

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

April 16, 2024

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in organizational session, Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 9:00 AM via remote access and in person access for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by County Clerk Liz Otto. Roll call taken – Present (in person) – 17, Absent – 1 (Don Lenz-District 13), Vacant – 1 (District 15)

<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
Dennis Mulder	14
Joe Gonyo	16
Luke Dretske	17
Richard Trochinski	18
Gene Thom	19

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 16th day of April, 2024 at 9:00 AM for the organizational meeting of the Board. Business to be transacted includes:

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
OATH OF OFFICE – JUDGE MARK SLATE
ELECTION OF CHAIR
ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR
ELECTION OF HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
INTRODUCTION OF COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF 03/19/2024 MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
ORGANIZATION DIRECTION TO COMMITTEES AND ADOPTION OF ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER
APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT #15 SUPERVISOR – NITA KRENZ
PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)
APPEARANCES

- Monthly Update from County Administrator Cate Wylie
- Conservation Poster Contest Awards – 9:45
- Student appearances relating to County Government Day – 10:30

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR 2023

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 07-2024 Recognition of Service to the Green Lake County Board

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 03-2024 Rezone in the Town of Green Lake – Owner: Billy Jackowski
- Ordinance 04-2024 Rezone in the Town of Berlin – Owner: Michael Mehn
- Ordinance 05-2024 Rezone in the Town of Berlin – Owner: SX Blasting Real Estate LLC
- Ordinance 06-2024 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – Owner: American Baptist Assembly

2023 ANNUAL REPORTS

DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMITTEE CONSOLIDATION (15 MINUTE LIMIT)

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

- Flex Spending Account

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON May 21, 2024

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 April, 2024

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

OATH OF OFFICE – JUDGE MARK SLATE

2. Circuit Court Judge Mark Slate issued the Oath of Office to all supervisors. County Clerk Liz Otto requested that all supervisors sign the printed oath so it can be placed on file in the County Clerk's office.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

County Clerk Liz Otto called for nominations for County Board Chair.

2. **Motion/second (Thom/Wielgosh)** to nominate David Abendroth for Chair. Clerk Otto called for any additional nominations 3 times. **Motion/second (Buss/Schweder)** to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dave Abendroth as Chair. Motion carried with no negative vote.
3. Chair Abendroth was seated to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

5. Chair Abendroth called for nominations for County Board Vice Chair. Deputy County Clerk Karissa Block and Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann will act as tellers.
6. Supervisor Dretske nominated Gene Thom for Vice Chair. Supervisor Mulder nominated Bob Schweder for Vice Chair. Chair Abendroth called for any additional nominations 3 times. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to close the nominations. Motion carried with no negative vote. Votes compiled by secret ballot and tallied by tellers. Final results: Bob Schweder – 9, Gene Thom – 8. Bob Schweder declared as Vice Chair.

ELECTION OF HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

7. Chair Abendroth advised this committee will consist of 5 members and called for nominations. Nominations received as follows: Supervisor Chuck Buss nominated Dennis Mulder, Supervisor Bob Schweder nominated Chuck Buss, Supervisor Chuck Buss nominated Bob Schweder, Supervisor Bob Schweder nominated Charlie Wielgosh, Supervisor Sue Wendt nominated Bill Boutwell, Supervisor Luke Dretske nominated himself, and Supervisor Bob Schweder nominated Harley Reabe. Chair Abendroth called for additional nominations 3 times. Tellers required for secret ballot to determine the 5 seats with 7 nominations. Final results with highest votes – Buss-17, Reabe-14, Wielgosh-14, Mulder-13, Schweder-11, Boutwell-8, Dretske-7. **Motion/second (Buss/Trochinski)** to accept the results of Buss, Reabe, Wielgosh, Mulder and Schweder as the Highway Committee. Motion carried with no negative vote.

MINUTES OF 03/19/2024 MEETING

8. **Motion/second (Buss/Trochinski)** to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 County Board meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. The next meeting of the County Board will take place on May 21, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

ORGANIZATION DIRECTION TO COMMITTEES AND ADOPTION OF ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

10. Chair Abendroth stated that the committees will be chosen by the Chair, Vice Chair and County Administrator. He reminded all supervisors that a Chair and Vice Chair will need to be elected at the first meeting of each committee and will remain in that position for the two year term ending in 2026. **Motion/second (Schweder/Wendt)** to adopt Roberts Rules of Order for the two year term. Discussion held. **Motion/second (Dretske/Hiestand)** to change the regular meeting time to 6:00 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Roll call vote – Ayes – 6 (Hoffmann, Buss, Floeter, Hiestand, Wendt, Dretske), Nays - 11, Vacant – 1, Absent – 1 (Lenz), Abstain - 0. Motion failed.
11. Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann provided an overview of a few of the current rules including the inability to chair a meeting remotely, conflicts of interest, and the absence of a quorum. Voice vote on original motion to adopt Roberts Rules of Order carried with no negative vote.

