height. The owner of a nonparticipating property may waive the applicable wind turbine setback distance in Tables 1 from a nonparticipating property line.
6. The owner of an adjacent nonparticipating residence or adjacent occupied community building may waive the applicable small wind energy system turbine setback distances in Table 2.

7.) Noise

A.) Planning

1. The noise limits in this section apply at the outside wall of a nonparticipating residence or occupied community building that exists when the owner gives their pre-application notice, or for which complete publicly available plans for construction are on file with the department within 30 days of the date on which the owner gives their pre-application notice.
2. An owner shall design the proposed wind energy system to minimize noise at a residence or occupied community building to the extent reasonably practicable.
3. An owner shall design a wind energy system to comply with the noise limits of this chapter under planned operating conditions.

B.) Noise Limits

1. Except as provided in PSC 128.14(4)(b), PSC 128.14(4)(c), and PSC 128.14(5), an owner shall operate the wind energy system so that the noise attributable to the wind energy system does not exceed 50 dBA during daytime hours and 45 dBA during nighttime hours.
2. In the event audible noise due to wind energy system operations contains a steady pure tone, such as a whine, whistle, screech, or hum, the owner shall promptly take corrective action to permanently eliminate the noise. This paragraph does not apply to sound the wind energy system produces under normal operating conditions.

C.) Compliance

1. If an owner uses sound level measurements to evaluate compliance with this section at a nonparticipating residence or occupied community building, those measurements shall be made as near as possible to the outside wall nearest to the closest wind turbine, or at an alternate wall as specified by the owner of the nonparticipating residence or occupied community building. The owner may take additional measurements to evaluate compliance in addition to those specified by this section.
2. Upon receipt of a complaint regarding a violation of the noise limits of this chapter, an owner shall test for compliance with the noise limits of this chapter. The department or a monitoring committee established by the department under this chapter may not require additional testing to show compliance with the noise limits of this chapter if the owner has provided the results of an accurate test conducted within 2 years of the date of the complaint showing that the wind energy system is in compliance with the noise limits of this chapter at the location relating to the complaint.
3. Methods available for the owner to comply shall include operational curtailment of one or more wind turbines. Upon receipt of a complaint about a noise under PSC 128.14(3)(b), the owner shall use operational curtailment to eliminate the noise until the owner permanently corrects the problem.
4. An owner shall evaluate compliance with the noise limits of this chapter as part of pre- and post-construction noise studies. An owner shall conduct pre- and post-construction noise studies under the most current version of the noise measurement protocol as described in PSC 128.50 (2).
 - a. Small wind energy systems are exempt from the pre- and post- construction noise study requirement.

D.) Waiver

1. Upon request by an owner of a wind energy system, an owner of an affected nonparticipating residence or occupied community building may relieve the owner of the wind energy system of the requirement to meet any of the noise limits of this chapter at the affected residence or occupied community building by written contract with the wind energy system owner. Unless otherwise provided in a contract signed by an owner of an affected nonparticipating residence or occupied community building, a waiver by an owner of an affected nonparticipating residence or occupied community building is an encumbrance on the real property, runs with the land until the wind energy system is decommissioned, and shall be recorded under § 706, Wis. Stats.

E.) Notification

1. Before entering into a contract to waive the noise limits of this chapter, an owner of a wind energy system shall provide written notice of the requirements of PSC 128.14 to the owner of an affected nonparticipating residence or occupied community building.
2. Before the initial operation of the wind energy system, an owner of a wind energy system shall provide notice of the requirements of PSC 128.14 to an owner of a nonparticipating residence or occupied community building within 0.5 mile of a constructed wind turbine that has not entered into a contract to waive the noise limits of this chapter.
 - a. Small wind energy systems shall only be required to provide notice to each adjacent nonparticipating residence or occupied community building.

8.) Shadow Flicker

A.) Planning

1. The shadow flicker requirements in this section apply to a nonparticipating residence or occupied community building that exists when the owner gives their pre-application notice, or for which complete publicly available plans for construction are on file with the department within 30 days of the date on which the owner gives their pre-application notice.
2. An owner shall design the proposed wind energy system to minimize shadow flicker at a residence or occupied community building to the extent reasonably practicable.
3. An owner shall use shadow flicker computer modeling to estimate the amount of shadow flicker anticipated to be caused by a wind energy system and shall design the wind energy system so that computer modeling indicates that no nonparticipating residence or occupied community building will experience more than 30 hours per year of shadow flicker under planned operating conditions.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are not required to utilize any computer modeling of shadow flicker.

B.) Shadow Flicker Limits

1. An owner shall operate the wind energy system in a manner that does not cause more than 30 hours per year of shadow flicker at a nonparticipating residence or occupied community building. If a nonparticipating residence or occupied community building experiences more than 30 hours per year of shadow flicker under the wind energy system's normal operating conditions, the owner shall use operational curtailment to comply with the shadow flicker requirements of this chapter.

C.) Shadow Flicker Mitigation

1. An owner of a wind energy system shall work with an owner of a nonparticipating residence or occupied community building to mitigate the effects of shadow flicker to the extent reasonably practicable.
2. An owner shall provide reasonable shadow flicker mitigation at the owner's expense for a nonparticipating residence or occupied community building experiencing 20 hours or more per year of shadow flicker.
3. An owner shall model shadow flicker, and a nonparticipating residence or occupied community building is eligible for mitigation if computer modeling shows that shadow flicker at the nonparticipating residence or occupied community building will be 20 hours or more per year. An owner of a nonparticipating residence or occupied community building is not required to document the actual hours per year of shadow flicker if modeling indicates the nonparticipating residence or occupied community building is eligible for mitigation. A nonparticipating residence or occupied community building that experiences 20 hours or more per year of shadow flicker based on records kept by the resident of a nonparticipating residence or the occupant of an occupied community building shall also be eligible for mitigation.
4. An owner may provide shadow flicker mitigation for any residence or occupied community building in addition to the mitigation required under PSC 128.15(3)(b).
5. The requirement under PSC 128.15(3)(b) to mitigate shadow flicker applies when the owner receives a complaint or request for mitigation regarding shadow flicker for an eligible nonparticipating residence or occupied community building. If shadow flicker mitigation is required, the owner of the wind energy system shall allow the owner of the nonparticipating residence or occupied community building to choose a preferred reasonable mitigation technique, including installation of blinds or plantings at the wind energy system owner's expense.
6. Small wind energy systems are exempt from the requirements to provide shadow flicker mitigation to a non-participating residence or occupied community building.

D.) Waiver

1. Upon request by an owner of a wind energy system, an owner of an affected nonparticipating residence or occupied community building may relieve the wind energy system owner of a requirement under PSC 128.15(2) or PSC 128.15(3)(b) at the affected nonparticipating residence or occupied community building by written contract with the wind energy system owner. Unless otherwise provided in a contract signed by an owner of an affected nonparticipating residence or occupied community building, a waiver by an owner of an affected nonparticipating residence or occupied community building is an encumbrance on the real property and runs with the land until the wind energy system is decommissioned, and shall be recorded under § 706, Wis. Stats.

E.) Notification

1. Before entering into a contract to waive shadow flicker limits, a wind energy system owner shall provide notice of the requirements of PSC 128.15 to individual owners of an affected nonparticipating residence or occupied community building.
2. Before the initial operation of the wind energy system, a wind energy system owner shall provide notice of the requirements of PSC 128.15 to an owner of a nonparticipating residence or occupied community building within 0.5 mile of a constructed wind turbine that has not entered into a contract to waive shadow flicker limits.
3. Small wind energy systems are exempt from shadow flicker notification requirements.

9.) Signal Interference

A.) Planning

1. Except as provided in 350-47(A)(9)(D), the signal interference requirements in this section apply to commercial communications and personal communications in use when the wind energy system begins operation.
2. An owner shall use reasonable efforts to avoid causing interference with commercial communications and personal communications to the extent practicable.
3. An owner may not construct wind energy system facilities within existing line-of-sight communication paths that are used by government or military entities to provide services essential to protect public safety. An owner must provide information showing that wind turbines and other wind energy system facilities will be in compliance with this requirement.

B.) Commercial Communications Interference Mitigation

1. An owner shall use reasonable and commercially available technology to mitigate interference caused by a wind energy system with commercial communications in use when a wind energy system begins operation. Before implementing mitigation measures, the owner shall consult with affected parties regarding the preferred mitigation solution for commercial communications interference problems. Except as provided in 350-47(A)(9)(D), an owner shall mitigate commercial communications interference caused by the wind energy system by making the affected party's preferred reasonable mitigation solution effective until either the wind energy system is decommissioned or the communication is no longer in use, whichever is earlier.
2. Small wind energy systems are exempt from the requirement to provide commercial communication interference mitigation.

C.) Personal Communications Interference Mitigation

1. An owner shall use reasonable and commercially available technology to mitigate interference with personal communications in use when a wind energy system begins operation caused by a wind energy system. An owner must use reasonable and commercially available technology to mitigate interference with personal communications that were not in use when the wind energy system began commercial operation, if a wind energy system is causing the interference and the interference occurs at a location at least 0.5 mile from a wind turbine.
2. Before implementing mitigation measures, the owner shall consult with affected parties regarding the preferred mitigation solution for personal communications interference problems. Except as provided in 350-47(A)(9)(D), an owner shall mitigate personal communications interference caused by the wind energy system by making the affected party's preferred reasonable mitigation solution effective until either the wind energy system is decommissioned or the communication is no longer in use, whichever is earlier.
3. Small wind energy systems are exempt from the requirement to provide personal communication interference mitigation.

D.) Mitigation Protocol

1. An owner shall implement a new technology solution that becomes commercially available before the wind energy system is decommissioned to address interference for which mitigation is required under this chapter and for which the original mitigation solution is only partially effective.
 - a. This process shall follow protocols established under PSC 128.50(2)
 - b. Small wind energy systems are exempt from this new technology requirement.

10.) Stray Voltage

A.) Testing Required

1. An owner shall work with the local electric distribution company to test for stray voltage at all dairy and confined animal operations within 0.5 mile of a wind energy system facility pursuant to the stray voltage protocol established by the commission before any wind energy system construction activity that may interfere with testing commences and again after construction of the wind energy system is completed, except as otherwise specified by commission staff under PSC 128.17(1)(b).

2. Before any testing under PSC 128.17(1)(a) begins, an owner shall work with commission staff to determine the manner in which stray voltage testing will be conducted and on which properties. The electric distribution company serving a dairy or confined animal operation where testing is required under PSC 128.17(1)(a) shall conduct or arrange to conduct all required testing at the expense of the owner.

B.) Results of Testing

1. An owner and the electric distribution company shall provide to commission staff the results of all stray voltage testing in writing.

C.) Requirements to rectify problems

1. An owner shall work with the electric distribution company and farm owner to rectify any stray voltage problems attributable to the construction and operation of the wind energy system, in compliance with the commission's stray voltage protocol.

11.) *Construction and operation*

A.) Physical characteristics

1. An owner may not display advertising material or signage other than warnings, equipment information, or indicia of ownership on a wind turbine. An owner may not attach any flag, decorative sign, streamers, pennants, ribbons, spinners, fluttering, or revolving devices to a wind turbine. An owner may attach a safety feature or wind monitoring device to a wind turbine.
2. An owner shall ensure that a wind turbine has a conventional or unobtrusive finish.
3. An owner shall install lighting at a wind energy system that complies with standards established by the Federal Aviation Administration. An owner must use applicable shielding or control systems approved by the Federal Aviation Administration to reduce visibility of lighting to individuals on the ground.
4. An owner shall take appropriate measures to ensure that a wind turbine is not readily climbable except by authorized personnel.
5. An owner shall ensure that all wind turbine access doors and electrical equipment are locked when authorized personnel are not present.
6. An owner shall place appropriate warning signage on or at the base of each wind turbine.
7. An owner shall post and maintain up-to-date signs containing a 24-hour emergency contact telephone number, information identifying the owner, and sufficient information to identify the location of the sign within the wind energy system. An owner shall post these signs at every intersection of a wind energy system access road with a public road and at each wind turbine location.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are exempt from this signage requirement
8. An owner shall clearly mark guy wires and supports for a wind energy system, meteorological tower or other device for measuring wind speeds so that the wires and supports are visible to low flying aircraft under fair weather conditions.

B.) Electrical standards

1. An owner shall construct, maintain, and operate collector circuit facilities in a manner that complies with the national electrical safety code and PSC 114 and shall construct, maintain, and operate all wind energy system facilities in a manner that complies with the national electrical code.
2. An owner shall construct collector circuit facilities for a wind energy system underground to the extent practicable.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are not required to construct collector circuit facilities underground.
3. An owner shall establish an inspection schedule for all overhead collector circuits to ensure that third-party facilities, including cable television and telecommunications cables, are not attached or bonded to overhead collector circuit grounding. If third-party facilities are found attached to the overhead collector facilities, the owner shall ensure that the third-party facilities are promptly removed.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are exempt from the requirement to inspect for and remove third party facilities.

C.) Construction, operation, and maintenance standards

1. An owner shall construct, operate, repair, maintain and replace wind energy system facilities as needed to keep the wind energy system in good repair and operating condition and in a manner that protects individuals from injury.
2. An owner shall utilize all applicable best practices in the placement, construction, operation, and maintenance of its wind energy facilities in order to minimize soil compaction, protect the topsoil, prevent topsoil mixing, and avoid and repair any damage to drainage systems on agricultural land.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are exempt from this requirement.
3. An owner shall describe the applicable best practices that it intends to use in the placement, construction, operation, and maintenance of its wind energy facilities in its application.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are exempt from this requirement.
4. Except for the area physically occupied by the wind energy system facilities, an owner shall restore the topography, soils and vegetation of the project area to original condition after construction is complete, unless otherwise provided in a contract signed by an affected landowner, considering any modifications needed to comply with DNR requirements.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are exempt from this requirement.
5. An owner shall carry general liability insurance relating to claims for property damage or bodily injury arising from the construction, operation or decommissioning of the wind energy system and shall include turbine host property owners as additional insured persons on the policy.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are exempt from this requirement

D.) Emergency Procedure

1. An owner shall notify the department of the occurrence and nature of a wind energy system emergency within 24 hours of the wind energy system emergency.
2. An owner shall establish and maintain a liaison with each political subdivision within which its wind energy systems facilities are located and with fire, police, and other appropriate first responders serving the wind energy system to create emergency plans that include all of the following:
 - a. A list of the types of wind energy system emergencies that require notification to the department within 24 hours of the wind energy system emergency.
 - b. Current emergency contact information for first responders and for the wind energy system owner, including names and phone numbers.
 - c. Procedures for handling different types of wind energy system emergencies, including written procedures that provide for shutting down the wind energy system or a portion of the system as appropriate.
 - d. Duties and responsibilities of the owner and of first responders in the event of a wind energy system emergency.
 - e. An emergency evacuation plan for the area within 0.5 mile of any wind energy system facility, including the location of alternate landing zones for emergency services aircraft.
3. The owner shall review the emergency plan at least annually in collaboration with fire, police and other appropriate first responders to update and improve the emergency plan as needed.
4. The owner shall distribute current and revised copies of the emergency plan to the following:
 - a. The department
 - b. Green Lake County sheriff's office
 - c. Green Lake County Emergency Management Department
 - d. Clerk for any town, city or village within which its wind energy systems facilities are located or that are within one-half mile of any of its wind energy systems facilities.
 - e. Any fire, police, or other first responder identified by the county's emergency management director or the clerk of any city, village, or town who has received a copy of the owner's emergency plans.
5. An owner shall provide annual training for the county's emergency management department, sheriff's department, and any other fire, police, or other first responder identified in the owner's emergency plans. An owner shall provide at least 8 hours of training during each calendar year and is responsible for all direct training costs.
6. An owner of a wind energy system shall do all of the following:

- a. Furnish its operator, supervisors and employees who are responsible for emergency action a copy of the current edition of the emergency procedures established under this section to ensure compliance with those procedures.
 - b. Train the appropriate operating personnel to ensure they have knowledge of the emergency procedures and verify that the training is effective.
7. If an owner is required to implement its emergency plans as the result of a wind energy system emergency, it shall conduct a review of employee activities to determine whether the procedures were effectively followed. The owner shall provide the county's emergency management director with a copy of its review. If the review results in any changes to its emergency plans, the owner shall distribute the revised emergency plans.
8. Small wind energy systems are exempt from the following emergency procedure requirements:
- a. An owner of a small wind energy system is not required to establish and maintain a liaison within political subdivisions and with fire, police, and other appropriate first responders serving the wind energy system.
 - b. The owner of a small wind energy system is not required to create emergency plans.
 - c. An owner of a small wind energy system is not required to review emergency plans.
 - d. The owner of a small wind energy system is not required to distribute copies of an emergency plan to the department, fire, police, and other first responders.
 - e. The owner of a small wind energy system is not required to provide annual training for fire, police, or first responders.
 - f. An owner of a small wind energy system is not required to create, distribute, review or train on any emergency procedures.

12.) Decommissioning

A.) Requirement to Decommission

1. An owner of a wind energy system shall decommission and remove the wind energy system when the system is at the end of its useful life.
2. A large wind energy system is presumed to be at the end of its useful life if the wind energy system generates no electricity for a continuous 360-day period.
3. Upon application by the owner, and except when the department finds the owner is not capable of returning the wind energy system to service with a reasonable time, the department shall grant an extension of the time period for returning the large wind energy system to service by one or more additional 180 day periods if the owner demonstrates it is likely the large wind energy system will operate again in the future and any of the following occur:
 - a. The owner submits a plan to the department that demonstrates an ongoing good faith effort to return the large wind energy system to service and outlines the steps and schedule for returning the large wind energy system to service in a reasonable period of time, including by repairing, replacing or repowering the large wind energy system facilities as necessary to generate electricity.
 - b. The owner demonstrates that the large wind energy system is part of a prototype or other demonstration project being used for ongoing research or development purposes.
 - c. The owner demonstrates that the large wind energy system is being used for educational purposes.
4. The department may deny a request for an extension if the large wind energy system has not generated any electricity for a continuous period of 540 days or more and the department finds that the owner is not capable of returning the wind energy system to service within a reasonable period of time.
5. A large wind energy system is irrebuttably presumed to be at the end of its useful life if the wind energy system generates no electricity for a period of 540 days and any of the following occur:
 - a. The owner does not request an extension of the time period for returning the large wind energy system to service.
 - b. The department denies a request for an extension and any appeal rights have expired.
6. A small wind energy system is presumed to be at the end of its useful life if the wind energy system generates no electricity for a continuous 540-day period.
7. When decommissioning is required, the owner shall begin decommissioning within 360 days after the wind energy system has reached the end of its useful life. The owner shall complete decommissioning

and removal of the wind energy system within 540 days after the wind energy system has reached the end of its useful life.

8. If the owner fails to remove a wind energy system and reclaim the site, the department may remove or cause the removal of the wind energy system and arrange for the reclamation of the site. The cost of removal and reclamation will become a lien upon the property and may be collected in the same manner as property taxes.

B.) Decommissioning Review

1. An owner shall file a notice of decommissioning completion with the county and any political subdivision within which its wind energy systems facilities are located when a wind energy system approved by the department has been decommissioned and removed.
2. The department shall conduct a decommissioning review to determine whether the owner has decommissioned and removed the wind energy system as required by this chapter and whether the owner has complied with its site restoration obligation in this chapter.
3. The owner shall cooperate with the department by participating in the decommissioning review process.

C.) Financial Responsibility

1. The owner of a large wind energy system with a nameplate capacity of one megawatt or larger shall maintain proof of the owner's ability to fund the actual and necessary cost to decommission the large wind energy system and shall ensure the availability of funds necessary for decommissioning throughout the expected life of the large wind energy system and through to completion of the decommissioning activities.
 - a. An owner shall provide financial assurance for the actual and necessary cost to decommission the large wind energy system before commencing major civil construction activities such as blasting or foundation construction at the large wind energy system site.
2. An owner may comply with financial assurance requirements by choosing to provide a bond, deposit, escrow account, irrevocable letter of credit, or some combination of these financial assurances.
3. Financial assurance shall place the county in a secured position. The financial assurance must provide that the secured funds may only be used for decommissioning the large wind energy system until such time as the county determines that the large wind energy system has been decommissioned or the county approves the release of the funds, whichever occurs first. The financial assurance must also provide that the county may access the funds for the purpose of decommissioning the large wind energy system if the owner does not decommission the system when decommissioning is required.
4. An owner shall provide the county with 3 estimates of the actual and necessary cost to decommission the large wind energy system. The cost estimates shall be prepared by third parties agreeable to the owner and the department. The amount of financial assurance required by the county will be the average of the 3 estimates.
5. The department may periodically request information from the owner regarding industry costs for decommissioning the large wind energy system. If the department finds that the future anticipated cost to decommission the large wind energy system is at least 10 percent more or less than the amount of financial assurance provided under this section, the department may correspondingly increase or decrease the amount of financial assurance required. The department may not adjust the financial assurance under more often than once in a 5-year period.
6. The department may require an owner to submit a substitute financial assurance of the owner's choosing if an event occurs that raises material concern regarding the viability of the existing financial assurance.
7. Small wind energy systems shall be exempt from the requirement to meet financial assurance requirements for decommissioning the system.

D.) Site Restoration

1. Except as provided in PSC128.19(4)(b), if a wind energy system was constructed on land owned by a person other than the owner of the wind energy system, the owner of the wind energy system shall ensure that the property is restored to preconstruction condition, unless otherwise provided in a contract signed by an affected landowner, considering any modifications needed to comply with DNR requirements.

- a. Small wind energy systems are not required to restore property to preconstruction conditions.
- 2. If a wind energy system was constructed on a brownfield, as defined in §238.13 (1)(a), Wis. Stats., the owner shall restore the property to eliminate effects caused by the wind energy system, except for the effects of environmental remediation activities, as defined in §238.13 (1)(d), Wis. Stats.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are not required to restore the property to eliminate the effects caused by the small wind energy system.

E.) Decommissioning Completeness

- 1. An owner shall file a notice of decommissioning completion with the department and the commission when a wind energy system approved by the department has been decommissioned and removed.
- 2. Within 360 days of receiving a notice of decommissioning, the department shall determine whether the owner has satisfied the applicable decommissioning requirements.

13.) Application

A.) Application requirements

- 1. An owner shall file an application to construct a wind energy system with the department.

B.) Contents of an application

- 1. An owner shall complete and file an application with the department that includes all of the following:
 - a. Wind energy system description and maps showing the locations of all proposed wind energy facilities.
 - b. Technical description of wind turbines and wind turbine sites.
 - c. Timeline and process for constructing the wind energy system.
 - d. Information regarding anticipated impact of the wind energy system on local infrastructure.
 - e. Information regarding noise anticipated to be attributable to the wind energy system.
 - f. Information regarding shadow flicker anticipated to be attributable to the wind energy system.
 - g. Information regarding the anticipated effects of the wind energy system on existing land uses within 0.5 mile of the wind energy system.
 - h. Information regarding the anticipated effects of the wind energy system on airports and airspace.
 - i. Information regarding the anticipated effects of the wind energy system on line-of-sight communications.
 - j. A list of all state and federal permits required to construct and operate the wind energy system.
 - k. Information regarding the planned use and modification of roads within the political subdivision during the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the wind energy system, including a process for assessing road damage caused by wind energy system activities and for conducting road repairs at the owner's expense.
 - l. A copy of all emergency plans developed in collaboration with appropriate first responders and political subdivisions. An owner may file plans using confidential filing procedures as necessary.
 - i. Small wind energy systems are not required to provide emergency plans.
 - m. A decommissioning and site restoration plan providing reasonable assurances that the owner will be able to comply with the decommissioning requirements of this chapter.
 - i. Small wind energy systems are not required to submit a decommissioning and site restoration plan.
 - n. A representative copy of all notices issued under PSC 128.30(5) and PSC 128.105 (1) (a) and 128.42 (1).
 - o. Any other information necessary to understand the construction, operation or decommissioning of the proposed wind energy system.
- 2. Any document or paper filed or otherwise submitted by an owner or any other interested party that relates to an application must be 8-1/2 x 11 inches in size. A person who wishes to submit a paper that is larger than 8-1/2 x 11 inches in size shall also submit a reduced copy that is 8-1/2 x 11-inches in size.

C.) Accuracy of Information

- 1. The owner shall ensure that information contained in an application is accurate.

D.) Duplicate copies

1. Each copy of the application shall include all documents, drawings, maps, worksheets, and other materials that are included in the original application.
2. The owner shall submit 10 physical copies of the application to the department and one copy of the application to the clerk of each town in which any wind energy system facility is located.
3. The owner shall submit 1 digital copy of the application to the department in a format that is acceptable to the department.

E.) Notice to Property Owners and Residents

1. On the same day an owner files an application for a wind energy system, the owner shall, under § 66.0401(4)(a)3, Wis. Stats., use commercially reasonable methods to provide written notice of the filing of the application to property owners and residents located within one mile of the proposed location of any wind energy system facility.
 - a. Written notice of the filing of the application shall be provided by the owner only to property owners and residents located adjacent to the small wind energy system.
2. The notification shall include all of the following:
 - a. A complete description of the wind energy system, including the number and size of the wind turbines.
 - b. A map showing the locations of all proposed wind energy system facilities.
 - c. The proposed timeline for construction and operation of the wind energy system.
 - d. Locations where the application is available for public review.
 - e. Owner contact information.
3. After the department receives an application for a wind energy system, a notice under § 66.0401(4)(a)1, Wis. Stats shall be published. The notice shall include:
 - a. A brief description of the proposed wind energy system and its proposed location
 - b. The locations where the application is available for public review.
 - c. The method and time period for the submission of public comments to the department.
 - d. The approximate schedule for review of the application by the department

F.) Public Participation

1. The department shall make an application for a wind energy system available for public review at a local library and at the Green Lake County Government Center (571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI, 54941) and may post copies at other publicly accessible locations. The department shall also provide public access to the application electronically.
2. The department shall hold a public hearing during the initial 90-day application review period for the purpose of receiving public comments and to inform the public about a proposed large solar energy system. The first meeting shall be noticed under § 985.07(2), Wis. Stats. Additional meetings may be held and shall be noticed under § 985.07(1), Wis. Stats or § 985.07(2), Wis. Stats.
3. Written comments shall be mailed, hand delivered, or emailed to the department.

G.) Joint Application Review

1. If the wind energy system is proposed to be located in more than one political subdivision with jurisdiction over the wind energy system, the political subdivisions involved may conduct a joint application review process on their own motion or upon request. If an owner requests a joint application review, the owner shall include the request in its pre application notice the department. If the owner requests a joint application review process, the political subdivisions involved shall approve or deny this request within 60 days of receipt of the owner's notice of intent to file an application.
2. Except as provided in § 66.0401(4)(a)2, Wis. Stats., if the department elects to conduct a joint application review process, the process shall be consistent with this chapter and the political subdivisions shall establish the process within 90 days of the date the political subdivisions receive the owner's notice of intent to file an application. The department may follow the review process of another political subdivision for purposes of conducting a joint application review process concurrently with the other political subdivision. If a joint application review process is adopted, the owner shall file the

joint-review process application with all of the political subdivisions participating in the joint review process.

14.) Application Completeness

A.) Complete Applications

1. An application is complete if it meets the content requirements of this chapter and PSC128.50 (1).
2. The department shall determine the completeness of an application and shall notify the owner in writing of the completeness determination, no later than 45 days after the day the application is filed. An application is considered filed the day the owner notifies the department in writing that all the application materials have been filed. If the department determines that the application is incomplete, the notice provided to the owner shall state the reasons for the determination.
3. An owner may file a supplement to an application that the department has determined to be incomplete. There is no limit to the number of times that an owner may re-file an application. For incomplete applications, the owner shall provide additional information as specified in the notice determining the application is incomplete.
4. An additional 45-day completeness review period shall begin the day after the department receives responses to all items identified in the notice determining the application is incomplete.
 - a. If the owner fails to provide additional information specified in the notice of an incomplete application within 90 days, the application will be deemed abandoned. The owner may refile the application at a later date, subject to payment of new applicable fees.
5. If the department does not make a completeness determination within the applicable review period, the application is considered to be complete.

B.) Requests for additional information

1. The department may request additional information necessary to understand the wind energy system after determining that an application is complete.
 - a. An owner shall respond to all inquiries made subsequent to a determination of completeness in a timely, complete, and accurate manner.

15.) Application Review

A.) Conditions for approval

1. An owner shall provide information about whether it has consulted with and received any non-binding recommendations for construction, operating, or decommissioning the wind energy system from any federal or state agency and whether the owner has incorporated the non-binding recommendation into the design of the wind energy system.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are not required to provide this information.
2. An owner shall cooperate with any study of the effects of wind energy systems that is coordinated by a state agency.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are not required to cooperate with studies coordinated by a state agency.
3. An owner shall offer an agreement to the owner of a nonparticipating residence, if the residence is located within one-half mile of a constructed wind turbine, that includes the following initial annual monetary compensation of \$600 for 1 turbine located within one-half mile of a nonparticipating residence, \$800 for two turbines located within one-half mile of a nonparticipating residence, and \$1,000 for 3 or more turbines located within one-half mile of a nonparticipating residence.
 - a. The initial annual monetary compensation under this section shall apply to agreements entered into in 2011. For agreements entered into in 2012 and thereafter, the initial annual amounts shall increase each year by the greater of two percent or the increase in the Consumer Price Index, as described in §196.374 (5) (bm) 2, Wis. Stats.
 - b. An agreement offered under this subsection shall specify in writing any waiver of a requirement or right under this ordinance or PSC 128 and whether the landowner's acceptance of payment establishes the landowner's property as a participating property under this ordinance or PSC 128.
 - c. Small wind energy systems are exempt from this compensation requirement to a non-participating residence.

6. An owner shall offer an agreement that includes monetary compensation to a farm operator farming on a nonparticipating property located within one-half mile of a constructed wind turbine if the farm operator demonstrates all of the following:
 - a) Substantial evidence of a history, before the wind energy system owner gives its pre application notice, of using aerial spraying for pest control or disease prevention for growing potatoes, peas, snap beans, or sweet corn on all or part of the farm field located within one-half mile of a constructed wind turbine.
 - b) A material reduction in potato, pea, snap bean, or sweet corn production or a material increase in application costs on all or part of a farm field located within one-half mile of a constructed wind turbine as a result of the wind energy system's effect on aerial spraying practices.
 - c) Small wind energy systems are exempt from this compensation requirement to a farm operator.
4. An owner shall submit a copy of all necessary state and federal permits and approvals to the county within 30 days of the owner's receipt of any permit or approval that was not provided with the owner's application.
5. An owner shall, on or before January 31 of each year, file an annual report with the department documenting the operation and maintenance of the wind energy system during the previous calendar year.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are not required to submit an annual report to the department.
6. An owner shall provide proof it has met all required financial assurance requirements of this chapter.

B.) Decision by the department

1. Once the owner is notified the application is complete, the department shall have 90 days to approve or deny the application. A written decision to approve or deny the application shall be provided to the owner and the commission.
2. The review period may be extended upon written notice to the applicant for one or more of the following reasons: but the total time for all extensions may not exceed 90 days:
 - a. Up to 45 days if additional information is needed.
 - b. Up to 90 days if the owner makes a material modification to the application.
 - c. Up to 90 days for other good cause specified in writing.
3. If the department fails to act within the 90 days, or within any extended time period, the application will be considered approved.

C.) Application Approval

1. The department shall provide the owner a duplicate original of the decision. The owner shall record the duplicate original with the Green Lake County Register of Deeds.
2. A written record of the decision shall be kept by the department until at least 7 years after the system is decommissioned.

D.) Application Denial

1. A written decision shall specify the reason(s) for denial.
2. A written record of the decision shall be kept by the department for at least 7 years after the decision to deny is issued.

E.) Records

1. The record of a department decision shall include:
 - a. The approved application and all additions or amendments to the application.
 - b. A representative copy of all notices issued under PSC 128.105(1), 128.30(5), and 128.42(1)
 - c. A record of any public meetings and any hearings related to the application. The record may be an electronic recording, a transcript prepared from an electronic recording, or a transcript prepared by a court reporter or stenographer. The record shall include any documents or evidence submitted by meeting or hearing participants.
 - d. Copies of any correspondence or evidentiary material that the department considered in relation to the application, including copies of all written public comments.
 - e. Minutes of any Green Lake County, board, council or committee meetings held to consider or act on the application.
 - f. A copy of the written decision to grant or deny the application.

- g. Other materials that the department prepared to document its decision-making process.
- h. A copy of any ordinance cited in or applicable to the decision.

16.) *Change in Ownership*

- A. An owner shall provide the department with notice of any change in ownership of the wind energy system on or before the effective date of the change.
- B. A notice of change in ownership of the wind energy system shall include information showing that the applicable financial responsibility requirements will be met following the change in ownership.

17.) *Costs and Fees*

- A. An owner shall pay at least 50% of the application review fee prior to the department decision to approve or deny the application.
 - 1. The department shall give written notice to the owner of its intent to require 50% payment of the application review fee.
 - i. Notice shall be given within 10 days of the date the application is deemed complete.
 - ii. The notice shall contain an estimate of the fee.
- B. An owner shall not be required to pay a minimum of 50% of the application review fee if the department fails to give written notice to the owner within 10 days of the date the application is deemed complete.
- C. The small wind energy system application review fee shall be \$1000.
- D. The large wind energy system application review fee shall be \$1500.

20.) *Post Construction Requirement*

- A. Within 90 days of the date a wind energy system commences operation, the owner shall file with the department and the Wisconsin Public Service Commission an as-built description of the wind energy system, an accurate map of the wind energy system showing the location of all wind energy system facilities, geographic information system information showing the location of all wind energy system facilities and current information identifying the owner of the wind energy system.
- B. An owner shall in the filings under this subsection label each wind turbine location with a unique identifier consistent with the information posted at the wind turbine location under PSC 128.18 (1)(g).
- C. Small wind energy systems are exempt from the post construction filing requirement.

21.) *Modifications to an Approved Wind Energy Facility*

A. Material Change

- 1. An owner may not make a material change in the approved design, location or construction of a wind energy system without the prior written approval of the department.
- 2. An owner shall submit an application for a material change to an approved wind energy system to the department.
 - a. An application for a material change shall contain information necessary to understand the material change.
 - b. An application for a material change is subject to PSC 128.30 (1), (3) to (5), (6) (a) and (b), and (7) and PSC 128.31 to PSC 128.34.

B. Review Limited

- 1. The department may not reopen the merits of the earlier approval but shall consider only those issues relevant to the proposed change.
- 2. The department may hold at least one public meeting to obtain comments on and to inform the public about a proposed material change to an approved wind energy system.

22.) *Compliance Monitoring*

A.) Monitoring Procedure

- 1. An owner shall maintain a maintenance log for each wind turbine. The log must contain the following information regarding any maintenance performed on the wind turbine:
 - a. Date and time maintenance was performed.
 - b. Nature of the maintenance performed.
 - c. Reason for the maintenance.

