

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in organizational session, Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 9:00 AM 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 – 16, Absent – 2 (Talma and Wielgosh), Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann	1
Charles Buss	2
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Brian Floeter	6
Bob Schweder	7
Nancy Hiestand	8
Bill Boutwell	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
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 03/18/25 MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIZATION DIRECTION TO COMMITTEES

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- Monthly update from Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome
- Derek Mashuda, Highway Commissioner – Highway Department update
- Conservation Poster contest Awards – 9:45
- Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel – legal update and Act 235
- Student appearances relating to County Government Day – 10:30

WCA VIDEO – WHAT ARE COUNTIES?

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR 2024

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY FORM OF GOVERNMENT

DISCUSSION REGARDING HUMAN RESOURCES OPTIONS

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 04-2025 Support for Increasing Base Funding for County Conservation Staffing to \$20.02 Million
- Resolution 05-2025 In Support of Reauthorization of State funding for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program
- Resolution 06-2025 Relating to WI DNR Surface Water Grant for Twin Lakes AIS Population Management
- Resolution 07-2025 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$29,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes

2024 ANNUAL REPORTS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON May 20, 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 9th day of April, 2025

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES OF 03/18/2025 MEETING

2. ***Motion/second (Lenz/Wendt)*** to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. Chair Abendroth stated that today is Student Government Day and all supervisors are invited to attend the lunch at the American Legion building in Green Lake.
4. Chair Abendroth stated that he is looking for applicants to fill the remainder of the term for District 18 County Board Supervisor. Anyone interested should contact him directly.
5. The next County Board meeting will take place on May 20, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

ORGANIZATION DIRECTION TO COMMITTEES

6. Chair Abendroth stated that all committees and chairs will remain the same until April of 2026 as outlined in the County Board rules

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

7. Bur Zeratsky, N5602 County Rd A, Green Lake WI commented on Resolution 5-2025
8. Rebecca Elliman, 450 Morris St, Berlin WI spoke on social safety nets

APPEARANCES

9. Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome provided a monthly update.
10. Derek Mashuda, Highway Commissioner, appeared to provide an update on the activities of the Highway Department.
11. Todd Morris, County Conservationist presented the awards for the 2025 poster contest.
12. Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel, discussed Act 235, RFP Process and the Government Modules. Discussion held regarding County Administrator or Coordinator.
13. Jon Vandeyacht, Veterans Service Officer, introduced the students from the area schools attending Student Government Day. Reports from each department that the students visited were given.

WCA VIDEO – WHAT ARE COUNTIES?

14. A 3 minute video from the Wisconsin Counties Association was shown entitled “What Are Counties?”

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR 2024

15. 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: Gary Anderson, Marlise Gonzalez, Connor Hunter, Elizabeth Meyer, Richard “Poncho” Treder, and Sarah Petit

10 years: Rachel Belter, Tara Eichstedt, Jason Franke, Aaron Wagner, Heidi Weishaar, Nichol Wienkes, and Brook Zank

20 years: Jennifer Benso, Scott Cody, Matt Kirkman, Melissa Roth, Lisa Schiessl, Gerald Stanuch, and Rebecca Voeltner

25 years: Roxanne Haedt, Todd Morris, and Matt Vandekolk

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY FORM OF GOVERNMENT

16. Members of the board discussed the pros and cons of Administrator or Coordinator. **Motion/second (Floeter/Hess)** to instruct Corporation Council to move forward with drafting documentation that would move the county to an Administrative Coordinator model and refer this matter back to the Administrative Committee. Roll call vote on motion – Ayes – 15, Nays – 1 (Hoffmann), Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma and Wielgosh), Vacant - 1. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION REGARDING HUMAN RESOURCES OPTIONS

17. County Clerk Liz Otto and Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome met with a potential consultant. Discussion held on whether the county should consider hiring a consultant or in-house employee for HR.

RESOLUTIONS

18. Resolution 04-2025 Support for Increasing Base Funding for County Conservation Staffing to \$20.02 Million. **Motion/second (Schweder/Mulder)** to suspend the rules to allow County Conservationist Todd Morris to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. **Motion/second (Buss/Krenz)** to adopt Resolution 04-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 04-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma and Wielgosh), Vacant - 1. Resolution 04-2025 passed as adopted.
19. Resolution 05-2025 In Support of Reauthorization of State Funding for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. **Motion/second (Thom/Krenz)** to adopt Resolution 05-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 05-2025 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 1 (Reabe), Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma and Wielgosh), Vacant - 1. Resolution 05-2025 passed as adopted.
20. Resolution 06-2025 Relating to WI DNR Surface Water Grant for Twin Lakes AIS Population Management. **Motion/second (Boutwell/Buss)** to adopt Resolution 06-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 06-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma and Wielgosh), Vacant - 1. Resolution 06-2025 passed as adopted.
21. Resolution 07-2025 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$29,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to adopt Resolution 07-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 07-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma and Wielgosh), Vacant - 1. Resolution 07-2025 passed as adopted.

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22. Chair Abendroth stated that the reports were available on the website for review. **Motion/second (Reabe/Lenz)** to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

23. Chair Abendroth requested a motion to approve the following appointments:
- Sue Shemanski and Terri Maul to the Health Advisory Board for a term ending 04/15/2027

Motion/second (Schweder/Mulder) to approve the appointments. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON May 20, 2025

24. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

25. To be determined

ADJOURN

26. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 12:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Block

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Deputy County Clerk