

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

November 12, 2024

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in annual session, Tuesday, November 12, 2024 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 – 18, Absent – Richard Trochinski-District 18

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann	1
Charles Buss	2
Curt Talma (remote)	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 10/15/2024 MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- Evan Vandenlangenburg, EMS Director – Berlin Emergency Medical Services
- Joel Strahota, SGLC EMS Director – Southern Green Lake County EMS
- Monthly Update from County Administrator Cate Wylie

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 PM

- Recess for Public Hearing on 2025 Budget and 2024 Property Tax Levy at 6:30 PM. Regular business will resume at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDIN 2025 BUDGET AND 2024 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 24-2024 Relating to 2025 Budget and 2024 Property Tax Levy

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON December 17, 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 1st day of November, 2024

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES OF 10/15/2024 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Reabe/Thom)** to approve the minutes of the October 15, 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 December 17, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

4. **Motion/second (Schweder/Lenz)** to suspend the rules and allow Sheriff Mark Podoll to exceed the 3 minute limit for public comment. Motion carried with no negative vote.
5. Sheriff Mark Podoll provided an update to the County Board regarding the ongoing investigation into the alleged drowning on August 12, 2024. Podoll thanked his entire department as well as the community for their support as they continue to seek answers in this case.

6. Taylor Wallace, Deputy Sheriff and WPPA union representative, informed the County Board that the contract negotiations for the WPPA union members are not going well despite the information they have received. He cited lack of communication including failure to attend scheduled meetings and unanswered emails. The contract expires on 12/31/2024.
7. Luke Dretske, former Supervisor #17 who currently resides at 412 Sandmar Lane in Ripon, referred to a recent Sound Off in the Berlin Journal newspapers regarding an alleged obscene gesture made by a Green Lake County employee. Dretske confirmed that the person making the gesture was the County Administrator and that it was directed at him. Dretske asked that this be placed in her personnel file.

APPEARANCES

8. Evan Vandenlangenburg, Director of Berlin Emergency Medical Services, stated that Berlin EMS currently has 17 full time employees but are still short 1 paramedic. He informed the County Board that they had just over 1800 calls in 2023 and expects about the same for 2024. Discussion held on transfer revenues and the process involved.
9. Joel Strahota, Director of Southern Green Lake County Emergency Medical Services, stated that SGLC EMS is projecting approximately 540 calls for 2024. They currently have no full time employees but are trying to hire the first one as a paramedic. SGLC EMS runs one ambulance for the entire southern end of the county which includes 8 municipalities. SGLC EMS is a 911 service only – they do not do transfers at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 PM

10. ***Motion/second (Thom/Buss)*** 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 2025 budget. Motion carried with no negative vote.
11. Finance and Insurance Committee Chairman Harley Reabe conducted the Public Hearing. County Administrator Cate Wylie gave an overview of the various roles involved in setting the budget as outlined by statute, ordinance, and WCA trainings. Several Green Lake County employees spoke in regard to the budget process this year. Discussion held.
12. ***Motion/second (Buss/Schweder)*** to dissolve at 7:28 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)

13. County Administrator Cate Wylie summarized her submitted monthly written report.

OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING 2025 BUDGET AND 2024 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

14. This item was previously discussed during the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTIONS

15. Resolution 24-2024 Relating to 2025 Budget and 2024 Property Tax Levy. ***Motion/second (Schweder/Hess)*** to adopt Resolution 24-2024. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 24-2024 – Ayes – 12, Nays – 6 (Floeter, Wendt, Reabe, Wielgosh, Lenz, Gonyo), Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Trochinski). Resolution 24-2024 passed as adopted.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

16. Chair Abendroth made the following appointments:

- Transportation Coordinating Committee – Sarah Theel and Mark Wilton with a term ending 04/14/2025
- Economic Development Corporation – Chris Foos and Tim Ludolph with a term ending 04/20/2026.

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

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON December 17, 2024

17. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

18. None

ADJOURN

19. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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