2. An owner shall, at the owner's expense, provide the department with a copy of the maintenance log for each wind turbine for each month within 5 calendar days after the end of the month.

B.) Third Party Construction Inspector

1. The department may contract with a third-party inspector to monitor and report to the department regarding the owner's compliance with permit requirements during construction and operation.
2. The inspector monitoring compliance shall also report to a state permitting authority upon the state permitting authority's request.
3. The inspector shall make monthly written reports to the department.
4. The owner shall reimburse the department for the actual and necessary cost of the inspector.

C.) Small wind energy system exemption

1. Small wind energy systems shall be exempt from 350-47(A)(22).-

23.) Consultants

- A. The department is authorized to contract with one or more engineers, environmental specialists, planners, and other consultants and experts to perform necessary services in connection with this section.
- B. The corporation counsel is authorized to contract with outside attorneys to perform necessary services in connection with this section.

24.) Complaints

A.) Making a complaint

1. An aggrieved person may make a complaint regarding failure by an owner to comply with an obligation under this chapter.
2. A complaint shall be made first to the owner of the wind energy system pursuant to a complaint resolution process developed by the owner.
3. A complainant may petition the department for review of a complaint that is not resolved within 45 days of the day the owner receives the original complaint.
 - a. The petition for review must be filed with the department within 90 days of the date of the original complaint.
 - b. The petition must include the following:
 1. Name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the petition.
 2. Copy of the original complaint to the owner.
 3. Copy of the owner's initial response.
 4. Statement describing the unresolved complaint.
 5. Statement describing the desired remedy.
 6. Any other information the complainant deems relevant to the complaint.
 7. Notarized signature of the person filing the petition.
 - c. The department shall forward a copy of the petition to the owner by certified mail within 10 days of the department's receipt of the petition.
4. The department shall issue a written decision and may take such enforcement action as it deems appropriate with respect to the complaint.
 - a. The department may retain such consultants or experts as it deems necessary to complete its review.
 - b. The departments decision is subject to review under §66.0401 (5), Wis. Stats.

B.) Complaint Resolution

1. An owner shall use reasonable efforts to resolve complaints regarding a wind energy system and shall investigate complaints regarding a wind energy system at the owner's expense.
2. Upon receipt of a complaint, an owner shall provide the complainant with a copy of the notice described in 350-47(A)(26). Within 30 days of receiving a complaint, an owner shall provide an initial response to the complainant.
 - a. Small energy systems are exempt from the notice and response requirements.
 - b. The response must include the following:
 1. Name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the response.

2. Statement describing the actions taken by the owner in response to the complaint.
 3. Statement of the reasons why the owner believes that the complaint has been resolved or why the complaint remains unresolved.
 4. Statement describing any additional action the owner plans or is willing to take to resolve the complaint.
 5. Any other information the owner deems relevant to the complaint.
 6. Notarized signature of the person filing the response
3. An owner shall make a good faith effort to resolve complaints within 45 days of receiving a complaint. An owner shall notify the department of complaints that have not been resolved within 45 days of the date the owner received the original complaint.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are exempt from the requirements to resolve complaints in 45 days or to notify the department of unresolved complaints within 45 days.
 - b. The notice must include the following:
 1. Name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the notice.
 2. Statement describing the actions taken by the owner in response to the complaint.
 3. Statement of the reasons why the complaint remains unresolved.
 4. Statement describing any additional action the owner plans or is willing to take to resolve the complaint.
 5. Any other information the owner deems relevant to the complaint.
 6. Notarized signature of the person filing the answer.
 4. An owner shall maintain a log of all complaints received regarding the wind energy system. The owner shall include in the log the name and address of each complainant, the nature of each complaint, and the steps taken to resolve each complaint. An owner shall provide a copy of a complaint log monthly, at no cost, to the department. An owner shall make any complaint log available to the commission upon request.
 - a. Small wind energy systems are exempt from the requirement to keep a log of all complaints.
 5. An owner shall develop a complaint resolution process that is consistent with PSC 128.40(2).
 - a. An owner shall, before construction of a wind energy system begins, provide the department with a written copy of the owner's complaint resolution process. An owner shall provide the department with a written copy of any changes to the complaint resolution process at least 30 days prior to implementing the change
 - b. Small wind energy systems are not required to develop a complaint resolution process.

25.) *Monitoring Committee*

A.) *Committee*

1. The department may establish a monitoring committee to oversee resolution of complaints regarding a large wind energy system. A monitoring committee shall include on the committee a member who is a local employee of an owner of a large wind energy system and, if in existence, at least one nonparticipating landowner residing in the Green Lake County within 0.5 mile of a wind turbine that is located in the Green Lake County.
 - a. A committee may not be created to monitor a small wind energy system.

B.) *Duties*

1. A monitoring committee may do any of the following:
 - a. Maintain a record of all complaints brought to it.
 - b. Require the owner to provide the committee with information regarding the owner's response to any complaint forwarded to the owner by the committee.
 - c. Recommend to the department a reasonable resolution to a complaint based upon the information gathered by the committee.

C.) *Multiple Jurisdictions*

1. If a wind energy system is located in more than one political subdivision with jurisdiction over the wind energy system and multiple political subdivisions decide to establish a monitoring committee, the political subdivisions shall jointly establish a single monitoring committee to oversee resolution of complaints regarding the wind energy system.

26.) *Notice to Property Owners*

A.) *Notice of process for making complaints*

1. Before construction of a wind energy system begins, an owner shall provide written notice of the process for making complaints and obtaining mitigation measures to all residents and landowners within 0.5 mile of any wind energy system facility. An owner shall include in the notice the requirements for submitting a complaint to the owner, a petition for review to the department, and an appeal to the commission, and shall include a contact person and telephone number for the owner for receipt of complaints or concerns during construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning.
2. Small wind energy systems are exempt from this notification requirement.

B.) *Notice to the department*

1. An owner shall, before construction of a wind energy system begins, provide the department with a copy of the notice issued to property owners, along with a list showing the name and address of each person to whom the notice was sent and a list showing the name and address of each political subdivision to which the notice was sent.
2. An owner shall, before construction of a wind energy system begins, file with the department the name and telephone number of the owner's contact person for receipt of complaints or concerns during construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning. The owner shall keep the name and telephone number of the contact person on file with the department current.
3. Small wind energy systems are exempt from this notification requirement.

B. *Roof and Wall mounted solar energy systems*

1. Roof-mounted and wall mounted solar energy systems are exempt from the land use permit requirements under 350-65 except for ground mounted features.
2. Roof mounted and wall mounted solar energy systems exceeding 10 feet in elevation above the existing roof elevation shall require a CUP.
3. Roof mounted and wall mounted solar energy systems extending over 10 feet beyond the existing structure walls shall require a CUP.

C. *Small ground mounted solar energy systems*

1. Ground-mounted solar panel arrays that exceed eight feet in adjusted height (lowest adjacent grade to maximum vertical extent) or have a collector surface area greater than 55 square feet must be authorized by a land use permit and are required to meet all the required setbacks set forth in 350-20 and 350-50
2. Ground-mounted small scale solar energy systems exceeding 25 feet in adjusted height shall require a CUP (lowest adjacent grade to maximum vertical extent).

D. *Large ground mounted solar energy systems*

1.) *Purpose Statement*

The purpose of this ordinance is to incorporate and adopt the requirements of § 66.0401, Wis Stats. as a local ordinance and to establish local regulations on the installation and use of large solar energy systems that serves to preserve or protect the public health or safety, does not significantly increase the cost of the system or significantly decrease its efficiency, or allows for an alternative system of comparable cost and efficiency.

2.) *Land Use Permit*

- A. Large solar energy systems shall require a land use permit prior to installing, constructing, or modifying the large solar energy system.
 - a. Land use permits for large solar energy systems shall be valid until 90 days after the system commences operation.
 - b. Land use permits for large solar energy systems shall expire if construction of the solar energy system is not commenced within 24 months of the date of permit issuance.

3.) Existing Property uses

A.) Agricultural Use

1. An owner shall design a large solar energy system to reasonably minimize the conversion of land from agricultural use.
2. To the extent feasible and practical, use existing agricultural land for both agriculture and electricity. Possible options include but are not limited to:
 - a. Planting and maintaining pollinator-friendly native plant species and reduced herbicide applications.
 - b. Grazing of livestock such as cattle, sheep, goats, and or chickens.
 - c. Planting of shade tolerant crops.

4.) Siting Criteria

A.) Setback distance and height requirements

1. An owner shall design and construct a large solar energy system using the setback distances listed in chapter 350-20 and 350-50.
2. An owner shall work with the department and owners of participating and nonparticipating properties to site a large solar energy system to minimize individual hardships.
3. Battery energy storage systems over 1 MWh shall not be located within 150 feet of a nonparticipating-residence or well.

5.) Noise

A.) Planning

1. An owner shall design the proposed large solar energy system to minimize noise at a residence or occupied community building to a threshold no greater than 50 decibels during daytime hours or 45 decibels during nighttime hours.

6.) Stray Voltage

A.) Testing Required

1. An owner shall work with the local electric distribution company to test for stray voltage at all dairy and confined animal operations within 0.5 mile of a large solar energy system facility pursuant to the stray voltage protocol established by the commission before any solar energy system construction activity that may interfere with testing commences and again after construction of the solar energy system is completed.
2. Before any testing, an owner shall work with commission staff to determine the manner in which stray voltage testing will be conducted and on which properties. The electric distribution company serving a dairy or confined animal operation where testing is required shall conduct or arrange to conduct all required testing at the expense of the owner.

B.) Results of Testing

1. An owner and the electric distribution company shall provide to commission staff the results of all stray voltage testing in writing.

C.) Requirements to rectify problems

1. An owner shall work with the electric distribution company and farm owner to rectify any stray voltage problems attributable to the construction and operation of the large solar energy system, in compliance with the commission's stray voltage protocol.

7.) Construction and operation

A.) Physical characteristics

1. An owner shall ensure that all large solar energy system facility access doors, gates, and electrical equipment are locked when authorized personnel are not present.
2. An owner shall place appropriate warning signage on or at the entrance of each large solar energy system facility.
3. An owner shall post and maintain up-to-date signs containing a 24-hour emergency contact telephone number, information identifying the owner, and sufficient information to identify the location of the sign within the large solar energy system. An owner shall post these signs at every intersection of a solar energy system access road with a public road.

4. An owner may not display advertising material or signage other than warnings, equipment information, or indicia of ownership on a large solar energy system. An owner may not attach any flag, decorative sign, streamers, pennants, ribbons, spinners, fluttering, or revolving devices to a large solar energy system. An owner may attach a safety feature to a large solar energy system.
5. All lighting at a large solar energy system shall be installed in compliance with standards established by 350-23.

B.) Electrical standards

1. An owner shall construct, maintain, and operate collector circuit facilities in a manner that complies with the national electrical safety code and PSC 114 and shall construct, maintain, and operate all large solar energy system facilities in a manner that complies with the national electrical code.

C.) Construction, operation, and maintenance standards

1. An owner shall construct, operate, repair, maintain and replace large solar energy system facilities as needed to keep the large solar energy system in good repair and operating condition and in a manner that protects individuals from injury.
2. An owner shall utilize all applicable best practices in the placement, construction, operation, and maintenance of its large solar energy facilities in order to minimize soil compaction, protect the topsoil, prevent topsoil mixing, and avoid and repair any damage to drainage systems on agricultural land.
3. An owner shall describe the applicable best practices that it intends to use in the placement, construction, operation, and maintenance of its large solar energy facilities in its application.
4. Except for the area physically occupied by the large solar energy system facilities, an owner shall restore the topography, soils and vegetation of the project area to original condition after construction is complete, unless otherwise provided in a contract signed by an affected landowner, considering any modifications needed to comply with DNR requirements.
5. An owner shall carry general liability insurance relating to claims for property damage or bodily injury arising from the construction, operation or decommissioning of the large solar energy system and shall include host property owners as additional insured persons on the policy.

D.) Emergency Procedure

1. An owner shall notify the department of the occurrence and nature of a large solar energy system emergency within 24 hours of the large solar energy system emergency.
2. An owner shall establish and maintain a liaison with each political subdivision within which its large solar energy systems facilities are located and with fire, police, and other appropriate first responders serving the large solar energy system to create emergency plans that include all of the following:
 - a. A list of the types of large solar energy system emergencies that require notification to the department within 24 hours of the large solar energy system emergency.
 - b. Current emergency contact information for first responders and for the large solar energy system owner, including names and phone numbers.
 - c. Procedures for handling different types of large solar energy system emergencies, including written procedures that provide for shutting down the large solar energy system or a portion of the system as appropriate.
 - d. Duties and responsibilities of the owner and of first responders in the event of a large solar energy system emergency.
 - e. An emergency evacuation plan for the area within 0.5 mile of any large solar energy system facility, including the location of alternate landing zones for emergency services aircraft.
3. The owner shall review the emergency plan at least annually in collaboration with fire, police and other appropriate first responders to update and improve the emergency plan as needed.
4. The owner shall distribute current and revised copies of the emergency plan to the following:
 - a. The department
 - b. Green Lake County Sheriff's Office
 - c. Green Lake County Emergency Management Department
 - d. Clerk for any town, city or village within which its large solar energy systems facilities are located or that are within one-half mile of any of its large solar energy systems facilities.

- e. Any fire, police, or other first responder identified by the county's emergency management director or the clerk of any city, village, or town who has received a copy of the owner's emergency plans.
5. An owner shall provide annual training for the county's emergency management department, sheriff's department, and any other fire, police, or other first responder identified in the owner's emergency plans.
 6. An owner of a large solar energy system shall do all of the following:
 - a. Furnish its operator, supervisors and employees who are responsible for emergency action a copy of the current edition of the emergency procedures established under this section to ensure compliance with those procedures.
 - b. Train the appropriate operating personnel to ensure they have knowledge of the emergency procedures and verify that the training is effective.
 7. If an owner is required to implement its emergency plans as the result of a large solar energy system emergency, it shall conduct a review of employee activities to determine whether the procedures were effectively followed. The owner shall provide the county's emergency management director with a copy of its review. If the review results in any changes to its emergency plans, the owner shall redistribute the revised emergency plans.

8.) Decommissioning

A.) Requirement to Decommission

1. An owner of a large solar energy system shall decommission and remove the large solar energy system when the system is at the end of its useful life.
2. A large solar energy system is presumed to be at the end of its useful life if the large solar energy system generates no electricity for a continuous 360-day period.
3. Upon application by the owner, and except when the department finds the owner is not capable of returning the large solar energy system to service with a reasonable time, the department shall grant an extension of the time period for returning the large solar energy system to service by one or more additional 180 day periods if the owner demonstrates it is likely the large solar energy system will operate again in the future and any of the following occur:
 - a. The owner submits a plan to the department that demonstrates an ongoing good faith effort to return the large solar energy system to service and outlines the steps and schedule for returning the large solar energy system to service in a reasonable period of time, including by repairing or replacing the large solar energy system facilities as necessary to generate electricity.
 - b. The owner demonstrates that the large solar energy system is part of a prototype or other demonstration project being used for ongoing research or development purposes.
 - c. The owner demonstrates that the large solar energy system is being used for educational purposes.
4. The department may deny a request for an extension if the large solar energy system has not generated any electricity for a continuous period of 540 days or more and the department finds that the owner is not capable of returning the large solar energy system to service within a reasonable period of time.
5. A large solar energy system is irrebuttably presumed to be at the end of its useful life if the large solar energy system generates no electricity for a period of 540 days and any of the following occur:
 - a. The owner does not request an extension of the time period for returning the large solar energy system to service.
 - b. The department denies a request for an extension and any appeal rights have expired.
6. When decommissioning is required, the owner shall begin decommissioning within 360 days after the large solar energy system has reached the end of its useful life. The owner shall complete decommissioning and removal of the large solar energy system within 540 days after the large solar energy system has reached the end of its useful life.
7. If the owner fails to remove a large solar energy system and reclaim the site, the department may remove or cause the removal of the large solar energy system and arrange for the reclamation of the site. The cost of removal and reclamation will become a lien upon the property and may be collected in the same manner as property taxes.

B.) Decommissioning Review

1. An owner shall file a notice of decommissioning completion with the county and any political subdivision within which its large solar energy systems facilities are located when a large solar energy system approved by the department has been decommissioned and removed.
2. The department shall conduct a decommissioning review to determine whether the owner has decommissioned and removed the large solar energy system as required by this chapter and whether the owner has complied with its site restoration obligation in this chapter.
3. The owner shall cooperate with the department by participating in the decommissioning review process.
4. Within 360 days of receiving a notice of decommissioning, the department shall determine whether the owner has satisfied the applicable decommissioning requirements.

C.) Financial Responsibility

1. The owner of a large solar energy system shall maintain proof of the owner's ability to fund the actual and necessary cost to decommission the large solar energy system and shall ensure the availability of funds necessary for decommissioning throughout the expected life of the large solar energy system and through to completion of the decommissioning activities.
 - a. An owner shall provide financial assurance for the actual and necessary cost to decommission the large solar energy system before commencing major civil construction.
2. An owner may comply with financial assurance requirements by choosing to provide a bond, deposit, escrow account, irrevocable letter of credit, or some combination of these financial assurances.
3. Financial assurance shall place the county in a secured position. The financial assurance must provide that the secured funds may only be used for decommissioning the large solar energy system until such time as the county determines that the large solar energy system has been decommissioned or the county approves the release of the funds, whichever occurs first. The financial assurance must also provide that the county may access the funds for the purpose of decommissioning the large solar energy system if the owner does not decommission the system when decommissioning is required.
4. An owner shall provide the county with 3 estimates of the actual and necessary cost to decommission the large solar energy system. The cost estimates shall be prepared by third parties agreeable to the owner and the department. The amount of financial assurance required by the county will be the average of the 3 estimates.
5. The department may periodically request information from the owner regarding industry costs for decommissioning the large solar energy system. If the department finds that the future anticipated cost to decommission the large solar energy system is at least 10 percent more or less than the amount of financial assurance provided under this section, the department may correspondingly increase or decrease the amount of financial assurance required. The department may not adjust the financial assurance under more often than once in a 5-year period.
6. The department may require an owner to submit a substitute financial assurance of the owner's choosing if an event occurs that raises material concern regarding the viability of the existing financial assurance.

D.) Site Restoration

1. If a large solar energy system was constructed on land owned by a person other than the owner of the large solar energy system, the owner of the large solar energy system shall ensure that the property is restored to preconstruction condition, unless otherwise provided in a contract signed by an affected landowner, considering any modifications needed to comply with DNR requirements.
2. If a large solar energy system was constructed on a brownfield, as defined in §238.13 (1)(a), Wis. Stats., the owner shall restore the property to eliminate effects caused by the large solar energy system, except for the effects of environmental remediation activities, as defined in §238.13 (1)(d), Wis. Stats.

9.) Application

A.) Application requirements

1. An owner shall file an application to construct a large solar energy system with the department.

B.) Contents of an application

1. An owner shall complete and file an application with the department that includes all of the following:
 - a. Large Solar energy system description and maps showing the locations of all proposed large solar energy facilities.

- b. Technical description of large solar energy system facilities.
 - c. Timeline and process for constructing the large solar energy system.
 - d. Information regarding anticipated impact of the large solar energy system on local infrastructure.
 - e. Information regarding noise anticipated to be attributable to the large solar energy system.
 - f. Information regarding the anticipated effects of the large solar energy system on existing land uses within 0.5 mile of the large solar energy system.
 - g. A list of all state and federal permits required to construct and operate the large solar energy system.
 - h. Information regarding the planned use and modification of roads within the political subdivision during the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the large solar energy system, including a process for assessing road damage caused by large solar energy system activities and for conducting road repairs at the owner's expense.
 - i. A copy of all emergency plans developed in collaboration with appropriate first responders and political subdivisions. An owner may file plans using confidential filing procedures as necessary.
 - j. A decommissioning and site restoration plan providing reasonable assurances that the owner will be able to comply with the decommissioning requirements of this chapter.
 - k. A representative copy of all notices issued
 - l. Any other information necessary to understand the construction, operation or decommissioning of the proposed large solar energy system.
2. Any document or paper filed or otherwise submitted by an owner or any other interested party that relates to an application must be 8-1/2 x 11 inches in size. A person who wishes to submit a paper that is larger than 8-1/2 x 11 inches in size shall also submit a reduced copy that is 8-1/2 x 11-inches in size.

C.) Accuracy of Information

1. The owner shall ensure that information contained in an application is accurate.

D.) Duplicate copies

1. Each copy of the application shall include all documents, drawings, maps, worksheets, and other materials that are included in the original application.
2. The owner shall submit 10 physical copies of the application to the department and one copy of the application to the clerk of each town in which any large solar energy system facility is located.
3. The owner shall submit 1 digital copy of the application to the department in a format that is acceptable to the department.

F.) Public Participation

1. The department shall make an application for a large solar energy system available for public review at the Green Lake County Government Center (571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI, 54941) and may post copies at other publicly accessible locations. The department shall also provide public access to the application electronically.
2. The department shall hold a public hearing during the initial 90-day application review period for the purpose of receiving public comments and to inform the public about a proposed large solar energy system. The first meeting shall be noticed under § 985.07(2), Wis. Stats. Additional meetings may be held and shall be noticed under § 985.07(1), Wis. Stats or § 985.07(2), Wis. Stats.
3. Written comments shall be mailed, hand delivered, or emailed to the department.

G.) Joint Application Review

1. If the large solar energy system is proposed to be located in more than one political subdivision with jurisdiction over the large solar energy system, the political subdivisions involved may conduct a joint application review process on their own motion or upon request. If an owner requests a joint application review, the owner shall include the request in its application notice the department. If the owner requests a joint application review process, the political subdivisions involved shall approve or deny this request within 60 days of receipt of the owner's application.
2. Except as provided in § 66.0401(4)(a)2, Wis. Stats., if the department elects to conduct a joint application review process, the process shall be consistent with this chapter and the political subdivisions shall establish the process within 90 days of the date the political subdivisions receive the owner's application. The department may follow the review process of another political subdivision for purposes of conducting a joint application review process concurrently with the other political

subdivision. If a joint application review process is adopted, the owner shall file the joint-review process application with all of the political subdivisions participating in the joint review process.

10.) Application Completeness

A.) Complete Applications

1. An application is complete if it meets the content requirements of this chapter
2. The department shall determine the completeness of an application and shall notify the owner in writing of the completeness determination, no later than 45 days after the day the application is filed. An application is considered filed the day the owner notifies the department in writing that all the application materials have been filed. If the department determines that the application is incomplete, the notice provided to the owner shall state the reasons for the determination.
3. An owner may file a supplement to an application that the department has determined to be incomplete. There is no limit to the number of times that an owner may re-file an application. For incomplete applications, the owner shall provide additional information as specified in the notice determining the application is incomplete.
4. An additional 45-day completeness review period shall begin the day after the department receives responses to all items identified in the notice determining the application is incomplete.
 - a. If the owner fails to provide additional information specified in the notice of an incomplete application within 90 days, the application will be deemed abandoned. The owner may refile the application at a later date, subject to payment of new applicable fees.
5. If the department does not make a completeness determination within the applicable review period, the application is considered to be complete.

B.) Requests for additional information

1. The department may request additional information necessary to understand the solar energy system after determining that an application is complete.
 - a. An owner shall respond to all inquiries made subsequent to a determination of completeness in a timely, complete, and accurate manner.

A.) Application completeness

1. Upon receiving an application, the department shall determine whether it is complete and, no later than 45 days after the application is filed, notify the applicant about the determination.
2. After receiving the application for approval, the department shall publish a class 1 notice, under § 985.07(1), Wis. Stats, stating that an application for approval has been filed with the department.

11.) Application Review

A.) Conditions for approval

1. An owner shall provide information about whether it has consulted with and received any non-binding recommendations for construction, operating, or decommissioning the large solar energy system from any federal or state agency and whether the owner has incorporated the non-binding recommendation into the design of the large solar energy system.
2. An owner shall cooperate with any study of the effects of large solar energy systems that is coordinated by a state agency.
3. An owner shall submit a copy of all necessary state and federal permits and approvals to the county within 30 days of the owner's receipt of any permit or approval that was not provided with the owner's application.
4. An owner shall, on or before January 31 of each year, file an annual report with the department documenting the operation and maintenance of the large solar energy system during the previous calendar year.
5. An owner shall provide proof it has met all required financial assurance requirements of this chapter.

B.) Decision by the department

1. Once the owner is notified the application is complete, the department shall have 90 days to approve or deny the application. A written decision to approve or deny the application shall be provided to the owner and the commission.
2. The review period may be extended upon written notice to the applicant for one or more of the following reasons: but the total time for all extensions may not exceed 90 days:

- a. Up to 45 days if additional information is needed.
 - b. Up to 90 days if the owner makes a material modification to the application.
 - c. Up to 90 days for other good cause specified in writing.
3. If the department fails to act within the 90 days, or within any extended time period, the application shall be considered approved.

C.) Application Approval

1. The department shall provide the owner a duplicate original of the decision. The owner shall record the duplicate original with the Green Lake County Register of Deeds.
2. A written record of the decision shall be kept by the department until at least 7 years after the system is decommissioned.

D.) Application Denial

1. A written decision shall specify the reason(s) for denial.
2. A written record of the decision shall be kept by the department for at least 7 years after the decision to deny is issued.

E.) Records

1. The record of a department decision shall include:
 - a. The approved application and all additions or amendments to the application.
 - b. A representative copy of all notices
 - c. A record of any public meetings and any hearings related to the application. The record may be an electronic recording, a transcript prepared from an electronic recording, or a transcript prepared by a court reporter or stenographer. The record shall include any documents or evidence submitted by meeting or hearing participants.
 - d. Copies of any correspondence or evidentiary material that the department considered in relation to the application, including copies of all written public comments.
 - e. Minutes of any Green Lake County, board, council or committee meetings held to consider or act on the application.
 - f. A copy of the written decision to grant or deny the application.
 - g. Other materials that the department prepared to document its decision-making process.
 - h. A copy of any ordinance cited in or applicable to the decision.

12.) *Change in Ownership*

- A. An owner shall provide the department with notice of any change in ownership of the large solar energy system on or before the effective date of the change.
- B. A notice of change in ownership of the large solar energy system shall include information showing that the applicable financial responsibility requirements will be met following the change in ownership.

13.) *Costs and Fees*

- A. An owner shall pay a large solar energy system application review fee of \$1000 prior to the department decision to approve or deny the application.

14.) *Post Construction Requirement*

- A. Within 90 days of the date a large solar energy system commences operation, the owner shall file with the department and the Wisconsin Public Service Commission an as-built description of the large solar energy system, an accurate map of the large solar energy system showing the location of all large solar energy system facilities, geographic information system information showing the location of all large solar energy system facilities and current information identifying the owner of the large solar energy system.

15.) *Modifications to an Approved Solar Energy Facility*

A. Material Change

1. An owner may not make a material change in the approved design, location or construction of a large solar energy system without the prior written approval of the department.
2. An owner shall submit an application for a material change to an approved large solar energy system to the department.
 - a. An application for a material change shall contain information necessary to understand the material change.

B. Review Limited

1. The department may not reopen the merits of the earlier approval but shall consider only those issues relevant to the proposed change.
2. The department may hold at least one public meeting to obtain comments on and to inform the public about a proposed material change to an approved large solar energy system.

16.) *Compliance Monitoring*

A.) Monitoring Procedure

1. An owner shall maintain a maintenance log for the large solar energy system. The log must be submitted to the department annually. The log must contain the following information regarding any maintenance performed on the large solar energy system:
 - a. Date and time maintenance was performed.
 - b. Nature of the maintenance performed.
 - c. Reason for the maintenance.

B.) Third Party Construction Inspector

1. The department may contract with a third-party inspector to monitor and report to the department regarding the owner's compliance with permit requirements during construction and operation.
2. The inspector monitoring compliance shall also report to a state permitting authority upon the state permitting authority's request.
3. The inspector shall make monthly written reports to the department.
4. The owner shall reimburse the department for the actual and necessary cost of the inspector.

17.) *Consultants*

- A. The department is authorized to contract with one or more engineers, environmental specialists, planners, and other consultants and experts to perform necessary services in connection with this section.
- B. The corporation counsel is authorized to contract with outside attorneys to perform necessary services in connection with this section.
- C. The owner shall reimburse the department for the actual and necessary cost of the consultants.

18.) *Complaints*

A.) Making a complaint

1. An aggrieved person may make a complaint regarding failure by an owner to comply with an obligation under this chapter.
2. A complaint shall be made first to the owner of the large solar energy system pursuant to a complaint resolution process developed by the owner.
3. A complainant may petition the department for review of a complaint that is not resolved within 45 days of the day the owner receives the original complaint.
 - a. The petition for review must be filed with the department within 90 days of the date of the original complaint.
 - b. The petition must include the following:
 - i. Name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the petition.
 - ii. Copy of the original complaint to the owner.
 - iii. Copy of the owner's initial response.
 - iv. Statement describing the unresolved complaint.
 - v. Statement describing the desired remedy.
 - vi. Any other information the complainant deems relevant to the complaint.
 - vii. Notarized signature of the person filing the petition.
 - c. The department shall forward a copy of the petition to the owner by certified mail within 10 days of the department's receipt of the petition.
4. The department shall issue a written decision and may take such enforcement action as it deems appropriate with respect to the complaint.
 - a. The department may retain such consultants or experts as it deems necessary to complete its review.
 - b. The department's decision is subject to review under §66.0401 (5), Wis. Stats.

B.) Complaint Resolution

1. An owner shall use reasonable efforts to resolve complaints regarding a large solar energy system and shall investigate complaints regarding a large solar energy system at the owner's expense.
 - i. Within 30 days of receiving a complaint, an owner shall provide an initial response to the complainant.
 - a. The response must include the following:
 - i. Name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the response.
 - ii. Statement describing the actions taken by the owner in response to the complaint.
 - iii. Statement of the reasons why the owner believes that the complaint has been resolved or why the complaint remains unresolved.
 - iv. Statement describing any additional action the owner plans or is willing to take to resolve the complaint.
 - v. Any other information the owner deems relevant to the complaint.
 - vi. Notarized signature of the person filing the response
 - j. An owner shall make a good faith effort to resolve complaints within 45 days of receiving a complaint. An owner shall notify the department of complaints that have not been resolved within 45 days of the date the owner received the original complaint.
 - a. The notice must include the following:
 - i. Name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the notice.
 - ii. Statement describing the actions taken by the owner in response to the complaint.
 - iii. Statement of the reasons why the complaint remains unresolved.
 - iv. Statement describing any additional action the owner plans or is willing to take to resolve the complaint.
 - v. Any other information the owner deems relevant to the complaint.
 - vi. Notarized signature of the person filing the answer.
 - k. An owner shall maintain a log of all complaints received regarding the large solar energy system. The owner shall include in the log the name and address of each complainant, the nature of each complaint, and the steps taken to resolve each complaint. An owner shall provide a copy of a complaint log monthly, at no cost, to the department. An owner shall make any complaint log available to the commission upon request.
 - l. An owner shall develop a complaint resolution process
 - a. An owner shall, before construction of a large solar energy system begins, provide the department with a written copy of the owner's complaint resolution process. An owner shall provide the department with a written copy of any changes to the complaint resolution process at least 30 days prior to implementing the change

19.) Notice to Property Owners

A.) Notice of process for making complaints

1. Before construction of a large solar energy system begins, an owner shall provide written notice of the process for making complaints and obtaining mitigation measures to all residents and landowners within 0.5 mile of any large solar energy system facility. An owner shall include in the notice the requirements for submitting a complaint to the owner, a petition for review to the department, and an appeal to the commission, and shall include a contact person and telephone number for the owner for receipt of complaints or concerns during construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning.

B.) Notice to the department

1. An owner shall, before construction of a large solar energy system begins, provide the department with a copy of the notice issued along with a list showing the name and address of each person to whom the notice was sent and a list showing the name and address of each political subdivision to which the notice was sent.
2. An owner shall, before construction of a large solar energy system begins, file with the department the name and telephone number of the owner's contact person for receipt of complaints or concerns during construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning. The owner shall keep the name and telephone number of the contact person on file with the department current.

E. Definitions

Battery energy storage system (BESS)- An electrochemical device that charges, or collects, energy from the electric grid or a generation facility, stores that energy, and then discharges that energy at a later time to provide electricity or other electric grid services.

Commercial communications- includes communications used by government and military entities for emergency purposes, licensed amateur radio service, and non-emergency communications used by agricultural, business, government, and military entities including aviation radar, commercial mobile radio service, fixed wireless service, global positioning, line-of-sight, microwave, personal communications service, weather radar, and wireless internet service.

Commission- means the Wisconsin Public Service Commission

Collector surface- means any part of a solar collector that absorbs solar energy for use in the collector's energy transformation process. "Collector surface" does not include frames, supports and mounting hardware.

Daytime hours- the hours beginning at 6:00 a.m. standard time and ending at 10:00 p.m. standard time daily.

Decommissioning- means removal of all of the following:

1. The above ground portion of a wind or solar energy system, including wind turbines, solar collectors, and related facilities, except for access roads if removal has been waived by the property owner.
2. All below ground facilities, except the following
 - a. Underground collector circuit facilities
 - b. Those portions of concrete structures 4 feet or more below grade.

Department - means the Green Lake County Land Use Planning and Zoning Department

Director - means the director of the Green Lake County Land Use Planning and Zoning Department.

DNR- means the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Impermissible interference- means the blockage of wind from a wind energy system or solar energy from a collector surface or proposed collector surface for which a permit has been granted under this section if such blockage is by any structure or vegetation on property, an owner of which was notified under §66.0403(3)(b), Wis. Stats. "Impermissible interference" does not include:

1. Blockage by a narrow protrusion, including but not limited to a pole or wire, which does not substantially interfere with absorption of solar energy by a solar collector or does not substantially block wind from a wind energy system.
2. Blockage by any structure constructed, under construction or for which a building permit has been applied for before the date the last notice is mailed or delivered under §66.0403(3)(b), Wis. Stats.
3. Blockage by any vegetation planted before the date the last notice is mailed or delivered under §66.0403(3)(b)

Large solar system- means a solar energy system with a combined collector surface area over 2500 square feet and an energy capacity of under 100 MW.

Large wind energy system- has a capacity of less than 100 megawatts but more than a wind energy system that has a total installed nameplate capacity of 300 kilowatts or less and that consists of individual wind turbines that have an installed nameplate capacity of not more than 100 kilowatts.

Maximum blade tip height- means the nominal hub height plus the nominal blade length of a wind turbine, as listed in the wind turbine specifications provided by the wind turbine manufacturer. If not listed in the wind turbine specifications, "maximum blade tip height" means the actual hub height plus the blade length.

Nameplate capacity- means the nominal generating capacity of a wind energy system, as listed in the wind turbine specifications provided by the wind turbine manufacturer.

