

# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

## *BOARD PROCEEDINGS*

### *REGULAR MEETING*

*November 12, 2025*

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in annual session, Wednesday, November 12, 2025 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 – 1 (Curt Talma-District 3), 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
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 10/21/25 MEETING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

#### APPEARANCES

- Monthly update from Interim County Manager Jason Jerome
- Jon Trautman, CLA – 2024 Final Audit

#### PUBLIC HEARING

- Recess for Public Hearing on 2026 Budget and 2025 Property Tax Levy at 6:30 PM. Regular business will resume at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING 2026 BUDGET AND 2025 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

#### RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 24-2025 Authorizing Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes for the Highway Building Project
- Resolution 25-2025 Relating to 2026 Budget and 2025 Property Tax Levy
- Resolution 26-2025 Relating to Adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the Update of the Comprehensive Planning Process for Green Lake County, Wisconsin

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY CLERK RETIREMENT

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

#### DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON December 16, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2025.

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### MINUTES OF 10/21/2025 MEETING

2. ***Motion/second (Lenz/Mulder)*** to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2025 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next County Board meeting will take place on December 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM.
4. County Clerk Liz Otto provided information and packets to the supervisors regarding their re-election paperwork for the April 7, 2026 election. Any incumbent not running for re-election should fill out a Declaration of Non-Candidacy and turn that in no later than December 26, 2025.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

5. None

## APPEARANCES

6. **Motion/second (Reabe/Schweder)** to move the audit presentation up on the agenda. Motion carried with no negative vote.
7. Jon Trautman, Principal for CLA, Inc. provided an overview of the 2024 financial audit. Trautman stated that CLA has issued an unmodified clean opinion for 2024. He went on to explain the audit findings in detail and stated that 37% of the general fund balance is being carried over with 20%-25% being considered a health benchmark. Trautman and Amber Drewieske, Principal for CLA (appearing remotely) thanked the financial team for their cooperation, willingness to learn, and increased understanding of the audit responsibilities moving forward. Trautman sees no major changes in the next few years.
8. Interim County Manager Jason Jerome reviewed his written report in the packet.

## PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 PM

9. **Motion/second (Lenz/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 2026 budget. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Finance and Insurance Committee Chairman Harley Reabe conducted the Public Hearing. Interim County Manager Jason Jerome gave an overview of the budget and explained the process through a PowerPoint presentation. Jerome also advised the Board that an update to the County Board Rules will be forthcoming in regard to budget publication requirements. Discussion held.

11. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to dissolve at 6:55PM 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.

## OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING 2026 BUDGET AND 2025 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

12. Discussion and questions were covered in previous agenda item.

## RESOLUTIONS

13. Resolution 24-2025 Initial Resolution Authorizing Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes for the Highway Building Project. **Motion/second (Buss/Mulder)** to adopt Resolution 24-2025. Interim County Manager Jason Jerome stated this is additional funds which may be required above the original \$29,000,000 to meet the final estimate. This is a “not to exceed” amount and does not obligate the county to bond for the total amount if not needed at the end of the project. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 24-2025 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Talma), Vacant - 1. Resolution 24-2025 passed as adopted.

14. Resolution 25-2025 Relating to 2026 Budget and 2025 Property Tax Levy. **Motion/second (Lenz/Skivington)** to adopt Resolution 25-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 25-2025 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Talma), Vacant - 1. Resolution 25-2025 passed as adopted.
15. Resolution 26-2025 Relating to Adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the Update of the Comprehensive Planning Process for Green Lake County, Wisconsin. **Motion/second (Buss/Thom)** to adopt Resolution 25-2025. Supervisor Buss explained that this resolution is required by state statute. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 26-2025 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Talma), Vacant - 1. Resolution 26-2025 passed as adopted.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY CLERK RETIREMENT

16. County Clerk Liz Otto has submitted a letter to Sheriff Mark Podoll as required by statute notifying the county of her impending retirement effective February 27, 2026. **Motion/second (Schweder/Reabe)** to proceed with the appointment process to fill the remainder of the term as outlined by state statute. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to move forward with the appointment process – Ayes – 16, Nays – 1 (Hoffmann), Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Talma), Vacant - 1. Motion passed.

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

17. Chair Abendroth requested a motion and vote to approve the following appointments:
  - Central Wisconsin Housing Region Committee – County Board Chair and County Clerk as an open ended appointment. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to approve the appointments as recommended. Motion carried with no negative vote.

#### DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON December 16, 2025

18. Chair Abendroth stated that IT will do a presentation in December.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

19. To be determined.

#### ADJOURN

20. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Elizabeth Otto*

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