

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

October 19, 2021

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM via remote access and in person access for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair Harley Reabe. Roll call taken –Present (remotely via Zoom) – 2, Present (in person) – 12, Absent – 5 (Charles Buss-District 2, Curt Talma-District 3, Patti Garro-District 8, Don Lenz-District 13, Gene Thom-District 19)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Bob Dolgner	1
David Abendroth	4
Ken Bates	5
Brian Floeter	6
Charlie Wielgosh	7
Bill Boutwell	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Robert Schweder	12
Dennis Mulder	14
Katie Mehn (Zoom)	15
Joe Gonyo (Zoom)	16
Keith Hess	17
Richard Trochinski	18

READING OF THE CALL

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors will convene via virtual communication and in person at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin on Tuesday the 19th day of October, 2021 at 6:00 PM for the regular meeting of the Board. Monthly business to be transacted includes:

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
READING OF THE CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MINUTES OF 09/21/21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- Jon Trautman, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP – 2020 financial update
- Rachel Prellwitz, Green Lake County Health Officer – COVID-19 update
- Monthly update from County Administrator Cathy Schmit
- Justin Fischer, Baird Financial – bonding update

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 29-2021 Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$6,050,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds
- Resolution 30-2021 Resolution Approving a Boat Washing Station at Dodge Memorial Park Boat Launch
- Resolution 31-2021 Resolution Relating to Cooperation Agreement for CDBG Program
- Resolution 32-2021 Resolution Relating to Lake Planning and Protection Grant for Grand Lake
- Resolution 33-2021 Resolution Relating to Lake Planning and Protection Grant for Big Twin, Little Twin, and Spring Lakes
- Resolution 34-2021 Resolution Relating to Lake Planning Grants for Green Lake
- Resolution 35-2021 Resolution Adding Soil Conservationist I Position in the Land Conservation Department

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 31-2021 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn: Owner – Christopher & Lyn Meilahn
- Ordinance 32-2021 Rezone in the Town of Berlin: Owner – Wingate Barraclough & Stephan F. Krentz
- Ordinance 33-2021 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn: Owner – Farm & Hills Real Estate LLC

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

- EMS
- County Clerk - Insurance

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

CONSIDER MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the government body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or likely to become involved. This matter relates to the Notice of Claim/Injury of Harry Waite.

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

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON November 9, 2021

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 October, 2021.

Elizabeth A. Otto
Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.
2. Chair Reabe called for a moment of silence in honor of fallen Deputy Sheriff Bruce Williams who was killed in the line of duty 18 years ago today.

MINUTES OF 09/21/21 MEETING

3. **Motion/second (Wendt/Trochinski)** to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 County Board meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. The next meeting of the County Board will take place on November 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM with the budget hearing at 6:30 PM. A public hearing for redistricting will take place on the same date at 5:00 PM.
5. Chair Reabe stated that WCA conference reports will be given at the November meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

6. Deb Sweeney, retired employee residing at W614 State Rd 23/49, read a letter she sent to all County Board supervisors and the Berlin Journal regarding her duties working with the financial software during her employment in the IT department and with Green Lake County for 25 years. **Motion/second (Abendroth/Mulder)** to allow her to finish reading her letter after the 3 minute time limit had expired. Motion carried with no negative vote.
7. Anna Cisar of Golden Sands spoke in favor of the boat washing station proposed under Resolution 30-2021. She highlighted 3 points – the installation of one station as a test for the future, public support for the wash station, and the need to stop the spread of invasive species in area lakes.
8. Kent Delucenay, President of the Green Lake Association, urged support of both the boat washing station and the proposed new position in Land Conservation.
9. Mark Podoll, Green Lake County Sheriff, thanked Chair Reabe for the moment of silence for Bruce Williams and urged everyone to “never forget”.
10. Richard Martens, secretary of the Green Lake Association, urged support of both the boat washing station and the proposed new position in Land Conservation.

APPEARANCES

11. Rachel Prellwitz, Green Lake County Health Officer, gave an update on the COVID-19 situation in Green Lake County. She provided the supervisors with a PowerPoint presentation and gave vaccination statistics and clinic information. Discussion and questions followed.
12. Jon Trautman of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP appeared via Zoom and gave an update on the 2020 financial audit. He stated that the cash reconciling process has been completed and they are entering the final stages. He will be able to provide an on site presentation in the coming weeks. Questions and discussion followed.

13. County Administrator Cathy Schmit updated the Board on recent activities in her office including the EMS process, ARPA funding, the 2022 budget, health insurance for the coming year, redistricting, and an employee update.
14. Jordan Masnica of Baird Financial appeared in place of Justin Fischer to update the Board on the current bonding process. He gave an overview of the current financials and the prospective refinancing of the 2013A bonds. There is a potential savings of approximately \$370,000 with an estimated interest rate of 1.80%.