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT #15 SUPERVISOR – NITA KRENZ

12. Chair Abendroth stated that the write-in candidate from District #15 has declined the position so therefore he is appointing Nita Krenz to fill the position for the two year term. **Motion/second (Thom/Boutwell)** to approve the appointment. Roll call vote – Ayes – 17, Nays - 0, Vacant – 1, Absent – 1 (Lenz), Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

13. Mary Neubauer, City Administrator in the City of Princeton, spoke in regard to an upcoming ARPA request for beautification enhancements for the cities and villages within Green Lake County. There will be a presentation at the April Finance meeting to request approximately \$100,000.

APPEARANCES

14. Todd Morris, County Conservationist, spoke in regard to the poster contest that the Land Conservation Department sponsors each year. The theme this year was “May the Forest Be With You Always”. Morris introduced the winners and presented a plaque to Ainsley Stapleton for also winning 1st place at the county, area, and state level.
15. County Administrator Cate Wylie expanded on her submitted report stating that she attended the WCA Opioid Summit with HHS Director Jason Jerome, the Wisconsin Rural Economic Summit through UWEX, and took part in the Uniquely Wisconsin podcast. Strategic planning is underway as well.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR 2023

16. 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: Dean Anderson, Jason Kerr, Jacob Koepke, Rachel Prellwitz, Randy Scherbarth, Brandi Schreiber, Joy Schwark, Hiedi Westenberger, and Jason Young

10 years: Jennifer Dille, Kristen Dorsch, Jason Jerome, Angie Smit, and Zachary Walker.

15 years: Shannon Jahsman, Liz Otto, Adam Quade, Daniel Steckbauer, Sherri Wandersee, and Scott Weir

20 years: Matthew Thill

25 years: Mark Podoll

30 years – Mitzi Putzke

35 years – Vanessa Schultz

RESOLUTIONS

17. Resolution 07-2024 Recognition of Service to the Green Lake County Board. ***Motion/second (Dretske/Thom)*** to adopt Resolution 07-2024 with the removal of Nita Krenz as she will continue to serve on the Board. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 07-2024 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lenz), Abstain – 0, Vacant – 1. Resolution 07-2024 passed as adopted.
18. ***Motion/second (Thom/Reabe)*** to recess at 10:05 AM to allow for student government report preparation. Motion carried with no negative vote.
19. Chair Abendroth reconvened the meeting at 10:36 AM.
20. Each County Board Supervisor introduced themselves along with the district they serve.
21. Veteran’s Service Officer Jon Vandeyacht introduced the students from the 4 area high schools attending Student Government Day. Each group of students gave a report on the departments they visited earlier in the morning.

ORDINANCES

22. Ordinance 03-2024 Rezone in the Town of Green Lake – Owner: Billy Jackowski. ***Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)*** to enact Ordinance 03/2024. No discussion. Roll vote on motion to enact Ordinance 03-2024 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lenz), Abstain – 0, Vacant – 1. Ordinance 03-2024 passed as enacted.

23. Ordinance 04-2024 Rezone in the Town of Berlin – Owner: Michael Mehn. **Motion/second (Thom/Mulder)** to enact Ordinance 04-2024. No discussion. Roll vote on motion to enact Ordinance 04-2024 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lenz), Abstain – 0, Vacant – 1. Ordinance 04-2024 passed as enacted.
24. Ordinance 05-2024 Rezone in the Town of Berlin – Owner: SX Blasting Real Estate LLC. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to enact Ordinance 05-2024. No discussion. Roll vote on motion to enact Ordinance 05-2024 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lenz), Abstain – 0, Vacant – 1. Ordinance 05-2024 passed as enacted.
25. Ordinance 06-2024 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – Owner: American Baptist Assembly. **Motion/second (Thom/Reabe)** to enact Ordinance 06-2024. No discussion. Roll vote on motion to enact Ordinance 06-2024 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lenz), Abstain – 0, Vacant – 1. Ordinance 06-2024 passed as enacted.

2023 ANNUAL REPORTS

26. **Motion/second (Reabe/Trochinski)** to accept the 2023 annual reports as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMITTEE CONSOLIDATION (15 MINUTE LIMIT)

27. Chair Abendroth opened the floor for discussion regarding the proposed changes as outlined in the packet. Questions answered by County Administrator Cate Wylie.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

28. Flex spending account – move \$2,000 out of contingency to cover the cost of FSA management. **Motion/second (Reabe/Trochinski)** to approve the budget adjustment. Roll call vote – Ayes - 17, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lenz), Vacant – 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

29. Chair Abendroth recommended the following appointments with the Board’s approval:
- Nick Sina to the Princeton Library Board with a term ending 04/20/2026.
30. **Motion/second (Thom/Buss)** to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON May 21, 2024

31. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

32. None

ADJOURN

33. ***Motion/second (Reabe/Buss)*** to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Otto

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County Clerk