Nighttime hours- The hours beginning at 10:00 p.m. standard time and ending at 6:00 a.m. standard time daily.

Nonparticipating property- means real property that is not a participating property.

Nonparticipating residence- means a residence located on nonparticipating property.

Occupied community building- means a school, church, or similar place of worship, daycare facility, or public library.

Owner- means

1. person with a direct ownership interest in a wind or solar energy system, regardless of whether the person was involved in acquiring the necessary rights, permits and approvals or otherwise planning for the construction and operation of a wind or solar energy system.
2. At the time a wind or solar energy system is being developed, a person who is acting as a wind or solar energy system developer by acquiring the necessary rights, permits and approvals for or by planning for the construction and operation of a wind or solar energy system, regardless of whether the person will own or operate the wind or solar energy system.

Participating property- means any of the following

1. A turbine or solar energy system host property.
2. Real property that is the subject of an agreement that does all of the following.
 - a. Provides for the payment of monetary compensation to the landowner from an owner regardless of whether any part of a wind or solar energy system is constructed on the property.
 - b. Specifies in writing any waiver of a requirement or right under this chapter and that the landowner's acceptance of payment establishes the landowner's property as a participating property.

Participating residence – means a residence located on participating property

Personal communications- includes wireless telecommunications, personal communications service, radio, television, wireless internet service, and other systems used for personal use purposes.

Political subdivision- has the meaning given in § 66.0401(1e)(c), Wis. Stats.

Residence- means an occupied primary or secondary personal residence including a manufactured home as defined in § 101.91(2), Wis. Stats., a hospital, community-based residential facility, residential care apartment complex or similar facility, or a nursing home. "Residence" includes a temporarily unoccupied primary or secondary personal residence. "Residence" does not include any of the following:

1. A recreational vehicle as defined in § 340.01(48r), Wis. Stats., notwithstanding the length of the vehicle.
2. A camping trailer as defined in § 340.01(6m), Wis. Stats.
3. A permanently abandoned personal residence.

PSC 128- means Wis. Admin. Code Ch. PSC 128, Wind Energy Systems.

Shadow flicker- means a pattern of moving shadows cast on a residence or an occupied community building caused by sunlight shining through moving wind turbine blades resulting in alternating changes in light intensity.

Small solar energy system- means a solar energy system with a combined collector surface area under 2500 square feet.

Small wind energy system- means a wind energy system that has a total installed nameplate capacity of 300 kilowatts or less and that consists of individual wind turbines that have an installed nameplate capacity of not more than 100 kilowatts.

Solar access easement- means a written document that creates a legal interest in real property that restricts the use of the property to avoid interference with the solar resource on another property.

Solar collector- means a device, structure or a part of a device or structure a substantial purpose of which is to transform solar energy into thermal, mechanical, chemical or electrical energy.

Solar energy- means direct radiant energy received from the sun.

Solar energy system- means equipment which directly converts and then transfers or stores solar energy into usable forms of thermal or electrical energy. This system includes battery energy storage systems.

Solar energy system easement- means a written document that creates a legal interest in real property that permits an owner to place, construct or operate a solar energy system facility on the property.

Solar energy system emergency- means a condition or situation at a solar energy system that presents a significant threat of physical danger to human life or a significant threat to property or a natural event that causes damage to solar energy system facilities

solar energy system lease- means a written agreement between a landowner and an owner that establishes the terms and conditions associated with the placement, construction or operation of a solar energy system facility on a landowner's property.

Solar energy system facility- means any component of a solar energy system, such as a solar collector, collector circuit, access road, electric system interconnection facility or operation and maintenance facility.

Standard time- means the solar time of the ninetieth meridian west of Greenwich.

Turbine host property- means real property on which at least one wind turbine is located.

Wind access easement- means a written document that creates a legal interest in real property that restricts the use of the property to avoid interference with the wind resource on another property.

Wind energy system- has the meaning given in § 66.0403(1)(m), Wis. Stats., and is used to convert wind energy to electrical energy.

Wind energy system easement- means a written document that creates a legal interest in real property that permits an owner to place, construct or operate a wind turbine or other wind energy system facility on the property.

Wind energy system emergency- means a condition or situation at a wind energy system that presents a significant threat of physical danger to human life or a significant threat to property or a natural event that causes damage to wind energy system facilities.

Wind energy system facility- means any component of a wind energy system, such as a wind turbine, collector circuit, access road, electric system interconnection facility or operation and maintenance facility.

Wind energy system lease- means a written agreement between a landowner and an owner that establishes the terms and conditions associated with the placement, construction or operation of a wind turbine or other wind energy system facility on a landowner's property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

A majority vote is needed to pass.

Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 11th day of February 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 03-2025

Ayes 14, Nays 0, Absent 4, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, Chair; /s/ Bill Boutwell, Vice Chair; /s/ Gene Thom; approved via remote access Curt Talma

GREEN LAKE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS SPECIAL MEETING

February 20, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in special session, Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 4:30 PM via remote access and in person for the special meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 12, Absent – 6 (Nancy Hoffmann-District 1, Curt Talma-District 3, Brian Floeter-District 6, Nancy Hiestand-District 8, Sue Wendt-District 10, Joe Gonyo-District 16), Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Charles Buss	2
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Bob Schweder	7
Bill Boutwell	9
Harley Reabe	11
Charlie Wielgosh (remote)	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Keith Hess	17
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPEARANCES

- Scott Feldt, BugTussel – update on broadband services

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING BUGTUSSEL BROADBAND SERVICES

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 18th day of February, 2025

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

APPEARANCES

2. Scott Feldt of BugTussel stated he is seeking an endorsement from the Board for BugTussel to receive BEAD (Broadband Equity Accessibility & Deployment) funding to complete approximately 2800 project units within the county. The federal funding is available to bring broadband to rural areas and would be no cost to the county.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING BUGTUSSEL BROADBAND SERVICES

3. **Motion/second (Skivington/Krenz)** to approve the endorsement of BugTussel to provide broadband services through BEAD funding. Roll call vote – Ayes - 11, Nays – 1 (Wielgosh), Abstain - 0, Absent – 6 (Hoffmann, Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Wendt, Gonyo), Vacant – 1. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

4. None

ADJOURN

5. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Otto

Elizabeth Otto, County Clerk

GREEN LAKE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

March 18, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 4:30 PM via remote access and in person for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 18, Absent – 0, Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann	1
Charles Buss	2
Curt Talma	3
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Brian Floeter	6
Bob Schweder	7
Nancy Hiestand	8
Bill Boutwell	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Charlie Wielgosh	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Keith Hess	17
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- READING OF THE CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MINUTES OF 02/11/2025 and 02/20/2025 MEETINGS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)
- RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 02-2025 Resolution Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Support the County Courts
- Resolution 03-2025 Assigning Supervision and Direction of Emergency Management Coordinator Staff and Functions to the Sheriff's Office

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 04-2025 Amending Green Lake County Chapter 32. Emergency Management
- Ordinance 05-2025 Amending Green Lake County Chapter 148. Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Program
- Ordinance 06-2025 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – Owner: Donald E. Kinas

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES

CLOSED SESSION

- Closed Session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – regarding Highway building financing
- RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON April 15, 2025

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 11th day of March, 2025

Elizabeth A. Otto
Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 02/11/2025 and 02/20/2025 MEETINGS

2. **Motion/second (Lenz/Buss)** to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025 and February 20, 2025 County Board meetings with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next meeting of the County Board will take place on April 15, 2025 at 9:00 AM for the annual meeting and Student Government Day. Chair Abendroth urged all to attend.
4. Chair Abendroth read a thank you note from the family of Dick Trochinski for the funeral flowers. Abendroth asked that each supervisor donate \$5.00 for future donation needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

5. Sheriff Mark Podoll provided a 911 update. He stated that the system switchover is 99% complete to the new carrier.

RESOLUTIONS

6. Resolution 02-2025 Resolution Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Support the County Courts. **Motion/second (Boutwell/Buss)** to adopt Resolution 02-2025. **Motion/second (Schweder/Reabe)** to amend the resolution to all state legislators instead of just Green Lake County. Roll call vote on motion to amend – Ayes – 18, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0, Vacant – 1. Motion carried. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 02-2025 as amended – Ayes – 18, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 1. Resolution 02-2025 passed as adopted.
7. Resolution 03-2025 Assigning Supervision and Direction of Emergency Management Coordinator Staff and Functions to the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Podoll spoke stating that the Chief Deputy will be the supervisor of this moving forward and there will be no additional staffing or budgeted funds required. Discussion held.

Motion/second (Thom/Lenz) to adopt Resolution 03-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 03-2025 – Ayes – 18, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant - 1. Resolution 03-2025 passed as adopted.

ORDINANCES

8. Ordinance 04-2025 Amending Green Lake County Chapter 32. Emergency Management. **Motion/second (Hess/Wendt)** to enact Ordinance 04-2025. Discussion held on state of emergency procedures. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 04-2025 – Ayes – 18, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant - 1. Ordinance 04-2025 passed as enacted.

9. Ordinance 05-2025 Amending Green Lake County Chapter 148. Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Program. No discussion. **Motion/second (Skivington/Mulder)** to enact Ordinance 05-2025. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 05-2025 – Ayes – 18, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant - 1. Ordinance 05-2025 passed as enacted.

10. Ordinance 06-2025 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – Owner: Donald E. Kinas. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to enact Ordinance 06-2025. Supervisor Buss explained the change to R4 Rural Residential District. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 06-2025 – Ayes – 18, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant - 1. Ordinance 06-2025 passed as enacted.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES

11. Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann explained that this would be a 2 year contract from the date of signature and also stated the fee is changing from \$50.00/hour to \$70.00/hour.

12. **Motion/second (Buss/Thom)** to approve the 2 year contract with General Engineering for surveying services. Roll call vote on motion to approve – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 1 (Lenz), Absent – 0, Vacant - 1. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

13. Chair Abendroth stated that there will be no Closed Session. Abendroth introduced Justin Fischer of Baird Financial. Fischer provided a presentation and documents regarding highway building and highway capital improvements financing. The initial financing for a new highway building would be \$29,000,000 for 20 years. Timeline discussed with a closing of May/June of 2025 to receive funds. Discussion and questions followed.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON April 15, 2025

14. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

15. To be determined

ADJOURN

16. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Otto
Elizabeth Otto, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-2025

Resolution Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Support the County Courts

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 18th day of March, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, in 2023, the total cost to Wisconsin Counties for running all Circuit Courts was \$237 million. At the same time, the Court Support funding from the state to counties was \$28 million, 12 percent of the actual cost to run the local courts; and;

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court system is intended to be a state-county partnership; and;

WHEREAS, the state's fiscal responsibilities include: Judges; Court reporters; CCAP equipment; and the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation; and;

WHEREAS, the Counties are fiscally responsible for the majority of other functions of the court, including, but not limited to the following: bailiffs and court security officers, courthouse building maintenance, phones and utilities, Clerk of Court and Register in Probate, staff salaries and benefits, jury costs, psychological exams, guardians ad litem and court-appointed attorneys, expert witnesses, interpreters and translation fees, court commissioners, law libraries, corporation counsel, courtroom technology and audio visuals, copying machines and other non-CCAP office technology, office supplies, furniture, recruitment and training, financial collection efforts, mail fees, printing costs, exhibit and file storage, access to state data, insurance, service of court documents, judicial staff attorneys, and equipment repair; and;

WHEREAS, over the last 10 years, the increase in the county portion of cost to run the courts is nearly six times higher than the increase in Circuit Court Cost Appropriations provided to cover these costs, and counties now pay almost \$150,000,000 more than the state in unbalanced Circuit Court costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors that Green Lake County joins the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association (WCCCA) and the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) in their efforts to increase the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation by \$70 million payable to Wisconsin Counties in the 2025/27 Wisconsin State Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and publication and a copy be sent to Governor Evers and all Wisconsin State Legislators.

Public Safety & Judiciary Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 18th day of March 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 02-2025

Ayes 18, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Public Safety & Judiciary Committee: /s/ Gene Thom, Vice Chair; /s/ Keith Hess, /s/ Sue Wendt; /s/ Don Lenz

RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-2025

Assigning Supervision and Direction of Emergency Management Coordinator Staff and Functions to the Sheriff's Office

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 18th day of March, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Director is retiring after 30 + years of service, and replacing this position requires thoughtful planning; and,

WHEREAS, Emergency Management functions, including those activities under Chapter 323 Wis. Stats, and SARA Title III Hazardous Materials, are currently supervised and directed by the Emergency Services Coordinator whose primary responsibilities are directing operation of the 24 hour, 7 days/week County wide Public Safety Dispatch department and 9-1-1 system; and,

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the Emergency Management functions to be supervised and directed by the Sheriff's office in order to encourage greater collaboration among emergency responders in order to proactively train and plan for potential future emergency incidents and events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors assigns supervision and direction of Emergency Management staff and functions to the Sheriff's Office under the direction of the Chief Deputy effective March 1, 2025 while the positions will remain civilian non-protective personnel.

Public Safety & Judiciary Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 18th day of March 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 03-2025

Ayes 18, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Public Safety & Judiciary Committee: /s/ Gene Thom, Vice Chair; /s/ Keith Hess, /s/ Sue Wendt; /s/ Don Lenz

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2025

Amending Green Lake County Chapter 32. Emergency Management

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 18th day of March, 2025, does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the purpose of Chapter 32 is to prepare Green Lake County to cope with emergencies resulting from enemy action and natural or man-made disaster by establishing an organization for emergency management pursuant to duties and responsibilities imposed upon counties under Wis Stat. Ch. 323; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Chapter 32 is to allow the for the continued operation of governmental functions during a state of emergency pursuant to the authority granted under Wis. Stat. §§ 323.52, 323.54 and 323.55; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to have the Emergency Management Department incorporated as a subdivision of the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the ordinance shall be amended as follows:

§ 32-1 Purpose.

To ensure that the County of Green Lake will be prepared to cope with emergencies resulting from enemy action and with emergencies resulting from natural or man-made disasters, an Emergency Management Organization ^[1] is created to carry out the purposes set out in Ch. ~~466~~ **323**, Wis. Stats.

[1]

Editor's Note: Ordinance No. 628-96, adopted 12-17-1996, amended this chapter to change all references to "emergency government" to "emergency management."

§ 32-2 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Includes civil defense and means all those activities and measures designed or undertaken to:

A.

Minimize the effects upon the civilian population caused or which would be caused by enemy action.

B.

Deal with the immediate emergency conditions which could be created by such enemy action.

C.

Effectuate emergency repairs to, or the emergency restoration of, vital public utilities and facilities destroyed or damaged by such enemy action.

ENEMY ACTION

Any hostile action taken by a foreign power which threatens the security of the State of Wisconsin.

NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTER

Includes all other extraordinary misfortunes affecting the County, natural or man-made, not included in the term "enemy action."

§ 32-3 ~~Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Public Safety and Judicial~~ Committee. [1]

The membership, terms of office and duties of the ~~Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Public Safety and Judicial~~ Committee shall be as provided in Chapter 9, Board of Supervisors, § 9-31.

[1]

Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

§ 32-4 Declaring an Emergency pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 323.11 & 323.14

A. COUNTY BOARD CHAIRPERSON AUTHORITY. The County Board Chairperson or in his or her absence, the Vice Chairperson, or in his or her absence, the County Administrator, may declare an emergency pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.12(2)(a) and Ch. 323 and order the County Board to convene a special meeting for the limited purpose of considering a resolution to declare a state of emergency. The special meeting may be called at an emergency temporary location and without regard for the notices and time requirements otherwise mandated by statute. The conditions which would serve as a basis for a declaration of emergency or for a resolution declaring a state of emergency include, without limitation because of enumeration: conditions arising by reason of war, conflagration, flood, heavy snow storm, blizzard, catastrophe, disaster, riot, civil commotion, acts of God and conditions which impair transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health, or police protection or other vital facilities of the County.

B. COUNTY BOARD DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY. The County Board may declare, by resolution, a state of emergency for Green Lake County or any portion thereof if the County Board determines that an emergency exists. The duration of such state of emergency shall not exceed 60 days as to an emergency resulting from enemy action or 30 days as to emergencies resulting from natural or man-made disasters, unless either is extended by resolution of the County Board of Supervisors. The duration of a declared state of emergency may not exceed the length of time beyond when emergency conditions exist. A copy of the resolution shall be filed with the Governor. The resolution may be revoked at the discretion of the County Board Chairperson, or in his or her absence, the Vice Chairperson, or in his or her absence, the County Administrator by written order or the County Board of Supervisors by resolution.

C. POWERS IMPOSED UPON DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

(1) Unless expressly limited in the resolution declaring the state of emergency, the resolution declaring the state of emergency shall confer upon the County Board Chairperson, or in his or her absence, the County Board Vice-Chairperson the power to appoint emergency interim successors to all vacant County offices to serve only during the term of the state of emergency.

(2) Unless expressly limited in the resolution declaring the state of emergency, the resolution declaring the state of emergency shall confer upon the County Administrator all powers to undertake whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, welfare and good order of the County during such emergency, including: requesting resources from the State of Wisconsin; suspending required permits, price controls or other restrictions, suspending requirements that any public work (repair and reconstruction) estimated to cost over Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) be let by contract to the lowest bidder; declaring priority of emergency management contracts over other contracts, allocating materials and facilities in his or her discretion; taking, using and destroying private property for emergency management purposes; contracting on behalf of the County with any person to provide equipment and services on a cost basis to be used in disaster relief. The County Administrator shall also oversee the County Emergency Management Director in the coordination of response and recovery activities.

§ 32-4-32-5 Emergency Management Director.

[Amended 4-19-1994 by Ord. No. 535-94^[1]]

A.

Office created. There is hereby created the office of County ~~Municipal~~ Emergency Management Director, ~~and it shall be a subdivision of the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office and directly supervised by the Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Office.~~ The County Emergency Management Director shall also hold the office of Emergency Management Director of such municipalities of Green Lake County as may hereafter enact an ordinance parallel to this chapter. In addition to his duties as County Emergency Management Director, he shall have the additional duties and responsibilities of a municipal emergency management director as provided for in Ch. 166 ~~323~~, Wis. Stats.

B.

Term, appointment and statutory provision.

(1)

The Green Lake County Emergency Management Director shall be appointed, subject to the approval of the County Board, for a five-year term.^[2]

[2]

Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

(2)

Appointment. The Emergency Management Director shall be appointed by the ~~Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management~~ **Public Safety and Judicial** Committee and shall receive such salary as may be authorized by the County Board of Supervisors. He shall take and file an official oath.

(3)

Statutory provision. The provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes relating to personnel shall apply to the selection of the Director and his staff.

C.

Status. The County Emergency Management Director shall be considered to be an employee of the County not under civil service and shall be entitled to all of the rights, privileges and benefits that the County employees have. He shall report to the County Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management **Public Safety and Judicial** Committee, and his direct supervisor shall be the Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Office.

~~D.~~

~~Municipal Deputy Emergency Management Director.~~

~~(1)~~

~~Each municipality passing a joint action ordinance with the County may appoint a Deputy Emergency Management Director.~~

~~(2)~~

~~The Municipal Deputy Emergency Management Director will operate under the administrative direction of the County Emergency Management Director.~~

~~(3)~~

~~Remuneration, if any, for the Municipal Deputy Emergency Management Director will be determined and paid for by the governing body of that municipality.~~

~~(4)~~

Editor's Note: Throughout this chapter, references to the "Emergency Government Coordinator" were amended to read "Emergency Management Director" at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

~~§ 32-5 Sharing of costs.~~

~~Costs of equipment and services shall be borne 100% by the municipal government requiring such procurement with federal matching funds procured by the County/Municipal Director when applicable. Federal matching fund reimbursements shall be returned to the treasurer of the municipality procuring the equipment or services.~~

~~§ 32-6 Joint meetings.~~

~~Whenever it is deemed necessary by either the County Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management **Public Safety and Judicial** Committee or the emergency management committee of a municipality participating in joint action, there shall be a joint meeting of the committees to decide such matters as may arise.~~

~~§ 32-7~~ **32-6 Duties of Emergency Management Director.**

~~A.~~

~~County-wide duties. The Director, in his capacity as County Director, subject to the control and direction of the County Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management **Public Safety and Judicial** Committee and under the general supervision of the County Board, shall:~~

~~(1) Develop, promulgate, and implement an emergency management plan for the County in accordance with requirements of the state and federal plans of emergency management.~~

~~(2) Under the general supervision of the Public Safety and Judicial Committee coordinate and assist in the development of municipal emergency management plans within the County and the integration of such plans with the County plan and the state plan.~~

(3) Direct the County emergency management program and all phases of emergency management related thereto, including the Green Lake County Hazardous Materials Team, pursuant to state directive and subject to the overall supervision of the Public Safety and Judicial Committee.

(4) Direct county-wide emergency management training programs and exercises in accordance with directives from higher emergency management authority or as required by the Public Safety and Judicial Committee.

(5) Consult with the state director, area director, and municipal directors concerning all emergency management plans for the County and render such reports as may be required by the state or area director.

(6) In case of a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor or by the Board, direct all County emergency management activities carried on by County agencies or personnel and coordinate municipal emergency management activities within the County pursuant to directive of higher emergency management authority and in accord with integrated plans previously adopted.

(7) Advise and consult with the Public Safety and Judicial Committee concerning all phases of emergency management planning and activity and report to the County Board where necessary or required concerning emergency management within Green Lake County.

(8) Perform such other duties relating to emergency management as may be required by the County Board, the Public Safety and Judicial Committee, or higher emergency management authority or in pursuance of any mutual aid agreements made hereunder or as authorized by Wis. Stat. § 323.15.

~~(1)~~

~~Develop and promulgate emergency management plans for the County, including planning for joint-action municipalities, consistent with the state plan of emergency management;~~^[1]

~~(1)~~

~~Editor's Note: The State of Wisconsin Emergency Operations Plan was adopted by resolution of the County Board on March 17, 1981, as the official program of Green Lake County for emergency management. Copies of the state plan are on file at the office of the Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management **Public Safety and Judicial Committee.**~~

~~(2)~~

~~Coordinate and assist in the development of non-joint-action municipal emergency management plans within the County and integrate such plans with the County plan;~~

~~(3)~~

~~Coordinate the County and joint-action municipality emergency management programs;~~

~~(4)~~

~~Coordinate County-wide civil defense training programs and exercises;~~

~~(5)~~

~~Advise the state administrator of all emergency management planning for the County and render such reports as may be required by the state administrator;~~

~~(6)~~

~~In case of a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor, coordinate the County and joint action municipality emergency management activities and coordinate the non joint action municipal emergency management activities within the County, subject to the coordinating authority of the state administrator; and~~

~~(7)~~

~~Perform such other duties relating to emergency management as may be required by the County Board.~~

~~B. :~~

~~Municipal duties. The Director, in his capacity as Director for municipalities participating in joint action, shall:~~

~~(1)~~

~~Coordinate the municipal emergency management organization;~~

~~(2)~~

~~Develop, promulgate, and integrate into the County plan emergency management plans for the operating services of the municipality;~~

~~(3)~~

~~Direct participation of the municipality in such emergency management training programs and exercises as may be required on the County level or by the state administrator;~~

~~(4)~~

~~Coordinate the municipal emergency management training programs and exercises;~~

~~(5)~~

~~Perform all administrative duties necessary for the rendering of reports and procurement of matching federal funds for each municipality requesting federal matching funds;~~

~~(6)~~

~~In case of a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor, coordinate the activities of the municipal emergency management organization; and~~

~~(7)~~

~~Perform such other duties, relating to emergency management, as may be required by the municipal governing body.~~

~~§ 32-8-32-7~~ **Utilization of existing services and facilities.**

~~A.~~

~~Policy. In preparing and executing the emergency management program, the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of the existing departments and agencies of the County shall be utilized to the maximum extent practicable, and the officers and personnel of all such departments and agencies are directed to cooperate with and extend such services and facilities as are required of them.~~

~~B.~~

~~Responsibility. In order to assure that in the event of an emergency all the facilities of the existing County government are expanded to the fullest to meet such emergency, all department heads will fulfill emergency and nonemergency duties as assigned under the County Emergency Operations Plan. The Emergency Management Director will assist them in organizing and planning for the expansion of their departments prior to~~

and during an emergency and for recruiting necessary emergency management volunteers to supplement regular department employees. Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to limit the Emergency Management Director from immediately commencing organizational and planning programs as required by the Emergency Operations Plan adopted by the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors.

C.

~~Joint action. Municipalities entering into joint action with Green Lake County will provide for utilization of existing services of municipal government by enactment of an ordinance parallel to this section.~~

§ 32-9 Other emergencies.

A.

~~Joint action municipalities. In the event of the Governor determining that an emergency exists growing out of natural or man-made disasters, the County Emergency Management Director will activate and coordinate the emergency management services at the appropriate level of government affected by the emergency.~~

B.

~~Non-joint action municipalities. In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, the County Director will coordinate the municipalities affected and render such assistance as is required and available from County resources.~~

§ 32-10-32-8 Violations and penalties. [1]

It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to obstruct, hinder, or delay any member of the emergency management organization in the enforcement of this chapter or to perform any act forbidden by any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to the authority contained in this chapter. For a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter he shall forfeit not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and, in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned in the County jail for a period not exceeding 90 days.

[1]

Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

§ 32-11-32-9 Sponsorship of hazardous material response team.

[Added 12-21-1993 by Ord. No. 530-93]

A.

Pursuant to § ~~466-03(8)~~ **323.61(2m)(e)**, Wis. Stats., Green Lake County hereby elects to sponsor a Hazardous Material Level B Response Team, which shall consist of fire fighters and other emergency response personnel from or designated by the various municipalities in Green Lake County. The County shall sponsor all the team members whose names have been approved by the Hazardous Material Team Leader and filed in writing with the Emergency Management Director. The Team Leader may designate persons to be members for specific types of incidents. The City of Berlin Fire Department will be the lead team and will assist the County in response capabilities.

B.

The response cost of the Hazardous Material Level B Team shall be the responsibility of the party, agency, entity or person who or which created the condition requiring the hazardous material response. The cost of the response shall be charged to the party, agency, entity or person according to the following schedule:

(1)

Level 1 response. A Level 1 response is action by the Green Lake County Emergency Management Department and/or the Hazmat Team which involves advice, counseling and consulting on an incident. The fee for Level 1 response will be established annually by the ~~Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management~~ **Public Safety and Judicial** Committee, not less than \$25.

(2)

Level 2 response. A Level 2 response is a response in which the full Hazardous Material Level B Team is called to a scene to mitigate an incident involving a hazardous materials release. The cost of a Level 2 response shall be:

(a)

The actual cost of staff time, including the hourly rate for fringe benefits, of the staff involved in the response.

(b)

A charge for response by the hazmat vehicle(s) and/or the Berlin Emergency Management Command Post or other related emergency vehicles in an amount to be determined annually by the ~~Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management~~ **Public Safety and Judicial** Committee based on the cost to operate the vehicle, depreciation and other factors bearing on the cost of activating the equipment.

(c)

The replacement cost of all consumable supplies used necessarily in the response and the actual cost of any charges incurred by the team.

(d)

A use charge for reusable equipment, in an amount determined annually by the ~~Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management~~ **Public Safety and Judicial** Committee based on the operating cost of the equipment, its depreciation and other factors bearing on its cost.

(3)

Household response. The ~~Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management~~ **Public Safety and Judicial** Committee may adopt a maximum charge for responses to hazardous materials incidents which occur in a residential household. "Residential household" shall be defined as an owner-occupied building of one or two dwelling units.

C.

The Green Lake County ~~Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management~~ **Public Safety and Judicial** Committee, together with the Chair of the local emergency planning committee and the Hazardous Material Team Leader, shall constitute the "reviewing entity" as provided in § ~~466.22(5)(a)~~ **323.71(5)(a)**, Wis. Stats.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Public Safety & Judiciary Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 18th day of March 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 04-2025

Ayes 18, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Public Safety & Judiciary Committee: /s/ Gene Thom, Vice Chair; /s/ Keith Hess, /s/ Sue Wendt; /s/ Don Lenz

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2025

Amending Green Lake County Chapter 148. Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Program

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 18th day of March, 2025, does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee has deemed it advantageous to combine with Marquette County to create a new Rural Environmental Health Alliance for the purpose of enacting local regulations governing a variety of hospitality, cosmetic and recreational services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Article I. Authority to Issue Licenses and Establish License Fees

[Adopted 3-21-2006 by Ord. No. 854-06; amended in its entirety 11-15-2016 by Ord. No. 26-2016]

§ 148-1. Authority.

This article is adopted pursuant to the authority provided by Wisconsin State Statutes § 66.0417, Ch. 68, 97 subchapters I, IV, V, 97.12, 97.41, 97.67, 97.615, 97.615(2), 97.625, 125.68(5), 251.04(3), 252.02, 252.03, and 463.16; and by Wisconsin State Administrative Chapters ATCP 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, and SPS 221 and 390 as amended and/or renumbered from time to time. The expressed provisions of this Chapter shall control where more restrictive as permitted by law.

§ 148-2. Purpose; grant of authority to consortia.

The purpose of this article is to protect and improve the public health and to authorize the Rural Environmental Health Alliance (The Alliance) which consists of the Marquette and Green Lake County Health Departments, to become the designated agent of the State Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for the purpose of enacting local regulations governing hotels, motels, tourist rooming houses, body piercing and tattooing establishments, restaurants, retail food establishments, bed-and-breakfast establishments, campgrounds, recreational and educational camps, public swimming pools.

§ 148-3. Applicability.

The provisions of this article shall apply to the owner and operator of any entity identified in the above statutory sections.

§ 148-4. Definitions.

All definitions as set forth in the statutes apply, except:

FISCAL AGENT

The entity that attends to the fiscal and administrative issues pertaining to this Agent Program. Marquette County Health Department and Board of Health act in this capacity for the Rural Environmental Health Alliance.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Green Lake County Public Health Department.

MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

The schedule of all fees associated with this article, amended as needed by the Fiscal Agent, and posted on the Health Department website and may be changed upon approval by the County Board.

REINSPECTION

A process for the subsequent inspections needed to address compliance issues with the statutes and administrative codes that govern a respective establishment. Reinspections are conducted pursuant to Alliance policy.

SPECIAL ORGANIZATION

Churches, religious, fraternal, youth or patriotic organizations, service clubs and civic organizations which *occasionally* prepare, serve or sell meals to transients or the general public. Dates and locations of meals shall be provided to the Health Department in advance.

OCCASIONALLY

Not more than 12 days for non-meal food sales and not more than 3 days for meal food sales during any licensing year.

TRANSIENT RESTAURANT or TRANSIENT RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT

A restaurant or retail food establishment that operates at a fixed location in conjunction with a single event such as a fair, carnival, circus, public exhibition, anniversary sale, or occasional sales promotion for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days. Specific dates and locations of meals shall be provided to the Health Department in advance. § 148-5. Enforcement.

The provisions of this article shall be administered by or under the direction of the Fiscal Agent or of the local Health Officer, who in person or by duly authorized representatives shall have the right to enter, at reasonable hours, upon premises affected by this regulation to inspect the premises, secure samples or specimens, examine and copy relevant documents and records or obtain photographic or other evidence needed to enforce this article and issue citations or file a summons and complaint with Marquette County Corporation Counsel or any attorney serving The Alliance.

§ 148-6. License and permit.

- A. No person shall operate any entities set forth above without first obtaining a non-prorated license from the Fiscal Agent.
- (1) Licenses issued to establishments covered under the master fee schedule are issued for one (1) year from July 1 through June 30. Exceptions listed in subparagraphs (a) and (b).
 - (a) Licenses initially issued during the period beginning on April 1 and ending June 30 shall expire June 30 of the following year.
 - (b) Transient food establishment permits may only be issued for the license period beginning July 1 and ending the following June 30.
 - (2) The issuance of a license may be conditioned upon the licensee correcting a violation of this article within a specified period of time. If the condition is not met within the specified period of time, the license shall be voided.
 - (3) The license shall not be transferable to a location other than the one for which it was issued, nor shall a license be transferred from one operator to another subject to the express

exception of:

- (a) As to location, transient licenses may be transferred.
 - (b) As to operator, a recreational facility license may be transferred to an individual who is an immediate family member of the operator if the operator is transferring operation of the establishment or vending machine to that immediate family member as defined in 97.605(4)(a)2..
- B. Operators or licensees of transient restaurants whom the Alliance has found to be uncooperative or habitual violators of this article may be denied a license to operate. Transient licenses may be transferred to premises other than those for which they were issued, provided that the approval of the new premises is secured from the Alliance prior to operating at the new premises.
- C. With the exception of those establishments defined herein as transient, no licenses shall be granted to any person under this article without a preinspection by the Rual Environmental Health Alliance of the premises for which the license shall be granted.
- D. No license shall be issued until all application fees have been paid.

§ 148-7. Application for license.

The Alliance shall either approve the application or deny the license within 30 days after receipt of a complete application.

§ 148-8. Fees.

License fees outlined in this article shall be included in the Master Fee Schedule. Which may be amended by the Marquette County Board.

§ 148-9. Public display of license.

Every establishment required to obtain a license pursuant to this article shall display said license, at all times, in a conspicuous public place.

§ 148-10. Temporary orders.

Whenever, as a result of an examination, the Health Officer or designee has reasonable cause to believe that an immediate danger to health exists on the premises covered by this article, the Health Officer or designee may issue a temporary order in accordance with § 66.0417(2), Wis. Stats.

§ 148-11. Denial, suspension or revocation of license.

The Fiscal Agent, or designee, of the county of jurisdiction may deny any license application or suspend or revoke any license issued under this article for noncompliance with this article and regulations, rules and laws adopted by reference. The review procedure set forth in Chapter 68 of the Wisconsin Statutes shall be followed in the denial suspension or revocation of any license issued under this article, except where any of the following applies:

- A. A decision by the Fiscal Agent, or designee, to deny, suspend or revoke a license shall be in writing and shall state, with specificity, the reasons for the decision and shall state any applicable statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders which may have been violated. A copy of the written decision shall be sent to the licensee by mail or by personal service. Said notice shall inform the licensee or applicant of the right to have this decision reviewed and the procedure for

such review.

