

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

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

MINUTES OF 01/28/2025 MEETING

2. ***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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

5. None

APPEARANCES

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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

14. ***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

15. ***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

16. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

17. To be determined

ADJOURN

18. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 5:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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