

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

November 14, 2023

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, November 14, 2023 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 – 2 (Curt Talma – District 3, Joe Gonyo – District 16)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann	1
Charles Buss	2
David Abendroth	4
Ken Bates	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
Luke Dretske (remote)	17
Richard Trochinski (remote)	18
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
READING OF THE CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MINUTES OF 10/17/2023 MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- WCA conference reports from attending supervisors
- Monthly Update from County Administrator Cate Wylie

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 22-2023 Relating to Cancellation of Outstanding Checks
- Resolution 23-2023 Resolution in Opposition to Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau 2023 Bill proposal LRB-3518/1

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 PM

- Recess for Public Hearing on 2024 Budget and 2023 Property Tax Levy at 6:30 PM. Regular business will resume at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDIN 2024 BUDGET AND 2023 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

- Resolution 24-2023 Relating to 2024 Budget and 2023 Property Tax Levy

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 15-2023 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – Owners: Dennis & Mary McConnell

CLOSED SESSION

- Move into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1) (e) deliberating or negotiation 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 purchase of land

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON December 19, 2023

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, 2023

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES OF 10/17/2023 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Lenz/Wendt)** to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. Chair Abendroth invited all supervisors to a Holiday Mixer and Viewing Party to see the Uniquely Wisconsin shorts showcasing 3 area businesses on December 7 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Thrasher Opera House. This event is hosted by Green Lake Country Visitors Bureau.

4. The next meeting of the County Board will take place on December 19, 2023 at 4:30 PM.
5. County Clerk Liz Otto introduced the new Deputy County Clerk and County Board assistant Karissa Block and also provided the supervisors with candidate information regarding their re-election in April of 2024. Supervisors were also reminded to turn in any per diem payments by November 17 in order for the payments to be coded to 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

6. Taylor Haag, Green Lake Association Watershed Engagement Manager, gave an update on the boat wash station program at Dodge Memorial County Park.

APPEARANCES

7. Supervisors Nancy Hoffmann, Chuck Buss, Bill Boutwell, Nita Krenz, and Charlie Wielgosh gave overviews of the seminars they attended at the annual WCA conference in September.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 PM

8. **Motion/second (Buss/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 2024 budget. Motion carried with no negative vote.
9. Finance Committee Chairman Harley Reabe conducted the Public Hearing. County Administrator Cate Wylie briefly summarized the 2024 Budget. Discussion held.
10. **Motion/second (Schweder/Lenz)** to dissolve at 6:53 PM 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.

APPEARANCES (continued)

11. County Administrator Cate Wylie provided a verbal update to her submitted written report including employee appreciation and Bamboo HR. She stated that the 2022 audit reports are being sent this week and should be ready for presentation at the December meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

12. Resolution 22-2023 Relating to Cancellation of Outstanding Checks. **Motion/second (Reabe/Buss)** to adopt Resolution 22-2023. No discussion. Roll vote on motion to adopt Resolution 22-2023 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Gonyo). Resolution 22-2023 passed as adopted.
13. Supervisor Luke Dretske joined the meeting in person at 7:03 PM.

14. Resolution 23-2023 Resolution in Opposition to Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau 2023 Bill Proposal LRB-3518/1. **Motion/second (Schweder/Mulder)** to adopt Resolution 23-2023. Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann explained the resolution and the background issues. Discussion held. **Motion/second (Schweder/Bates)** to include verbiage to send a copy of the resolution to all counties, Wisconsin Counties Association, the legislature, Governor, and the secretary of the DNR. Motion carried via voice vote with no negative vote. Motion carried. Roll vote on motion to adopt Resolution 23-2023 as amended – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Gonyo). Resolution 23-2023 passed as adopted.

OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING 2024 BUDGET AND 2023 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

15. Chair Abendroth opened the floor for discussion regarding the 2024 budget. Discussion held. County Administrator Cate Wylie and Finance Director Ken Stephani answered questions.

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

16. Resolution 24-2023 Relating to 2024 Budget and 2023 Property Tax Levy. **Motion/second (Mulder/Boutwell)** to adopt Resolution 24-2023. **Motion/second (Reabe/Dretske)** to amend Line 21 of the resolution to reduce the overall levy by \$6,779 to \$18,336,756 due to removal of bridge aids. Motion carried via voice vote with no negative vote. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 24-2023 as amended – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Gonyo). Resolution 24-2023 passed as adopted.

ORDINANCES

17. Ordinance 15-2023 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – Owners: Dennis & Mary McConnell. **Motion/second (Buss/Thom)** to enact Ordinance 15-2023. No discussion. Roll vote on motion to enact Ordinance 15-2023 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 1, Abstain – 1 (Lenz), Absent – 2 (Talma, Gonyo). Ordinance 15-2023 passed as enacted.

CLOSED SESSION

18. Move into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1) (e) to deliberate or negotiate 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 purchase of land.

Motion/second (Thom/Bates) to move into Closed Session at 7:37 PM. Roll vote on motion to – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Gonyo). Motion carried.

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

19. **Motion/second (Thom/Dretske)** to reconvene into Open Session. Roll vote on motion – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Gonyo). Motion carried. No action taken in Closed Session.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

20. Chair Abendroth made the following appointments:
- Sara Abbott, Jenice Mischler, Maria Perz, Craig Larson, Isabel Williston, Lacy Dix, and Ann Schnyder to the Family Resource Council.

Motion/second (Buss/Reabe) to approve the appointments. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON December 19, 2023

21. Chair Abendroth stated that members of the Railroad Consortium and the WinneFox Library will give a presentation along with IT.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

22. None

ADJOURN

23. *Motion/second (Schweder/Floeter)* to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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