- B. Any licensee or applicant aggrieved by a decision, to deny, suspend or revoke a license may have the decision reviewed and reconsidered by a written request mailed or delivered to the Marquette County Health Department within 30 working days of receipt of the original notice. The written request for review and reconsideration shall state the grounds upon which the person aggrieved contends that the decision should be reversed or modified.
- C. Within 15 working days of receipt of the request for review and reconsideration, the Fiscal Agent's Health Officer shall review its initial determination and may affirm, reverse or modify the initial determination. A written decision shall include the reasons for such determination and a copy shall be mailed or delivered to the licensee or applicant. The decision shall advise the licensee or applicant of the right to an administrative appeal, the time within which appeal shall be taken and the office or person with whom the appeal shall be filed.
- D. A licensee or applicant who wishes to appeal a decision made by the Fiscal Agent's Health Officer must file a notice of appeal within 30 days of receiving the reviewed determination. The administrative appeal shall be filed or mailed to the Marquette County Health Officer. The Health Officer shall immediately file said notice of appeal with the Fiscal Agent's County Board of Health.
- E. A licensee or applicant shall be provided a hearing on appeal within 15 days of receipt of the request for an administrative appeal. The Fiscal Agent shall serve the licensee or applicant with notice of hearing by mail or personal service at least 10 days before the hearing.
- F. The hearing shall be conducted before the Fiscal Agent's County Board of Health and shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in § 68.11(2) and (3), Wis. Stats.
- G. Within 20 days of the hearing, the Fiscal Agent's County Board of Health shall mail or deliver to the appellant its written determination stating the reasons therefor.
- H. A decision by the Health Officer upon a request for review and reconsideration, which is not appealed to the County Board of Health, or a decision by the Marquette County Board of Health on an appeal of a decision by the Health Officer of a request for review and reconsideration shall be a final determination under § 68.12(2), Wis. Stats.
- I. Any party to a proceeding resulting in a final determination may seek review thereof by certiorari within 30 days of receipt of the final determination per § 68.13, Wis. Stats.

§ 148-12. Violations and penalties.

- A. All ordinance violations not covered in the Master Fee Schedule referenced in this chapter are subject to a forfeiture as defined in Chapter 100 of the Marquette County Code of Ordinances.

Forfeitures within this article shall be combined with applicable surcharges, penalty assessments, and the taxable costs of prosecution., A court may also grant injunctive relief. Failure to comply with an order of correction issued under this article shall constitute a violation of this article and each day of continued violation shall constitute a separate offense. Failure to pay any penalties imposed by the court in accordance with this article may result in imprisonment in the County jail.

- B. In the alternative, the Health Department may pursue enforcement of such section of these regulations as are prosecutable through long-form summons and complaint with Marquette County Corporation Counsel or any attorney serving the Alliance.

§ 148-13. Effective date.

This article shall take effect following its passage and filing with the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2025.

Health & Human Services Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 18th day of March 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 05-2025

Ayes 18, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Health & Human Services Committee: /s/ Joe Gonyo, Chair; /s/ Mike Skivington, Vice Chair; /s/ Nancy Hoffmann; /s/ Christine Schpafel; /s/ Mary Hess

ORDINANCE NO. 06–2025
Relating to: Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn
Owner: Donald E. Kinas

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 18th of March 2025, does ordain as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Green Lake County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 350 as amended, Article IV Zoning Districts, Section 350-26 Official Map, as relates to the Town of Brooklyn, shall be amended as follows:

Owner: Donald E. Kinas, **Agent:** Michael McConnell, **Location:** N5112 Brooklyn G Road, **Parcel:** 004-00786-0000. **Legal Description:** Part of NW ¼ of SW ¼, located in Section 36, T16N, R13E, Town of Brooklyn, ±5.0 acres. **Request:** The owners are requesting a rezone from A1, Farmland Preservation District, to R4, Rural Residential District, to be identified by certified survey map.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Land Use Planning & Zoning recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 18th day of March 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 06-2025

Ayes 18, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, Chair; /s/ Bill Boutwell, Vice Chair; /s/ Sue Wendt; /s/ Gene Thom

GREEN LAKE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in organizational session, Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 9:00 AM via remote access and in person for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 16, Absent – 2 (Talma and Wielgosh), Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann	1
Charles Buss	2
David Abendroth	4

Mike Skivington	5
Brian Floeter	6
Bob Schweder	7
Nancy Hiestand	8
Bill Boutwell	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Keith Hess	17
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER
 ROLL CALL
 READING OF THE CALL
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 MINUTES OF 03/18/25 MEETING
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 ORGANIZATION DIRECTION TO COMMITTEES
 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)
 APPEARANCES

- Monthly update from Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome
- Derek Mashuda, Highway Commissioner – Highway Department update
- Conservation Poster contest Awards – 9:45
- Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel – legal update and Act 235
- Student appearances relating to County Government Day – 10:30

WCA VIDEO – WHAT ARE COUNTIES?
 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR 2024
 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY FORM OF GOVERNMENT
 DISCUSSION REGARDING HUMAN RESOURCES OPTIONS
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- Resolution 04-2025 Support for Increasing Base Funding for County Conservation Staffing to \$20.02 Million
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2024 ANNUAL REPORTS
 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
 DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON May 20, 2025
 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION
 ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 9th day of April, 2025

Elizabeth A. Otto

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 03/18/2025 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Lenz/Wendt)** to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. Chair Abendroth stated that today is Student Government Day and all supervisors are invited to attend the lunch at the American Legion building in Green Lake.
4. Chair Abendroth stated that he is looking for applicants to fill the remainder of the term for District 18 County Board Supervisor. Anyone interested should contact him directly.
5. The next County Board meeting will take place on May 20, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

ORGANIZATION DIRECTION TO COMMITTEES

6. Chair Abendroth stated that all committees and chairs will remain the same until April of 2026 as outlined in the County Board rules

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

7. Bur Zeratsky, N5602 County Rd A, Green Lake WI commented on Resolution 5-2025
8. Rebecca Elliman, 450 Morris St, Berlin WI spoke on social safety nets

APPEARANCES

9. Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome provided a monthly update.
10. Derek Mashuda, Highway Commissioner, appeared to provide an update on the activities of the Highway Department.
11. Todd Morris, County Conservationist presented the awards for the 2025 poster contest.
12. Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel, discussed Act 235, RFP Process and the Government Modules. Discussion held regarding County Administrator or Coordinator.
13. Jon Vandeyacht, Veterans Service Officer, introduced the students from the area schools attending Student Government Day. Reports from each department that the students visited were given.

WCA VIDEO – WHAT ARE COUNTIES?

14. A 3 minute video from the Wisconsin Counties Association was shown entitled “What Are Counties?”

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR 2024

15. Chair Abendroth recognized the following employees for their years of service to Green Lake County. 5 year employees receive a certificate of recognition and the others receive a certificate and a \$25.00 gas card.
5 years: Gary Anderson, Marlise Gonzalez, Connor Hunter, Elizabeth Meyer, Richard “Poncho” Treder, and Sarah Petit
10 years: Rachel Belter, Tara Eichstedt, Jason Franke, Aaron Wagner, Heidi Weishaar, Nichol Wienkes, and Brook Zank
20 years: Jennifer Benso, Scott Cody, Matt Kirkman, Melissa Roth, Lisa Schiessl, Gerald Stanuch, and Rebecca Voeltner
25 years: Roxanne Haedt, Todd Morris, and Matt Vandekolk

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY FORM OF GOVERNMENT

16. Members of the board discussed the pros and cons of Administrator or Coordinator. **Motion/second (Floeter/Hess)** to instruct Corporation Council to move forward with drafting documentation that would move the county to an Administrative Coordinator model and refer this matter back to the Administrative Committee. Roll call vote on motion – Ayes – 15, Nays – 1 (Hoffmann), Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma and Wielgosh), Vacant - 1. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION REGARDING HUMAN RESOURCES OPTIONS

17. County Clerk Liz Otto and Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome met with a potential consultant. Discussion held on whether the county should consider hiring a consultant or in-house employee for HR.

RESOLUTIONS

- 18. Resolution 04-2025 Support for Increasing Base Funding for County Conservation Staffing to \$20.02 Million. **Motion/second (Schweder/Mulder)** to suspend the rules to allow County Conservationist Todd Morris to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. **Motion/second (Buss/Krenz)** to adopt Resolution 04-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 04-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma and Wielgosh), Vacant - 1. Resolution 04-2025 passed as adopted.
- 19. Resolution 05-2025 In Support of Reauthorization of State Funding for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. **Motion/second (Thom/Krenz)** to adopt Resolution 05-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 05-2025 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 1 (Reabe), Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma and Wielgosh), Vacant - 1. Resolution 05-2025 passed as adopted.
- 20. Resolution 06-2025 Relating to WI DNR Surface Water Grant for Twin Lakes AIS Population Management. **Motion/second (Boutwell/Buss)** to adopt Resolution 06-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 06-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma and Wielgosh), Vacant - 1. Resolution 06-2025 passed as adopted.
- 21. Resolution 07-2025 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$29,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to adopt Resolution 07-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 07-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma and Wielgosh), Vacant - 1. Resolution 07-2025 passed as adopted.

2024 ANNUAL REPORTS

22. Chair Abendroth stated that the reports were available on the website for review. **Motion/second (Reabe/Lenz)** to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- 23. Chair Abendroth requested a motion to approve the following appointments:
 - 24. Sue Shemanski and Terri Maul to the Health Advisory Board for a term ending 04/15/2027
- Motion/second (Schweder/Mulder)** to approve the appointments. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON May 20, 2025

25. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

26. To be determined

ADJOURN

Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 12:04pm.
 Respectfully Submitted,
Karissa Block
 Karissa Block, Deputy County Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER 04-2025

SUPPORT FOR INCREASING BASE FUNDING FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION STAFFING TO \$20.2 MILLION

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 15TH day of APRIL, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, County Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) staff are relied upon to carry out a range of Wisconsin's state agricultural and resource management programs that reduce non-point pollution, preserve farmland, protect waterfront property, reclaim non-metallic mines, limit aquatic invasive species control, manage forests, and reduce floods; and,

WHEREAS, LWCDs assist Wisconsin's farmers in many ways, including supporting producer-led watershed groups, developing nutrient management plans, engineering manure storage and transfer systems, and applying conservation practices that promote soil health and build profitability; and,

WHEREAS, the shared conservation work of LWCD professionals and landowners has major water quality benefits, including preventing soil erosion, protecting drinking water supply, increasing rainwater infiltration into groundwater aquifers, and restoring native habitat; and,

WHEREAS, LWCD experts are trusted, technical advisors that consult with landowners to understand their land management goals and then propose customized solutions that includes project planning and contracting, engineering, quality control, and securing of cost-share funding to reduce project expenses to; and,

WHEREAS, building a partnership based on trust and understanding with farmer and landowner clients cannot happen instantly, but rather, requires a sustained commitment over time from LWCD professionals; and,

WHEREAS, LWCDs leverage cost-share funding from federal and private sources, providing a 2:1 return on the state investment, and spurring local economic growth in industries including agriculture, construction, tourism, forestry, and recreation; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin codifies LWCDs' role in carrying out state conservation standards via Wis. Stats Chap. 92, defining a goal that the State fund staff positions in every LWCD at 100% of the first, 70% of the second, and 50% of each additional staff position; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has not ensured baseline support of LWCDs by meeting this funding goal since its inception, and in the 18-year period from 2006 to 2024, base funding relative to LWCD staffing needs decreased by 24%.

WHEREAS, supporting county LWCDs is a widely supported priority supported by conservation, environmental and local government groups alike; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that GREEN LAKE COUNTY, does hereby urge the Wisconsin State Legislature to strengthen the viability of the State's County Land and Water Conservation Staffing program by increasing base funding for the program by \$11,035,900 on an annual basis to a total of \$20.2 million annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be sent to WI Land+Water Conservation Association, all State Legislators, the Governor, DATCP Secretary, DNR Secretary, DOA Secretary, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin Towns Association.

FISCAL NOTE: NA

Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 15th day of April 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 04-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee: /s/ Robert Schweder, Chair; /s/ Mike Skivington; /s/ David Alright; /s/ Bill Boutwell; /s/ Nancy Hiestand; /s/ Nita Krenz

RESOLUTION NUMBER 05-2025

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REAUTHORIZATION OF STATE FUNDING FOR KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 15th day of April, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. Per Ch. 23 .09 1 5(2c)(d), Wis. Stats, and

WHEREAS, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is set to expire in 2025. The program has supported land acquisition and capital development by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), local governments, and nonprofit conservation organizations, to preserve valuable natural areas, wildlife habitat, water quality and outdoor recreation for public benefit around the state, and

WHEREAS, Green Lake County has benefited over the years having received Stewardship grant funds that have been used to develop County trails, parks and other public outdoor recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the Green Lake County Administrator and the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors consider the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to preserve and restore natural areas, wildlife habitat, and water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities that promote economic development and enhance quality of life, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of both the Green Lake County Administrator and Green Lake County Board of Supervisors to jointly express our support of the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 2025 with sufficient funding allocated to fund projects over the next 10 years to our State Legislators and the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Green Lake County Administrator and Green Lake County Board of Supervisors do hereby jointly express to the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor our full support for the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and request that sufficient funding be allocated to support projects over the next ten year period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors requests that the Green Lake County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to all counties throughout the State of Wisconsin, each of our State Legislators and the Office of the Governor.

Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 15th day of April 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 04-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 1, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee: /s/ Robert Schweder, Chair; /s/ Mike Skivington; /s/ David Alright; /s/ Bill Boutwell; /s/ Nancy Hiestand; /s/ Nita Krenz

RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-2025

RESOLUTION RELATING TO WI DNR SURFACE WATER GRANT FOR TWIN LAKES AIS POPULATION MANAGEMENT.

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 15th day of April 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, Green Lake County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of AIS Population Management – Twin Lakes;

WHEREAS, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application;

WHEREAS, a grant agreement is requested to carry out the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Green Lake County will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the following officials or employees to submit the following documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance that may be available:

Task	Title of Authorized Representative	Email Address & Phone Number
Sign and submit a grant application	County Administrator	jjerome@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4070
Enter into a grant agreement with the DNR	County Administrator	jjerome@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4070
Take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved project and bind the applicant	County Conservationist	tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4051
Submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement, as appropriate	County Conservationist	tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-2694-4051
Submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement	County Conservationist	tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4051
Sign and submit applicable documents	County Conservationist	tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4051

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that applicant will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement/contract.

Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 15th day of April 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 06-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee: /s/ Robert Schweder, Chair; /s/ Mike Skivington;

/s/ David Alright; /s/ Bill Boutwell; /s/ Nancy Hiestand; /s/ Nita Krenz

RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE SALE OF
NOT TO EXCEED \$29,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 15th day of April, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of Green Lake County, Wisconsin (the "County") to raise funds for public purposes, including paying the cost of constructing a highway building (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that the Project is within the County's power to undertake and therefore serves a "public purpose" as that term is defined in Section 67.04(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes;

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by the provisions of Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue general obligation promissory notes for such public purposes;

WHEREAS, the County may issue general obligation promissory notes only if one or more of the conditions specified in Section 67.045, Wisconsin Statutes apply;

WHEREAS, general obligation promissory notes to finance the Project may be issued under Section 67.045(1)(f), Wisconsin Statutes, if approved by a vote of at least three-fourths of the members-elect of the County Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors deems it necessary and in the best interest of the County to borrow the monies needed for the Project through the issuance of general obligation promissory notes (the "Notes") pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, upon satisfaction of the terms and conditions hereinafter provided;

WHEREAS, none of the proceeds of the Notes shall be used to fund the operating expenses of the general fund of the County or to fund the operating expenses of any special revenue fund of the County that is supported by property taxes;

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the County Board of Supervisors that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the County to authorize the issuance of and to sell the Notes to Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the "Purchaser");

WHEREAS, the Purchaser intends to submit a note purchase agreement to the County (the "Proposal") offering to purchase the Notes in accordance with the terms and conditions to be set forth in the Proposal; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser in a timely manner, the County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the County to delegate to either the County Administrator or the Chairperson of the County Board of Supervisors (each an "Authorized Officer") the authority to accept the Proposal on behalf of the County so long as the Proposal meets the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution by executing a certificate in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (the "Approving Certificate").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors that there shall be issued general obligation promissory notes of the County in a principal amount not to exceed \$29,000,000 for the purpose of financing the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Section 1. Sale of the Notes; Parameters. For the purpose of paying costs of the Project, there shall be borrowed pursuant to Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, the principal sum of not to exceed TWENTY-NINE MILLION DOLLARS (\$29,000,000) from the Purchaser upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Resolution. Subject to satisfaction of the condition set forth in Section 15 of this Resolution, the Chairperson and County Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make, execute, issue and sell to the Purchaser for, on behalf of and in the name of the County, Notes aggregating the principal amount of not to exceed TWENTY-NINE MILLION DOLLARS (\$29,000,000). The purchase price to be paid to the County for the Notes shall not be less than 97.50% of the principal amount of the Notes and the difference between the initial public offering price of the Notes and the purchase price to be paid to the County by the Purchaser shall not exceed 2.50% of the principal amount of the Notes, with an amount not to exceed 1.25% of the principal amount of the Notes representing the Purchaser's compensation.

Section 2. Terms of the Notes. The Notes shall be designated "General Obligation Promissory Notes"; shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$29,000,000; shall be dated as of their date of issuance; shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof; shall be numbered R-1 and upward; and shall mature or be subject to mandatory redemption on the dates and in the principal amounts set forth below, provided that the principal amount of each maturity or mandatory redemption amount may be increased or decreased by up to \$2,500,000 per maturity or mandatory redemption amount, that a maturity or mandatory redemption payment may be eliminated, if the amount of such maturity or mandatory redemption payment is less than or equal to \$2,500,000 and that the aggregate principal amount of the Notes shall not exceed \$29,000,000. The schedule below assumes the Notes are issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$29,000,000.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
03-01-2026	\$ 590,000
03-01-2027	685,000
03-01-2028	725,000
03-01-2029	770,000
03-01-2030	820,000
03-01-2031	870,000
03-01-2032	925,000
03-01-2033	980,000
03-01-2034	1,470,000
03-01-2035	1,535,000
03-01-2036	\$1,600,000
03-01-2037	1,670,000
03-01-2038	1,745,000
03-01-2039	1,820,000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
03-01-2040	1,905,000
03-01-2041	1,990,000
03-01-2042	2,075,000
03-01-2043	2,170,000
03-01-2044	2,275,000
03-01-2045	2,380,000

Interest shall be payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year commencing on March 1, 2026 or on such other date approved by the Authorized Officer in the Approving Certificate. The true interest cost on the Notes (computed taking the Purchaser's compensation into account) shall not exceed 5.00%. Interest shall be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Section 3. Redemption Provisions. The Notes shall be subject to optional redemption as set forth on the Approving Certificate. If the Proposal specifies that certain of the Notes shall be subject to mandatory redemption, the terms of such mandatory redemption shall be set forth on an attachment to the Approving Certificate labeled as Schedule MRP. Upon the optional redemption of any of the Notes subject to mandatory redemption, the principal amount of such Notes so redeemed shall be credited against the mandatory redemption payments established in the Approving Certificate in such manner as the County shall direct.

Section 4. Form of the Notes. The Notes shall be issued in registered form and shall be executed and delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 5. Tax Provisions.

(A) Direct Annual Irrepealable Tax Levy. For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Notes as the same becomes due, the full faith, credit and resources of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged, and there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property of the County a direct annual irrepealable tax in the years 2025 through 2044 for the payments due in the years 2026 through 2045 in the amounts as are sufficient to meet the principal and interest payments when due.

(B) Tax Collection. So long as any part of the principal of or interest on the Notes remains unpaid, the County shall be and continue without power to repeal such levy or obstruct the collection of said tax until all such payments have been made or provided for. After the issuance of the Notes, said tax shall be, from year to year, carried onto the tax roll of the County and collected in addition to all other taxes and in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes of the County for said years are collected, except that the amount of tax carried onto the tax roll may be reduced in any year by the amount of any surplus money in the Debt Service Fund Account created below.

(C) Additional Funds. If at any time there shall be on hand insufficient funds from the aforesaid tax levy to meet principal and/or interest payments on said Notes when due, the requisite amounts shall be paid from other funds of the County then available, which sums shall be replaced upon the collection of the taxes herein levied.

(D) Appropriation. To the extent necessary, the County hereby appropriates from taxes levied in anticipation of the issuance of the Notes, proceeds of the Notes or other funds of the County on hand a sum sufficient to be

irrevocably deposited in the segregated Debt Service Fund Account created below and used to pay interest on the Notes coming due in 2025, if any, as may be set forth on Schedule III of the Approving Certificate.

Section 6. Segregated Debt Service Fund Account.

(A) Creation and Deposits. There shall be and there hereby is established in the treasury of the County, if one has not already been created, a debt service fund, separate and distinct from every other fund, which shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Debt service or sinking funds established for obligations previously issued by the County may be considered as separate and distinct accounts within the debt service fund.

Within the debt service fund, there hereby is established a separate and distinct account designated as the "Debt Service Fund Account for General Obligation Promissory Notes - 2025" (the "Debt Service Fund Account") and such account shall be maintained until the indebtedness evidenced by the Notes is fully paid or otherwise extinguished. There shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund Account (i) all accrued interest received by the County at the time of delivery of and payment for the Notes; (ii) any premium which may be received by the County above the par value of the Notes and accrued interest thereon; (iii) all money raised by the taxes herein levied and any amounts appropriated for the specific purpose of meeting principal of and interest on the Notes when due; (iv) such other sums as may be necessary at any time to pay principal of and interest on the Notes when due; (v) surplus monies in the Borrowed Money Fund as specified below; and (vi) such further deposits as may be required by Section 67.11, Wisconsin Statutes.

(B) Use and Investment. No money shall be withdrawn from the Debt Service Fund Account and appropriated for any purpose other than the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes until all such principal and interest has been paid in full and the Notes canceled; provided (i) the funds to provide for each payment of principal of and interest on the Notes prior to the scheduled receipt of taxes from the next succeeding tax collection may be invested in direct obligations of the United States of America maturing in time to make such payments when they are due or in other investments permitted by law; and (ii) any funds over and above the amount of such principal and interest payments on the Notes may be used to reduce the next succeeding tax levy, or may, at the option of the County, be invested by purchasing the Notes as permitted by and subject to Section 67.11(2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, or in permitted municipal investments under the pertinent provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes ("Permitted Investments"), which investments shall continue to be a part of the Debt Service Fund Account. Any investment of the Debt Service Fund Account shall at all times conform with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and any applicable Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations").

(C) Remaining Monies. When all of the Notes have been paid in full and canceled, and all Permitted Investments disposed of, any money remaining in the Debt Service Fund Account shall be transferred and deposited in the general fund of the County, unless the County Board of Supervisors directs otherwise.

Section 7. Proceeds of the Notes; Segregated Borrowed Money Fund. The proceeds of the Notes (the "Note Proceeds") (other than any premium and accrued interest which must be paid at the time of the delivery of the Notes into the Debt Service Fund Account created above) shall be deposited into a special fund (the "Borrowed Money Fund") separate and distinct from all other funds of the County and disbursed solely for the purpose or purposes for which borrowed. In no event shall monies in the Borrowed Money Fund be used to fund operating expenses of the general fund of the County or of any special revenue fund of the County that is supported by property taxes. Monies in the Borrowed Money Fund may be temporarily invested in Permitted Investments. Any monies, including any income from Permitted Investments, remaining in the Borrowed Money Fund after the purpose or purposes for which the Notes have been issued have been accomplished, and, at any time, any monies as are not needed and which obviously thereafter cannot be needed for such purpose(s) shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund Account.

Section 8. No Arbitrage. All investments made pursuant to this Resolution shall be Permitted Investments, but no such investment shall be made in such a manner as would cause the Notes to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code or the Regulations and an officer of the County, charged with the responsibility for issuing the Notes, shall certify as to facts, estimates, circumstances and reasonable expectations in existence on the date of delivery of the Notes to the Purchaser which will permit the conclusion that the Notes are not "arbitrage bonds," within the meaning of the Code or Regulations.

Section 9. Compliance with Federal Tax Laws. (a) The County represents and covenants that the projects financed by the Notes and the ownership, management and use of the projects will not cause the Notes to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Code. The County further covenants that it shall comply with the provisions of the Code to the extent necessary to maintain the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Notes including, if applicable, the rebate requirements of Section 148(f) of the Code. The County further covenants that it will not take any action, omit to take any action or permit the taking or omission of any action within its control (including, without limitation, making or permitting any use of the proceeds of the Notes) if taking, permitting or omitting to take such action would cause any of the Notes to be an arbitrage bond or a private activity bond within the meaning of the Code or would otherwise cause interest on the Notes to be included in the gross income of the recipients thereof for federal income tax purposes. The County Clerk or other officer of the County charged with the responsibility of issuing the Notes shall provide an appropriate certificate of the County certifying that the County can and covenanting that it will comply with the provisions of the Code and Regulations.

(b) The County also covenants to use its best efforts to meet the requirements and restrictions of any different or additional federal legislation which may be made applicable to the Notes provided that in meeting such requirements the County will do so only to the extent consistent with the proceedings authorizing the Notes and the laws of the State of Wisconsin and to the extent that there is a reasonable period of time in which to comply.

Section 10. Execution of the Notes; Closing; Professional Services. The Notes shall be issued in printed form, executed on behalf of the County by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairperson and County Clerk, authenticated, if required, by the Fiscal Agent (defined below), sealed with its official or corporate seal, if any, or a facsimile thereof, and delivered to the Purchaser upon payment to the County of the purchase price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery (the "Closing"). The facsimile signature of either of the officers executing the Notes may be imprinted on the Notes in lieu of the manual signature of the officer but, unless the County has contracted with a fiscal agent to authenticate the Notes, at least one of the signatures appearing on each Note shall be a manual signature. In the event that either of the officers whose signatures appear on the Notes shall cease to be such officers before the Closing, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes to the same extent as if they had remained in office until the Closing. The aforesaid officers are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and execute and deliver the Notes and all such documents, certificates and acknowledgements as may be necessary and convenient to effectuate the Closing. The County hereby authorizes the officers and agents of the County to enter into, on its behalf, agreements and contracts in conjunction with the Notes, including but not limited to agreements and contracts for legal, trust, fiscal agency, disclosure and continuing disclosure, and rebate calculation services. Any such contract heretofore entered into in conjunction with the issuance of the Notes is hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

Section 11. Payment of the Notes; Fiscal Agent. The principal of and interest on the Notes shall be paid by Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Chicago, Illinois, which is hereby appointed as the County's registrar and fiscal agent pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.10(2), Wisconsin Statutes (the "Fiscal Agent"). The County hereby authorizes the Chairperson and County Clerk or other appropriate officers of the County to enter into a Fiscal Agency Agreement between the County and the Fiscal Agent. Such contract may

provide, among other things, for the performance by the Fiscal Agent of the functions listed in Wis. Stats. Sec. 67.10(2)(a) to (j), where applicable, with respect to the Notes.

Section 12. Persons Treated as Owners; Transfer of Notes. The County shall cause books for the registration and for the transfer of the Notes to be kept by the Fiscal Agent. The person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes and payment of either principal or interest on any Note shall be made only to the registered owner thereof. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

Any Note may be transferred by the registered owner thereof by surrender of the Note at the office of the Fiscal Agent, duly endorsed for the transfer or accompanied by an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Upon such transfer, the Chairperson and County Clerk shall execute and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Note or Notes of a like aggregate principal amount, series and maturity and the Fiscal Agent shall record the name of each transferee in the registration book. No registration shall be made to bearer. The Fiscal Agent shall cancel any Note surrendered for transfer.

The County shall cooperate in any such transfer, and the Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to execute any new Note or Notes necessary to effect any such transfer.

Section 13. Record Date. The 15th day of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date shall be the record date for the Notes (the "Record Date"). Payment of interest on the Notes on any interest payment date shall be made to the registered owners of the Notes as they appear on the registration book of the County at the close of business on the Record Date.

Section 14. Utilization of The Depository Trust Company Book-Entry-Only System. In order to make the Notes eligible for the services provided by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), the County agrees to the applicable provisions set forth in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations, which the County Clerk or other authorized representative of the County is authorized and directed to execute and deliver to DTC on behalf of the County to the extent an effective Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations is not presently on file in the County Clerk's office.

Section 15. Condition on Issuance and Sale of the Notes. The issuance of the Notes and the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser are subject to approval by an Authorized Officer of the principal amount, definitive maturities, redemption provisions, interest rates and purchase price for the Notes, which approval shall be evidenced by execution by an Authorized Officer of the Approving Certificate.

The Notes shall not be issued, sold or delivered until this condition is satisfied. Upon satisfaction of this condition, an Authorized Officer is authorized to execute a Proposal with the Purchaser providing for the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser.

Section 16. Official Statement. The County Board of Supervisors hereby directs an Authorized Officer to approve the Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Notes and deem the Preliminary Official Statement as "final" as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"). All actions taken by the Authorized Officer or other officers of the County in connection with the preparation of such Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda to it or final Official Statement are hereby ratified and approved. In connection with the Closing, the appropriate County official shall certify the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or final Official Statement. The County Clerk shall cause copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or final Official Statement to be distributed to the Purchaser.

Section 17. Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure. The County hereby covenants and agrees, for the benefit of the owners of the Notes, to enter into a written undertaking (the "Undertaking") if required by the Rule to provide continuing disclosure of certain financial information and operating data and timely notices of the occurrence of certain events in accordance with the Rule. The Undertaking shall be enforceable by the owners of the Notes or by the Purchaser on behalf of such owners (provided that the rights of the owners and the Purchaser to enforce the Undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific performance of the obligations thereunder and any failure by the County to comply with the provisions of the Undertaking shall not be an event of default with respect to the Notes).

To the extent required under the Rule, the Chairperson and County Clerk, or other officer of the County charged with the responsibility for issuing the Notes, shall provide a Continuing Disclosure Certificate for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the details and terms of the County's Undertaking.

Section 18. Record Book. The County Clerk shall provide and keep the transcript of proceedings as a separate record book (the "Record Book") and shall record a full and correct statement of every step or proceeding had or taken in the course of authorizing and issuing the Notes in the Record Book.

Section 19. Bond Insurance. If the Purchaser determines to obtain municipal bond insurance with respect to the Notes, the officers of the County are authorized to take all actions necessary to obtain such municipal bond insurance. The Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to agree to such additional provisions as the bond insurer may reasonably request and which are acceptable to the Chairperson and County Clerk including provisions regarding restrictions on investment of Note proceeds, the payment procedure under the municipal bond insurance policy, the rights of the bond insurer in the event of default and payment of the Notes by the bond insurer and notices to be given to the bond insurer. In addition, any reference required by the bond insurer to the municipal bond insurance policy shall be made in the form of Note provided herein.

Section 20. Conflicting Resolutions; Severability; Effective Date. All prior resolutions, rules or other actions of the County Board of Supervisors or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions hereof shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded insofar as the same may so conflict. In the event that any one or more provisions hereof shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions hereof. The foregoing shall take effect immediately upon adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

Finance & Insurance Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 15th day of April 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 07-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Finance & Insurance Committee: /s/ Harley Reabe, Chair; /s/ Brian Floeter, Vice Chair; /s/ Gene Thom (alternate); /s/ Dennis Mulder

GREEN LAKE COUNTY
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING

May 20, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 4:30 PM via remote access and in person for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 16, Absent – 2 (Curt Talma – District 3, Keith Hess – District 17) , Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann (remote)	1
Charles Buss	2
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Brian Floeter	6
Bob Schweder	7
Nancy Hiestand	8
Bill Boutwell	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Charlie Wielgosh	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Joe Gonyo (remote)	16
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF 04/15/25 MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- Monthly update from Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 08-2025 Resolution Relating to Wisconsin DNR Grants
- Resolution 09-2025 Resolution Confirming and Ratifying the Authority of Counsel for Green Lake County to Add Additional Defendants to Opioid Litigation, Including in MDL 2804
- Resolution 10-2025 Resolution Amending Road Upgrade Agreement between Green Lake County, Green Lake County Highway Department and A.F. Gelhar Co., Inc.

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 07-2025 Ordinance to Amend §202.1. Committee on Tax Deeds
- Ordinance 08-2025 Ordinance Vacating Office of County Administrator and Establishing Office of Administrative Coordinator

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON June 17, 2025

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 15th day of May, 2025

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 04/15/2025 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Lenz/Reabe)** to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next County Board meeting will take place on June 17, 2025 at 4:30 PM.
4. Chair Abendroth reminded supervisors to consider attending the WCA (Wisconsin Counties Association) conference in September and to contact the County Clerk's office ASAP if interested so that hotel reservations can be made.
5. Chair Abendroth reminded the Board that he is still looking to fill the vacancy on the Board for District 18. Contact Abendroth with any suggestions.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

6. Rebecca Elliman, 450 Morris St., Berlin, WI 54923, spoke in opposition to a current bill sponsored by Republicans to cut taxes which she states would negatively affect Medicaid for seniors. She asked the Board to contact their local legislators to oppose the bill.

APPEARANCES

7. Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome provided a monthly update based on his written report in the packet.

RESOLUTIONS

8. Resolution 08-2025 Resolution Relating to Wisconsin DNR. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to adopt Resolution 08-2025. Supervisor Schweder stated this resolution is allowing for consolidation of grants. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 08-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Hess), Vacant - 1. Resolution 08-2025 passed as adopted.
9. Resolution 09-2025 Resolution Confirming and Ratifying the Authority of Counsel for Green Lake County to Add Additional Defendants to Opioid Litigation, Including in MDL 2804. No discussion. **Motion/second (Thom/Boutwell)** to adopt Resolution 09-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 09-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Hess), Vacant - 1. Resolution 09-2025 passed as adopted.
10. Resolution 10-2025 Resolution Amending Road Upgrade Agreement between Green Lake County, Green Lake County Highway Department and A.F. Gelhar Co., Inc. Supervisor Mulder explained that this agreement was originally done in anticipation of increased road usage due to frack sand hauling but that did not take place. **Motion/second (Mulder/Buss)** to adopt Resolution 10-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 10-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Hess), Vacant - 1. Resolution 10-2025 passed as adopted.

ORDINANCES

11. Ordinance 07-2025 Ordinance to Amend §202-1. Committee on Tax Deeds. No discussion. **Motion/second (Lenz/Thom)** to enact Ordinance 07-2025. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 07-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Hess), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 07-2025 passed as enacted.
12. Ordinance 08-2025 Ordinance Vacating Office of County Administrator and Establishing Office of Administrative Coordinator. Discussion held on effective date of the ordinance due to the bonding issue. **Motion/second (Thom/Mulder)** to enact Ordinance 08-2025. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 08-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Hess), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 08-2025 passed as enacted.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

13. Chair Abendroth requested a motion to approve the following appointments:
 - Lacy Dix, Tony Beregszazi, Sara Abbott, Marisa Pentek, Gregory Metzler, Gail Olson, Bailey Reese, Craig Larson, and Isabel Williston to the Family Resource Council for a term ending in April of 2027.
 - Allan Hoffmann, Joel Strahota, Evan Vandenlangenberg, and Mike Wuest to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee for a term ending in April of 2027.
 - Nicole Gill to the Health Advisory Committee for a term ending in April of 2027

- Charlie Wielgosh to the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee for a term ending in April of 2026
- Nancy Hoffman to the Kingston Library Board for a term ending in April of 2026
- Peter Wallace and BJ Zirger (alternate) to the Board of Adjustment for a term ending on 06/30/2028
- Gloria Lichtfuss to the Commission on Aging for a term ending in April of 2028
- Mike Skivington to replace Nancy Hoffmann on the Advocap board with a term ending April of 2026.

