

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

February 17, 2026

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 4:30 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 – 16, Absent – 2 (Curt Talma-District 3, Joe Gonyo-District 16), Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann (remote)	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
Keith Hess	17
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF 12/16/25 MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE

- Wisconsin Historical Society – Upper Lone tree Farm Historic District

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- Monthly update from County Manager Jason Jerome
- Sheriff Mark Podoll – Collaboration with Federal partners

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY CLERK – SAMANTHA STOBBE

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 01-2026 Resolution creating an Opioid Task Force to Distribute Opioid Settlement Funds
- Resolution 02-2026 Resolution Creating a Retention Bonus Program for Corrections and Communications Staff within the Sheriff's Office
- Resolution 03-2026 Resolution Relating to Sustainable Transportation Funding
- Resolution 04-2026 Resolution Requesting Wisconsin Counties Association Lobby State Legislature and Governor on Legislation for Greater Local Control for Wisconsin Counties
- Resolution 05-2026 resolution in Opposition to Wisconsin Assembly Bill 1033

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 01-2026 Relating to Rezone in the Town of Marquette – Lloyd L. Miller, Jr.
- Ordinance 02-2026 amending Green Lake County §9-5, Annual Meeting

BUDGET AJUSTMENT

- Sheriff's Office

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON March 17, 2026

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 13th day of February, 2026.

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES OF 12/16/2025 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Buss/Reabe)** to approve the minutes of the December 16, 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 March 17, 2026 at 4:30 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

4. Chair Abendroth referred all supervisors to review the letter from the Wisconsin Historical Society included in the packet. This is in regard to consideration of the Upper Lone Tree Farm Historic District for

nomination to the Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places. The matter will be considered at the February 27, 2026 meeting of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

5. Kenneth Knight, 580 South St., Green Lake, spoke against Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act which allows U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to enter into agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies to delegate federal immigration enforcement authority to trained officers.
6. Marian Sobieski, 417 Union St., Green Lake, spoke regarding his concern for ICE tactics used within Green Lake County and requested more information regarding the policies enforced by Green Lake County law enforcement.
7. Taylor Haag Strauser, Assistant Director of the Green Lake Association, thanked the County Board for proposing Resolution 05-2026. The GLA is opposed to Assembly Bill 1033 and she provided background for that.
8. Stephanie Prellwitz, Director of the Green Lake Association, also spoke in support of Resolution 05-2026 and provided additional information regarding opposition to Assembly Bill 1033.
9. Kurt Wilkins, W872 Leslie Lane, Green Lake, stated he would like information on the collaboration between the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Homeland Security. He cited recent activities in Minnesota as an example.

APPEARANCES

10. County Manager Jason Jerome provided an update on recent activities including hiring HR Coordinator Sophia Walters and Fair Coordinator Grace Brown. Jerome stated that current policies and procedures are being reviewed and will be brought before the Board when completed. Jerome also thanked County Clerk Liz Otto for her years of service and wished her the best in her upcoming retirement on February 27, 2026.
11. Sheriff Mark Podoll and Chief Deputy Matt Vandekolk provided a presentation on the Sheriff's Office collaboration with ICE detainers and the federal requirements they must adhere to. Sheriff Podoll stated that anyone with more questions and requesting more information could schedule time to meet with him.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY CLERK – SAMANTHA STOBBE

12. Chair Dave Abendroth introduced Samantha Stobbe as the candidate chosen by the Administrative Committee to succeed Liz Otto, who will be retiring on February 27, 2026.

Motion/second (Schweder/Lenz) to appoint Samantha Stobbe to fulfill the current term of County Clerk ending on January 1, 2029. Motion carried with no negative vote.

RESOLUTIONS

13. Resolution 01-2026 Resolution Creating an Opioid Task Force to Distribute Opioid Settlement Funds. **Motion/second (Buss/Mulder)** to adopt Resolution 01-2026. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 01-2026 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Gonyo), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Resolution 01-2026 passed as adopted.
14. Resolution 02-2026 Resolution Creating a retention Bonus Program for Corrections and Communications Staff within the Sheriff’s Office. **Motion/second (Thom/Reabe)** to adopt Resolution 02-2026. **Motion/second (Buss/Thom)** to suspend the rules and allow the Sheriff’s Office to provide a presentation on this matter. Motion carried with no negative vote. Chief Deputy Matt Vandekolk and Sheriff Mark Podoll presented information and background supporting the resolution. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 02-2026 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Gonyo), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Resolution 02-2026 passed as adopted.
15. Resolution 03-2026 Resolution Relating to Sustainable Transportation Funding. **Motion/second (Mulder/Buss)** to adopt Resolution 03-2026. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 03-2026 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Gonyo), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Resolution 03-2026 passed as adopted.
16. Resolution 04-2026 Resolution Requesting Wisconsin Counties Association Lobby State Legislature and Governor on Legislation for Greater Local Control for Wisconsin Counties. **Motion/second (Skivington/Thom)** to adopt Resolution 04-2026. Supervisor Skivington stated that this was discussed at the WCA Legislative Exchange conference that he attended in Madison. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 04-2026 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2 (Talma, Gonyo), Vacant – 1 (District 1). Resolution 04-2026 passed as adopted.
17. Supervisor Hoffmann no longer in attendance remotely.
18. Resolution 05-2026 Resolution in Opposition to Wisconsin Assembly Bill 1033. **Motion/second (Krenz/Skivington)** to adopt Resolution 05-2026. **Motion/second (Schweder/Floeter)** to suspend the rules and allow County Conservationist Todd Morris to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. Morris provided his interpretation of Assembly Bill 1033. Supervisor Floeter questioned the ability for local control as this is not spelled out in the bill. Request for further information from our Senator and Assembly representatives to attend the next meeting. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 05-2026 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 1 (Floeter), Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann, Talma, Gonyo), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Resolution 05-2026 passed as adopted.

ORDINANCES

19. Ordinance 01-2026 Relating to Rezone in the Town of Marquette – Lloyd L. Miller, Jr. **Motion/second (Buss/Reabe)** to enact Ordinance 01-2026. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 01-2026 – Ayes – 14, Nays – 0, Abstain – 1 (Lenz), Absent – 3 (Hoffmann, Talma, Gonyo), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Ordinance 01-2026 passed as enacted.

20. Ordinance 02-2026 Amending Green Lake County §9-5, Annual Meeting. **Motion/second (Mulder/Buss)** to enact Ordinance 02-2026. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 02-2026 – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann, Talma, Gonyo), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Ordinance 02-2026 passed as enacted.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

21. **Motion/second (Wendt/Skivington)** to approve the budget adjustment in the amount of \$3,500 from the contingency fund to the Sheriff’s Office overtime budget for gift cards in place of an extra holiday. Roll call vote – Ayes – 15, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann, Talma, Gonyo), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

22. Chair Abendroth requested approval for the following committee appointments:
- Mary Iserman to the HHS Transportation committee
 - JJ Gigstead as an alternate on the Board of Adjustment
 - Darlene Krentz to the Aging/ADRC committee
 - Brenda Murkey (Town of Berlin), Mike Wuest (Town of Brooklyn), Mark Stefan (Town of Kingston), and Joel Strahota (Town of Mackford) as DNR Emergency Fire Wardens for 2026

Motion/second (Buss/Reabe) to approve the committee appointments as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON March 17, 2026

23. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

24. Requests were made for a Highway Facility update in March along with appearances from our State Senator and State Assembly representative.

ADJOURN

25. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 6:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Otto

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County Clerk