RESOLUTIONS

15. Resolution 29-2021 Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$6,050,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. **Motion/second (Abendroth/Mulder)** to adopt Resolution 29-2021. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 29-2021 – Ayes – 13, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 6 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Gonyo (internet issues), Thom). Resolution 29-2021 passed as adopted.
16. Resolution 30-2021 Resolution Approving a Boat Washing Station at Dodge Memorial Park Boat Launch. **Motion/second (Schweder/Trochinski)** to adopt Resolution 30-2021. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 30-2021 – Ayes – 13, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 6 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Gonyo (internet issues), Thom). Resolution 30-2021 passed as adopted.
17. Resolution 31-2021 Resolution Relating to Cooperation Agreement for CDBG Program. **Motion/second (Abendroth/Mulder)** to adopt Resolution 31-2021. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 31-2021 – Ayes – 13, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 6 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Gonyo (internet issues), Thom). Resolution 31-2021 passed as adopted.
18. Resolution 32-2021 Resolution Relating to Lake Planning and Protection Grant for Grand Lake. **Motion/second (Hess/Dolgner)** to adopt Resolution 32-2021. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 32-2021 – Ayes – 13, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 6 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Gonyo (internet issues), Thom). Resolution 32-2021 passed as adopted.
19. Resolution 33-2021 Resolution Relating to Lake Planning and Protection Grant for Big Twin, Little Twin, and Spring Lakes. **Motion/second (Bates/Floeter)** to adopt Resolution 33-2021. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 33-2021 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Thom). Resolution 33-2021 passed as adopted.
20. Resolution 34-2021 Resolution Relating to Lake Planning and Protection Grants for Green Lake. **Motion/second (Wendt/Bates)** to adopt Resolution 34-2021. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 34-2021 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Thom). Resolution 34-2021 passed as adopted.
21. Resolution 35-2021 Resolution Adding Soil Conservationist I Position in the Land Conservation Department. **Motion/second (Wielgosh/Mulder)** to adopt Resolution 35-2021. Discussion held. **Motion/second (Schweder/Mulder)** to allow County Conservationist Paul Gunderson to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. Gunderson explained the need for the reinstated position. Roll call vote on

motion to adopt Resolution 35-2021 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Thom). Resolution 35-2021 passed as adopted.

ORDINANCES

22. Ordinance 31-2021 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn: Owner – Christopher & Lyn Meilahn. **Motion/second (Abendroth/Mulder)** to enact Ordinance 31-2021. No discussion. Roll vote on motion to enact Ordinance 31-2021 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Thom). Ordinance 31-2021 passed as enacted.
23. Ordinance 32-2021 Rezone in the Town of Berlin: Owner – Wingate Barraclough & Stephan F. Krentz. **Motion/second (Wendt/Floeter)** to enact Ordinance 32-2021. No discussion. Roll vote on motion to enact Ordinance 32-2021 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Thom). Ordinance 32-2021 passed as enacted.
24. Ordinance 33-2021 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn: Owner – Farm & Hills Real Estate LLC. **Motion/second (Wendt/Dolgner)** to enact Ordinance 33-2021. No discussion. Roll vote on motion to enact Ordinance 33-2021 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Thom). Ordinance 33-2021 passed as enacted.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

25. EMS
- Transfer \$20,000 out of contingency to EMS-Contracted Services for legal counsel and consultation fees.
- Motion/second (Trochinski/Wielgosh)** to approve the budget adjustment as presented. **Motion/second (Floeter/Mulder)** to amend the budget adjustment to reduce the amount to \$8,000. Roll call vote on motion to amend – Ayes - 12, Nays – 2 (Wielgosh, Hess), Abstain - 0, Absent – 5 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Thom). Roll call vote on motion to approve as amended – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Thom).
26. County Clerk
- Transfer \$3,000 out of contingency to the insurance budget for underwriting fees to ETF for health insurance.
- Motion/second (Schweder/Abendroth)** to approve the budget adjustment as presented. Roll call vote on motion to approve – Ayes - 14, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent – 5 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Thom).

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

27. Chair Reabe appointed Joy Waterbury to the Regional Coordinating Committee (RCC) and the Family Resource Council. **Motion/second (Abendroth/Wendt)** to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

CLOSED SESSION

28. ***Motion/second (Abendroth/Mulder)*** to convene into Closed Session per Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved. This matter relates to the Notice of Claim/Injury of Harry Wait. Roll call vote – Ayes - 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Thom).
29. ***Motion/second (Trochinski/Boutwell)*** to reconvene into Open Session to take action, if appropriate, on matters discussed in closed session. Roll call vote – Ayes - 14, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent – 5 (Buss, Talma, Garro, Lenz, Thom).

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON November 9, 2021

30. Chair Reabe stated there will be no department reports. Supervisors that attended the WCA conference will give brief reports.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

31. None

ADJOURN

32. Chairman Reabe adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Otto
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County Clerk