Motion/second (Thom/Wendt) to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON June 17, 2025

14. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

15. To be determined

ADJOURN

16. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 4:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Otto

Elizabeth Otto, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-2025

Resolution Relating to Wisconsin DNR Grants

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 20th day of May, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, Green Lake County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and

WHEREAS, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application; and

WHEREAS, a grant agreement is requested to carry out the project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the County Administrator/Administrative Coordinator & County Conservationist to act on behalf of the County to apply for and administer all tasks for grant funding or financial assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with respect to the specific Surface Water Grant financial assistance programs, as follows:

1. Education and planning grants;
2. Aquatic Invasive Species grants; and
3. Surface Water Management grants; and
4. Lake Monitoring and Protection network.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors approves and authorizes the County Administrator/Administrative Coordinator to act on behalf of the County of Green Lake to submit applications for grant funding or financial assistance under each respective identified program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator/Administrative Coordinator to act on behalf of the County of Green Lake as grant administrator to sign and submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for Surface Water Grant financial assistance programs; to sign a grant agreement between the county and the DNR as well as other necessary documents; to take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete a project approved for Surface Water Grant financial assistance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Conservationist to submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement; and to submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors affirms that Green Lake County will meet the obligations under any agreement for Surface Water Grant financial assistance including timely publication of the results, comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project, and will meet the financial obligations under the grant including the prompt payment of the required County's commitment to the project costs of 25 to 33 percent depending on the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Green Lake County will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the following officials or employees to submit the following documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance that may be available:

Task	Title of Authorized Representative	Email Address & Phone Number
Sign and submit a grant application	County Administrator/Admin. Coordinator	jjerome@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4070
Enter into a grant agreement with the DNR	County Administrator/Admin. Coordinator	jjerome@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4070
Take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved project and bind the applicant	County Conservationist	tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4051
Submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement, as appropriate	County Conservationist	tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-2694-4051
Submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement	County Conservationist	tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4051
Sign and submit applicable documents	County Conservationist	tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4051

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that applicant will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement/contract.

FISCAL NOTE: NA

Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 20th day of May 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 08-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee: /s/ Robert Schweder, Chair; /s/ Mike Skivington, Vice Chair; /s/ Nancy Hiestand; /s/ Nita Krenz

RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-2025

Resolution Confirming and Ratifying the Authority of Counsel for Green Lake County to Add Additional Defendants to Opioid Litigation, Including in MDL 2804

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 20th day of May, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors previously authorized the County to enter into an engagement agreement with von Briesen & Roper, s.c., Crueger Dickinson LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC (the “Law Firms”) to pursue litigation against manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, among others, of opioid pharmaceuticals (the “Opioid Defendants”) in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants responsible for the opioid epidemic in the County’s community;

WHEREAS, on behalf of the County, the Law Firms filed a lawsuit against the Opioid Defendants;

WHEREAS, the Law Firms filed similar lawsuits on behalf of 66 other Wisconsin counties and all Wisconsin cases were coordinated with thousands of other lawsuits filed against the same or substantially similar parties as the Opioid Defendants in the Northern District of Ohio, captioned In re: Opioid Litigation, MDL 2804 (the “Litigation”);

WHEREAS, four (4) additional Wisconsin counties (Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth) hired separate counsel and joined the Litigation;

WHEREAS, to date, through nationwide settlements, the Law Firms have achieved considerable success on behalf of the County in holding the Opioid Defendants responsible for their role in creating or maintaining the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, through the course of ongoing discovery and investigation concerning the opioid epidemic and parties potentially responsible therefor, it was determined that meritorious opioid-related claims exist against additional parties, including but not limited to the entities listed on Exhibit A hereto, and that they should be added as defendants in the Litigation;

WHEREAS, the engagement agreement with the Law Firms provides “depending upon the results of initial investigations of the facts and circumstances surrounding the potential claim(s), there may be additional parties sought to be made responsible”

WHEREAS, while the County believes the engagement agreement with the Law Firms provided the Law Firms with adequate authority to add additional parties to be held responsible, the County understands that recently

those parties questioned that authority, and therefore, for the avoidance of doubt, the County is adopting this Resolution confirming and ratifying the Law Firms' authority to add additional parties, including but not limited to the entities listed on Exhibit A, as defendants in the Litigation;

WHEREAS, to avoid any confusion surrounding the County's authorization to the Law Firms to amend the pleadings in the Litigation to include additional parties, including but not limited to the entities listed on Exhibit A as named defendants in MDL 2804, this Resolution is intended to serve as confirmation and ratification of such authorization; and

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, intends to confirm and ratify the authority of the Law Firms to amend the pleadings in the Litigation to add additional parties, including but not limited to the entities listed on Exhibit A as defendants in MDL 2804, or to commence appropriate federal or state court proceedings against such entities, and further intends to authorize Corporation Counsel to execute and deliver any and all other and further documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the County Board of Supervisors hereby confirms and ratifies the authority of:

1. The Law Firms to file appropriate pleadings in MDL 2804 or appropriate federal or state court proceedings to add additional parties, including but not limited to the entities listed on Exhibit A as defendants.
2. The Corporation Counsel, Board Chair or other authorized official to execute and deliver any and all other and further documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions heretofore taken by the Board of Supervisors and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

Administrative Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 20th day of May 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 09-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Administrative Committee: /s/ David Abendroth, Chair; /s/ Gene Thom, Vice Chair; /s/ Bob Schweder, /s/ Brian Floeter, /s/ Dennis Mulder, /s/ Joe Gonyo

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-2025

Resolution Amending Road Upgrade Agreement Between Green Lake County, Green Lake County Highway Department and A.F. Gelhar Co., Inc.

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 20th day of May, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, since 2014, Green Lake County, the Green Lake County Highway Department and A.F. Gelhar Co., Inc. have engaged in an agreement for costs associated with the maintenance of CTH S in the Town of Mackford; and

WHEREAS, said agreement was premised on the belief that practices such as "sand fracking" would lead to increased usage of CTH S; and

WHEREAS, said agreement was premised on the belief that A.F. Gelhar would be making extensive use of the rail load out facility they owned just south of CTH S due to the high demand for sand by Pennsylvania and Texas oil well fracking operations, and

WHEREAS, the market for frac sand such as can be produced by A.F. Gelhar never reached the original expectations, and

WHEREAS, A.F. Gelhar has significantly decreased its hauling of materials over said roadway and is not likely to increase its use in the foreseeable future, and

WHEREAS, the originally anticipated wear and tear on the surface of CTH S by vehicles hauling material for A.F. Gelhar has not occurred and is not likely to occur in the foreseeable future., and

WHEREAS, A.F. Gelhar has faithfully paid into the reserve fund which now has a balance of \$125,445.60, and

WHEREAS, A.F. Gelhar is willing to leave a balance of \$100,000 on deposit with Green Lake County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the original agreement entered into by the parties be modified such that A.F. Gelhar may immediately cease making payments to the escrow account as stated in Recital No. 7; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amount exceeding \$100,000.00 in the escrow account be returned to A.F. Gelhar, until December 31, 2029, at which time the entirety of the balance remaining in the escrow account shall be returned to A.F. Gelhar.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other terms and conditions of said agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect through December 31, 2029.

Highway Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 20th day of May 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 10-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Administrative Committee: /s/ Dennis Mulder, Chair; /s/ Bob Schweder, /s/ Brian Floeter, /s/ Harley Reabe, /s/ Charlie Wielgosh

ORDINANCE NO. 07–2025

Ordinance to amend § 202-1. Committee on Tax Deeds

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 20th day of May, 2025, does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the cost associated with preparing lists for takings in rem, which include but are not limited to generating title reports and publication fees, can become substantial.

WHEREAS, said processes may far exceed the costs of the value of the property in question.

WHEREAS, certain properties may possess characteristics leaving them difficult or even unlikely to be sold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, § 202-1. Committee on Tax Deeds, be amended as follows:

All powers of the County Board of Green Lake County to acquire, manage and sell delinquent tax parcels under the provisions of Ch. 75, Wis. Stats., are hereby delegated to and vested in a committee of the County Board to be titled "Committee on Tax Deeds." Furthermore, all powers of the County Board of Green Lake County to acquire, manage and sell tax-deeded property acquired under §§ 242-5 and 242-11 (adopting 75.521, Wis. Stat., Foreclosure of tax liens by action in rem), are hereby delegated to and vested in the Finance & Insurance Committee.

A. _

The Committee on Tax Deeds shall be comprised of the Finance Committee, the County Clerk and the County Treasurer.

B.

The members of such Committee shall receive the same per diem and mileage allowance as fixed by law for other ordinary committees of the County Board.

C.

The County Board of Supervisors recognizes that there may be properties where it is undesirable for the County to acquire the property through the process set forth in Wis. Stats. Chap. 75 and hereby delegates to the Committee on Tax Deeds the authority to make such determination. No later than September of each year, the Committee on Tax Deeds shall provide a report to the Finance Committee listing all properties the Committee on Tax Deeds has refused to foreclose upon with a reason for such refusal. If a property is not acquired for any reason authorized in this section, the Committee on Tax Deeds may notify the appropriate assessor and request that the value of such property be reduced.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any and all existing language in this section that is neither modified nor stricken remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Finance & Insurance Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 20th day of May 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 07-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Administrative Committee: /s/ Harley Reabe, Chair; /s/ Brian Floeter, Vice Chair; /s/ Charlie Wielgosh; /s/ Dennis Mulder; /s/ Don Lenz

Ordinance 08-2025 (see August 19, 2025)

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 4:30 PM via remote access and in person for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 15, Absent – Curt Talma-District 3, Bill Boutwell-District 9, Don Lenz-District 13, Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann	1
Charles Buss	2
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Brian Floeter	6
Bob Schweder	7
Nancy Hiestand	8
Sue Wendt	10

Harley Reabe	11
Charlie Wielgosh	12
Dennis Mulder (remote)	14
Nita Krenz	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Keith Hess	17
Gene Thom	19

The OpenMeeting software is not working correctly so voting will take place by voice vote.

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF 05/20/25 MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- Monthly update from Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 11-2025 Relating to Cancellation of Outstanding Checks
- Resolution 12-2025 Resolution to Eliminate the Part Time Accounting Specialist Position and Create a Full time Highway Account Clerk Specialist
- Resolution 13-2025 Resolution Authorizing a Highway Department Employee On-call Stipend

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 09-2025 Relating to Rezone in the Town of Berlin: Owner(s) – Mark & Kim Nowacki and Timothy Lind

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTION

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON August 19, 2025

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 13th day of June, 2025

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 05/20/2025 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Buss/Wendt)** to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next County Board meeting will take place on August 19, 2025 at 4:30 PM. There is no County Board meeting scheduled for July.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

4. None

APPEARANCES

5. Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome provided an update to his written report which included new and changed positions, highway facility update and contracting with UW-Milwaukee for burial relocation, 2026 budget, and wage plan committee to bring ideas to the Board regarding 2026 wages. Jerome also introduced the new Maintenance and Parks Supervisor Michael Van Meel.

RESOLUTIONS

6. Resolution 11-2025 Relating to Cancellation of Outstanding Checks. **Motion/second (Buss/Wendt)** to adopt Resolution 11-2025. **Motion/second (Reabe/Thom)** to amend the resolution and remove Check #219192 for #33.40 from the list since it has been cashed. Voice vote on motion to amend – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Boutwell, Lenz), Abstain – 0, Vacant - 1. Motion carried. Voice vote on motion to adopt Resolution 11-2025 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Boutwell, Lenz), Vacant - 1. Resolution 11-2025 passed as adopted.
7. Resolution 12-2025 Resolution to Eliminate the Part Time Accounting Specialist Position and Create a Full time Highway Account Clerk Specialist. **Motion/second (Skivington/Schweder)** to adopt Resolution 12-2025. Discussion held. Voice vote on motion to adopt Resolution 12-2025 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Boutwell, Lenz), Vacant - 1. Resolution 12-2025 passed as adopted.
8. Resolution 13-2025 Resolution Authorizing a Highway Department Employee On-call Stipend. **Motion/second (Reabe/Buss)** to adopt Resolution 13-2025. Discussion held. Voice vote on motion to adopt Resolution 13-2025 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Boutwell, Lenz), Vacant - 1. Resolution 13-2025 passed as adopted.

ORDINANCES

9. Ordinance 09-2025 Relating to Rezone in the Town of Berlin: Owner(s) – Mark & Kim Nowacki and Timothy Lind. **Motion/second (Thom/Buss)** to enact Ordinance 09-2025. Voice vote on motion to enact Ordinance 09-2025 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Boutwell, Lenz), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 09-2025 passed as enacted.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTION

10. Chair Abendroth opened up the floor for discussion on Ordinance 09-2025 which has been passed by the Board but not published in regard to the Administrative Coordinator form of government. Discussion held. **Motion/second (Schweder/Reabe)** to move forward with the title of County Manager. Voice vote on motion - Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Boutwell, Lenz), Vacant – 1. Motion carried. **Motion/second (Buss/Mulder)** to direct Corporation Counsel to incorporate the appropriate language changes to the current ordinance. Voice vote on motion - Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Boutwell, Lenz), Vacant – 1. Motion carried. **Motion/second (Schweder/Wielgosh)** to approve the job description as presented. Voice vote on motion - Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Boutwell, Lenz), Vacant – 1. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

11. Chair Abendroth requested a motion to approve the following appointments:
- Nita Krenz to the Winnefox Library System as a Trustee with a term ending in April of 2027
 - Nita Krenz to to Advocap to replace Mike Skivington with a term ending April of 2026.
- Motion/second (Schweder/Buss)** to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON August 19, 2025

12. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

13. To be determined

ADJOURN

14. **Motion/second (Wielgosh/Thom)** to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 PM. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Otto

Elizabeth Otto, County Clerk

Resolution Number 11-2025

Relating to Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 17th day of June 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, eleven checks issued by the Treasurer of Green Lake County, drawn against the County’s account at Horicon Bank have not been presented for payment by the payees of said checks in excess of one (1) year since said checks were issued;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said outstanding checks as listed below be cancelled, and the amounts represented thereby be restored to the County’s general account:

CHECK DATE	CHECK NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
11/29/2023	217240	10-51 Towing & Recovery	\$219.18
12/08/2023	217391	Jason Ross Luscher	\$33.40
12/18/2023	217529	Jeremiah Joseph Goldamer	\$30.70
02/01/2024	218037	Sadie Nolen	\$20.00
02/02/2024	218095	Matthew Winfred Green	\$111.24
02/07/2024	218161	Elite Therapy LLC	\$954.08
02/21/2024	218352	Karen Werth	\$149.99
02/21/2024	218377	Daniel O’Connor	\$35.95
05/06/2024	219192	Mavrik Matthew Reilly	\$33.40
05/07/2024	219248	Tristan James Dillie	\$32.24
05/22/2024	219546	Patrick James Francour	\$17.28

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Horicon Bank.

NOTE: The above checks contain the notation “Void after six months”

Finance & Insurance Committee recommends approval
Passed and Adopted this 17th day of June 2025
Roll Call on Resolution 11-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Finance & Insurance Committee: /s/ Harley Reabe, Chair; /s/ Charlie Wielgosh, /s/ Dennis Mulder, /s/ Don Lenz

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-2025

RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE THE PART TIME ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST POSITION AND CREATE A FULL TIME HIGHWAY ACCOUNT CLERK SPECIALIST

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting on this 17th day of June 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, currently the Highway Department has one full-time Highway Administrative Assistant/Accountant and one part-time Account Clerk; and

WHEREAS, currently the Finance Department has one part-time Account Clerk position; and

WHEREAS, as part of ongoing conversations with the Highway Commissioner, the Highway Administrative Assistant/Accountant, and County Finance staff it has been determined that it would be beneficial to increase the part-time Account Clerk in the Highway Department to full-time; and

WHEREAS, the full-time Account Clerk will work with the Highway Administrative Assistant/Accountant to ensure knowledge of the complex accounting procedures of the Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, when the current Administrative Assistant/Accountant retires further analysis will be completed to determine the necessity of two full-time positions within the Highway Finance; and

WHEREAS, the full-time Account Clerk position will be absorbed within the Highway Department budget having little to no impact on the County levy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the part-time Highway Account Clerk position in the Highway Department be re-classified as a full-time Highway Account Clerk Specialist position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if it is determined that full-time hours are no longer needed, and/or the funding is no longer available the Highway Department would look at returning the position to part-time or eliminating the position.

FISCAL NOTE: see attached

Highway Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 17th day of June 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 12-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Highway Committee: /s/ Dennis Mulder, Chair; /s/ Charlie Wielgosh, /s/ Harley Reabe, /s/ Bob Schweder

RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-2025

Resolution Authorizing a Highway Department Employee On-call Stipend

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 17th day of June, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, Green Lake County highway workers are essential to maintaining public safety and infrastructure year-round, and

WHEREAS, emergencies and weather events often require response outside of normal working hours, and

WHEREAS, compensating employees for their availability to respond outside of the standard Monday through Thursday work week improves service reliability and ensures fairness.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated annual cost is \$15,600, based on two employees being on call three days per week (Friday–Sunday) for 52 weeks per year at a stipend of \$50 per day.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that effective immediately, Green Lake County highway workers who are scheduled and approved to be on call outside of the regular Monday–Thursday work week shall receive a stipend of \$50.00 per day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that employees receiving this stipend must be available and fit for duty if called in during the on-call period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy shall be administered by the Highway Commissioner or designee in accordance with established procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for the stipend shall be allocated through the existing highway department budget unless otherwise amended.

Highway Committee recommends approval
Passed and Adopted this 17th day of June 2025
Roll Call on Resolution 12-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Highway Committee: /s/ Dennis Mulder, Chair; /s/ Charlie Wielgosh, /s/ Harley Reabe, /s/ Bob Schweder

ORDINANCE NO. 09–2025

Relating to: Rezone in the Town of Berlin Owner(s): Mark & Kim Nowacki and Timothy Lind

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 17th of June 2025, does ordain as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Green Lake County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 350 as amended, Article IV Zoning Districts, Section 350-26 Official Map, as relates to the Town of Berlin, shall be amended as follows:

Owner(s): Mark & Kim Nowacki and Timothy Lind, **Location:** W270 White Ridge Road, **Parcel(s):** 002-00204-0200 & 002-00204-0300. **Legal Description:** Part of SW ¼ of SE ¼, located in Section 12, T17N, R13E, Town of Berlin, ±21.469 acres. **Request:** The owners are requesting a rezone of ±3.022 acres zoned A2, General Agriculture District, to R4, Rural Residential District and a rezone of ±1.0 acres zoned A1, Farmland Preservation District, to A2, General Agriculture District. To be identified by Certified Survey Map.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 17th day of June 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 09-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, Chair; /s/ Bill Boutwell, Vice Chair, /s/ Sue Wendt; /s/ Gene Thom

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

August 19, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 4:30 PM via remote access and in person for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 16, Absent – 2 (Brian Floeter-District 6, Gene Thom-District 19), Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann	1
Charles Buss	2
Curt Talma	3
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Bob Schweder	7
Nancy Hiestand	8
Bill Boutwell	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Charlie Wielgosh	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Keith Hess	17

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF 06/17/25 MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- Monthly update from Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome
- HHS Department report – Department Managers
- Highway Department report – Derek Mashuda, Highway Commissioner

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 14-2025 Resolution to Create a Human Resources Coordinator Position in the Administrative Department
- Resolution 15-2025 Resolution to Create an Accounts Payable/Payroll Coordinator Position in the Administrative Department
- Resolution 16-2025 Delegating the Authority to Enter into Settlement Agreements with Opioid Defendants to the County Manager
- Resolution 17-2025 Resolution Creating a Fee Schedule for the Production of Copies of Public Records
- Resolution 18-2025 Resolution to create a Combined ADRC Advisory and Commission on Aging Board
- Resolution 19-2025 Regarding Adoption of the Green Lake County Hazard Mitigation Plan

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 08-2025 Ordinance Vacating Office of County Administrator and Establishing Office of County Manager
- Ordinance 10-2025 Ordinance Amending Green Lake County Chapter 187, Article IV Boat Launch User Fees

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AUDIO UPGRADES FOR COURTROOMS BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

- Applied Funds – Courtroom Upgrades

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON September 16, 2025

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 15th day of August, 2025

Elizabeth A. Otto
Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 06/17/2025 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Buss/Reabe)** to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next County Board meeting will take place on September 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM. The annual meeting and budget hearing for November will be moved to Wednesday, November 12 per WI §59.11(1)(a) due to Veteran’s Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

4. None

APPEARANCES

5. Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome provided an update on the 2026 budget process and the updated wage plan which was presented to the Administrative Committee.
6. HHS Unit Managers – HHS department updates and overviews were provided by 5 unit managers.
7. Derek Mashuda, Highway Commissioner, introduced the new Accounting Specialist in the Highway Department. Mashuda provided an overview of recent projects including mowing and ditch maintenance. He also gave an update on the new Highway facility and provided up to date drawings of the building

and grounds. Discussion and questions followed. Completion date is estimated to be November of 2026.

RESOLUTIONS

8. Resolution 14-2025 Resolution to Create a Human Resources Coordinator Position in the Administrative Department. **Motion/second (Boutwell/Krenz)** to adopt Resolution 14-2025. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 14-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Floeter, Thom), Vacant - 1. Resolution 14-2025 passed as adopted.
9. Resolution 15-2025 Resolution to Create an Accounts Payable/Payroll Coordinator Position in the Administrative Department. **Motion/second (Lenz/Mulder)** to adopt Resolution 15-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 15-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Floeter, Thom), Vacant - 1. Resolution 15-2025 passed as adopted.
10. Resolution 16-2025 Delegating the Authority to Enter into Settlement Agreements with Opioid Defendants to the County Manager. **Motion/second (Mulder/Buss)** to adopt Resolution 16-2025. Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann explained the background of the resolution. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 16-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Floeter, Thom), Vacant - 1. Resolution 16-2025 passed as adopted.
11. Resolution 17-2025 Resolution Creating a Fee Schedule for the Production of Copies of Public Records. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to adopt Resolution 17-2025. Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann provided background information regarding the resolution. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 17-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Floeter, Thom), Vacant - 1. Resolution 17-2025 passed as adopted.
12. Resolution 18-2025 Resolution to Create a Combined ADRC Advisory and Commission on Aging Board. **Motion/second (Reabe/Krenz)** to adopt Resolution 18-2025. HHS Director Jason Jerome explained the need for the resolution. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 18-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Floeter, Thom), Vacant - 1. Resolution 18-2025 passed as adopted.
13. Resolution 19-2025 Regarding Adoption of the Green Lake County Hazard Mitigation Plan. **Motion/second (Wendt/Lenz)** to adopt Resolution 19-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 19-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Floeter, Thom), Vacant - 1. Resolution 19-2025 passed as adopted.

ORDINANCES

14. Ordinance 08-2025 Ordinance Vacating Office of County Administrator and Establishing Office of County Manager. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to enact Ordinance 08-2025. Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann stated that state statute recognizes 3 forms of county government and this would fall under the Administrative Coordinator form. Green Lake County is choosing to rename that title to County Manager. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 08-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Floeter, Thom), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 08-2025 passed as enacted.
15. Ordinance 10-2025 Ordinance Amending Green Lake County Chapter 187, Article IV Boat Launch User Fees. **Motion/second (Boutwell/Krenz)** to enact Ordinance 10-2025. Discussion held. **Motion/second (Schweder/Boutwell)** to amend the ordinance on Line 13 to add “Spring Lake” to the verbiage. Roll call vote on motion to amend – Ayes – 15, Nays – 1 (Wielgosh), Absent – 2 (Floeter, Thom), Abstain – 0, Vacant – 1. Motion carried. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 10-2025 as amended – Ayes – 16, Nays – 1 (Wielgosh), Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Floeter, Thom), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 10-2025 passed as enacted.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AUDIO UPGRADES FOR COURTROOMS

16. Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome stated that the courtroom upgrades were approved at both the Public Safety & Judicial Law Committee as well as Finance & Insurance. The approval was to take the funds out of applied funds.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

17. **Motion/second (Wendt/Skivington)** to approve the budget adjustment to use applied funds to pay for courtroom upgrades. Roll call vote on motion to approve - Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Floeter, Thom), Vacant - 1. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

18. Chair Abendroth requested a motion to approve the following appointments:
- Mike Skivington to replace Sue Wendt on the Caestecker Library Board with a term ending in April 2026.
 - Tim Brown to the Highway Traffic Safety Commission
 - Dave Cornelius to the Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Motion/second (Boutwell/Buss)** to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON September 16, 2025

19. Chair Abendroth stated that the Veteran’s Service Office will give an update on that department in September.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

20. To be determined

ADJOURN

21. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Otto
County Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-2025

RESOLUTION TO CREATE A HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR POSITION IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting on this day 19th of August 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, as part of ongoing conversations with the Administrative Committee, Department Heads, and the full County Board it has been determined that a full-time Human Resources Coordinator would be beneficial to employees as well as the County; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Coordinator will be in the Administrative Unit and report to the Administrative Committee; and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Human Resources Coordinator position be created in the Administrative Department and be placed in Pay Group 9. (See attached job description)

Majority vote is needed to pass.

Approved by Finance Committee

Administrative Committee recommends approval
Passed and Adopted this 19th day of August 2025
Roll Call on Resolution 14-2025
Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Administrative Committee: /s/ Dave Abendroth, /s/ Gene Thom, /s/ Bob Schweder, /s/ Joe Gonyo, /a/ Nancy Hoffmann

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-2025

RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/PAYROLL COORDINATOR POSITION IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting on this day 19th of August 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, currently the Finance Department has one part time Accounting Specialist position; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office currently has a vacant part time deputy clerk position; and

WHEREAS, as part of ongoing conversations with the Administrative Committee, the County Clerk, and County Finance staff it has been determined that it would be beneficial to create a Human Resources Position and move that function out of the County Clerk's office; and;

WHEREAS, payroll is currently processed by the County Clerk and this is not a statutory duty of that position; and

WHEREAS, for long term strategic planning and backup purposes it is necessary to have more than one position able to provide payroll services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the part time Accounting Specialist position in the Administrative Department be eliminated and create a full-time Accounts Payable/Payroll Coordinator position and that this position be placed in Pay Grade 12 of the current wage scale. (See attached job description)

Majority vote is needed to pass.

Approved by Finance Committee

Administrative Committee recommends approval
Passed and Adopted this 19th day of August 2025
Roll Call on Resolution 15-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Administrative Committee: /s/ Dave Abendroth, /s/ Gene Thom, /s/ Bob Schweder, /s/ Joe Gonyo, /a/ Nancy Hoffmann

RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-2025

Delegating the Authority to Enter into Settlement Agreements with Opioid Defendants to the County Manager

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 19th day of August, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors previously authorized the County to enter into an engagement agreement with von Briesen & Roper, s.c., Crueger Dickinson LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy LLP (the "Law Firms") to pursue litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals (the "Opioid Defendants") in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants financially responsible for the County's vast expenditure of money and resources to combat the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, on behalf of the County, the Law Firms filed a lawsuit against the Opioid Defendants;

WHEREAS, the Law Firms filed similar lawsuits on behalf of 66 other Wisconsin counties and all Wisconsin cases were coordinated with thousands of other lawsuits filed against the same or substantially similar parties as the Opioid Defendants in the Northern District of Ohio, captioned *In re: Opioid Litigation*, MDL 2804 (the "Litigation");

WHEREAS, four (4) additional Wisconsin counties (Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth) hired separate counsel and joined the Litigation;

WHEREAS, since the inception of the Litigation, the Law Firms have coordinated with counsel from around the country (including counsel for Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth Counties) to prepare the County's case for trial and engage in extensive settlement discussions with the Opioid Defendants;

WHEREAS, 2021 Wisconsin Act 57 created Section 165.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes relating to the settlement of all or part of the Litigation;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.12(2), the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance is required to approve settlement agreement between the County and Opioid Defendants;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.12(2), the proceeds from any settlement of all or part of the Litigation are distributed 70% to local governments in Wisconsin that are parties to the Litigation and 30% to the State;

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(7) bars claims from any Wisconsin local government against the Opioid Defendants filed after June 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, several of the Opioid Defendants previously agreed to settlement terms with the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee ("PEC"), which is comprised of attorneys representative of all litigating local governments around the country, subject to individual approval of the litigating local governments including Green Lake County;

WHEREAS, representatives of the Law Firms serve on the PEC and, therefore, are intimately familiar with the terms of the previous settlements and will be familiar with the terms of any settlement with any other Opioid Defendant recommended for approval by the PEC;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that several additional settlements will be proposed by various Opioid Defendants and recommended for approval by the PEC;

WHEREAS, Green Lake County's process for approving settlement with an Opioid Defendant is typically a process requiring weeks for committee review and approval as well as approval by the full Green Lake County Board;

WHEREAS, given concerns surrounding timing for participation in future settlements combined with the number of anticipated settlements, it would be prudent to provide an opportunity for Green Lake County to create a process whereby the authority to enter into settlement agreements is delegated to the Green Lake County Manager provided that any such settlement agreement is recommended by the PEC and the Law Firms; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Resolution is to delegate to the specified County officer, namely the County Manager, the authority to enter into settlement agreements with any Opioid Defendant from the date of this Resolution forward provided (a) the settlement is recommended for approval by the PEC and the Law Firms; and (b) the Green Lake County share of proceeds from any such settlement is consistent with the shares established in Exhibit A to Addendum Two, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution and which is consistent with the allocations established in previous settlements with Opioid Defendants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the County Board of Supervisors hereby makes the following resolutions:

1. The County Board hereby delegates authority to the County Manager to enter into a settlement agreement, including without limitation the execution of any and all ancillary documents and agreements necessary to effectuate a settlement, with any Opioid Defendant provided (a) the PEC and the Law Firms shall have recommended the settlement; and (b) the Green Lake County share of proceeds from any such settlement is consistent with the shares established in Addendum Two, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution and which is consistent with the allocations established in previous settlements with Opioid Defendants.
2. Prior to executing any settlement agreement, or any document related thereto, the County Manager shall provide notice to the County Board Chair of the proposed settlement and the terms related thereto.
3. The County Manager is authorized and directed to take any and all such other and further action necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all proceeds from any settlement agreement not otherwise directed to the Attorney Fees Account shall be deposited in the County's Opioid Abatement Account. The Opioid Abatement Account shall be administered consistent with the terms of this Resolution, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4), and the applicable settlement agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County hereby authorizes the establishment of an account separate and distinct from any account containing funds allocated or allocable to the County which shall be referred to by the County as the "Attorney Fees Account." An escrow agent shall deposit a sum equal to up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the County's proceeds from a settlement agreement into the Attorney Fees Account unless such other amount is established by the applicable settlement agreement. If the payments to the County are not enough to fully fund the Attorney Fees Account as provided herein because such payments are made over time, the Attorney Fees Account shall be funded by placing up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the proceeds from a settlement agreement attributable to Local Governments (as that term is defined in the MOU) into the Attorney Fees Account for each payment. Funds in the Attorney Fees Account shall be utilized to pay the fees, costs, and disbursements owed to the Law Firms pursuant to the engagement agreement between the County and the Law Firms provided, however, the Law Firms shall receive no more than that to which they are entitled under their fee contract when considering the amounts paid the Law Firms from any fee fund established in a settlement agreement and allocable to the County. The Law Firms may make application for payment from the Attorney Fees Account at any time and the County shall cooperate with the Law Firms in executing any documents necessary for the escrow agent to make payments out of the Attorney Fees Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that all actions heretofore taken by the Board of Supervisors and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Fiscal note is not applicable.

A majority vote is needed to pass.

Administrative Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 19th day of August 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 16-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Administrative Committee: /s/ Dave Abendroth, /s/ Gene Thom, /s/ Bob Schweder, /s/ Joe Gonyo, /a/ Nancy Hoffmann, /s/ Dennis Mulder

RESOLUTION NUMBER 17-2025

Resolution Creating a Fee Schedule for the Production of Copies of Public Records

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 19th day of August, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has a long history of maintaining transparency in government; and

WHEREAS, Green Lake County strives to maintain the flow of information by fulfilling open records requests, thereby promoting said transparency as is required by statute; and

WHEREAS, effectively fulfilling its statutory requirement of locating and copying public records requires time and resources of the County;

Fiscal note/fee schedule, is attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Green Lake County creates a fee schedule for costs associated with the search and production of copies of public records; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in fulfillment of job responsibilities, the departments of Green Lake County shall refer to said fee schedule for pricing copies and searches when appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that attached fee schedule shall not impact any departmental fees associated with copying and/or searching that are previously or subsequently set by statutory authority.

FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC RECORDS

Pursuant to WI Stat. § 19.35(3), Green Lake County may charge public records requestors fees for specific tasks, unless otherwise provided by law. Said fees may include, but are not limited to the following:

Location – Green Lake County may charge costs for locating a record if doing so costs \$50.00 or more. Only actual, necessary and direct location costs may be charged. When calculating location costs, the rate shall be based on the pay rate of the lowest paid employee capable of performing the location task. Additionally, this policy extends to Green Lake County Information Technology (IT) staff required for electronic searches of records whenever: (1) a computer search is required to assemble and reduce the records to a written form on paper; and (2) IT staff are the only employees capable of performing the electronic search.

Photocopies:

- Black & white, 8½ x 11 - \$.25 per page
- Black and white, legal size – \$.30 per page
- Color, 8½ x 11 - \$.50 per page; legal size - \$.60 per page

Postage – Actual cost to mail requested material

Faxing - \$1.25 plus copy price per page

Photographs - \$2.00 per photograph

Maps:

- Plats of Surveys, Tie Sheets, Tax Parcel Maps - \$1.00 per page
- Plotter Printed Maps – Price List retained by the Land Information Officer

- Custom Maps - \$35 per hour

Zoning Permit Reports - \$2.00 for up to 8 pages, \$.25 for each additional page

Child Support Payment Histories - \$2.00 per year per court case

Digital Media:

- DVD/CD - \$12.00
- 16 GB Flash Drive - \$16.00
- 32 GB Flash Drive - \$18.00
- 64 GB Flash Drive - \$24.00

Patient Health Care Records (for appropriate parties)- as prescribed by WI Stat. § 146.83

Clerk of Court- as prescribed by WI Stats. §§ 814.60 & 814.61

Register in Probate- as prescribed by WI Stat. § 814.66

Sheriff- as prescribed by WI Stat. § 814.70

Register of Deeds – as prescribed by WI Stat. § 59.43

A majority vote is needed to pass.

