



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Original Post Date: 5/15/2026

Amended Post Date:

The following documents are included in the packet for the Future Fairgrounds AdHoc Committee Meeting on May 20th, 2026:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Minutes for approval: 2/25/2026
- 3) Resolution
 - Resolution Creating a Nonprofit Entity for the Purpose of Managing the Green Lake County Fair



GREEN LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

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County Clerk

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Future Fairgrounds AdHoc Committee Meeting Notice

***Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 Time: 4:00 PM
The Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room
571 County Road A, Green Lake WI***

AGENDA

Committee Members

*Nancy Hoffmann,
Helcia Bierman
Joe Hollatz
Tristan Jenkins
Zach Knoke
Briann Eagan
Grace Brown
Emily Strahota*

*Karissa Rohde,
Secretary*

Virtual attendance at meetings is optional. If technical difficulties arise, there may be instances when remote access may be compromised. If there is a quorum attending in person, the meeting will proceed as scheduled.

This agenda gives notice of a meeting of the Future Fairground Committee. It is possible that individual members of other governing bodies of Green Lake County government may attend this meeting for informative purposes. Members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors or its committees may be present for informative purposes but will not take any formal action. A majority or a negative quorum of the members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors and/or any of its committees may be present at this meeting. See State ex rel. Badke v. Vill. Bd. of Vill. of Greendale, 173 Wis.2d 553, 578, 494 N.W. 2d 408 (1993).

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment (3 minute limit)
5. Approve Minutes: 2/25/2026
6. Update on Resolution Creating a Nonprofit Entity for the Purpose of Managing the Green Lake County Fair
7. Steps to consider going forward with Pat Malone, Green Lake County Community Development Educator
8. Discussion regarding organization and next steps
9. Committee Discussion
10. Future Meeting Dates: TBD
11. Future Agenda items for action & discussion
12. Adjourn

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Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office.
Samantha Stobbe, County Clerk

Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance, should contact the County Clerk's Office, 294-4005, not later than 3 days before date of the meeting.

ADHOC FUTURE FAIRGROUNDS COMMITTEE
February 25, 2026

The meeting of the AdHoc Future Fairgrounds Committee was called to order by Chair Nancy Hoffmann at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 in the County Board Room at the Government Center, Green Lake, WI in person and via remote access. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Nancy Hoffmann
Helcia Bierman
Grace Brown
Joe Hollatz
Tristan Jenkins (remote – 4:40)

Absent: Emily Strahota
Zach Knoke

Others Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Jason Jerome, County Manager; Grace Brown, Fair Coordinator; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Pat Malone, UWEX Agent; Gene Thom, Supervisor #19

PUBLIC COMMENT –

David Affeldt, W3408 Hwy B, stated he has 58 acres of land that he would be willing to sell to the county for a future fairgrounds. He questioned what will happen to the current fairgrounds when the highway department moves to the new facility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Bierman/Hollatz) to approve minutes of 01/28/2026. Motion carried with no negative vote.

RESOLUTION

- **Resolution Creating a Nonprofit Entity for the Purpose of Managing the Green Lake County Fair**

Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann explained the resolution which is in draft format. He explained the rules for a 501C(3) non-profit agency. Mann said he would like to get further advice from WCA Attorney Andy Phillips and also clarify how bank accounts and funding would be handled. Discussion held. Mann will work on revisions and bring those back to the committee.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE ADDITION OF MEMBER TO THE COMMITTEE

Nancy Hoffmann read an email she received from Breanne Eagen asking to become a member of the committee. *Motion/second (Bierman/Jenkins)* to recommend Eagen as a member to be formally appointed at the March County Board meeting. Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann stated that she does not currently live in Green Lake County but has no issue with that. Discussion held on Eagen's active 4H membership as a youth in Green Lake County and her past involvement with the fair. Motion carried with no negative vote.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: TBD

Future Agenda Items: resolution review, Bill Omekon appearance

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hoffmann adjourned the meeting at 5:10 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto
County Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER -2026

**Resolution for County to Partner with a Private and/or Nonprofit Agency
Organized for the Purposes of Supporting the Green Lake County Fair**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the _____ day of _____, 2026, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Green Lake County has an established association with agriculture that is
- 2 of both cultural and economic significance; and

- 3 **WHEREAS**, the Green Lake County Fair (the Fair) serves as the preeminent annual
- 4 event whereat area youth groups, such as 4-H & FFA, showcase and sell livestock,
- 5 goods and other agricultural achievements; and

- 6 **WHEREAS**, the Fair affords rural and urban citizens the opportunity to gather together
- 7 for entertainment, educational and recreational purposes; and

- 8 Fiscal note is attached.

- 9 A majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2026

Submitted by Administrative
Committee:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain 0

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this _____
day of _____, 2026.

Dave Abendroth, Chair

Gene Thom, Vice Chair

County Board Chairman

Dennis Mulder

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

Brian Floeter

Corporation Counsel

Bob Schweder

Nancy Hoffmann

Joe Gonyo

10 **WHEREAS**, the Fair is currently in a transitional period, having long shared the
11 “fairgrounds” with the County Highway Department, which is in the process of
12 constructing a new facility; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Green Lake County currently employs one full-time individual who is tasked
14 with planning, managing and operating the Fair; and

15 **WHEREAS**, it would be advantageous for Green Lake County to partner with a private
16 and/or nonprofit body to assist current County personnel with planning, managing and
17 operating the Fair and ensuring its viability for future generations.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Green Lake County Board of
19 Supervisors that it hereby authorizes existing County staff and departments to partner
20 with a private and/or nonprofit agency organized for the purposes of conserving,
21 developing, improving, equipping, or otherwise managing the Fair.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, pursuant to WI Stats. §§ 59.56(10)(a) and
23 59.56(14), Green Lake County reserves the ability to appropriate money to a private
24 and/or nonprofit agency organized for the purposes of conserving, developing,
25 improving, equipping, or otherwise managing the Fair.

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27 **FISCAL NOTE:** no immediate impact.