Administrative Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 19th day of August 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 17-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Administrative Committee: /s/ Dave Abendroth, /s/ Gene Thom, /s/ Bob Schweder, /s/ Joe Gonyo, /a/ Nancy Hoffmann, /s/ Dennis Mulder

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-2025

RESOLUTION TO CREATE A COMBINED ADRC ADVISORY AND COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting on this day 19th of August 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, as part of ongoing conversations with the Commission on Aging and Oversight Staff for Aging and Disability Resource Center with the Office for Resource Center Development and mandated operational program requirements for Aging and Disability Resource Center and Aging programs it has been determined a combined Commission on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee would be beneficial to Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center programs; and

WHEREAS, In January 2025 Green Lake County Aging and Disability Resource Center became a single Aging and Disability Resource Center entity within Department of Health and Human Services. Green Lake County Aging and Disability Resource Center was previously part of a Tri-County Aging and Disability Resource Center with Adams and Waushara County. The Tri-County had an Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee that included representatives from each County who provided guidance to the Tri-County Aging and Disability Resource Center. The Tri-County Advisory Committee dissolved in December 2024.

WHEREAS, the combined Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory and Commission on Aging Board will provide guidance and oversight to Green Lake County Aging and Disability Resource Center and Aging programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, effective 08/19/2025, that the combined Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory and Commission on Aging Board be created to provide guidance to the Aging and Disability Resource Center and Aging programs and report to the Health and Human Services Board. Pursuant to: Chapter 46.82(The Wisconsin Elders Act and 46.283 (Resource Centers). The combined Board will be created with the following structure and term limits. 1. At least 50% of the combined board must consist of older adult representatives. 2. Elected officials must make up less than 50% of the combined board. 3. Two three-year term limits and three two-year term limits for elected officials. Structure of Board: 3 older representatives, 1 adult with physical disability, 1 adult with intellectual disability, and 1 non-consumer group.

Majority vote is needed to pass.

Health & Human Services Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 19th day of August 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 18-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Health & Human Services Committee: /s/ Joe Gonyo, /s/ Mike Skivington, /s/ Christine Schapfel, /s/Mary Hess

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-2025

REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE GREEN LAKE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 19th day of August, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the County of Green Lake recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, an adopted all-hazards mitigation plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, the County of Green Lake participated jointly in the planning update process with the other local units of government within the County to prepare an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of the County of Green Lake hereby adopts the Green Lake County Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Emergency Management Department will submit, on behalf of the County, the adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan to Wisconsin Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency officials for final review and approval. Minor changes made upon advice from Wisconsin Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency will not require re-adopting this resolution.

Fiscal note is attached.

Majority vote is needed to pass.

Public Safety and Judicial Law Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 19th day of August 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 19-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Health & Human Services Committee: /s/ Joe Gonyo, /s/ Gene Thom, /s/ Keith Hess, /s/ Sue Wendt

ORDINANCE NO. 08–2025

Ordinance Vacating Office of County Administrator and Establishing Office of **County Manager**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 19th day of August, 2025, does ordain as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Green Lake County Code, Chapter 60, Article IV shall be amended as follows:

Article IV ~~County Administrator~~ **County Manager**

[Adopted 7-19-2016 by Ord. No. 13-2016^[1]]

[1]

Editor's Note: This ordinance also repealed former Art. IV, Administrative Coordinator, adopted 7-15-1997 by Ord. No. 647-97, as amended.

~~§ 60-16 Office of County Administrator established.~~

~~§ 60-17 Appointment.~~

~~§ 60-18 Removal.~~

~~§ 60-19 Continuing duties, structure and classification.~~

~~§ 60-20 Board and Commission appointments.~~

~~§ 60-21 Accountability and responsibility.~~

~~§ 60-22 Contracts for goods and services.~~

~~§ 60-23 through § 60-29. (Reserved)~~

~~§ 60-16 Office of County Administrator established.~~

~~There is created an Office of County Administrator for Green Lake County with all duties and powers set forth under § 59.18, Wis. Stats. This office shall replace the Office of Administrative Coordinator created through the enactment of Ordinance No. 647-97 and amended by Ordinance Nos. 857-06 and 895-07.~~

~~§ 60-17 Appointment.~~

~~The County Administrator shall be appointed by the County Board of Supervisors by a majority vote and shall report to the Administrative Committee.~~

~~§ 60-18 Removal.~~

~~The County Administrator may be removed by the County Board as provided in §§ 59.18 and 17.10(2), Wis. Stats.~~

~~§ 60-19 Continuing duties, structure and classification.~~

~~All references in the Green Lake County Code, the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and the Administrative Policy Manual to "Administrative Coordinator" hereinafter shall mean the "County Administrator" position.~~

~~§ 60-20 Board and Commission appointments.~~

~~The County Board's right to elect and appoint its own officers and committees as set forth in § 59.12 Wis. Stats., is codified in Chapter 2 of the Green Lake County Code and is reaffirmed. Pursuant to § 59.18(2)(c), Wis. Stats., the County Administrator shall appoint members of boards and commissions, subject to confirmation of the County Board.~~

~~§ 60-21 Accountability and responsibility.~~

~~A.~~

~~The County Administrator is accountable to the County Board for the administration of its policies and programs, and for his or her conduct as a responsible public official.~~

~~B.~~

~~No provision of this chapter is intended to vest in the County Administrator any duty, or grant the County Administrator any authority, which is vested in law in any other County officer, employee, commission, committee, or board. In the absence of specific authority vested by statute, ordinance or resolution with the County Administrator, policy direction shall be solicited from the County Board.~~

~~§ 60-22 Contracts for goods and services.~~

~~The County Administrator shall review and sign all contracts for goods and services after review by the Corporation Counsel, unless the contract requires the signature of the County Board Chair and County Clerk.~~

~~§ 60-23 Office of County Manager Established.~~

~~There is created an Office of County Manager for Green Lake County. Said position shall remain synonymous with the position of Administrative Coordinator described in WI Stat. § 59.19 Wis. Stats. and, furthermore, shall be responsible for coordinating all administrative and management functions of county government as determined by the County Board and which have not otherwise been vested by law in other boards, commissions or elected officials. This office shall replace the Office of County Administrator created through the enactment of Ordinance No. 13-2016.~~

~~§ 60-24 Appointment.~~

~~The County Manager shall be appointed by the County Board of Supervisors by a majority vote and shall report to the Administrative Committee.~~

~~§ 60-25 Removal.~~

~~The County Manager may be removed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the supervisors entitled to seats on the County Board and in accordance with § 17.10 (2), Wis. Stats.~~

~~§ 60-26 Structure and classification.~~

To the extent that no conflicts with statutory authority are created, all references in the Green Lake County Code, the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and the Administrative Policy Manual to “County Administrator” or “Administrative Coordinator” hereinafter shall mean the "County Manager" position.

§ 60-27 Duties.

The County Manager shall exercise the following powers and duties, subject to the general supervision of the Administrative Committee:

- A) The County Manager shall be responsible for coordinating all administrative and management functions of the county government not otherwise vested by law in boards or commissions, or in other elected officers.

- B) Act as a liaison between County Board and County Departments; maintain personnel policies and procedures under the direction of the Administrative Committee; work cooperatively with Corporation Counsel and Human Resources regarding personnel questions, issues and grievances; insurance and benefit management through appropriate committees; coordinate the budget process under the direction of the Finance Committee; conduct monthly department head meetings to develop cooperation supervisory training and share information; work cooperatively with Human Resources to coordinate employee training; recommend resolutions, ordinances or regulations to the County Board through the appropriate committee; as necessary, promote and improve county services in the public interest and provide all information, data and reports requested by the County Board to the extent that said information is available; work cooperatively with the Parks/Maintenance Supervisor regarding project specifications, bidding process and obtaining permits when applicable; represent the county in its business with other public and private bodies as directed.

§ 60-28 and § 60-29. (Reserved).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Green Lake County Chapter 60, Article IV, §§ 60-16 through 60-22 are hereby withdrawn.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Administrative Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 19th day of August 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 08-2025

Ayes 16, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Administrative Committee: /s/ Dave Abendroth, /s/ Gene Thom, /s/ Bob Schweder, /s/ Nancy Hoffmann, /s/ Joe Gonyo

ORDINANCE NO. 10–2025

Ordinance amending Green Lake County Chapter 187, Article IV Boat Launch User Fees

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 19th day of August, 2025, does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, numerous boat launch and boat launch facilities exist within Green Lake County; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to clarify which facilities contain actual, physical boat launches, especially so that funds generated from the sale of launch fee permits may be utilized in maintaining and improving said facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Green Lake County § 187-11, Permit Required to Use Boat Launch shall be amended as follows:

No person shall use any County of Green Lake County-owned or -operated boat launch facility for launching purposes without an annual or daily launching permit. **Green Lake County boat launch facilities include any and all located at: Dodge Memorial; Sunset Park; Spring Valley; Twin Lakes; Spring Lake Kingston & Lake Maria.** The annual permit (valid for any Green Lake County-owned or -operated boat launch facility) shall be valid from April 1 of the year of issuance to March 31 of the next year. The daily permit (available only for Margaret Dodge Memorial and Sunset Park) shall only be valid during the day of purchase and will be sold at the self-registration kiosks at each of those respective boat launch sites. Annual permits will be sold at the County Clerk's Treasurer's office and all establishments approved by the Parks Commission Land, Water, Parks, & Community Committee. ~~Boat launch sites include Margaret Dodge Memorial Park and Sunset Park.~~

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Green Lake County § 187-12, Fees; display of permit shall be amended as follows:

- A. The annual permit fee shall be \$30 for residents and \$40 for nonresidents. "Resident" for the purpose of this article shall mean a resident of the County.
- B. The daily permit fee shall be \$7.
- C. A "boat launch" is defined as the use of the launch facility for the placement of ~~one~~ **boats** into the water and for the retrieval of **boats** from the water to a trailer or device used to remove **boats** from the water. **A "boat launch" may also include the use of the launch facility for the placement and retrieval of kayaks and canoes into and from the water carried on a motor vehicle.**
- D. All annual **and daily** permits shall be prominently placed and displayed on the interior of the driver's side windshield of the vehicle used to transport the boat to the launching area.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Green Lake County § 187-14, Affixing of Permit shall be amended as follows:

Vehicles with boat trailers or other vehicles used to transport watercraft launched at any County-owned or -operated boat launch facility shall have affixed an annual launching permit as described in § 187-12 above when parking in the ~~Margaret Dodge Memorial Park parking areas and the Sunset Park parking area.~~ **at any County-owned or operated boat launch facility/site.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective on **April 1, 2026.**

Land, Water, parks & Community Committee recommends approval
Passed and Enacted this 19th day of August 2025
Roll Call on Ordinance 10-2025
Ayes 15, Nays 1, Absent 2, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1
Submitted by Administrative Committee: /s/ Bob Schweder, /s/ Bill Boutwell, /s/ Mike Skivington, /s/ Nancy Hiestand, /s/ David Albright

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING**

September 16, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM via remote access and in person for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 15, Absent – 3 (Curt Talma-District 3, Brian Floeter-District 6, Bill Boutwell-District 9), Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann	1
Charles Buss	2
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Bob Schweder	7
Nancy Hiestand	8
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe (remote)	11
Charlie Wielgosh	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Keith Hess	17
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF 08/19/25 MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- Monthly update from Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome
- Jon Vandeyacht, VSO – update on Veteran’s Service Office

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 20-2025 Resolution in Support of a State Investment in Income Maintenance Administration
- Resolution 21-2025 County Conservation Aids Grant for Spring Lake Park Boat Launch Maintenance

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 11-2025 Rezone in the Town of Manchester – Owner: Chris Burkholder
- Ordinance 12-2025 Rezone in the Town of Manchester – Owner: David W. Schmucker
- Ordinance 13-2025 Ordinance Amending Green Lake County Code §§350-15, 350-38, 350-39, 350-40 and 350-41
- Ordinance 14-2025 Ordinance Amending Green Lake County Code §§350-27, 350-28, 350-41 and 350-77

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

- Contingency Fund – Radio Towers

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON October 21, 2025

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 5th day of September, 2025

Elizabeth A. Otto

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 08/19/2025 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Lenz/Wendt)** to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next County Board meeting will take place on October 21, 2025 at 4:30 PM.
4. All supervisors attending the WCA conference received an itinerary. Chair Abendroth stated that those attending will give a brief report at the October meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

5. Luke Dretske, 412 Sandmar Dr., Ripon, appeared in support of Ordinance 13-2025. Dretske worked with Attorney Steve Sorenson and the committee on amending the current ordinance.

APPEARANCES

6. Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome provided an update on the budget process, employee wage plan for 2026, Highway department borrowing for roads and bridges, opioid settlement funds, and an HR Coordinator update. Jerome stated that the 2024 audit should be ready by the end of September. Jerome also stated that UW-Milwaukee has completed the exhuming of the bodies at the Highway Department land. Discussion held on next steps in that process.
7. Jon Vandeyacht, Veteran's Service Officer, gave an update on recent activities in his department and cited examples of the services that are provided to Green Lake County veterans and their families.

RESOLUTIONS

8. Resolution 20-2025 Resolution in Support of a State Investment in Income Maintenance Administration. **Motion/second (Mulder/Lenz)** to adopt Resolution 20-2025. Discussion held. **Motion/second (Schweder/Skivington)** to amend Line 43 to state "all" Wisconsin State Legislators. Roll call vote on motion to amend – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Floeter, Boutwell), Vacant – 1. Motion carried. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 20-2025 as amended – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Floeter, Boutwell), Vacant - 1. Resolution 20-2025 passed as adopted.
9. Resolution 21-2025 County Conservation Aids Grant for Spring Lake Park Boat Launch Maintenance. **Motion/second (Krenz/Schweder)** to adopt Resolution 21-2025. Discussion held. **Motion/second (Schweder/Skivington)** to amend to clarify the language by adding Spring Lake Park in the Town of Green Lake. Roll call vote on motion to amend – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Floeter, Boutwell), Vacant – 1. Motion carried. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 21-2025 as amended – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Floeter, Boutwell), Vacant - 1. Resolution 20-2025 passed as adopted.

ORDINANCES

10. Ordinance 11-2025 Rezone in the Town of Manchester – Owner: Chris Burkholder. **Motion/second (Thom/Buss)** to enact Ordinance 11-2025. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 11-2025 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Floeter, Boutwell), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 11-2025 passed as enacted.
11. Ordinance 12-2025 Rezone in the Town of Manchester – Owner: David W. Schmucker. **Motion/second (Buss/Thom)** to enact Ordinance 12-2025. Supervisor Buss explained the reason for this rezone and also for the previous ordinance (11-2025). Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 12-2025 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Floeter, Boutwell), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 12-2025 passed as enacted.
12. Ordinance 13-2025 Ordinance Amending Green Lake County Code §§350-15, 350-38, 350-39, 350-40 & 350-41. **Motion/second (Thom/Wendt)** to enact Ordinance 13-2025. **Motion/second (Thom/Buss)** to suspend the rules and allow Planning & Zoning Director Matt Kirkman to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. Kirkman explained the background of this ordinance and the reasons for the update. **Motion/second (Thom/Mulder)** to amend the ordinance to remove Section C due to repetition of Section B. Roll call vote on motion to amend – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Floeter, Boutwell), Vacant – 1. Motion carried. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 13-2025 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Floeter, Boutwell), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 13-2025 passed as enacted.
13. Ordinance 14-2025 Ordinance Amending Green Lake County Code §§350-27, 350-28, 350-41, & 350-77. **Motion/second (Thom/Mulder)** to enact Ordinance 14-2025. Supervisor Buss stated this applies to Ag1 and Ag2 and was done in conjunction with the Farmland Preservation Act. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 14-2025 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Floeter, Boutwell), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 14-2025 passed as enacted.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

14. **Motion/second (Wendt/Thom)** to approve the budget adjustment to use contingency funds to pay for radio towers electrical. Roll call vote on motion to approve - Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Floeter, Boutwell), Vacant - 1. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

15. Chair Abendroth requested a motion to approve the following appointments to the newly formed Commission on Aging/ADRC committee:
 - Harley Reabe, Andrew Brendemihl, Sue Jungenberg, Gloria Lichtfuss, Dusty Laper, Darlene Krentz, and Charlie Wielgosh (alternate).

Motion/second (Thom/Buss) to approve the appointments as presented. Roll call vote on motion to approve - Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Floeter, Boutwell), Vacant - 1. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON October 21, 2025

16. Chair Abendroth stated that the Highway Department will provide an update at the October meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

- 17. To be determined

ADJOURN

- 18. **Motion/second (Schweder/Lenz)** to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 PM. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Otto

County Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-2025

Resolution in Support of a State Investment in Income Maintenance Administration

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of September, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the federal budget reconciliation package enacted in July of 2025, makes changes to the SNAP (FoodShare) program that would reduce federal costs and significantly impact county administered services; and

WHEREAS, these changes extend SNAP work requirements to individuals up to age 64, lower the child age threshold for parent exemptions, and eliminate waivers for areas with high unemployment, thereby increasing referrals to the FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) program and workload for county human service departments; and

WHEREAS, the legislation requires states to contribute a minimum of 5% toward the cost of SNAP benefits if their error rate is 6% or higher, facing penalty funding of between 5% and 15% of total SNAP costs; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s current SNAP payment error rate is 4.47%, but without additional investment in eligibility and administrative systems, heightened workloads could push the state above the 6% threshold, triggering significant penalties; and

WHEREAS, if Wisconsin’s error rate reaches 6% on or after October 1, 2027, the state’s 5% cost share would be approximately \$69 million annually, with potential penalty payments increasing the state’s financial burden—costs that could ultimately cascade down to counties; and

WHEREAS, the SNAP administrative match rate for Income Maintenance (IM) activities has been reduced from the previous 50% federal / 50% state-local to 25% federal / 75% state-local, substantially reducing federal revenue available to counties to administer SNAP; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in administrative funds could lead to a reduction in IM staff, which could result in an increased payment error rate; and

WHEREAS, county IM administrative costs are approximately \$123 million annually, with SNAP-related workload accounting for about \$49 million of those costs; and

WHEREAS, the new administrative match rate results in an estimated \$17 million annual loss in SNAP administrative funding to counties; and

WHEREAS, these federal cuts result from shifting the benefit and administrative costs to states and counties (reducing resources available for local administration), tightening work requirements (increasing county workload), and penalizing minor payment errors (resulting in more cost to the states); and

WHEREAS, counties operate under state-imposed property tax levy limits, restricting their ability to offset such funding losses without additional state or federal relief;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors urges the State of Wisconsin to provide funding to offset the county fiscal impact caused by the enacted federal SNAP changes, and to work with counties to ensure adequate resources for the administration of FoodShare and related programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all Wisconsin State Legislators, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin County Human Service Association.

Fiscal note/NA

A majority vote is needed to pass.

Health & Human Services Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 16th day of September 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 20-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Health & Human Services Committee: /s/ Joe Gonyo, /s/ Mike Skivington, /s/ Nancy Hoffmann, /s/ Christine Schapfel, /s/ Mary Hess

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-2025

County Conservation Aids Grant for Spring Lake Park Boat Launch Maintenance

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of September, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, Green Lake County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the purpose of Maintenance and repair to Spring Lake Park Boat Launch ramp in the Town of Green Lake;

WHEREAS, the respondent attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the application;

WHEREAS, an Agreement/Contract is required to carry out the project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Green Lake County will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the following officials or employees to submit the following documents to the DNR for financial assistance that may be available:

Task	Title of Authorized Representative	Email Address & Phone Number
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Sign and submit application	County Administrator	jjerome@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4070
Enter into an Agreement/Contract with the DNR	County Administrator	jjerome@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4070
Submit required reports to the DNR to satisfy the Agreement/Contract, as appropriate	County Conservationist	tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4051
Submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR per the Agreement/Contract	County Conservationist	tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4051
Sign and submit other documentation as necessary to complete the project per the Agreement/Contract	County Conservationist	tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4051

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that respondent will comply with all local, state, and federal rules, regulations, and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share Agreement/Contract.

Majority vote is needed to pass.

Land, Water, Parks and Community Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 16th day of September 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 21-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land, Water, Parks and Community Committee: /s/ Bob Schweder, /s/ Nita Krenz, /s/ Nancy Hiestand, /s/ Bill Boutwell, /s/ David Albright

ORDINANCE NO. 11 –2025

**Relating to: Rezone in the Town of Manchester
Owner: Chris Burkholder**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th of September 2025, does ordain as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Green Lake County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 350 as amended, Article IV Zoning Districts, Section 350-26 Official Map, as relates to the Town of Manchester, shall be amended as follows:

Owner: Chris Burkholder, **Agent:** Jeff Laper & Lisa Henderson, **Location:** W3511 Yunker Road, **Parcel:** 012-00660-0200. **Legal Description:** Lot 1 of CSM 3236, NE¼ of NW ¼, located in Section 34, T14N, R12E, Town of Manchester, ±10.0 acres. **Request:** The owners are requesting a rezone of ±10.0 acres zoned A2, General Agriculture District, to R4, Rural Residential District. To be identified by Certified Survey Map.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 16th day of September 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 11-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, /s/ Bill Boutwell, /s/ Sue Wendt, /s/ Gene Thom

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2025

Relating to: Rezone in the Town of Manchester Owner: David W. Schmucker

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th of September 2025, does ordain as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Green Lake County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 350 as amended, Article IV Zoning Districts, Section 350-26 Official Map, as relates to the Town of Manchester, shall be amended as follows:

Owner: David W. Schmucker, **Location:** N844 Proscarian Road, **Parcel:** 012-00519-0000. **Legal Description:** NW¼ of NW ¼, located in Section 27, T14N, R12E, Town of Manchester, ±8.58 acres. **Request:** The owners are requesting a rezone of ±8.58 acres zoned A1, Farmland Preservation District, to A2, General Agriculture District. To be identified by Certified Survey Map.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 16th day of September 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 12-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, /s/ Bill Boutwell, /s/ Sue Wendt, /s/ Gene Thom

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2025

Ordinance Amending Green Lake County Code §§ 350-15, 350-38, 350-39, 350-40 & 350-41

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of September, 2025, does ordain as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Green Lake County Code §§ 350-15, 350-38, 350-39, 350-40 & 350-41 shall be amended as follows:

350-15 Accessory buildings; accessory structures. [Amended 2-15-2011 by Ord. No. 989-2011; 11-14-2017 by Ord. No. 22-2017; 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]

- B.** Detached accessory building structures utilized for residential storage may be expanded in accordance with this chapter, to provide additional residential storage space. Decks, open or screened porches, 3-season rooms, sunrooms or similar residential accessory structures shall not be permitted as part of, an addition to, or an expansion of a residential detached accessory building structure. Basement and/or "lean-to" addition(s) may be permitted in accordance with this chapter. Lean-to additions shall be included in the maximum footprint of the structure if enclosed.

350-38 R-1 Single Family Residence District

- E.** Accessory building structures. The total combined footprint area allowed for accessory building structures shall not exceed 10% of the land area, excluding any road right-of-way. Each accessory building structure

shall satisfy all of the following standards: [Added 2-15-2011 by Ord. No. 989-2011; amended 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]

(1) Setbacks: same as principal structure.

(2) Structure Height: 25 feet maximum; ground floor surface to peak. ~~There shall be no sidewalls above the ground floor ceiling joist. Ground floor~~ All sidewalls, excluding basement sidewalls, shall be located below the roof trusses and shall not exceed a 15 foot internal height.

(3) Area: 1,500 square foot maximum footprint (ground floor).

(4) Volume:- 25,000 cubic feet maximum external volume. Basements are exempt from the volume calculation.

(5) Human habitation of a detached accessory building structure may be allowed, however shall be limited to 20% of the footprint area or 300 square feet, whichever is less. This standard shall apply to only one detached accessory building structure per lot or parcel.

(6) In no case is a shipping or storage container(s) to be utilized as a residential accessory building structure. [Added 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 9-2020]

350-39 R-2 Single-Family Mobile Home Residence District

F. Accessory building structures. The total combined footprint area allowed for accessory building structures shall not exceed 10% of the land area, excluding any road right-of-way. Each accessory building structure shall satisfy all of the following standards: [Added 2-15-2011 by Ord. No. 989-2011; amended 11-14-2017 by Ord. No. 22-2017; 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]

(1) Setbacks: same as principal structure.

(2) Structure Height: 25 feet maximum; ground floor surface to peak. ~~There shall be no sidewalls above the ground floor ceiling joist. Ground floor~~ All sidewalls, excluding basement sidewalls, shall be located below the roof trusses and shall not exceed a 15 foot internal height.

(3) Area: 1,500 square foot maximum footprint (ground floor).

(4) Volume:- 25,000 cubic feet maximum external volume. Basements are exempt from the volume calculation.

(5) Human habitation of a detached accessory building structure may be allowed; however it shall be limited to 20% of the footprint area or 300 square feet, whichever is less. This standard shall apply to only one detached accessory building structure per lot or parcel.

(6) In no case is a shipping or storage container(s) to be utilized as a residential accessory building structure. [Added 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 9-2020]

350-40 R-3 Multiple-Family Residence District

E. Accessory building structures. The total combined footprint area allowed for accessory building structures shall not exceed 10% of the land area, excluding any road right-of-way. Each accessory building structure shall satisfy all of the following standards: [Amended 3-19-2019 by Ord. No. 2-2019; 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 9-2020; 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]

(1) Setbacks: same as principal structure.

~~(2)~~ **Structure** Height: 25 feet maximum; ~~ground floor surface to peak. There shall be no sidewalls above the ground floor ceiling joist. Ground floor~~ **All sidewalls, excluding basement sidewalls, shall be located below the roof trusses and not exceed a 15 foot internal height.**

~~(3)~~ **Area:** 1,500 square foot maximum footprint (ground floor).

~~(4)~~ **Volume:** 25,000 cubic feet maximum **external volume. Basements are exempt from the volume calculation.**

~~(5)~~ In no case is a shipping or storage container(s) to be utilized as a residential accessory building structure.^[2]

350-41 R-4 Rural Residential District

~~(5)~~ **Accessory building structure standards.** The total combined footprint area allowed for accessory building structures shall not exceed 10% of the land area, excluding any road right-of-way. An accessory building structure shall satisfy all of the following standards: **[Amended 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 9-2020; 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]**

~~(1)~~ **(a)** Setbacks: same as principal structure.

~~(2)~~ **(b) Structure** Height: None. ~~However, there shall be no sidewalls above the ground floor ceiling joist. Ground floor~~ **All sidewalls, excluding basement sidewalls, shall be located below the roof trusses and not exceed 20 feet in height. [Amended 9-19-2023 by Ord. No. 13-2023]**

~~(3)~~ **(c)** Structure footprint: None. **[Amended 9-19-2023 by Ord. No. 13-2023]**

~~(4)~~ **(d)** Volume: None. **[Amended 9-19-2023 by Ord. No. 13-2023]**

~~(5)~~ **(e)** Human habitation of a detached accessory building structure may be allowed, however shall be limited to 20% of the footprint area or 300 square feet, whichever is less. This standard shall apply to only one detached accessory building structure per lot or parcel.

~~(6)~~ **(f)** In no case is a shipping or storage container(s) to be utilized as a residential accessory building structure.^[1]

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 16th day of September 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 13-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, /s/ Sue Wendt, /s/ Gene Thom

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2025

Ordinance Amending Green Lake County Code §§ 350-27, 350-28, 350-41 & 350-77

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of September, 2025, does ordain as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Green Lake County Code §§ 350-27, 350-28, 350-41 & 350-77 shall be amended as follows:

350-27. A-1 Farmland Preservation District. [Amended 6-17-2008 by Ord. No. 935-08; 2-15-2011 by Ord. No. 989-2011; 11-14-2017 by Ord. No. 22-2017]

(2) Conditional uses:

(b) A business, activity, or enterprise, whether or not associated with an agricultural use, and is not a dog breeding facility or a dog breeder as defined in ATCP 16, which meets all of the following requirements: [Amended 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]

[1] It is conducted on a farm by an owner or operator of that farm.

[2] It requires no buildings, structures, or improvements other than those described in Subsection D(1) and (3) of the definition of "accessory use," and

a. The majority of the footprint of the new (or modified) accessory building is utilized as an integral part of or incidental to the agricultural use of the farm, or

b. The accessory building is used seasonally for the business, activity or enterprise, whether or not associated with an agricultural use, and is converted back to either an integral part of or incidental to the agricultural use for the majority of the year.

(3) Area, height and setback requirements:

(a) Dimensional standards: A lot or parcel shall have no less than eight _____ acres of contiguous land area. **[Amended 5-21-2019 by Ord. No. 11-2019]** The area within the road right(s)-of-way shall not be included in the minimum acreage requirement, however, design standards, pursuant to Chapter 315, Code of Green Lake County, Land Division and Subdivision, shall apply.

~~Note: The area within the road right(s)-of-way shall not be included for these standards of this subsection. Design standards pursuant to Chapter 315, Code of Green Lake County, Land Divisions and Subdivision, shall apply to a newly created lot or parcel for this subsection.~~

D. Farmland preservation definitions. For the purposes of § 350-27 of this chapter, the following definitions shall be used. Please see § 350-77 for conventional zoning district definitions.

ACCESSORY USE — Within the A-1 Zoning District, any of the following land uses on a farm:

(1) A building, structure, or improvement that is an integral part of, or is incidental to, an agricultural use. **Mobile homes, semi-trailers, camping units, recreational vehicles, mobile office units, buses, motor coaches, trailers, boats and railroad box cars shall not be used as accessory buildings or structures. Buildings, structures, or improvements that meet this definition may include, for example:**

(a) A facility used to store or process raw agricultural commodities, all of which are produced on the farm.

(b) A facility used to keep livestock on the farm.

(c) A facility used to store or process inputs primarily for agricultural uses on the farm.

(d) A facility used to keep or service vehicles or equipment primarily employed in agricultural uses on the farm.

(e) A wind turbine or solar energy facility that collects wind or solar energy on the farm, and uses or transforms it to provide energy primarily for use on the farm.

(f) A manure digester, bio-fuel facility, or other facility that produces energy primarily from materials grown or produced on the farm, primarily for use on the farm.

(g) A waste storage or processing facility used to store or process animal waste produced solely from livestock kept on the farm.

§ 350-28. A-2 General Agriculture District. [Amended 6-17-2008 by Ord. No. 935-08; 2-15-2011 by Ord. No. 989-2011; 10-15-2013 by Ord. No. 1070-2013; 11-14-2017 by Ord. No. 22-2017]

(1) Permitted uses. Those uses permitted in this district shall be agricultural and those that are consistent with agricultural uses.

(a) ~~Accessory structure/use, agricultural~~ **Agricultural uses allowed in the A2 zoning district include:**

- [1] Crop or forage production
- [2] Keeping livestock
- [3] Beekeeping
- [4] Nursery, sod, or Christmas tree production
- [5] Orchard / vineyard
- [6] Horticulture / floriculture
- [7] Aquaculture
- [8] Fur farming
- [9] Forestry and forest management
- [10] Enrolling land in a federal agricultural commodity payment program or a federal or state agricultural land conservation program.
- [11] Any other use that the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, by rule, identifies as an agricultural use.
- [12] One nonfarm residence, including normal residential appurtenances.

(b) ~~Accessory structure/use, residential~~ **Accessory uses allowed in the A2 zoning district include:**

[1] A building, structure, or improvement that is an integral part of, or is incidental to, an agricultural use on a farm. Mobile homes, semi-trailers, camping units, recreational vehicles, mobile office units, buses, motor coaches, trailers, boats and railroad box cars shall not be used as accessory buildings or structures. Buildings, structures, or improvements that meet this definition may include, for example:

- a. A facility used to store or process raw agricultural commodities, all of which are produced on the farm.
- b. A facility used to keep livestock on the farm.
- c. A facility used to store or process inputs primarily for agricultural uses on the farm.
- d. A facility used to keep or service vehicles or equipment primarily employed in agricultural uses on the farm.
- e. A wind turbine or solar energy facility that collects wind or solar energy on the farm, and uses or transforms it to provide energy primarily for use on the farm.
- f. A manure digester, bio-fuel facility, or other facility that produces energy primarily from materials grown or produced on the farm, primarily for use on the farm.
- g. A waste storage or processing facility used to store or process animal waste produced solely from livestock kept on the farm.

[2] An activity or business operation that is an integral part of, or incidental to an agricultural use.

[3] A farm residence, including normal residential appurtenances.

(c) (Reserved)

(d) ~~Beekeeping~~ Upon prior notification to the county, transportation, utility, communication, or other uses that are required under state or federal law to be located in a specific place or that are authorized to be located in a specific place under a state or federal law that preempts the requirement of a conditional use permit for those uses.

(e) ~~Crops, cash~~ Undeveloped natural resources and open space uses.

(f) ~~Crops, field.~~

(g) ~~Dairying.~~

(h) ~~Dwelling, single family.~~

(i) ~~Egg production.~~

(j) ~~Farm, sod.~~

(k) ~~Farm, tree.~~

(l) ~~Floriculture.~~

(m) ~~Forestry.~~

(n) ~~Grazing.~~

(o) ~~Greenhouse, accessory to permitted use.~~

- (f) Home occupation when established in a residential dwelling unit; all of the following shall apply:
- [1] Shall be located in the place of permanent residency; and
 - [2] Is incidental to the residential occupancy; and
 - [3] Is limited to one inside level of the dwelling unit and does not occupy more than 25% of the floor area of that level; and
 - [4] That no mechanical equipment is used other than such as is permissible for typical residential purposes; and
 - [5] There is no emission of odor, gas, smoke, dust, or noise that will be detrimental to the character of the neighborhood; and
 - [6] That no person outside the immediate resident family operates such home occupation; and
 - [7] A sign per § 350-43B(3) is allowed.

- (g) ~~Horticulture.~~
- (h) ~~Livestock, raising/keeping.~~
- (i) ~~Nursery, aquatic.~~
- (j) ~~Nursery, plant.~~
- (k) ~~Orchard.~~
- (l) ~~Paddocks.~~

- (g) Professional home office when established in a residential dwelling unit; all of the following shall apply:
- [1] Located in the practitioner's place of permanent residency; and
 - [2] Is incidental to the residential occupancy, limited to one inside level of the dwelling unit and does not occupy more than 25% of the floor area of that level; and
 - [3] A sign per § 350-43B(3) is allowed; and
 - [4] One person that is not a member of the resident family may be employed on the premises.

- (h) Riding stable, personal.
- (i) Roadside stand of less than 300 square feet in area as a temporary structure not wholly enclosed for the sale of produce grown on the premises. One stand allowed per premises.
- (j) Signs per § 350-43.
- (aa) ~~Trail, biking.~~
- (bb) ~~Trail, hiking.~~
- (cc) ~~Trail, horse.~~
- (dd) ~~Trail, nature.~~
- (ee) ~~Trail, recreation.~~
- (ff) ~~Utility, local service lines/structures.~~
- (gg) ~~Viticulture.~~
- (hh) ~~All permitted uses described in § 350-27, Farmland Preservation District.~~

(2) Conditional uses. Conditions and standards for a conditional use permit are set forth in Chapter 350, Article VII, Conditional Use Permits.

(a) ~~Air landing field, agricultural landowner use~~ **Agricultural-related uses (See Section 350-77 for definition). No more than two agriculture-related uses or any combination of agriculture-related uses or uses described in (b) below shall be allowed on contiguous lands under common ownership.**

- (b) ~~Animal veterinary clinic. [Amended 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]~~ **A business, activity or enterprise, whether or not associated with an agricultural use on the farm which meets all of the following requirements:**
- [1] It is conducted on the farm by an owner or operator of that farm.
 - [2] The total cumulative hours worked by paid employees, excluding the owner(s), shall not exceed 160 hours per week.
 - [3] It does not impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of the farm or other protected farmland.
 - [4] A farm residence is already established on the same parcel as the business, activity or enterprise.
 - [5] The farm is at least 8 acres in area.
 - [6] No more than two businesses, activities or enterprises, whether or not associated with an agricultural use on the farm, shall be allowed on contiguous lands under common ownership.

- (c) ~~Animal hospital~~ Upon prior notification to the County, transportation, communication, pipeline, electric transmission, utility or drainage uses, facilities for the generation of sunlight, wind, coal, or natural gas, if all of the following apply:
- [1] The use is reasonable designed to minimize the conversion of land from agricultural use, at and around the site of the use.
 - [2] The use does not substantially impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use.
 - [3] Construction damage to land remaining in agricultural use is minimized and repaired, to the extent feasible.
- (d) ~~Animal kennel~~ Government, institutional, religious or nonprofit community uses, if all of the following apply:
- [1] The use is reasonable designed to minimize the conversion of land from agricultural use, at and around the site of the use.
 - [2] The use does not substantially impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use.
 - [3] Construction damage to land remaining in agricultural use is minimized and repaired, to the extent feasible.
- (e) ~~Animal shelter~~ Nonmetallic mineral extraction, if all of the following apply:
- [1] The operation complies with Subchapter I of Chapter 295, Wis. Stats., and rules promulgated under that subchapter, with applicable provisions of local ordinances under §295.14, Wis. Stats. (including all applicable provisions of this chapter), and with any applicable requirements of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources concerning the restoration of nonmetallic mining sites.
 - [2] The use is reasonable designed to minimize the conversion of land from agricultural use, at and around the site of the use.
 - [3] The use does not substantially impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use.
 - [4] Construction damage to land remaining in agricultural use is minimized and repaired, to the extent feasible.
- (f) ~~Dog breeder or dog breeding facility. [Amended 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021].~~ Oil and gas exploration or production that is licensed by the Department of Natural Resources under Subchapter II of Chapter 295, Wisconsin Statutes.
- (g) ~~Cemetery.~~ Private airport or air strip.
- (h) ~~Churches and religious structures~~ Dog kennel(s).
- (i) ~~Dwelling for caretaker/laborer(s), may be multiple units~~ Game farms/shooting preserves.
- (j) ~~Farm, fish~~ Shooting ranges.
- (k) ~~Farm, fur~~ Slaughtering of livestock.
- (l) ~~Farm, game~~ Processing of agricultural byproducts or wastes received directly from farms.
- (m) ~~Farm implements sales/repair/service.~~
- (n) ~~Feed lot over 100 animals.~~
- (o) ~~Fish pond, commercial.~~
- (p) ~~Greenhouse, commercial retail.~~
- (q) ~~Livestock auction/sales facility.~~
- (r) ~~Lumber yard.~~
- (s) ~~Municipal buildings including administrative offices, meeting hall and any municipal accessory structure.~~
- (t) ~~Radio or television broadcasting studio.~~
- (u) ~~Railroad depot/station.~~
- (v) ~~Riding stable with boarding/stabling, commercial.~~
- (w) ~~Sawmill.~~
- (x) ~~Schools.~~
- (y) ~~Sewage disposal plant.~~
- (z) ~~Tower and appurtenances, communication or relay. (aa) Utility substation/other structure, public.~~
- ~~(bb) Utility transmission lines, not regulated by the Public Service Commission. (cc) RV and boat storage for rental.~~
- ~~(dd) Yard and landscaping services.~~
- ~~(ee) All conditional uses listed in § 350-27, Farmland Preservation District.~~

(3) Area, height and setback requirements.

(a) A lot or parcel shall have no less than eight acres of contiguous land area. **The area within the road right(s)-of-way shall not be included in the minimum acreage requirement, however, design standards, pursuant to Chapter 315, Code of Green Lake County, Land Division and Subdivision, shall apply.**

(b) All principal structures shall be on a lot consistent with the principal use permitted on such lot by the regulations of the district in which it is located.

~~Note: The area within the road right(s)-of-way shall not be included for the standards of this subsection. Design standards pursuant to Chapter 315, Code of Green Lake County, Land Division and Subdivision, shall apply to a newly created lot or parcel for this subsection.~~

350-41. R-4 Rural Residential District. [Amended 6-20-2006 by Ord. No. 866-06; 11-12-2008 by Ord. No. 940-08; 2-15-2011 by Ord. No. 989-2011; 8-21-2012 by Ord. No. 1033-2012]

A. Purpose. This residential district is intended to provide for limited rural residential use development; require a large residential land area to maintain the rural character and to accommodate uses that are not urban in nature including light agriculture. This district's uses and standards are designed to implement Comprehensive Plan goals by encouraging a blend of residential and agricultural uses. This district may be used as a transitional zone to retain land in a less intensive use until the appropriate time for a more intensive residential or other use occurs. The lands in this district should be predominately agricultural areas not suited for agricultural production or those lands due to location that would have limited impact on agricultural production. Residents of this district may experience conditions associated with adjoining agricultural lands that are not experienced in areas of predominantly residential use.

A. (1) Permitted uses. Those uses permitted in this district shall be agricultural and those that are consistent with agricultural uses.

~~(1)(a) Accessory structure/use~~ **Agricultural uses allowed in the R4 zoning district include:**

[1] **Crop or forage production.**

[2] **Keeping livestock**

[3] **Beekeeping.**

[4] **Nursery, sod, or Christmas tree production.**

[5] **Orchard / vineyard.**

[6] **Horticulture / floriculture.**

[7] **Aquaculture.**

[8] **Fur farming.**

[9] **Forestry and forest management**

[10] **Enrolling land in a federal agricultural commodity payment program or a federal or state agricultural land conservation program.**

[11] **Any other use that the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, by rule, identifies as an agricultural use.**

[12] **One nonfarm residence, including normal residential appurtenances**

~~(2)(b) Beekeeping~~ **Agricultural accessory uses**

~~(3)(c) Community living, eight or fewer residents.~~

~~(4) Crops, field.~~

~~(5)(d) Day care, eight or fewer children.~~

~~(6) Dwelling, single family.~~

~~(7) Dwelling, two family (duplex)~~

~~(8) Floriculture~~

~~(9) Grazing~~

~~(10) Greenhouse, accessory to the permitted use.~~

~~(11)(e) Home occupation:~~

- [1] Shall be located in the place of permanent residency;
- [2] Is incidental to the residential occupancy;
- [3] Limited to one inside level of the dwelling unit and does not occupy more than 25% of the floor area of that level;
- [4] That no article is sold or offered for sale on the premises except such as produced by the home occupation;
- [5] That no stock-in-trade is kept or sold;
- [6] That no mechanical equipment is used other than such as is permissible for typical residential purposes;
- [7] There is no emission of odor, gas, smoke, dust, or noise that will be detrimental to the character of the neighborhood; and
- [8] That no person outside the immediate resident family operates such home occupation.

~~(12) Horticulture~~

~~(13) Livestock, raising/keeping.~~

~~(14) Orchard~~

~~(15) Paddock~~

~~(16)~~ (f). Professional home office when established in a residential dwelling unit shall be:

~~(a)~~ [1] Located in the practitioner's place of permanent residency;

~~(b)~~ [2] Is incidental to the residential occupancy, limited to one inside level of the dwelling unit and does not occupy more than 25% of the floor area of that level; and

~~(c)~~ [3] Not more than one person not a member of the resident family shall be employed on the premises.

~~(17)~~ (g) Recreational trails.

~~(18)~~ (h) Riding Stable.

~~(19)~~ (i) Roadside stand of less than 300 square feet in area as a temporary structure, not wholly enclosed, for the sale of produce grown on the premises. One stand allowed per premises.

~~(20)~~ (j) Signs per § 350-43.

~~(21)~~ (k) Unoccupied outside storage of camping trailer, motor home boats, fishing shanty or other similar recreational vehicles or devices as an accessory use. There shall be a combined limit of two items per family dwelling unit.

~~(22)~~ (l) Utility, local lines.

~~(23)~~ (m) A mobile or manufactured home shall be allowed as a temporary structure for the shelter of persons and property as a result of disaster-related damages. The mobile or manufactured home shall be located after obtaining all necessary permits, for no more than one year and shall be located on the premises with the construction of the new permanent structure. [Amended 3-19-2019 by Ord. No. 2-2019]

(2) Conditional uses. Conditions and standards for a conditional use permit are set forth in § 350, Article VII, Conditional Use Permits. [Amended 11-14-2017 by Ord. No. 22-2017]

~~(1)~~ (a) Agricultural-related uses (See Section 350-77 for definition). Only one agricultural-related use allowed on an R4-zoned lot or parcel.

~~(2)~~ (b) Bed-and-breakfast establishment.

~~(3)~~ (c) Community living, nine or more residents.

~~(4)~~ (d) Day care, nine or more children.

~~(5)~~ (e) Tourist rooming house.

~~(6)~~ (f) Tower and appurtenances, communication or relay.

~~(7)~~ (g) Utility transmission lines.

~~(8)~~ (h) Event barn (only as an accessory use to the residential use, existing buildings only).

[Added 3-19-2019 by Ord. No. 2-2019]

~~(9)~~ (i) Kennel (must be on at least a five-acre lot or parcel and only as an accessory use to the residential use). [Added 3-19-2019 by Ord. No. 2-2019; amended 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]

(j) RV and boat storage for rent (only as an accessory use to the residential use, existing buildings only). [Added 3-19-2019 by Ord. No. 2-2019]

~~(3)~~ Area, height and setback requirements. [Amended 11-14-2017 by Ord. No. 22-2017]

~~(1)~~(a) A lot or parcel shall have a three-acre-minimum and less than eight-acre-maximum of contiguous land area. **The area within the road right(s)-of-way shall not be included in the minimum acreage requirement, however, design standards, pursuant to Chapter 315, Code of Green Lake County, Land Division and Subdivision, shall apply.**

~~Note: The area within the road right(s)-of-way shall not be included for the standards of this subsection. Design standards pursuant to Chapter 315, Code of Green Lake County, Land Division and Subdivision, shall apply to a newly created lot or parcel for this subsection.~~

D. (4) Principal structure setback and height standards.

~~(1)~~(a) Highway setbacks: Refer to § 350-50A. [Amended 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]

~~(2)~~(b) Rear yard setback: 25 feet minimum.

~~(3)~~(c) Side yard setback: 12 feet minimum.

~~(4)~~(d) Structure height; dwelling structure: 35 feet overall maximum.

E. ~~(5)~~ Accessory **building** structure standards. The total combined footprint area allowed for accessory building structures shall not exceed 10% of the land area, excluding any road right-of-way. An accessory building structure shall satisfy all of the following standards: [Amended 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 9-2020; 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021]

~~(1)~~ (a) Setbacks: same as principal structure.

~~(2)~~ (b) Height: None. ~~However, there shall be no sidewalls above the ground floor ceiling joist. Ground floor~~ **All sidewalls, excluding basement sidewalls, shall be located below the roof trusses and** not exceed 20 feet in height. [Amended 9-19-2023 by Ord. No. 13-2023]

~~(3)~~ (c) Structure footprint: None. [Amended 9-19-2023 by Ord. No. 13-2023]

~~(4)~~ (d) Volume: None. [Amended 9-19-2023 by Ord. No. 13-2023]

~~(5)~~ (e) Human habitation of a detached accessory building structure may be allowed, however shall be limited to 20% of the footprint area or 300 square feet, whichever is less. This standard shall apply to only one detached accessory building structure per lot or parcel.

~~(6)~~ (f) In no case is a shipping or storage container(s) to be utilized as a residential accessory building structure.

350-77. Word usage and definitions. [Amended 12-16-2008 by Ord. No. 942-08; 12-15-2009 by Ord. No. 969-2009; 10-15-2013 by Ord. No. 1070-2013; 8-19-2014 by Ord. No.

1092-2014; 12-16-2014 by Ord. No. 1104-2014; 11-14-2017 by Ord. No. 22-2017; 3-19-2019

by Ord. No. 2-2019; 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 9-2020; 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 30-2021;

9-20-2022 by Ord. No. 17-2022; 6-18-2024 by Ord. No. 14-2024]

AGRICULTURAL-RELATED USE --- A use that is primarily (not just incidentally) related to agriculture including an agricultural equipment dealership, a landing strip for aerial spraying, an animal veterinary clinic, a commercial / retail greenhouse, a livestock auction / sales facility, a facility providing agricultural supplies, a facility for storing or processing agricultural products, or a facility for processing agricultural wastes.

FARM — An area of land used for agricultural practice or use. All land under common ownership that is primarily devoted to agricultural use. For the purpose of this definition, land is deemed to be primarily devoted to agricultural use if the following apply:

A. A majority (greater than 50%) of the land is in agricultural use. or

B. The land produces at least \$6,000 in annual gross farm revenues to its owner or renter, regardless of whether the majority of the land area is in agricultural use.

FARM FAMILY BUSINESS — Any lawful activity, except a farm operation, conducted primarily for any of the following:

A. The purchase, sale, lease, or rental of personal or real property.

B. The manufacture, processing or marketing of products, commodities or any other personal property.

C. The sale of services.

FARM OPERATION — An owner or occupant engaged in one or more farming activities, with gross sales from such activities as set forth in §91.91(1), Wis Stats.

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN — A report in text and in map form, with the map drawn to scale, depicting the general location and relationship of structures, streets, driveways, recreation areas, parking areas, utilities, etc., as related to a proposed development.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE --- State, County, Federal, City, Village, or Town structures utilized to provide a service that a specific government entity may provide.

OFFICIAL MAP — The official zoning district map of Green Lake County. This map is a digital electronic data map layer of the County’s Geographic Information System (GIS). The County Land Use Planning & Zoning Department updates this map to reflect changes in zoning district boundaries enacted by the County Board as amendments.

RESIDENCE, FARM --- A single-family or two-family residence that is the only residential structure on the farm or is occupied by any of the following:

- (a) An owner or operator of the farm.
- (b) A parent or child of an owner or operator of the farm.
- (c) An individual who earns more than 50% of his or her gross income from the farm.

RESIDENCE, NONFARM --- A single or two-family dwelling /residence that is not a farm residence.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval
Passed and Enacted this 16th day of September 2025
Roll Call on Ordinance 14-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, /s/ Sue Wendt, /s/ Gene Thom, /s/ Bill Boutwell

GREEN LAKE COUNTY
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING

October 21, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 4:30 PM via remote access and in person for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 15, Absent – 3 (Curt Talma-District 3, Sue Wendt-District 10, Joe Gonyo-District 16), Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann	1
Charles Buss	2
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Brian Floeter	6
Bob Schweder	7
Nancy Hiestand	8
Bill Boutwell	9
Harley Reabe	11

Charlie Wielgosh	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Keith Hess	17
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF 09/16/25 MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- Justin Fisher, Baird Public Finance – Highway Bonding
- Monthly update from Interim County Manager Jason Jerome
- Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel – County Board Rules of Procedure update

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 22-2025 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$2,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes
- Resolution 23-2025 Establishing 2026 Annual Budgeted Wage Allocation
- Resolution 24-2025 Authorizing Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes for the Highway Building Project

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 15-2025 Rezone in the Town of Berlin – Owner: Richard and Carla Ann Hargrave
- Ordinance 16-2025 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – Owner: Rory’s Powersports, LLC

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON November 12, 2025

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 20th day of October, 2025.

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 09/16/2025 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Schweder/Reabe)** to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next County Board meeting will take place on November 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM. This will include the annual budget hearing at 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

- Sheriff Mark Podoll spoke in remembrance of Green Lake County Sheriff's Deputy Bruce Williams who was killed in the line of duty on 10/19/2003.

APPEARANCES

- Justin Fisher of Baird Public Finance spoke in regard to the bonding resolution on the agenda relating to highway road and equipment improvements. Fisher provided a detailed financing illustration and stated rates will be locked in early November with a proposed closing date of 11/25/2025. **Motion/second (Schweder/Buss)** to allow Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. Mashuda explained the General Transportation Aids (GTA) grants and how the bonding affects the funds received. Discussion held.
- Interim County Manager Jason Jerome stated that the 2026 budget is balanced and will be presented to the Finance Committee on 10/22/2025, the 2024 audit will be presented to the Board on 11/12/2025, the search for an HR Coordinator is still taking place, and employee evaluations will be completed by the end of November. Discussion held regarding Jerome's status as the Interim County Manager and when that title will change.
- Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel, gave a presentation on the County Board Rules which are included in the Code of Ordinances under Chapter 9. Mann reviewed the rules for remote attendance at all meetings and the importance of following the procedures outlined.

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 22-2025 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$2,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. **Motion/second (Lenz/Boutwell)** to adopt Resolution 22-2025. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 20-2025 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Wendt, Gonyo), Vacant - 1. Resolution 22-2025 passed as adopted.
- Resolution 23-2025 Establishing 2026 Annual Budgeted Wage Allocation. **Motion/second (Buss/Mulder)** to adopt Resolution 23-2025. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 23-2025 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Talma, Wendt, Gonyo), Vacant – 1. Motion carried. Resolution 23-2025 passed as adopted.
- Resolution 24-2025 Authorizing Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes for the Highway Building Project. Chair Abendroth stated this resolution will not be considered by the full Board at this time. It will be reviewed by the Finance Committee at the 10/22/2025 meeting and brought forward in November if necessary.

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 15-2025 Rezone in the Town of Berlin – Owner: Richard and Carla Ann Hargrave. **Motion/second (Thom/Boutwell)** to enact Ordinance 15-2025. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 15-2025 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 1 (Lenz), Absent – 3 (Talma, Wendt, Gonyo), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 15-2025 passed as enacted.
- Ordinance 16-2025 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – Owner: Rory's Powersports, LLC. **Motion/second (Buss/Thom)** to enact Ordinance 16-2025. Discussion held. Supervisor Buss explained the reason for the rezone. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 16-2025 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 1 (Lenz), Absent – 3 (Talma, Wendt, Gonyo), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 15-2025 passed as enacted.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- Chair Abendroth stated there are no committee appointments at this time.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON November 12, 2025

- Chair Abendroth stated that the Land, Water, Parks & Community committee will give an update in November as well as a Fair update.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

- To be determined

ADJOURN

16. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 5:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Otto

Elizabeth Otto
County Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st day of October, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of Green Lake County, Wisconsin (the "County") to raise funds for public purposes, including paying the cost of capital improvement projects such as highway improvements (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that the Project is within the County's power to undertake and therefore serves a "public purpose" as that term is defined in Section 67.04(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes;

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by the provisions of Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue general obligation promissory notes for such public purposes;

WHEREAS, the County may issue general obligation promissory notes only if one or more of the conditions specified in Section 67.045, Wisconsin Statutes apply;

WHEREAS, general obligation promissory notes to finance the Project may be issued under Section 67.045(1)(f), Wisconsin Statutes, if approved by a vote of at least three-fourths of the members-elect of the County Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors deems it necessary and in the best interest of the County to borrow the monies needed for the Project through the issuance of general obligation promissory notes (the "Notes") pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, upon satisfaction of the terms and conditions hereafter provided;

WHEREAS, none of the proceeds of the Notes shall be used to fund the operating expenses of the general fund of the County or to fund the operating expenses of any special revenue fund of the County that is supported by property taxes;

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the County Board of Supervisors that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the County to authorize the issuance of and to sell the Notes to Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the "Purchaser");

WHEREAS, the Purchaser intends to submit a note purchase agreement to the County (the "Proposal") offering to purchase the Notes in accordance with the terms and conditions to be set forth in the Proposal; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser in a timely manner, the County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the County to delegate to either the County Administrator or the Chairperson of the County

Board of Supervisors (each an "Authorized Officer") the authority to accept the Proposal on behalf of the County so long as the Proposal meets the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution by executing a certificate in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (the "Approving Certificate").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors that there shall be issued general obligation promissory notes of the County in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the purpose of financing the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Section 21. Sale of the Notes; Parameters. For the purpose of paying costs of the Project, there shall be borrowed pursuant to Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, the principal sum of not to exceed TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) from the Purchaser upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Resolution. Subject to satisfaction of the condition set forth in Section 15 of this Resolution, the Chairperson and County Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make, execute, issue and sell to the Purchaser for, on behalf of and in the name of the County, Notes aggregating the principal amount of not to exceed TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000). The purchase price to be paid to the County for the Notes shall not be less than 96.00% of the principal amount of the Notes and the difference between the initial public offering price of the Notes and the purchase price to be paid to the County by the Purchaser shall not exceed 4.00% of the principal amount of the Notes, with an amount not to exceed 1.25% of the principal amount of the Notes representing the Purchaser's compensation.

Section 22. Terms of the Notes. The Notes shall be designated "General Obligation Promissory Notes" (unless a different designation is set forth in the Approving Certificate); shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$2,500,000; shall be dated as of their date of issuance; shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof; shall be numbered R-1 and upward; and mature or be subject to mandatory redemption on the dates and in the principal amounts set forth below, provided that the principal amount of each maturity or mandatory redemption amount may be increased or decreased by up to \$250,000 per maturity or mandatory redemption amount, that a maturity or mandatory redemption payment may be eliminated if the amount of such maturity or mandatory redemption payment is less than or equal to \$250,000 and that the aggregate principal amount of the Notes shall not exceed \$2,500,000. The schedule below assumes the Notes are issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,500,000.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
03-01-2026	\$420,000
03-01-2027	490,000
03-01-2028	165,000
03-01-2029	175,000
03-01-2030	185,000
03-01-2031	195,000
03-01-2032	205,000
03-01-2033	215,000
03-01-2034	220,000
03-01-2035	230,000

Interest shall be payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year commencing on March 1, 2026 or on such other date approved by an Authorized Officer in the Approving Certificate. The true interest cost on the Notes (computed taking the Purchaser's compensation into account) shall not exceed 4.50%. Interest shall be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Section 23. Redemption Provisions. The Notes shall be subject to optional redemption as set forth on the Approving Certificate. If the Proposal specifies that certain of the Notes shall be subject to mandatory redemption, the terms of such mandatory redemption shall be set forth on an attachment to the Approving Certificate labeled as Schedule MRP. Upon the optional redemption of any of the Notes subject to mandatory redemption, the principal amount of such Notes so redeemed shall be credited against the mandatory redemption payments established in the Approving Certificate in such manner as the County shall direct.

Section 24. Form of the Notes. The Notes shall be issued in registered form and shall be executed and delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 25. Tax Provisions.

(A) Direct Annual Irrepealable Tax Levy. For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Notes as the same becomes due, the full faith, credit and resources of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged, and there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property of the County a direct annual irrepealable tax in the years 2025 through 2034 for the payments due in the years 2026 through 2035 in the amounts as are sufficient to meet the principal and interest payments when due.

(B) Tax Collection. So long as any part of the principal of or interest on the Notes remains unpaid, the County shall be and continue without power to repeal such levy or obstruct the collection of said tax until all such payments have been made or provided for. After the issuance of the Notes, said tax shall be, from year to year, carried onto the tax roll of the County and collected in addition to all other taxes and in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes of the County for said years are collected, except that the amount of tax carried onto the tax roll may be reduced in any year by the amount of any surplus money in the Debt Service Fund Account created below.

(C) Additional Funds. If at any time there shall be on hand insufficient funds from the aforesaid tax levy to meet principal and/or interest payments on said Notes when due, the requisite amounts shall be paid from other funds of the County then available, which sums shall be replaced upon the collection of the taxes herein levied.

Section 26. Segregated Debt Service Fund Account.

(A) Creation and Deposits. There shall be and there hereby is established in the treasury of the County, if one has not already been created, a debt service fund, separate and distinct from every other fund, which shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Debt service or sinking funds established for obligations previously issued by the County may be considered as separate and distinct accounts within the debt service fund.

Within the debt service fund, there hereby is established a separate and distinct account designated as the "Debt Service Fund Account for General Obligation Promissory Notes – 2025B" (the "Debt Service Fund Account") and such account shall be maintained until the indebtedness evidenced by the Notes is fully paid or otherwise extinguished. There shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund Account (i) all accrued interest received by the County at the time of delivery of and payment for the Notes; (ii) any premium which may be received by the County above the par value of the Notes and accrued interest thereon; (iii) all money raised by the taxes herein levied and any amounts appropriated for the specific purpose of meeting principal of and

interest on the Notes when due; (iv) such other sums as may be necessary at any time to pay principal of and interest on the Notes when due; (v) surplus monies in the Borrowed Money Fund as specified below; and (vi) such further deposits as may be required by Section 67.11, Wisconsin Statutes.

(B) Use and Investment. No money shall be withdrawn from the Debt Service Fund Account and appropriated for any purpose other than the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes until all such principal and interest has been paid in full and the Notes canceled; provided (i) the funds to provide for each payment of principal of and interest on the Notes prior to the scheduled receipt of taxes from the next succeeding tax collection may be invested in direct obligations of the United States of America maturing in time to make such payments when they are due or in other investments permitted by law; and (ii) any funds over and above the amount of such principal and interest payments on the Notes may be used to reduce the next succeeding tax levy, or may, at the option of the County, be invested by purchasing the Notes as permitted by and subject to Section 67.11(2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, or in permitted municipal investments under the pertinent provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes ("Permitted Investments"), which investments shall continue to be a part of the Debt Service Fund Account. Any investment of the Debt Service Fund Account shall at all times conform with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and any applicable Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations").

(C) Remaining Monies. When all of the Notes have been paid in full and canceled, and all Permitted Investments disposed of, any money remaining in the Debt Service Fund Account shall be transferred and deposited in the general fund of the County, unless the County Board of Supervisors directs otherwise.

Section 27. Proceeds of the Notes; Segregated Borrowed Money Fund. The proceeds of the Notes (the "Note Proceeds") (other than any premium and accrued interest which must be paid at the time of the delivery of the Notes into the Debt Service Fund Account created above) shall be deposited into a special fund (the "Borrowed Money Fund") separate and distinct from all other funds of the County and disbursed solely for the purpose or purposes for which borrowed. In no event shall monies in the Borrowed Money Fund be used to fund operating expenses of the general fund of the County or of any special revenue fund of the County that is supported by property taxes. Monies in the Borrowed Money Fund may be temporarily invested in Permitted Investments. Any monies, including any income from Permitted Investments, remaining in the Borrowed Money Fund after the purpose or purposes for which the Notes have been issued have been accomplished, and, at any time, any monies as are not needed and which obviously thereafter cannot be needed for such purpose(s) shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund Account.

Section 28. No Arbitrage. All investments made pursuant to this Resolution shall be Permitted Investments, but no such investment shall be made in such a manner as would cause the Notes to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code or the Regulations and an officer of the County, charged with the responsibility for issuing the Notes, shall certify as to facts, estimates, circumstances and reasonable expectations in existence on the date of delivery of the Notes to the Purchaser which will permit the conclusion that the Notes are not "arbitrage bonds," within the meaning of the Code or Regulations.

Section 29. Compliance with Federal Tax Laws. (a) The County represents and covenants that the projects financed by the Notes and the ownership, management and use of the projects will not cause the Notes to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Code. The County further covenants that it shall comply with the provisions of the Code to the extent necessary to maintain the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Notes including, if applicable, the rebate requirements of Section 148(f) of the Code. The County further covenants that it will not take any action, omit to take any action or permit the taking or omission of any action within its control (including, without limitation, making or permitting any use of the proceeds of the Notes) if taking, permitting or omitting to take such action would cause any of the Notes to be an arbitrage bond or a private activity bond within the meaning of the Code or would otherwise cause interest on the Notes to be included in the gross income of the recipients thereof for federal income tax purposes. The County Clerk or other officer of the County charged with the responsibility of issuing the Notes

shall provide an appropriate certificate of the County certifying that the County can and covenanting that it will comply with the provisions of the Code and Regulations.

(b) The County also covenants to use its best efforts to meet the requirements and restrictions of any different or additional federal legislation which may be made applicable to the Notes provided that in meeting such requirements the County will do so only to the extent consistent with the proceedings authorizing the Notes and the laws of the State of Wisconsin and to the extent that there is a reasonable period of time in which to comply.

Section 30. Execution of the Notes; Closing; Professional Services. The Notes shall be issued in printed form, executed on behalf of the County by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairperson and County Clerk, authenticated, if required, by the Fiscal Agent (defined below), sealed with its official or corporate seal, if any, or a facsimile thereof, and delivered to the Purchaser upon payment to the County of the purchase price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery (the "Closing"). The facsimile signature of either of the officers executing the Notes may be imprinted on the Notes in lieu of the manual signature of the officer but, unless the County has contracted with a fiscal agent to authenticate the Notes, at least one of the signatures appearing on each Note shall be a manual signature. In the event that either of the officers whose signatures appear on the Notes shall cease to be such officers before the Closing, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes to the same extent as if they had remained in office until the Closing. The aforesaid officers are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and execute and deliver the Notes and all such documents, certificates and acknowledgements as may be necessary and convenient to effectuate the Closing. The County hereby authorizes the officers and agents of the County to enter into, on its behalf, agreements and contracts in conjunction with the Notes, including but not limited to agreements and contracts for legal, trust, fiscal agency, disclosure and continuing disclosure, and rebate calculation services. Any such contract heretofore entered into in conjunction with the issuance of the Notes is hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

Section 31. Payment of the Notes; Fiscal Agent. The principal of and interest on the Notes shall be paid by Zions Bancorporation, National Association, which is hereby appointed as the County's registrar and fiscal agent pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.10(2), Wisconsin Statutes (the "Fiscal Agent"). The County hereby authorizes the Chairperson and County Clerk or other appropriate officers of the County to enter into a Fiscal Agency Agreement between the County and the Fiscal Agent. Such contract may provide, among other things, for the performance by the Fiscal Agent of the functions listed in Wis. Stats. Sec. 67.10(2)(a) to (j), where applicable, with respect to the Notes.

Section 32. Persons Treated as Owners; Transfer of Notes. The County shall cause books for the registration and for the transfer of the Notes to be kept by the Fiscal Agent. The person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes and payment of either principal or interest on any Note shall be made only to the registered owner thereof. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

Any Note may be transferred by the registered owner thereof by surrender of the Note at the office of the Fiscal Agent, duly endorsed for the transfer or accompanied by an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Upon such transfer, the Chairperson and County Clerk shall execute and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Note or Notes of a like aggregate principal amount, series and maturity and the Fiscal Agent shall record the name of each transferee in the registration book. No registration shall be made to bearer. The Fiscal Agent shall cancel any Note surrendered for transfer.

The County shall cooperate in any such transfer, and the Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to execute any new Note or Notes necessary to effect any such transfer.

Section 33. Record Date. The 15th day of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date shall be the record date for the Notes (the "Record Date"). Payment of interest on the Notes on any interest payment date shall be made to the registered owners of the Notes as they appear on the registration book of the County at the close of business on the Record Date.

Section 34. Utilization of The Depository Trust Company Book-Entry-Only System. In order to make the Notes eligible for the services provided by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), the County agrees to the applicable provisions set forth in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations, which the County Clerk or other authorized representative of the County is authorized and directed to execute and deliver to DTC on behalf of the County to the extent an effective Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations is not presently on file in the County Clerk's office.

Section 35. Condition on Issuance and Sale of the Notes. The issuance of the Notes and the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser are subject to approval by an Authorized Officer of the principal amount, definitive maturities, redemption provisions, interest rates and purchase price for the Notes, which approval shall be evidenced by execution by an Authorized Officer of the Approving Certificate.

The Notes shall not be issued, sold or delivered until this condition is satisfied. Upon satisfaction of this condition, an Authorized Officer is authorized to execute a Proposal with the Purchaser providing for the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser.

Section 36. Official Statement. The County Board of Supervisors hereby directs an Authorized Officer to approve the Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Notes and deem the Preliminary Official Statement as "final" as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"). All actions taken by an Authorized Officer or other officers of the County in connection with the preparation of such Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda to it or final Official Statement are hereby ratified and approved. In connection with the Closing, the appropriate County official shall certify the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or final Official Statement. The County Clerk shall cause copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or final Official Statement to be distributed to the Purchaser.

Section 37. Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure. The County hereby covenants and agrees, for the benefit of the owners of the Notes, to enter into a written undertaking (the "Undertaking") if required by the Rule to provide continuing disclosure of certain financial information and operating data and timely notices of the occurrence of certain events in accordance with the Rule. The Undertaking shall be enforceable by the owners of the Notes or by the Purchaser on behalf of such owners (provided that the rights of the owners and the Purchaser to enforce the Undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific performance of the obligations thereunder and any failure by the County to comply with the provisions of the Undertaking shall not be an event of default with respect to the Notes).

To the extent required under the Rule, the Chairperson and County Clerk, or other officer of the County charged with the responsibility for issuing the Notes, shall provide a Continuing Disclosure Certificate for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the details and terms of the County's Undertaking.

Section 38. Record Book. The County Clerk shall provide and keep the transcript of proceedings as a separate record book (the "Record Book") and shall record a full and correct statement of every step or proceeding had or taken in the course of authorizing and issuing the Notes in the Record Book.

Section 39. Bond Insurance. If the Purchaser determines to obtain municipal bond insurance with respect to the Notes, the officers of the County are authorized to take all actions necessary to obtain such municipal bond insurance. The Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to agree to such additional provisions as the bond insurer may reasonably request and which are acceptable to the Chairperson and County Clerk including provisions regarding restrictions on investment of Note proceeds, the payment procedure under the municipal bond insurance policy, the rights of the bond insurer in the event of default and payment of the Notes by the bond insurer and notices to be given to the bond insurer. In addition, any reference required by the bond insurer to the municipal bond insurance policy shall be made in the form of Note provided herein.

Section 40. Conflicting Resolutions; Severability; Effective Date. All prior resolutions, rules or other actions of the County Board of Supervisors or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions hereof shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded insofar as the same may so conflict. In the event that any one or more provisions hereof shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions hereof. The foregoing shall take effect immediately upon adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

Fiscal note is attached.

Finance & Insurance Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 21st day of October 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 22-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Finance & Insurance Committee: /s/ Harley Reabe, /s/ Brian Floeter, /s/ Dennis Mulder, /s/ Don Lenz, /s/ Charlie Wielgosh

RESOLUTION NUMBER 23 -2025

Establishing 2026 Annual Budgeted Wage Allocation

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st of October, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, Green Lake County strives to provide maximum service to its residents while minimizing the financial impact of county taxes on taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, Green Lake County continues to operate under State imposed budgetary constraints while providing mandated services, and

WHEREAS, Green Lake County has now established a policy and practice of compensating employees based on a competitive market salary rate, the quality of their performance, and future non-union wage adjustments occur at 1,3,5,7 and 10 years of service and are earned on the merits of employee performance, and

WHEREAS, the County Manager is developing the 2026 Proposed Annual Budget for review and adoption by the Green Lake County Board in November 2025, and wage costs must be incorporated into the proposed budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors that each 2026 departmental budget shall include an amount equal to 2.4% increase of gross wages based on the federal social security COLA of gross wages to be allocated accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any staff in 2025 at year's of service 1,3, 5, 7 or 10 be placed in the appropriate step after finalization of the annual performance evaluation process with the employee's eligibility for the step increase based on the merits of each individual employee's performance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose statement and fiscal note is a directive of the Green Lake County Board.

FISCAL NOTE: For 2026 the levied general pay increase based on employee performance shall not exceed **\$335,000.00**. Budgeted proceeds not allocated as a step increase shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Administrative Committee and Finance & Insurance Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 21st day of October 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 23-2025

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Administrative Committee: /s/ David Abendroth, /s/ Gene Thom, /s/ Joe Gonyo, /s/ Nancy Hoffmann, /s/ Bob Schweder, /s/ Dennis Mulder

ORDINANCE NO. 15–2025

Relating to: Rezone in the Town of Berlin Owner: Richard and Carla Ann Hargrave

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st of October 2025, does ordain as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Green Lake County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 350 as amended, Article IV Zoning Districts, Section 350-26 Official Map, as relates to the Town of Berlin, shall be amended as follows:

Owner: Richard and Carla Ann Hargrave, **Location:** N7823 State Road 49, **Parcel:** 002-00538-0000. **Legal Description:** NE ¼ of SE ¼, located in Section 28, T17N, R13E, Town of Berlin, ±4.0 acres. **Request:** The owners are requesting a rezone of ±4.0 acres zoned A1, Farmland Preservation District, to R4, Rural Residential District. To be identified by Certified Survey Map.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 21st day of October 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 15-2025

Ayes 14, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 1, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, /s/ Bill Boutwell, /s/ Curt Talma (remote)

ORDINANCE NO. 16 –2025

Relating to: Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn Owner: Rory's Powersports, LLC

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st of October 2025, does ordain as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Green Lake County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 350 as amended, Article IV Zoning Districts, Section 350-26 Official Map, as relates to the Town of Brooklyn, shall be amended as follows:

Owner: Rory’s Powersports LLC, **Location:** W806 State Road 23/49, **Parcel:** 004-00282-0102. **Legal Description:** NW ¼ of SW ¼, located in Section 14, T16N, R13E, Town of Brooklyn, ±3.19 acres. **Request:** The owners are requesting a rezone of ±3.19 acres zoned A2, General Agriculture District, to R4, Rural Residential District. To be identified by Certified Survey Map.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval
 Passed and Enacted this 21st day of October 2025
 Roll Call on Ordinance 16-2025
 Ayes 14, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 1, Vacant - 1
 Submitted by Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, /s/ Bill Boutwell, /s/ Curt Talma
 (remote)

GREEN LAKE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

November 12, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in annual session, Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM via remote access and in person for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 17, Absent – 1 (Curt Talma-District 3), Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann	1
Charles Buss	2
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Brian Floeter	6
Bob Schweder	7
Nancy Hiestand	8
Bill Boutwell	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Charlie Wielgosh	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Keith Hess	17
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
READING OF THE CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MINUTES OF 10/21/25 MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)
APPEARANCES

- Monthly update from Interim County Manager Jason Jerome
- Jon Trautman, CLA – 2024 Final Audit

PUBLIC HEARING

- Recess for Public Hearing on 2026 Budget and 2025 Property Tax Levy at 6:30 PM. Regular business will resume at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING 2026 BUDGET AND 2025 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 24-2025 Authorizing Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes for the Highway Building Project
- Resolution 25-2025 Relating to 2026 Budget and 2025 Property Tax Levy
- Resolution 26-2025 Relating to Adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the Update of the Comprehensive Planning Process for Green Lake County, Wisconsin

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY CLERK RETIREMENT

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON December 16, 2025

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 3rd day of November, 2025.

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 10/21/2025 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Lenz/Mulder)** to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2025 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next County Board meeting will take place on December 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM.
4. County Clerk Liz Otto provided information and packets to the supervisors regarding their re-election paperwork for the April 7, 2026 election. Any incumbent not running for re-election should fill out a Declaration of Non-Candidacy and turn that in no later than December 26, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

5. None

APPEARANCES

6. **Motion/second (Reabe/Schweder)** to move the audit presentation up on the agenda. Motion carried with no negative vote.
7. Jon Trautman, Principal for CLA, Inc. provided an overview of the 2024 financial audit. Trautman stated that CLA has issued an unmodified clean opinion for 2024. He went on to explain the audit findings in detail and stated that 37% of the general fund balance is being carried over with 20%-25% being considered a health benchmark. Trautman and Amber Drewieske, Principal for CLA (appearing remotely) thanked the financial team for their cooperation, willingness to learn, and increased understanding of the audit responsibilities moving forward. Trautman sees no major changes in the next few years.
8. Interim County Manager Jason Jerome reviewed his written report in the packet.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 PM

9. **Motion/second (Lenz/Boutwell)** to dissolve as a County Board of Supervisors at 6:30 PM and arise as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 budget. Motion carried with no negative vote.
10. Finance and Insurance Committee Chairman Harley Reabe conducted the Public Hearing. Interim County Manager Jason Jerome gave an overview of the budget and explained the process through a PowerPoint presentation. Jerome also advised the Board that an update to the County Board Rules will be forthcoming in regard to budget publication requirements. Discussion held.
11. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to dissolve at 6:55PM as a Committee of the Whole and arise as a County Board of Supervisors for the purpose of continuing the meeting and that Dave Abendroth be seated as County Board Chairman. Motion carried with no negative vote.

OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING 2026 BUDGET AND 2025 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

12. Discussion and questions were covered in previous agenda item.

RESOLUTIONS

13. Resolution 24-2025 Initial Resolution Authorizing Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes for the Highway Building Project. **Motion/second (Buss/Mulder)** to adopt Resolution 24-2025. Interim County Manager Jason Jerome stated this is additional funds which may be required above the original \$29,000,000 to meet the final estimate. This is a “not to exceed” amount and does not obligate the county to bond for the total amount if not needed at the end of the project. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 24-2025 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Talma), Vacant - 1. Resolution 24-2025 passed as adopted.

14. Resolution 25-2025 Relating to 2026 Budget and 2025 Property Tax Levy. **Motion/second (Lenz/Skivington)** to adopt Resolution 25-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 25-2025 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Talma), Vacant - 1. Resolution 25-2025 passed as adopted.
15. Resolution 26-2025 Relating to Adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the Update of the Comprehensive Planning Process for Green Lake County, Wisconsin. **Motion/second (Buss/Thom)** to adopt Resolution 25-2025. Supervisor Buss explained that this resolution is required by state statute. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 26-2025 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Talma), Vacant - 1. Resolution 26-2025 passed as adopted.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY CLERK RETIREMENT

16. County Clerk Liz Otto has submitted a letter to Sheriff Mark Podoll as required by statute notifying the county of her impending retirement effective February 27, 2026. **Motion/second (Schweder/Reabe)** to proceed with the appointment process to fill the remainder of the term as outlined by state statute. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to move forward with the appointment process – Ayes – 16, Nays – 1 (Hoffmann), Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Talma), Vacant - 1. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

17. Chair Abendroth requested a motion and vote to approve the following appointments:
 - Central Wisconsin Housing Region Committee – County Board Chair and County Clerk as an open ended appointment. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to approve the appointments as recommended. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON December 16, 2025

18. Chair Abendroth stated that IT will do a presentation in December.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

19. To be determined.

ADJOURN

20. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Otto

Elizabeth Otto

County Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-2025

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES FOR THE HIGHWAY BUILDING PROJECT

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 12th day of November, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, Green Lake County, Wisconsin (the "County") is in need of an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 for public purposes, including paying the cost of constructing a highway building (the "Project");

WHEREAS, this \$6,000,000 is separate from the previous amount authorized by the County Board in an amount not to exceed \$29,000,000;

WHEREAS, general obligation promissory notes may be issued under Section 67.045, Wis. Stats., if the County Board of Supervisors adopts a resolution to issue the debt by a vote of at least three-fourths of its members-elect;

WHEREAS, it is desirable to authorize the issuance of general obligation promissory notes in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 to pay costs of the Project pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors that the County borrow an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 by issuing its general obligation promissory notes for the public purpose of financing the Project. There be and there hereby is levied on all the taxable property in the County a direct, annual irrevocable tax in such years and in such amounts as are sufficient to pay when due the principal and interest on such notes.

Highway Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 12th day of November 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 24-2025

Ayes 17, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Highway Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, /s/ Dennis Mulder, /s/ Bob Schweder, /s/ Harley Reabe, /s/ Charlie Wielgosh

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25- 2025 Relating to 2026 Budget and 2025 Property Tax Levy

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its annual meeting begun on the 12th day of November 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the departments of Green Lake County Government have prepared estimates of revenues and expenditures for their respective departments for 2026 in coordination with their governing committees; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager and Finance Director, along with the Department Heads have made adjustments as deemed necessary and appropriate to present a budget that will adequately meet the needs of each department while staying within the confines of levy limit and acceptable government accounting practices; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager along with the Finance Committee of the County Board of Supervisors has reviewed each of these estimates in detail and made such additional adjustments as deemed necessary and appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached budget for Green Lake County for 2026 be adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a property tax of \$19,008,780.00 be apportioned among the sixteen (16) municipalities in accordance with ratios provided by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Finance & Insurance Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 12th day of November 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 25-2025

Ayes 17, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Finance & Insurance Committee: /s/ Dennis Mulder, /s/ Brian Floeter, /s/ Harley Reabe, /s/ Don Lenz, /s/ Charlie Wielgosh

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-2025

Relating to Adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the Update of the Comprehensive Planning Process for Green Lake County, Wisconsin

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 12th day of November, 2025, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 66.1001(2)(i) of the Wisconsin Statutes the Green Lake County Comprehensive Plan shall be updated no less than once every 10 years, and the County is currently engaged in that required update process, and

WHEREAS, a Public Participation Plan is a State-mandated element of a comprehensive plan, and

WHEREAS, the Public Participation Plan is intended to outline and identify the process to encourage public participation in regard to the comprehensive planning process, and

WHEREAS, a Public Participation Plan is required to be adopted prior to the beginning of the County's comprehensive planning process,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Green Lake County officially adopts the Public Participation Plan for the County's Comprehensive Plan update.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN "Smart Growth" Comprehensive Plan Update Green Lake County, Wisconsin

Purpose

In order for the Comprehensive Plan to operate effectively and according to the law and to address the needs of citizens of Green Lake County, the residents must be kept informed and provided an opportunity to participate in the planning process. In addition, pursuant to s.66.1001 (4)(a) of the statutes written notice shall specifically be provided to owners of property, or to persons who have a leasehold interest in property pursuant to which the persons may extract nonmetallic mineral resources in or on property, in which the allowable use or intensity of use of the property is changed by the comprehensive plan. Further, public participation will be used to collect data and opinions that can be obtained in no other way. The information received will be used to determine the needs of the County and develop community goals.

Public Participation Efforts

1. Interviews

2. Meeting notices posted at the Green Lake County Government Center and other locations
3. Green Lake County Government web site
4. Conduct public informational planning meetings
5. Public hearing
6. Receive and respond to written requests
7. Thirty days prior to the public hearing provide written notice to interested - individuals via first class mail in compliance with s.66.1001 (4)(f) of the statutes

Methodology

- Hold interviews with town & county officials, interested citizens and other agency personnel.
- Display notices of Green Lake County Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee meetings and any public informational planning meetings in a manner consistent with the usual county meeting notice procedures. Notices will also be posted at the Green Lake County Government Center, located at 571, County Road A, Green Lake, Wisconsin.
- Listing of progress reports, draft plan reports and support information on the Green Lake County Government web site: <https://www.greenlakecountywi.gov/departments>
- Conduct periodic public informational meetings that are open to the public and invite participation by the public. Encourage citizen participation to identify problems and potentials for the County.
- Provide progress reports to the Green Lake County Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee. Provide the same information, including the handouts, to the public as received by the Committee.
- Hold at least one public hearing as described in the plan. The meeting notice shall also include the notification of parties specified in s.66.1001 (4)(e) including: (a) an operator who has applied for or obtained a nonmetallic reclamation permit; (b) a person who has registered a marketable nonmetallic mineral deposit; and (c) any other property owner or leaseholder who has an interest in property allowing extraction of nonmetallic mineral resources if the property owner requests in writing to be notified of the public hearing.
- The official notice for the public hearing(s) will be by public notice in the official newspaper with a minimum of a class one notice preceding the hearing. In addition, the public notice shall be posted at the Green Lake County Government Center, located at 571, County Road A, Green Lake, Wisconsin. These notices will include the following information: time, place and date of hearing; summary of the proposed Comprehensive Plan or amendment to such plan; name of a county employee who may provide additional information regarding the proposed Comprehensive Plan, ordinance, and information relating to where and when the proposed Comprehensive Plan or amendment to such will be passed; how a copy of the plan or amendment to such plan may be inspected before the hearing; and how a copy of the plan or amendment may be obtained.
- Citizens may submit written comments or questions on the Comprehensive Plan to Matt Kirkman, Green Lake County Land Use Planning & Zoning Director, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. 54941 or by e-mail to mkirkman@greenlakecountywi.gov. The County will respond in writing to those comments or questions if requested.

Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval

Passed and Adopted this 12th day of November 2025

Roll Call on Resolution 26-2025

Ayes 17, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Highway Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, /s/ Curt Talma, /s/ Gene Thom, /s/ Bill Boutwell

GREEN LAKE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

December 16, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM via remote access and in person for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 14, Absent – 4 (Curt Talma-District 3, Brian Floeter-District 6, Nancy Hiestand-District 8, Joe Gonyo-District 16), Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann	1
Charles Buss	2
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Bob Schweder	7
Bill Boutwell	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Charlie Wielgosh	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Keith Hess	17
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF 11/12/25 MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- Monthly update from Interim County Manager Jason Jerome

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR/COUNTY MANAGER

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 17-2025 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – Owner: Noah Polcyn
- Ordinance 18-2025 Relating to the Adoption of the Green Lake County Farmland Preservation Plan
- Ordinance 19-2025 Ordinance Amending Article IV Boat Launch User Fees and Creation of Prohibition on Power Loading

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON February 17, 2026

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 8th day of December, 2025.

Elizabeth A. Otto
Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

21. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 11/12/2025 MEETING

22. **Motion/second (Mulder/Krenz)** to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

23. The next County Board meeting will take place on February 17, 2026 at 4:30 PM. There is no meeting scheduled for January.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

24. Sheriff Mark Podoll provided an update on the activities within the Sheriff's Office including their participation in the Lights of Christmas program sponsored by Culver's, Shop with Hometown Heros, and caroling at area nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The supervisors also congratulated Sheriff Podoll on receiving the 2025 Badger State Sheriff's Association Sheriff of the Year award.

APPEARANCES

25. Interim County Manager Jason Jerome reviewed his written report in the packet. Jerome updated the Board on open positions, the opioid settlement funds, and the capital equipment work group.

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR/COUNTY MANAGER

26. Chair Abendroth stated that Jason Jerome has served as the Interim County Administrator from February 11, 2025 and then Interim Administrative Coordinator/County Manager since June 18, 2025 when Ordinance 08-2025 was enacted.

Motion/second (Mulder/Hoffmann) to appoint Jason Jerome as the permanent Administrative Coordinator to be known as the County Manager. Roll call vote on motion to appoint – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 4 (Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Gonyo), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 17-2025 passed as enacted.

ORDINANCES

27. Ordinance 17-2025 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – Owner: Noah Polcyn. **Motion/second (Thom/Boutwell)** to enact Ordinance 17-2025. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 17-2025 – Ayes – 13, Nays – 0, Abstain – 1 (Lenz), Absent – 4 (Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Gonyo), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 17-2025 passed as enacted.
28. Ordinance 18-2025 Relating to the Adoption of the Green Lake County Farmland Preservation Plan. **Motion/second (Buss/Lenz)** to enact Ordinance 18-2025. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 18-2025 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 4 (Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Gonyo), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 18-2025 passed as enacted.

29. Ordinance 19-2025 Ordinance Amending Article IV Boat Launch User Fees and Creation of Prohibition on Power Loading. **Motion/second (Krenz/Boutwell)** to enact Ordinance 19-2025. Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann explained the amendments. **Motion/second (Schweder/Skivington)** to suspend the rules and allow Maintenance & Parks Director Mike Van Meel to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. Van Meel provided a video regarding power loading and pictures of the damage at Dodge Memorial Park caused by this issue. **Motion/second (Schweder/Boutwell)** to suspend the rules and allow Chief Deputy Matt Vandekolk to speak. Vandekolk provided information on how this would be enforced. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 19-2025 – Ayes – 10, Nays – 4 (Hoffmann, Buss, Reabe, Wielgosh), Abstain – 0, Absent – 4 (Talma, Floeter, Hiestand, Gonyo), Vacant - 1. Ordinance 19-2025 passed as enacted.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

30. Chair Abendroth stated there are no committee appointments this month.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON February 17, 2026

31. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

32. To be determined.

ADJOURN

33. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 5:18 PM after wishing everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Otto

Elizabeth Otto
County Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2025

Relating to: Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn Owner: Noah Polcyn

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th of December 2025, does ordain as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Green Lake County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 350 as amended, Article IV Zoning Districts, Section 350-26 Official Map, as relates to the Town of Brooklyn, shall be amended as follows:

Owner: Noah Polcyn, **Location:** W3251 Princeton Road, **Parcel:** 004-00839-0200. **Legal Description:** Located in the E ½ of the SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 23, T16N, R12E, Town of Brooklyn, ±10.93 acres.

Request: The owners are requesting a rezone of ±10.93 acres zoned A2, General Agriculture District, to R4, Rural Residential District. To be identified by Certified Survey Map.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 16th day of December 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 17-2025

Ayes 13, Nays 0, Absent 4, Abstain 1, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, /s/ Gene Thom, /s/ Bill Boutwell, /s/ Sue Wendt

ORDINANCE NO. 18–2025

Relating to the Adoption of the Green Lake County Farmland Preservation Plan

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of December 2025, does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative was adopted under 2009 Wisconsin Act 28 to encourage change to farmland preservation planning, including new tax credits for farmers; and,

WHEREAS, the current Green Lake County farmland preservation plan was adopted in 2016 and must be amended by December 31, 2025, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §91.10(1); however the County received a 1-year extension from the State for adoption of the plan; and,

WHEREAS, the farmland preservation plan must be part of the adopted comprehensive plan; and,

WHEREAS, a county must use the same procedures to adopt a farmland preservation plan that are used to adopt a comprehensive plan; and,

WHEREAS, The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Wisconsin, had adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of the preparation of a farmland preservation plan as required by Wis. Stat. §66.1001(4)(a).

WHEREAS, the Green Lake County Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee, by majority vote, recorded in its official minutes, recommends to the County Board the adoption of the document entitled “2025 Green Lake County Farmland Preservation Plan;” and,

WHEREAS, Green Lake County has held at least one public hearing on this ordinance, in compliance with the requirements of Wis. Stat. §66.1001(4)(d).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF GREEN LAKE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Wisconsin, does, by enactment of this ordinance, formally adopt the document entitled “2025 Green Lake County Farmland Preservation Plan”.

SECTION 2: That the 2025 Farmland Preservation Plan shall be incorporated by reference and included as an addendum to the Green Lake County Comprehensive Plan 2026 update. Both the 2025 Farmland Preservation Plan and eventually the Comprehensive Plan 2026 update may be viewed and downloaded from the Green Lake County Land Use Planning and Zoning Department’s webpage.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in contradiction of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: A copy of the Farmland Preservation Plan shall be distributed according to Wis. Stat. §66.1001(4)(b).

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors and publication as required by law.

Recommended for Approval on December 4, 2025,
by the Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee

Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 16th day of December 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 18-2025

Ayes 14, Nays 0, Absent 4, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee: /s/ Chuck Buss, /s/ Gene Thom, /s/ Bill Boutwell, /s/ Sue Wendt

ORDINANCE NO. 19–2025

Ordinance Amending Article IV Boat Launch User Fees and Creation of Prohibition on Power Loading

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of December, 2025, does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of Green Lake County that the method of loading watercraft with power from the engine (“power loading”) is causing significant damage to boat landings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that §187-11 be amended as follows:

§ 187-11 Permit required to use boat launch; **Prohibition on Power Loading.**

- A.** No person shall use any County of Green Lake County-owned or -operated boat launch facility for launching purposes without an annual or daily launching permit. The annual permit shall be valid from April 1 of the year of issuance to March 31 of the next year. The daily permit shall only be valid during the day of purchase. Daily permits will be sold through self-registration at each boat launch site. Annual permits will be sold at the County Clerk's office and all establishments approved by the Parks Commission. Boat launch sites include Margaret Dodge Memorial Park and Sunset Park.
- B.** **Power Loading Prohibited** – Watercraft must be loaded and unloaded from the watercraft trailer, or carriage or other devise used to transport said watercraft without the use of watercraft's main, auxiliary or trolling power devices. A rope, strap or similar device may be used. It shall be unlawful to otherwise launch or trailer a watercraft at any County-owned boat launch.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that § 187-12 be amended as follows:

§ 187-12 Fees; display of permit; **definitions.**

- E.** **Watercraft shall include all motorized and on-motorized boats, personal watercraft, hydroplanes, amphibious vehicles, jet skis, sailboats, hovercraft, or any other craft or vehicle used upon the water.**

Power loading is defined as the practice of putting on, or taking off, from a trailer, carriage or device, a watercraft while under motor power, whether by main, auxiliary or trolling power devices.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that § 187-15 Enforcement be amended as follows:

B. Failure to pay the fee for the launching permit, ~~or~~ to properly display the launching permit at all times that the motor vehicle is parked while the water craft is in the waters of Green Lake, **or by engaging in power loading** shall be deemed to be in violation of this article.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that § 187-17 Citation; contesting citation be amended as follows:

The Sheriff shall develop a citation for use in enforcing parking violations **or engaging in power loading** as described in Chapter 187. The citation shall provide that payment of the forfeiture shall be mailed or delivered to the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office and shall not be filed with any court. The amount of the forfeiture for such violation shall be paid in cash, money order, or bank check and shall be made payable to Green Lake County. If the defendant informs the Sheriff's Office that he or she wishes to contest the parking **or power loading** citation, the citation shall be dismissed and either a uniform traffic citation or uniform municipal citation, as applicable, shall be issued and filed with the Court.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that § 187-18 Violations and penalties be amended as follows:

Any person who shall violate any parking or **power loading** restriction under Chapter 187 shall forfeit \$50 for each violation, plus, if applicable, the costs of removal and storage of the vehicle.

A. If the \$50 prescribed above is not paid within 10 days after the citation was issued, and the citation is not contested, the forfeiture shall increase to \$100.

B. If the \$100 is not paid within 20 days of the citation, collection action for the forfeiture or proceedings to suspend the vehicle owner's registration as provided for in W.S.A. § 345.28 will be commenced, and an additional administrative fee of \$50 shall be added to the forfeiture amount, bringing the total due to \$150. **(parking violations only).**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that § 187-19 Use of Launch Fee Revenue be amended as follows:

The net revenue resulting from the sale and enforcement of launch fee permits **or enforcement of power loading violations** shall be used to establish, maintain and improve boat launch facilities within the County of Green Lake. (NR 1.91, Wis. Admin. Code).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee recommends approval

Passed and Enacted this 16th day of December 2025

Roll Call on Ordinance 19-2025

Ayes 10, Nays 4, Absent 4, Abstain 0, Vacant - 1

Submitted by Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee: /s/ Bob Schweder, /s/ Mike Skivington, /s/ Nancy Hiestand, /s/ Bill Boutwell, /s/ Nita Krenz (remote), /s/ David Albright

Reforestation Tax	Charit. /Penal	Special Charges	Special Total	District	TID Out Ratio	EMS Service	Health Department	Library Services	Bridge Aid	All Other Governmental	County Tax Total	County and Charitable	Charge Back	All Taxes/Charges Total
0.00	48.58	9,071.40	9,119.98	TOTAL		2,613,800.00	316,780.00	392,388.00	0.00	15,685,812.00	19,008,780.00	19,017,899.98	0.00	19,017,899.98
0.00	2.29	427.84	430.13	Town of Berlin	0.047164048	123,277.39	14,940.63	18,506.61	0.00	739,806.39	896,531.02	896,961.15	0.00	896,961.15
0.00	10.01	1,870.94	1,880.95	Town of Brooklyn	0.206245408	539,084.25	65,334.41	80,928.22	0.00	3,235,126.71	3,920,473.59	3,922,354.54	0.00	3,922,354.54
0.00	9.78	1,826.50	1,836.28	Town of Green Lake	0.201346658	526,279.89	63,782.59	79,006.01	0.00	3,158,285.82	3,827,354.31	3,829,190.59	0.00	3,829,190.59
0.00	1.32	245.77	247.09	Town of Kingston	0.027093104	70,815.96	8,582.55	10,631.01	0.00	424,977.34	515,006.86	515,253.95	0.00	515,253.95
0.00	1.07	199.16	200.23	Town of Mackford	0.021955109	57,386.26	6,954.94	8,614.92	0.00	344,383.71	417,339.83	417,540.06	0.00	417,540.06
0.00	1.31	243.72	245.03	Town of Manchester	0.026866773	70,224.37	8,510.86	10,542.20	0.00	421,427.15	510,704.58	510,949.61	0.00	510,949.61
0.00	1.61	301.17	302.78	Town of Marquette	0.033200037	86,778.26	10,517.11	13,027.30	0.00	520,769.54	631,092.21	631,394.99	0.00	631,394.99
0.00	6.97	1,301.13	1,308.10	Town of Princeton	0.143432589	374,904.10	45,436.58	56,281.23	0.00	2,249,856.63	2,726,478.54	2,727,786.64	0.00	2,727,786.64
0.00	0.85	157.85	158.70	Town of Saint Marie	0.017401181	45,483.21	5,512.35	6,828.01	0.00	272,951.65	330,775.22	330,933.92	0.00	330,933.92
0.00	0.78	145.93	146.71	Town of Seneca	0.016086838	42,047.78	5,095.99	6,312.28	0.00	252,335.12	305,791.17	305,937.88	0.00	305,937.88
0.00	0.33	62.46	62.79	Village of Kingston	0.006884988	17,995.98	2,181.03	2,701.59	0.00	107,996.63	130,875.23	130,938.02	0.00	130,938.02
0.00	0.32	60.53	60.85	Village of Marquette	0.006672761	17,441.26	2,113.80	2,618.31	0.00	104,667.67	126,841.04	126,901.89	0.00	126,901.89
0.00	5.14	959.45	964.59	City of Berlin	0.105766056	276,451.32	33,504.57	41,501.33	0.00	1,659,026.47	2,010,483.69	2,011,448.28	0.00	2,011,448.28
0.00	4.53	845.67	850.20	City of Green Lake	0.093223575	243,667.78	29,531.36	36,579.81	0.00	1,462,287.47	1,772,066.42	1,772,916.62	0.00	1,772,916.62
0.00	1.28	238.81	240.09	City of Markesan	0.026325114	68,808.58	8,339.27	10,329.66	0.00	412,930.79	500,408.30	500,648.39	0.00	500,648.39
0.00	0.99	184.47	185.46	City of Princeton	0.020335760	53,153.61	6,441.96	7,979.51	0.00	318,982.91	386,557.99	386,743.45	0.00	386,743.45
0.00	48.58	9,071.40	9,119.98	Totals	1.00	2,613,800.00	316,780.00	392,388.00	0.00	15,685,812.00	19,008,780.00	19,017,899.98	0.00	19,017,899.98

State ReforestationTax is based on the "TID in" Ratio.
 All County Taxes are based on the "TID out" Ratio

**TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY**

I herewith submit the annual report of the Green Lake County Treasurer's office for the period of
January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

Report on General Activity in County Treasurer's office for 2025:

	TOTAL AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT
	2024	2025
General Receipts	77,036,164.50	108,002,376.67
General Property Tax Receipts	10,000,822.68	10,299,709.89
Total Interest Received on Investments	681,557.61	726,871.06
Sales Tax Received	2,188,846.68	2,327,120.00
Withdrawal of Sales Tax funds for loan payment on bldg	1,101,853.20	1,102,346.90
Total Interest and Penalty Received on Delinquent Taxes	219,273.14	148,870.39
Boat Launch	54,483.00	52,580.00
Total General Maintenance Checks	24,786,801.22	26,847,498.70
Real Estate Transfer Fees	488,833.17	501,277.03
Total Sales Tax Wires	2,076,861.00	2,322,083.65
Repayment of Bond Loan +Interest on Loan	1,101,853.20	1,102,346.90
Repayment of Highway Loan +Interest on Loan	1,398,508.61	1,351,624.30
Withdrawals related to Payroll/Deductions/Insurance/All other expenses	61,959,822.71	90,408,713.22

Report of Cash Balance on Hand

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY

From January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Cash Balance 1-1-25	300,688.51	
Receipts - 2025	122,659,874.91	
	122,960,563.42	
Disbursements - 2025		122,533,543.80
Cash Balance 12-31-25		427,019.62
		122,960,563.42

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica McLean, County Treasurer

***FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF TAX CERTIFICATES, WHICH REPRESENT DELINQUENT TAX,
HELD BY GREEN LAKE COUNTY AS OF:**

	<u>31-Dec-22</u>	<u>31-Dec-23</u>	<u>31-Dec-24</u>
TOWN OF BERLIN	0.00	2,326.45	6,737.47
TOWN OF BROOKLYN	0.00	4,872.90	14,608.44
TOWN OF GREEN LAKE	0.00	3,099.30	17,455.29
TOWN OF KINGSTON	5,597.18	17,411.55	20,412.51
TOWN OF MACKFORD	0.00	2,803.62	3,684.34
TOWN OF MANCHESTER	1,967.56	6,268.89	6,778.99
TOWN OF MARQUETTE	0.00	4,360.44	9,953.19
TOWN PRINCETON	756.97	9,356.68	27,563.99
TOWN OF ST MARIE	0.00	3,305.96	7,858.22
TOWN OF SENECA	1,402.01	7,199.27	10,115.74
VILLAGE OF KINGSTON	0.00	1,641.05	1,630.26
VILLAGE OF MARQUETTE	0.00	1,918.48	5,433.80
CITY OF BERLIN	2,985.40	35,043.77	105,671.95
CITY OF GREEN LAKE	0.00	5,109.30	10,838.56
CITY OF MARKESAN	0.00	15,105.79	25,855.69
CITY OF PRINCETON	0.00	12,881.81	19,778.33
	<u>12,709.12</u>	<u>132,705.26</u>	<u>294,376.77</u>

TOTAL COUNTY DELINQUENT 12-31-2022

12,709.12

**\$2,017.56 in uncollected special assessments and charges included in figure

TOTAL COUNTY DELINQUENT 12-31-2023

132,705.26

**\$2,093.08 in uncollected special assessments and charges included in figure

TOTAL COUNTY DELINQUENT 12-31-2024

294,376.77

**\$11,806.72 in uncollected special assessments and charges included in figure

*See following page for graph of these figures sorted by Municipality

ACTIVITY IN THE SALES TAX ACCOUNT DURING 2025

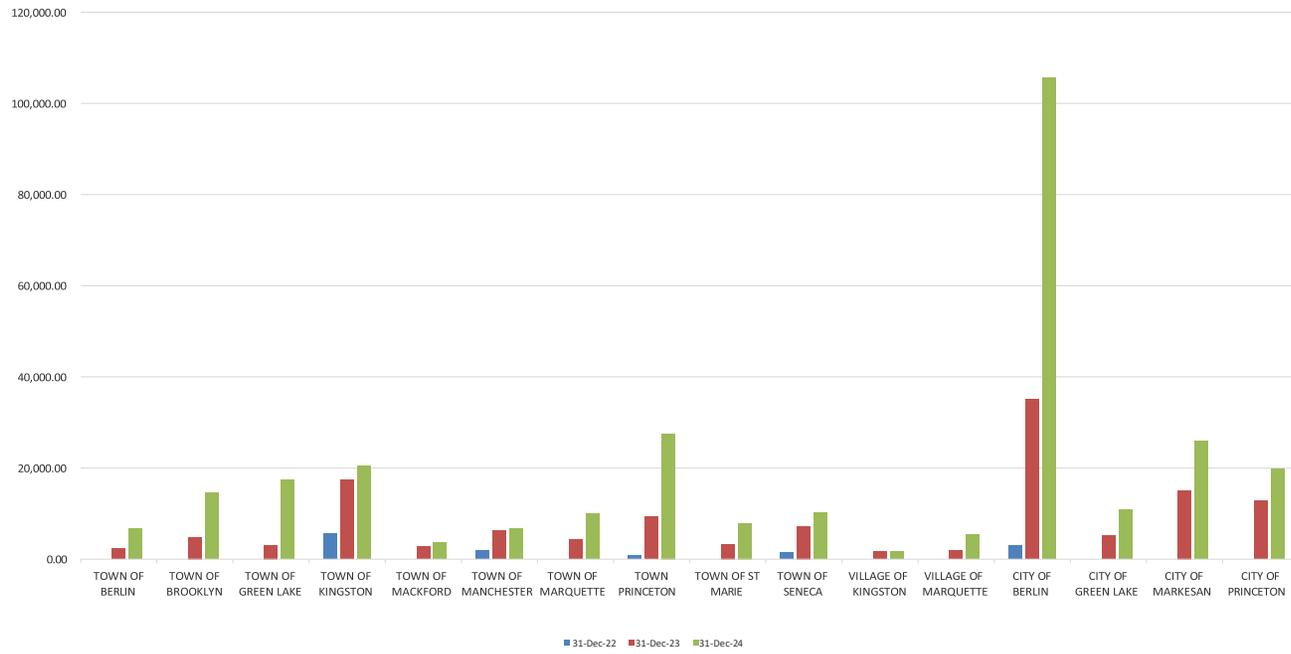
	PRINCIPLE	INTEREST	TOTAL SALES TAX
BALANCE 12/31/24			6,593,779.97
2025 COLLECTIONS	2,322,083.65	297,714.49	2,619,798.14
Loan Payments	1,102,346.90		1,102,346.90
Security Improvements	0.00		0.00
BALANCE 12/31/25	3,424,430.55	297,714.49	<u>8,111,231.21</u>

SALES TAX INVESTMENTS

Institution	PRINCIPLE	INTEREST
L.G.I.P.	8,111,231.21	3.82%
TOTAL SALES TAX FUNDS INVESTED: 12/31/2025	<u>8,111,231.21</u>	

TOTAL SALES TAX REVENUE SINCE INCEPTION, PLUS INTEREST, IS HELD IN TRUST

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